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## SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

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## **Vehicle Related Litter**

Although our parish is generally fairly litter free it still manages to experience the deliberate dumping of white goods in hedgerows and the throwing from vehicles of fast food wrappings and containers.

East Lindsey District Council have joined the national campaign with Keep Britain Tidy to tackle vehicle related litter.

Anyone witnessing a littering offence are asked to



The Brunch at St Martin's in July

report it, vehicle details would be vital in order to follow up the offence. Report it to:

www.keepbritaintidy.org or email: <u>flytipping@e-lindsey.gov.uk</u> or use the free phone hotline: 0800 195 5228.

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team is based at Horncastle Police Station. The Wong, Horncastle. For all non-emergency calls or if you need to report an incident ring your local police station on: 01507 523332.

To contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team member call them direct on their mobile phone. Our local police community support officer is Keith Briggs, mobile 07825 100408

#### Special points of interest:

- Police warnings available on e-mail
- Battle of Britain remembered
- Maybe the pinnacle of your garden
- Coffee Morning high
- Intrusive security is not new!
- St Martin's makes £1,300

## Neighbourhood Watch

You may have noticed our new signs, strategically placed at the edge of the village!! As part of the scheme the police circulate "ringmaster" emails to the neighbourhood watch coordinators, giving details of suspicious characters, vehicles etc that you may need to be aware of. If you would like to receive these emails, please send an email to

harreng@btinternet.com

titled Neighbourhood Watch (no need to write any text) and I will set up a group, everyone will then get the chance to read these alerts and if you have a neighbour without Internet access, you could pass the word on to them.

If you are not yet part of the neighbourhood watch scheme and would like to join, your coordinators are: Station Road/Donington Road area -Claire Harrison

Tel 313406

Barkwith Road area -Jan Crouch Tel 313428

Hainton Road area -Maureen Ferguson Tel 313584 Below are illustrations from the Luttrell Psalter. The numbers refer to those at the end of Martin's article

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Toby, Reuben and Isaac Cutts interview Liz



'Lamb' by Andrew Appleton Winning photo at the June competition during the Strawberry Tea at the Parish Hall

## **Stop Press**

We are sad to report that Harry Winning (left, in much earlier days) died in hospital on September 2nd. We think he was

Harry had lived in South Willingham for many years , before and after the death of his wife, Muriel, and only lately moved away.

We send our sympathy to his daughters



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## We live in South Willingham

The Cutts boys, Jacob, Matthew, Toby, Reuben and Isaac, live at Church Farm in South Willingham. I caught up with Toby, 6 and Reuben, 4 and asked a few probing questions.

What is your earliest memory?

Toby: Playing at pirates with my friend Callum.

What would your super power be?

Toby: Flying.

Reuben: Tree climbing.

What is your favourite food? Toby: Pasta with cheese. Reuben: Sweeties and lollies.

What is your favourite book? Toby: The Big Book of Mazes.

Reuben: Bun-Bun.

What is your most treasured possession?

Toby: My Nintendo DS and my football cards.

Reuben: My toy snake.

If you were an animal, which animal would you like to be, and why?

Toby: A lion because I could bite everything!

Reuben: A crocodile because I've got a dressing up

costume.

Where is your favourite place?

Toby: Staithes in Yorkshire because I go crabbing

on the beach.

Reuben: Legoland.

What do you like best about the school holidays?

Toby: I get to play a lot.

Reuben: I get to play a lot with my brothers.

Tell us a joke.

Toby: Why did the cat cross the road?

Because it was the chicken's day off!

Liz Noblet

## Reel Issues

The new season has arrived and it starts on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September with a very appropriate film. That is Battle of Britain day and we will be showing the film of the same name. Although it is the 70<sup>th</sup> year since World War 2 started, it is only 69 years from the Battle of Britain. Still, it's always time to remember.

The evening starts at 7 p.m. with the discussion on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> starting at the same time at Eric and Celia's home, The Forge, Blacksmith's Lane.



"A lion because I could bite everything"

#### **Parish Hall**

October 9th: Harvest Supper

5th November: Outdoor exciting event

18th December: Christmas Celebration

12th February: Fish & Chips Quiz

## Luttrell Village: Sir Geoffrey Luttrell

Geoffrey Luttrell (1276-1345) inherited the title and estates in 1297 on the death of his father. He was to be baptized, live, die and be interred in Irnham.

Between 1297 and 1322 he participated in thirteen campaigns of military service, on average one every other year! This included the wars with Scotland. His father had been summoned to attend Parliament in 1295, and so the family enjoyed baronial status. Sometime between 1297 and 1300 he married Agnes Sutton, daughter of Sir Richard Sutton of Sutton-on-Trent and Worsop, and greatgreat niece of Oliver Sutton, Bishop of Lincoln. They had at least four sons and two daughters (Robert, Andrew, Geoffrey, Robert II, Elizabeth, and Isabella.)

In the 1330's Sir Geoffrey Luttrell had at least twelve employees at his manor in Irnham: a ladies maid and chambermaid, a pantryman/butler, a cook, a porter, a servant and two kitchen workers. brewer, a clerk, a parker. and a reeve. Some of these people were married and it is likely that spouses were found employment in and around the house. In addition, he employed a chaplain and a confessor who may have resided permanently at Irnham. These served Sir Geoffrey, his wife Agnes, their six children,

and his squire (a nephew). The whole household operated as an extended family. They were not a community of equals, but the lord was by no means as remote from the concerns of his



Ready to start

servants as we might have expected. They all received bequests in Sir Geoffrey's will, doubtless a reward for loyal and diligent service. Even more significant, he had five godsons, all named after him, three of whom were children of employees, his cook, pantryman, and a member of his kitchen staff.

Sir Geoffrey Luttrell died on 23 May 1345; he had been lord of the scattered Luttrell estates for twenty three years. He held land in Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, as well as land in Lincolnshire.

Sir Geoffrey made a very detailed will and this has survived, recorded in the register of Bishop Becke of Lincoln. He made modest bequests of money to sixteen individual mem-

bers of his immediate family. The will begins with elaborate instructions for the funeral. Wax candles worth £20 were to be burnt around his body on the day of his burial, each person present was to receive one penny, and a substantial funeral feast of bread and ale, enlivened with £20 worth of wines, spices and other condiments was to be served. Clerks reciting the psalter were to paid 40s, and twenty chaplains saying mass for Sir Geoffrey's soul at Irnham for a period of five years were to receive 500 marks. The enormous sum of £200 was to be distributed to the poor, with a further £20 on the anniversary of his death. His best horse, with appropriate trappings of war was to be a mortuary offering to the church at Irnham. He left many bequests to shrines and objects of devotion.

The most fascinating feature of the will is the extensive list of bequests both in money and kind to members of his household. Four of his higher servants receive not merely money but furnishings from the apartment for which they were particularly responsible. Thus Joan of Meaux, the former lady's maid, receives the bed and all trappings of the bedchamber: John of Coln, pantryman and butler, takes the utensils of pantry and buttery:

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# A Chance to have a piece of Village History in your garden

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John of Bridgeford, cook, gets brass and wooden vessels belonging to the kitchen: and William the porter is willed the soft furnishings from the hall. All other employees are named and given gifts as are his five godsons named Geoffrey.

What makes Sir Geoffrey's will of even greater interest is that most of these people are brought to life in the margins of Sir Geoffrey's greatest legacy 'The Luttrell Psalter'.

Illustrations taken from the psalter showing some of the real people that benefited from Sir Geoffrey's will.

Kitchen staff.

- 1 Stewing, chopping green vegetables and pounding with pestle and mortar.
- 2 Carving and serving for the lords table.
- 3 The Luttrell family at table entertaining two Dominican friars.
- 4 Sir Geoffrey on his war horse. The trappings gifted to Irnham church.

Martin Doughty

Now that the sparkling new pinnacles have been placed on the church tower we are able to dispose of the remains of the old pinnacles and hope to raise some funds for the church in the process.

The pinnacle, which was in the best condition and used as a pattern for carving the new ones, is now on display in the church. At this stage we are asking for anyone who is interested in acquiring a whole or part pinnacle to make their interest known to Marcus Edmundson on 313623.

The other pinnacles some pieces of which are in poor condition together with a quantity of the crockets, which have fallen off the pinnacles will be made available for viewing when it has been decided how best to sell them.

Please register your interest before the end of September preferably saying whether you are interested in a whole or particular part of a pinnacle.

Marcus Edmundson

### Church Brunch, Sunday July 12th

For the fourth year a brunch was held in the church to raise funds. Fortunately most of the major preparations took place on Friday with the equipment moving made much easier by Stephen using the outsize trailer that he has acquired for use in his agricultural business. Saturday proved to be a wet one and morale began to sink as the rain continued during the flower arranging, table

preparation and setting up of nearly full kitchen facilities inside the cold damp church. Various emergency plans were laid for providing shelter on the next day.

Summer came on Sunday, spirits lifted, emergency plans were abandoned and the now experienced team got to work overseen by organisers Kay and Virginia. Visitors came in

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## **Snippets**

Jane Scruby is now living at Washingborough with her sister, but she misses South Willingham and sends best wishes to all her friends here. I'm sure we would like Doris to take ours to her.

We welcome new friends who have come to live for a time in Jane's house. Colin and Susan Hardcastle came to the coffee morning with their son Jason. Their other children, Martin and Nicola were not with them

The Coffee Morning

does not close in the summer. Far from it. There were twenty one customers on August 19 and fifteen on 2 September. It is quite free



Where is it?

though there is a collecting pig whose innards go to the Hall. It is run by a rota of couples (or singles) who provide the coffee and biscuits – the rota needs to be extended so volunteers will be welcomed.

In July June Sylvester celebrated twenty years at Courseware4trainers with Paul and Maureen Ferguson. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of champagne. Photos on the right show her with the gifts and with Maureen.

"if we had been photographing or sketching he would have taken us into

custody."

## Geologists and Special Constables Bonney T.G

Andy Noblet discovered this and sent it in. Security was tight then!

A RECENT experience of Canon E. Hill and myself may be useful to geologists. On May 3 we went by train from Lincoln to East Barkwith Station, on the line to Louth, and walked by a rather roundabout route to South Willingham Station, looking at the structure of the country and for sections of drift. While waiting for our train outside the latter station, a man, in dress and aspect rather above a farm labourer, accompanied by another with a badge of some sort on his coat, came up to us, and in none too

civil a tone began to catechise us as to what we were doing, where we were and had been staying, our homes, professions, ages, heights, and the like, about which we gave him full information. Apparently he did not know that there was such a science as geology, but after he had received a large amount of

biographical information he acknowledged it by saying, in the tone of one rebuking two peccant villagers, that as educated men we ought to have known we had no busi-

ness to be going about the country. This was rather too strong, so I retorted, "That is nonsense; we have a right to take a walk along the roads to see the country." To cut a long story short, he departed, before our train arrived, with the remark that, if we had been photographing or sketching, he should

have taken us into custody.



Where Messrs Bonney and Hill would have stood

Nature, Volume 97, Issue 2430, pp. 260-261 (1916).



Scenes (right) from the Brunch at St Martin's in July.
Top: Nearly a full house;
Middle: Claire, Victoria and Virginia in battle dress; and
Bottom: Marcus does the cooking overseen by two inspectors









June being presented with the bouquet and champagne by Maureen



Where is it?

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HARVEST SUPPER ON FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

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The Parish Council and the Parish 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 Courseware4Trainers Ltd for the printing. Thanks also to Den and Chris Washer for the colour pages.

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a steady stream pausing to view and buy from the stall manned by Paul assisted by his roving a team of Jacob, Matthew, Toby and Reuben. Isaac was at home helping Joanne with the tomato and mushroom cooking.



Ready for the Brunch

Jo issued the tickets and welcomed the visitors into the church where their every need

was met by the overseers and their helpers. Claire cooked eggs, Victoria served Bucks Fizz, Jan C did tea and coffee, Charlotte, Diane, Dee plated the food, waited, cleared and collected supplies from the barbecue operated by Marcus at a safe distance in the churchyard. Terry and Anne provided their usual stalwart service washing up "in the tower" ably assisted and supplied by Jan S. Meanwhile Sally ensured that everyone received a

fair share of raffle tickets.

Soon 2 O'clock struck and it was time for staff breakfast and reckoning up. 127 brunches had been served and £1,300 made for church funds. Whilst the clearing up and the return of Stephen with his trailer were awaited, there was even some talk of doing it again in 2010.

Many thanks to all the helpers and supporters of this event.

Marcus Edmondson