



SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

Traffic, traffic and what it throws out

Inside this issue:

Harvest photos	2
Come Fly With Me	3
Lincs Buff Fowl	4
More Curley Coated Pigs	5
Carol Singing	6
Roll of Honour	7
Snippets	8
More Photos	

Among the village matters considered by the Parish Council at the September and November meetings, traffic was central. In September they discussed the monitoring of heavy goods vehicles travelling through, street parking at the junction of Barkwith and Hainton Roads and the overgrown hedges on Donington Road which obscure the view of on-coming cars.

They continued the discussion in November, looking at the issues of speeding through the vil-



Fill a skip with village rubbish—March

lage and inconsiderate parking which can be dangerous to both pedestrians and road users. The Police Community Support Officer will be involved in both.

The Council has now

found a Parish Clerk replacement for Councillor Nigel Spencer. She is Mrs Margaret Charman of Barkwith Road. Also, Margie Holden will be taking up the role of Tree Warden.

The issue of smoky bonfires and chimneys was raised – please be considerate when burning rubbish – and there will be another village tidy up next March – polish up your wellies!

Finishing Touch for St Martin's

Redecoration of the church was included in the tenders for the church tower restoration project. However, there were insufficient funds available to carry out the redecoration at that time.

Following receipt of the legacy from Frank Lacey it was decided

to proceed with the redecoration. Quotations and references were requested from firms with experience of using traditional lime-wash in old churches. The lowest price was offered by Graham Ringrose Painter and Decorator, brother of Terry. The work was com-

pleted to a high standard by the end of September.

Terry Ringrose ably assisted by Anne took on the “forgotten extras” such as painting the radiators and pipes, treating the rood screen for woodworm and renovating

(Continued on page 8)

Special points of interest:

- Fast traffic beware
- St Martin's in good shape
- Virgin poaching
- Steady the Buffs of
Lincolnshire
- Making pigs of themselves
- Singing to sailors
- They that grew not old
- Christmas Events



Harvest Supper at the Parish Hall. Forty four people came and enjoyed the meal. The photo above shows the new decoration and refurbishment



South Willingham Wine Group meeting at the Heneage Arms



Claire in Virgin Airlines uniform

Come Fly With Me!

Liz Noblet

Claire Clark moved to The Old Chapel on Barkwith Road in May of this year with her family, husband Paul and children Emily Jane (8) and Callum (7). Paul is a tiling and painting contractor and is Lincolnshire born and bred. Claire now works as a house-keeper/lifestyle consultant. She is her own boss and is able to fit her working hours around the children, but it hasn't always been this way....

Claire is the middle one of three children and was born in Stockport in 1963. The family lived in Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire. At eight years of age her family moved to Burpham in Surrey due to her father's work. Between the ages of twelve and eighteen Claire was lucky enough to attend a private drama school in the evenings and weekends. She loved this and attained bronze, silver and gold awards for verse and prose in the LAMDA awards.

After leaving school at eighteen years of age Claire got her first job working for an Aldershot newspaper, in tele-sales. She thoroughly enjoyed this, but after a couple of years she felt that something was missing and went to work for Thompson Directories as a debt chaser for tele-ads. It was a well paid job and there were a lot of perks, including a very good social life. After a while Claire felt as though there was something more that she needed to do and moved on to work in a recruitment agency in Alder-

shot. While she was there somebody from the airlines came in, looking to recruit someone, they immediately took a liking to Claire and suggested that she might be very good at working for the



Claire Clark in tele-sales

airlines. Claire was drawn to this and managed to get a job as a handling agent at Heathrow Airport, dealing with lots of different airlines. She loved her job and the team that she worked with, even when her shifts started at 3am in the middle

of winter! During this time she was able to travel extensively around the world on cheap tickets. For six months she had a contract flying with Britannia Airways, but found that she preferred to work with the ground staff.

After a while Claire was "poached" by Virgin Airlines, and worked for them for around ten years. She worked her way up to be a supervisor for the ground staff, and also had a temporary position with them in recruitment for a couple of years. This was a very demanding but enjoyable job.

Due to life circumstances Claire moved to Tealby, where her mother and step-father live, at the end of 2000. She fell in love with a little cottage that she first saw on a snowy day, and put her energy into decorating it and making it her home. Shortly afterwards she met Paul, and the next chapter began!



"After a while
Claire was
"poached" by Virgin
Airlines"

FARM FRESH BRONZE TURKEYS

OVEN READY OR LONG LEG

ORDER NOW

READY FOR CHRISTMAS

CONTACT EDWARD -

07814 713466

Lincolnshire Buff Fowl

Martin Doughty

Lincolnshire is probably unique among the English counties in so much as it had four distinct breeds of livestock which originated within the county boundaries. We still have Lincoln Longwool sheep and Lincoln Red cattle but sadly the Lincolnshire Buff chicken had faded away by the 1920's. As recently as 1972 the Lincolnshire Curly Coat pig was declared extinct.

It is thought that the Lincolnshire Buff appeared in the 1850's, not long after the introduction of the Asiatic breeds such as the Shanghai, Cochin and Brahma. These new massive fowl were crossed with the old faithful local fowl in many districts to improve size, vigour and egg colour. The Buff Cochin of the time bore no resemblance to that of the present day, being only slightly feathered on the legs, rather tall and with a distinct colour pattern including chestnut shoulders and black pigment in the tail. This bird was apparently combined with the Dorking and the inevitable "common fowl of the countryside" to produce the prototype Lincolnshire fowl which had legs and feet which were either white or yellow and sometimes feathered. This fowl

was supplied in vast numbers to the London markets as a white fleshed table bird and was widely sold as a good winter layer.

The Lincolnshire Buff and Buff Orpington Link

When William Cook's Buff Orpington was introduced



in 1894, there was much argument among the poultry experts of the time, many of whom were convinced that it was merely a selected Lincolnshire Buff. Harrison Weir, a famous poultry illustrator and writer wrote extensively about this controversy in his 1902 book, "Our Poultry". He was of the opinion that Cook's original confection would never breed true. The Lincolnshire Buff was thought to be easier to stabilize and probably took over Cook's original genetic material by sheer weight of numbers. The breed was however eventually standardized as the

Orpington and the Lincolnshire name faded away by the 1920's to reappear in the 1980's.

After much work to recreate the breed by a Lincolnshire Agricultural College and local breeders, it was granted a Standard by the Poultry Club of Great Britain in 1997, nearly 150 years after its original creation. I was given a trio from Riseholme College in the mid eighties, they were delightful chickens the cockerel placid and well behaved with young children and the hens good layers.

Have any of our readers experienced the breed? Please write to the editor with your knowledge or experience of this breed or indeed any of the Lincolnshire breeds of domestic animals. We would love to hear from you.

With thanks to Elms Farm Cottages for background information.

<http://www.elmsfarmcottages.co.uk/chickens.html>

Roll of Honour –The Great War

Stewart Scott

Hopefully, most readers will be aware that a history group has recently been formed to record the history of the Parish of South Willingham. As part of that group, I volunteered to try and gather more information on the men from the Parish who fell in the Great War.

There are three memorials in South Willingham dedicated to the fallen of the 1914-1918 War; two in the church of St Martin, one on the wall of the Parish Hall. One is a plaque situated in the church and dedicated to members of the Tharratt family – Thomas Henry Tharratt of South Willingham, and George Vanes Tharratt, possibly a native of Liverpool. The plaque on the wall of the Parish Hall lists just four names, whilst the small ‘roll of honour’ wall-hanging in the church lists eight.

From this, it may be deduced that there is either a discrepancy or, possibly some dispute as to which of the named men were of the parish. The men listed on the church ‘roll of honour’ (George Tharratt excluded, as the presumption has been made that he was not a native of the parish) are as follows:

- Edwin Rhodes
- Harold Crow
- Tomas Henry Tharratt*
- Frederick Prescott*
- George Edward Prescott*
- Charles Grundy
- John E Simons

John Thomas Anderson*

Those marked thus* are listed in the church and on the parish hall.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) web site reveals no



Close-up of St Martin's War Memorial

information on Edwin Rhodes, Harold Crow, Frederick Prescott or John Simons. A Charles Grundy and a John Thomas Anderson are listed (although there are several entries in the name of J T Anderson) but no reference is made to where they lived before enlisting. The entry for Grundy lists him as a private in the 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regt and states that he died on 25 July 1917 aged 29. Of the several entries for a John Thomas Anderson, the closest match is for a man who died 27 March 1918 and he was in the 2nd/4th Battalion Duke of Wellington's (West Riding) Regt.

The site records two men with parents in South Willingham: Thomas Tharratt, son of George Thomas and

Jane Locker Tharratt, and George Prescott, son of Charles and Mary Prescott (Prescotts were local to the area and suffered dreadfully during the Great War – the Prescott family from East Barkwith lost son Harry, who died 10 October 1917, whilst son John ('Jack'), although he returned from the front, was wounded in the war and severely affected by shell shock; he could be regularly seen in the surrounding area for the next sixty years or so as he walked the local highways and byways – Jack died on August 7, 1982, aged 85 years).

There is much more research yet to be done, and if anyone can add reliable, documented information I would be most interested to hear from you.




The War Memorial, Parish Hall

St Martin's Church

From January 2nd

Morning Prayer
10.00 a.m.

1st Sunday in the
Month



"Prescotts were local to the area and suffered dreadfully during the Great War"

Snippets

At the Harvest Supper, though the food was up to its usual good standard, thanks to Glynis and Ann, the highlight, as always, was Mike Perkins extracting money from many of us (why do we always enjoy that?). The amount extracted was £208.50. During the evening we toasted Frank and Jill Lacey who had been so generous to the Hall through their legacies.

It is always good to welcome newcomers to the village, especially ones that join in so quickly. They are Stewart and Edwina (Eddy) Scott who have come to live at The Close, Barkwith Road. They are both Lincolnshire people, both work for Lincolnshire County Council, and Stewart originally came from West Barkwith from a large family of Scotts and his granddad lived at Pyewipe Farm. Stewart immediately joined the History Group and there are two of his contributions in the present issue of the News.

The Film Group, meeting on the second Tuesday of the month, watched The Soloist

in November. It was about a newspaper columnist writing a story about a black, homeless schizophrenic in Los Angeles who played the violin. The story produced a new cello for him and the film is about the learning



Others enjoying the Harvest Supper

process both went through. Next month, on the 14th, the film will be much lighter and noisier although it is about attempted rape! It is the hit musical Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. All are welcome and it starts at 7 p.m. for 7.15.

Celia Payne is recovering from an eye operation. For weeks she and Eric have been up and down to Nottingham receiving treatment (still happening) but she is relieved the operation is over. She has to avoid scar

tissue forming but the drops seem to be doing their job.

The Fish and Chip with Quiz evening went down well in November, stomach and brain both being tested. The "Rustics" won the quiz – well done to them, though of course other teams thought it was more a matter of luck than good knowledge! A lot of regulars were away so only twenty six came but we had a good time. The Raffle raised £53.

The Hall floor will be sanded and polished, starting December 17th and taking about a week. After all that dust has cleared, the curtains will be put up, it is hoped, before the end of December.

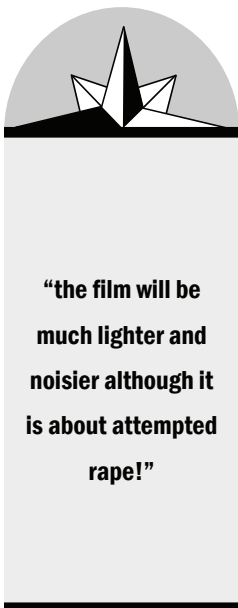
The History Group has had its third meeting, discussing the beginnings of research by various members and how to assemble and keep the information discovered. There are about a dozen in the Group which will meet on the last Thursday in the month in the Parish Hall.

Team Ringrose, the ladies on the flower and cleaning rota and for the generosity of the late Frank and Jill Lacey. It is thought to be at least 40 years since the church was last redecorated so it is great to have it back in pristine condition.

(Continued from page 1)

and cleaning the light fittings, windows etc. Kay and Virginia with extra help from Chris Nutten gave the church a deep clean.

This has indeed given the finishing touch to the church restoration. Grateful thanks to the



"the film will be much lighter and noisier although it is about attempted rape!"

Christmas Events

Sunday 19th

6.00 p.m.

Carol Service in St Martin's Church

Monday 20th

6.00 p.m.

Carol Singing round the village. Proceeds to RNIB



War Memorial and Font in St Martin's Church



The Parish Council Meeting. L to r: Cllrs Marcus Edmundson, Nikki Harris, Martin Doughty; Margaret Charman, Parish Clerk; Cllr Paul Cutts, Chairman and Cllr Rowland Crouch



The spick-and-span new kitchen at the Parish Hall

Is it going to be this again? (January 2004)



South Willingham Parish Council and
Parish Hall

Management Committee
Martin Doughty
Liz Noblet
Paul Fuller (Editor)

Phone: 01507 313601
Fax: 01507 313601
E-mail: paulfuller@impel-uk.org



Parish Hall

CAROL SINGING
ON MONDAY 20TH
AT 6 P.M.

Coffee Mornings 1st
& 3rd Wednesdays

Parish Councillors:	Paul Cutts	313486
	[Chairman]	
	Rowland Crouch	313428
	[Vice-Chairman]	
	Marcus Edmundson	313623
	Martin Doughty	313686
	Nikki Harris	313618
	Claire Harrison	313406
	Nigel Spencer	313614

Parish Clerk:	Margaret Charman	313776
----------------------	------------------	--------

Parish Hall :	Chris Washer (Chairman)	313244
	Maureen Ferguson (Secretary)	313584
	Chris Nutten (Treasurer)	313500

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. .



A Happy Christmas
to all our Readers
from
South Willingham
News