

# SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

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## Special points of interest:

- What is your vision for South Willingham?
- They had no hall to meet in.
- Village footpaths for us to use – we hope.
- Mast emissions within safety limits.
- Benniworth, Hainton and South Willingham working together 100 years ago.

## Village Vision

Village Vision is a project launched by the Parish Council to identify those issues which are important to our village. We can then plan for them over future years and make sure that East Lindsey District Council and Lincolnshire County Council are also clear about our aims and ambitions.

Issues to be covered will include Planning & Development, Footpaths & Highways, Transportation, Vil-

## Belmont Mast

Following a succession of planning applications for additions to the Belmont mast, the Parish Council has been trying without success to obtain from East Lindsey District Council details of the emission levels from the mast. They



A vision for a village

lage Features, Communications, and others that may be identified.

Each Councillor will be involved in leading one of these issues. We will be asking residents for their views and opinions to ensure that we understand and include their view of

have now contacted NTL, the operators of the mast, who have carried out an emissions survey with members of the Parish Council present. Readings were taken on the Caistor High Street at the entrance to the NTL site, on the

South Willingham, what it means to them and what is important for the future.

Helen Gamble of Lincolnshire Wold Countryside Service and Neil Fotheringham of ELDC Planning will attend the next Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> August to provide additional help and advice and describe how other villages have tackled similar pro-

roadside by Poplar Farm and also by the bus stop in the centre of the village. Further details on the discussions with NTL and the results of the survey, which are well within the safety limits, will appear in full in the next Newsletter.

## The Gazette Article – The End

*The final part of the article on South Willingham, 5 August 1911*

### The Chapels

There are two chapels in South Willingham. That of the Wesleyans was built in 1834, and rebuilt in 1855, but had to be enlarged again in 1877. Both denominations are strong, but all are very friendly together-----the Rector informs us----- attend church as well as their own chapel. It is gratifying to learn of such harmony.

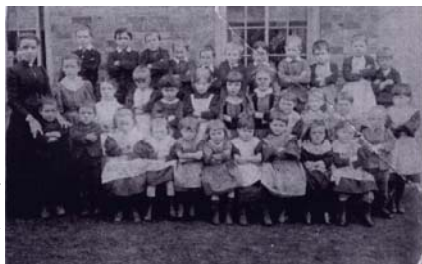
### South Willingham School

The school at South Willingham, which is for infants, is small and was built in the year 1834, with accommodation for thirty children Miss Barnwell is an efficient mistress, and the only pity is that there are not enough pupils for her than there are. The reason of the low total attending is that there are not a great number of children of school age. Miss Barnwell has been at South Willingham something like twelve or fourteen years, and is also regarded as an excellent teacher.

### The Parish Council

The Chairman of the Parish Council of South Willingham is Colonel Henneage, which position he has held, we believe, ever

since the Council was created by the Parish Councils Act, or at any rate for a considerable number of years. The Colonel is a busy man, but he attends



The last (?) class at South Willingham School (built 1834), with school mistress Miss Barnwell

the meetings, and is a capital Chairman. The duties of the authority are not heavy, as it happens, and as a matter of fact the Council have never laid a rate since they came into existence, everything carried out in the parish having been done by voluntary effort, wherein South Willingham should consider itself fortunate in the extreme. As an example of the way the villagers get to work, the Rector called a meeting when the Coronation festivities were being mooted, and as the result of that gathering a sum of £23 was raised for South Willingham to do the thing properly. Every-

body in the parish contributed something, with one exception – an old person. That is worth recording in days when we too often hear instances of a contrary kind.

### Postscripts

The population of South Willingham in 1901 was 280. No great change is expected to be announced in the new figures.

South Willingham is literally set on a hill, and cannot be hid. The roads go down, more or less, on every side of the village. Very good water is obtained in the parish, and there is an abundance of wells furnishing the supply. The Rector has five wells in his garden.

The one great need of South Willingham people is a room to meet in. They have no such room at present. The schoolroom is very small; meetings are held there sometimes, but its size is notorious, and very few people come in.

The one library in place is connected with the Church Sunday School, but the use of it is extended to parents of

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South Willingham probably between WW1 and WW2

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## Big City, Small Sky - Louisa Mott

I used to say I would never live in London. I think I said that right up to the point that I started applying for jobs down here. This probably stemmed from the preconception of London as overpopulated, polluted, and expensive, with an archaic and malfunctioning transport system. But over the past few years most of my friends have migrated here and London began to take on a more Dick Whittington appeal. Not that I believed the streets were paved with gold exactly (and for the record, I didn't bring a cat and I think I can say with some assurance that it's unlikely I'll attain the giddy heights of Mayor) but London suddenly seemed a place where there is a lot going on, where people have fun and, rather crucially, where there are plenty of jobs.

That's not to say that this wasn't a culture shock on a pretty grand scale. After staying put in South Wiltingham after my round-the-world travels for far longer than I, or anyone else, anticipated (thanks again Mum and Dad), London was about as big a change as I could have made. I wasn't worried about fitting in but London

is multicultural to the extent that when you tell someone you are new to London they immediately think you're from overseas. Within the first week



Small Village, Big Sky

of my new job, the security guard had asked me if I was Australian. His second guess was Polish. I'm not sure what that says about my accent but my guess was that he probably knew more about both places than Lincolnshire and I almost felt apologetic when I saw his confused attempt to come to terms with a county 'north of Watford'. I might as well have said Narnia. No talking lions back home though.

One thing I definitely recommend is arriving in the summertime as it's a time of year much more conducive to finding your bearings and learning that the tube map is not necessarily a faithful scale rep-

resentation of what's above ground: a valuable lesson. The winter? Well let's just say that London looks a little less becoming when jumping puddles in horizontal drizzle and trying to avoid being soaked by passing buses. To be fair, I can't think of a city that looks its best in the rain but there's something exquisitely grey about London in the winter. The sky is grey, the buildings are grey, everyone wears grey coats and even the Thames takes on an attractive grey hue. Maybe it's because I'm used to my winters being mud-brown.

It's been nearly ten months now since my move. I'm still not entirely sure where I fit into the two main tube-user categories: tourist or commuter. I definitely used to feel like a tourist but now I can be either, depending on my mood. This feels like progress. I like the fact that it's not easy to feel settled here and when I'm tired of this feeling I just jump on a train home to see what I'm missing. I miss the Lincolnshire sky, particularly at night. It's so vast and so dark and so full of stars. There's a great deal of everything down here, but there's just not enough sky.



City sky

**"his confused attempt to come to terms with a county 'north of Watford'."**

## Annual Parish Meeting

At the Annual Parish Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May, Martin Doughty, the Parish Council chairman outlined the progress made by the Parish Council in the previous 12 months.

The council had met on 6 occasions and had considered 3 planning applications. One application concerning an additional dish on the Belmont mast had been rejected as the council had failed to get satisfactory information about the emission levels from the mast. The question of emission types and levels and the monitoring process will be progressed further.

Progress had been made regarding paths and highways. Following representation to LCC Highways, Barkwith and Hainton roads had been put on the winter salting routes and the problem of surface water at the bottom of Station Road had been tackled with drains being cleared and modified. Barkwith Road had also been patched with tarmac and the village paths

in Hainton Road and Station Road had been cleared of grass and weeds so that they are again usable. Recently paths within the village had been swept manually and gutters swept by machine.



Earlier Parish Councillors planting a tree after winning the Best Kept Village Competition

Published jointly with the Village Hall Committee, the Newsletter goes from strength to strength with additional pages now added. Two Railway walks have also been organised in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee as a means of bringing people together in a social context. The Parish Council has also organised talks on Energy Efficiency and Pensions, both of which were reasonably attended. A Heritage group had been fa-

cilitated which would look at the village, its houses, residents and history and free trees have once again been organised and distributed.

The Council believes that public footpaths are important within the village and has chased Lincolnshire County Council for the delays in making orders for 3 footpaths. Pressure on LCC to do this will continue, but it has been confirmed that the Moors Lane footpath is a public right of way.

The Council was saddened by the death of Audrey Hildred this year who had been a stalwart member of the Parish Council. To replace this loss Nikki Harris had been co-opted onto the Council and Martin Doughty welcomed her to her first meeting.

Finally Martin thanked Daniel Simpson, our East Lindsey District Councillor for his regular attendance at our council meeting and for his help and advice on many issues.

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the scholars as well as the children themselves.

Some years ago a sick and dividing club was formed in the village, and has developed into a great success.----- So successful has it been that the club has spread to Benniworth, Barkwith, Hainton, and elsewhere. They have supper

just before Christmas, and it was one of the most remarkable societies for miles around. The Pickering family had a great deal to do with the success obtained. Mr. H. Pickering is an assiduous secretary.

Lord Heneage is lord of the manor of South Willingham, and he and the Rector are the principal land-owners. The chief crops grown are grain and turnips.



Woodbine Cottage in 1957



## Snippets

There are several goodbyes and hellos in this issue. We have said farewell to Paul and Tracy Iredale of Holly Cottage, John and Pat Morris of The Thatch. Dennis Beeching and Michael Marsden of The Sycamores and Maddy Chapman of Woodbine Cottage are also leaving as are David and Liz Young of Cherry Croft. Jeremy and Penny Hodson of Rose Cottage have gone to farm in France with Sam, Raoul, Natalie and Ben

Now we say hello to Maureen and Sonia Jones of Holly Cottage, to Keith and Maureen Thomas of The Thatch, to Russ and Louise Jeanes of Rosemary Cottage and to Ross Lowe and Colleen Breen of Rose Cottage. Welcome to South Willingham.

Dennis and Michael have

been stalwarts of St Martin's. They have taken part in the services, helped organise events and overseen the care of the fabric. Hainton Church also is grateful for all the work they have done there.



Jo, daughter of Nigel and April Hutchinson of Braemar, Station Road, married Kami on July 24th

They will be greatly missed and we wish them well in their new village. Maddy Chapman has been on the Committee of the village hall for years and has for some time been Catering Officer/Manager/whatever keeping us all well and safely fed. We wish her bon voyage

as she leaves for Humberston.

*Thank you to Sally and Alan Bray for hosting a very enjoyable Cheese and Wine party at their home on July*

**A Treasure Hunt  
round the village  
at 2 p.m.**

**August 15th 2004**

**£2.00 per person**

**Including refreshments**

**Book: 01507 313837**

**07799 577714**

**An Evening  
of Entertainment  
including the Full Monty**

In South Willingham  
Community Hall  
Friday 24th September  
7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.  
Tickets £5 pre-booked  
£7.50 on the night  
Tel: 07799 577714 or  
01507 602274



**"I am delighted to  
announce that the  
£1,000 has been  
raised within a year"**

## News from the Community Hall

We are delighted that the plans for the Hall have been passed by the District Council. Now we are working in front of the latest position of the goalposts and devising a Business Plan. Many thanks to those who helped us with the Survey – we are waiting for the results.

Alison Gough writes "The Quiz Night held at the Community Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup> raised £121 with Fieldfare Flyers (including Doris

Cosgrove) winning. Thanks to Roy Sylvester for the super job as question master. The impromptu removal of his T-shirt and flash of one leg gave us a taster of what is to come in September. I am delighted to announce that the £1000 has been raised within a year of the challenge



The winning photo.

being set and am now ready for my next project – if anyone has any ideas."

The Strawberry Tea and Photo Competition in June was good for both head and stomach. Alison Gough was first, Tina Speck second and Fran Kingsley third on the theme of 'Water'. Men will try harder next year. We made £164, by the way.

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## Community Hall

**HARVEST  
FESTIVAL ON  
FRIDAY 8TH  
OCTOBER**

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

**Parish Councillors:**

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

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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.

## Notices

### Births

A big welcome to Daniel to the Doughty household making 2 happy grandparents. Daniel Richard Mott was born in Chesterfield to Julie and Andrew on the 15<sup>th</sup> June. Weight 8lbs 9ozs.



Andrew, Julie and Daniel

To Nick and Andrea Webb, a baby boy Ross, born on May 25<sup>th</sup> weighing 7lbs 9ozs at Southmeads Hospital, Bristol.

Nick, who lived

with his parents at Old Carpenters Cottage until 1992, now lives with his wife Andrea in Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire.

**The Trouble with  
Believing  
Talks and discussions  
led by Paul Fuller  
starting on  
Wednesday  
October 13th**

### Village Walk

The next walk is planned for Friday, 3rd September and this time we will be starting at the Village Hall at 6.p.m. and going by car to Belchford. The walk from there is 4.5 miles and although initially on the road, it then goes through beautiful Wold scenery. Each group will be given a guide booklet to follow.

Keeping with tradition we will finish back at the Village Hall for a ploughmans. Please try to share transport.