

SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

Opening up the village

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For those of us who live at the south eastern end of the village, the bit of Station Road just below the Old Post Office has been dark and dangerous at times. The trees along the side of Woodbine Cottage had grown tall and wide, narrowing the road, and because that part of the road is not reached by the street lights, it had become impossible to navigate on a dark night without a torch.



A view not seen for many years – light and beauty.

Now that Andrew and Liz have had the trees cut down, they have opened up the centre of the village. By night and day there is much more light,

much more room for cars and the beautiful Woodbine Cottage itself is on display. There will probably be a hedge there for

some privacy but from some of us: thanks to Andrew and Liz for a great improvement.

Special points of interest:

- Let there be light in the village
- A personal history
- Village timetable a bit late to be useful
- Less money but better chance than Euro-millions
- We lose Ernie Cosgrove
- Kitchen improvements

Two new councillors

Following the resignations of Roy Sylvester and John Sturgeon, two new Parish Councillors have been appointed. They are Lesley Adam of Church Lane and Rowland Crouch of Barkwith Road. We wish Lesley and Rowland well in

their work for the community.

A main discussion was on dog fouling, including the grass in front of the Community Hall. The message was we like dogs but please clean up their mess.

Ability Testing

This short quiz (four questions) tests your ability – whether you are qualified to be “professional”, look after children etc.

Q1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

Answer on page 2.

LINCOLNSHIRE WOLDS

Some Geological and Archeological gleanings. Martin Doughty - Part 2

GLACIATION

Glaciation of the Lincolnshire Wolds has given rise to some of the area's most striking landscape features. The last main glaciation took place around 150,000 - 200,000 years ago, when ice covered most of the Wolds, smoothing and moulding the northern part of the escarpment as well as leaving large deposits of chalky till.

The inter-glacial period saw a massive rise in sea level. This produced a line of chalk cliffs along the eastern edge of the area. The main incision of the wold river valleys took place at this time, and it was then that the River Bain cut into the chalk escarpment, assisted by glacial melt-waters.

The most influential period for the Lincolnshire Wolds was the final glaciation which reached its peak about 70,000 years ago. At that time the Wolds formed a tun-

dra island surrounded by ice to the East and water to the West



Margaret Bett's brother, Bill
(see page 3)

and South. As the ice began to melt, lakes and spillways formed along the eastern edge. The main drainage was to the South, where vast deltas of outwash sands and gravels were created within the valleys of the Bain and Lymn. There are several sand and gravel pits surrounding Donington on Bain today.

SOILS

The northern Wolds

have light chalky soil. On the valley sides, where the rivers have cut through, underlying red chalk can be seen. Red Hill, near Donington on Bain, for example, contains much red chalk. In the southeast, chalky boulder clays can be found. More than 80% of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is in arable use; the main crops are winter wheat, winter barley, oilseed rape, winter beans and linseed. Brussel sprouts and potatoes are also grown around Donington on Bain. Between 10 and 15% of the land, mainly on the steeper slopes, is used as permanent pasture for sheep and cattle. Only 2-3% of the land is woodland. This is the lowest percentage of any other

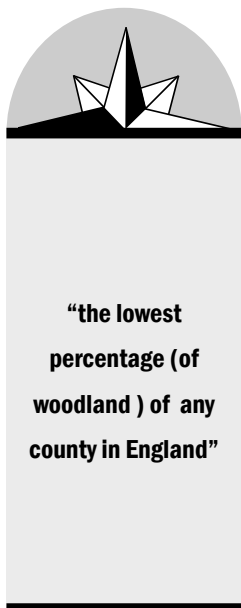
Ability Testing

The correct answer is:

Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do things in an overly complicated way.

Q2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

Answer on page 3.



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Snippets

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Nearly fifty people enjoyed the Fishy Quiz evening on 10th November. The fish and chips were up to their usual standard, Tina Speck's team won the quiz and £142 was made for Hall funds.

Back in October the Harvest Supper attracted fewer diners than usual but this was probably due to people moving from the village or being away at that time and it did not spoil the enjoyment. The auction was conducted by Mike Perkins who was his usual self, charming the money out of people in a way that would be indictable in a different context. Glynis Petterson and Ann Crookes provided a superb meal, Fran Kingsley ran the raffle

and John Sturgeon the Willingham Winner. £378 was raised for Hall funds.

We were all sad to hear of the death of Ernie Cosgrove. He had been in and out of hospital and care home for some time but in the end the outdoor and active man could not survive life indoors and in bed. Ernie and Doris have been in the parish for many years at North Walk Farm and only in the last ten years came to live in the village itself. Lately he was a steady driver – for many of us contact

with Ernie meant catching up with a car in front that we could not quite decide was moving or stationary. But then, Ernie was more interested in horses than in cars and his shires won many prizes – he and Doris were leading members of the Lincolnshire Shire Horse Association. We extend our condolences to Doris and their family.



You've not come to pinch my wine, have you? Chatting after the Harvest Supper

Village Lottery – a Winner Twice Over

Over the last year the following members of the South Willingham lottery shared £475 between them.

18.11.05	5	Stuart Kingsley
16.12.05	68	Gill Harrison
20.01.06	78	Mel Montgomery
17.02.06	75	Alice Hodgson
17.03.06	81	Alison Gough
23.04.06	06	David Lacey
10.05.06	69	Tina/Steve Taylor
25.06.06	61	Brenda Barratt
14.07.06	29	Terry Ringrose
27.08.06	45	Pam Webb
20.09.06	86	Dave/Suzy Yorkshire
06.10.06	27	Joan/Arthur Wilson

New members are always welcome and for the modest cost of £1 per month per number you too could be a village lottery winner. Each month monies collected are shared equally between the winner and village hall funds. Come and join us – ring John Sturgeon now – 313718 – and have the chance of being the next lucky winner.



Another table at the Harvest Supper with diners looking relaxed before being fleeced at the auction!



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Horse Association"**

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Community Hall

CHRISTMAS FAIR
ON FRIDAY 15TH
DECEMBER AT
7 P.M.

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

Parish Councillors:

Marcus Edmundson	313623
[Chairman]	
Lesley Adam	313464
Rowland Crouch	313428
Martin Doughty	313686
Nikki Harris	313618
Tina Speck	313793
John Sturgeon	313718

Parish Clerk: John Burn 313410

Community Hall :

Mel Montgomery (Chairman)	313590
Fran Kingsley (Secretary)	313718
Paul Fuller (Treasurer)	313601

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.

The coloured page costs an extra £20.00 per issue. We are looking for generous donors to give us this amount four times a year.

Carol Singing

An essential part of Christmas in South Willingham, carol singing will take place on



Woodbine Cottage

Wednesday, 20th December. We meet at the village bus shelter at 6.00 p.m. and call at every house on a by-now traditional route. Almost half the village turned out last year and we all had a good time. Don't worry whether you have a good voice or not – just come and join us. If you are new to the village it is a good way of getting to know people.

No news from the Parish Council this time as both Marcus (Chairman) and John (Parish Clerk) are away.

Ability Testing

Q 4. Correct Answer:
You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting.

This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many pre-schoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively disproves the theory that many professionals have the brains of a four year old.