



# SOUTH WILLINGHAM NEWS

## Towering gift for Church

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### Special points of interest:

- Timely gift for village heritage
- New Parish Councillors appointed
- Three weddings and two funerals
- Hall kept busy with events both public and private
- Equipment being fitted in Hall kitchen

The AGM of St Martin's Church, already reeling from a generous legacy from Jill Lacey of £10,000, was amazed to receive a donation from her husband Frank of £23,000 with the promise of a further £7,000 to come

The promise has been kept and the Church now has £40,000 to spend. Frank Lacey, knowing the state of the stonework in parts of the Church, requested that most of it go towards repairs to the tower. The stonework round the windows is crumbling and the pinnacles need attention. There are leaks from the roof, threatening the electrical installations and the beams holding the bells also need examining. £40,000 sounds a lot but the amount of work to be done will soon swallow it (All Saints at Sixhill has had almost twice that amount spent on its tower). Frank's remarkable gift



Crumbling stonework round the windows

has enable arrangements to begin immediately. Marcus Edmundson has already been in touch with Diocesan architects and states: "Our appointed Architect, Mr Philip Hawkins, succeeded in completing the Specification, Schedule of Work and Drawing before going on holiday. This has allowed us to send all the relevant papers to the Secretary of the Diocesan Advisory

Board. It has been confirmed that the DAC will consider this at their meeting to be held on May 25th and make their recommendations to the Archdeacon. We hope that these recommendations will give us the go ahead to apply for the Faculty which is required before the repair work can proceed."

Mr Hawkins will also be told that we may wish to restore the wheels and bells because there is a possible source of money to do so.

The Church Meeting went on to reappoint Marcus Edmundson as Chairman and Virginia Knivett as Treasurer and elected Paul Cutts as Secretary. Ray Butler had been the long-time Secretary and the meeting thanked her for her many years of service. Kay Donocik will be Treasurer of the Churchyard Fund.

## “Belmont Starts Tests Next Month”

Lincolnshire's television reception troubles will soon be over. The new transmitting station being built at Belmont, near Louth, by the Independent Television Authority for joint use by the BBC will start test transmissions at the end of the month.”

This was the local newspaper headline for November 1965.

Belmont Transmitter is a television and radio mast situated in the parish of south Willingham. It is owned by Arqiva. Constructed in 1965 with a height of 1,265

feet achieved the accolade of being the tallest structure in the UK and

In 1967 meteorological equipment was added to the mast extending its height to 1,272 feet (388m)

From its location high above South Willingham it is used to broadcast both analogue and digital television and radio to parts of Lincolnshire, North Nottinghamshire, West Norfolk, Hull and East Yorkshire



Katie in St George's Day dress

in the European Union and the seventh highest in the world (in 1965) and it's in our parish!!! It came into full service on December 20 1965.

Ladies of the village in 60s/70s style



### Other News

There was no election for the Parish Council but two new Councillors were appointed to fill vacancies. They are Paul Cutts and Claire Harrison and we wish them well in their new posts.

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People should take care to lock up their outbuildings and garages. Paul Flack had his garage broken into and lost some equipment.

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The 60s/70s evening at the Parish Hall was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Energetic dancing to music of the time in the dress of the time took us all back in time – witness four young things on the left.



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structure in the UK”



## Snippets

Mike Roberts was buried on Saturday 13th March. The service, conducted by Mary Jordan, was held at St Martin's Church with interment in the churchyard and a reception at the Community Hall. Mike was known to a number in the village but had not mixed a lot because of his wife's illness and earlier death. Mike's daughter, Sarah Ingram Hill who lives at Horncastle, made all the arrangements and we send our sympathy to her.

St Patrick's evening at the Community Hall would have delighted the old saint's heart. A very good Irish meal was provided by Glynis Petterson and Anne Crookes started by a stimulating nip of Irish whiskey (spelt correctly!). During the evening we were entertained by two accordionists from Nettleton who played some old songs and set the diners singing enthusiastically. No one was lost for words because Paul Ferguson provided song sheets. The accordionists charged £40 to be given to the St Barnabas Hospice but a plate at the door collected another £80 so both they and we were well satisfied. The event raised £90 for hall funds.

The funeral of Vera Deeprose was held on 11<sup>th</sup> of April at St Martin's with Mary Jordan again officiating and burial in the churchyard. A large number of village folk joined the mourners at the church and later at the Community

Hall. Vera had lived in the village for a long time and latterly married Dick Bee and they had moved to West View at the end of the vil-

grandchildren. Our sympathy goes out to them.

Three couples in the village are getting married over the next few months. Andrew Noblet and Liz Heathcote of Woodbine Cottage in May, John Burn and Sarah Common of Foxcote Cottage in June, and Steve Taylor and Tina Wilson of The Sycamores in July. We wish each couple a sunny occasion and every happiness in the future.

Paul and Maureen Ferguson have left The Old Rectory and moved into their new home The Orchard Glasshouse. We are very pleased to welcome the new folk in The Old Rectory. They are Jackie and Keith Miller, their children James and Katy, James' wife Helen and son Thomas and Katy's partner Len Millington. James is already Treasurer of the Parish Hall! We hope they will settle in

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Thomas, Charlotte and Katie showing their work on St George's Day

lage, but last year had moved to Devon with her daughter Pam Webb. Pam and Ken, who were at the heart of village life, were chief mourners together with Vera's other children and



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**Parish Hall**

**STRAWBERRY TEA  
ON SUNDAY 24  
JUNE AT 3 P.M.**

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

**Parish Councillors:**

Marcus Edmundson	313623
[Chairman]	
Martin Doughty	313686
[Vice-Chairman]	
Lesley Adam	313464
Rowland Crouch	313428
Paul Cutts	313486
Nikki Harris	313618
Claire Harrison	313406

**Parish Clerk:**

John Burn	313410
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Mel Montgomery (Chairman)	313590
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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. Also to Terry and Ann Ringrose for the colour pages.

## Community Hall AGM



Accordian playing at St Patrick's Day evening

The Chairman reported on the progress in underpinning the Hall (The Engineer is preparing the paperwork ready for the builder to start) and gave an account of a successful year. The Accounts registered the same – apart from the generous legacy of £10,000 from Jill Lacey we have about £16,000 in the bank (£13,000 when the current equipment programme is complete).

The new Committee was elected. Tina

Speck and Paul Fuller did not stand and Jan Crouch and James Miller were elected in their place. The rest of the Committee was re-elected (and at the subsequent Committee Meeting, Mel Montgomery was re-elected Chairman, Fran Kingsley, Secretary and James Miller, Treasurer with John Sturgeon remaining as Deputy Treasurer). The Chairman expressed his appreciation for all the work the Committee does through the year – and for the wine and nibbles provided.