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# SOUTH WILLINGHAM CHRONICLE

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Cover photograph is of Robin Nelder and Emma Bonson, who were married on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at St Martins Church. Robin is the son of Garry and Julie Nelder of Poplar Farm, Donington Road.

Robin and Emma will be living in Lincoln City. They first met when Emma was at university in Lincoln in 2002. Emma is from Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. They got engaged in 2012 in Portmeirion, Wales. Robin is employed as the IT Manager for JH Walter in Lincoln whilst Emma is self employed.

*(J.Nelder)*



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## DEPUTY LEADER OF LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY ATTENDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The residents forum of the meeting of the Parish Council on September 27 2017 was attended by County Cllr Patricia Bradwell, Ron Granger, Mark De Ath, Mary De Ath and Christopher Heneage who were all interested in the possible felling of trees along Donington Road. The October edition of the Chronicle had included the issue, the content of which were extracted from the published Parish Council Meeting Minutes from July. The Chronicle edition had been brought to Mr Heneage's attention.

Cllr Elliott had contacted Richard Littlewood, ELDC tree officer, expressing his own concerns and had been informed that only around 20 trees "of sufficient quality" were to remain. Cllr Elliott thought that this would be detrimental to the appearance and environment of the area. Mr Heneage explained that ELDC had planted the trees in the 1980s as a response to Dutch Elm Disease damage. His estate had complained at the time that they were too closely planted and would kill the estate hedge. He had expected only specimen trees to have been planted and that they would have been maintained.

Cllr Elliott agreed that thinning was required but was reluctant that this should be done in one go. Mr Heneage said the proposal was for 27 to remain leaving 20m gaps for crown growth. He favoured felling all the trees, mulching the stumps and replanting with specimen trees, and had offered to do this at his own expense. Mr De Ath said that the issue originated from the flooding complaint due to the blocked culvert in Donington Road near the footbridge. Mr Granger said he had rodded it himself two years previously and Mr Heneage said he had cleared it that year. Cllr Elliott said that the trees further up Donington Road had nothing to do with the flooding. Cllr Bradwell explained that District and County Councils did have a problem with funding. Her opinion was that the area needed tidying up but that it should remain picturesque.

As it stood, Cllr Elliott said that the Parish Council would agree to fifty per cent of the thinning in the original proposal and that it fully supported clearing of the area of poor drainage. It was agreed that Cllr Elliott, Cllr Bradwell, Mr Granger and Mr De Ath would look closely at the area concerned. The Parish Council would report the location of drainage channels and issues with them to the county council. Cllr Elliott would be the point of liaison with Cllr Bradwell. Cllr Elliott would then arrange a meeting with Richard Littlewood to reach a final decision. A representative from the Heneage Estate would be invited to discussions.

*(Extracts from Parish Council Minutes - full minutes are to be found on the South Willingham village website)*

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 22 November 2017 - Residents Forum  
6.50pm**

# WHAT'S ON

also keep an eye on the bus shelter notices

## quiz night with a fish a chip supper

Parish Hall on Friday 24th November starting at 7.p.m. The cost is £7.50 per head and booking is essential. Phone Maureen on 01507 313584 by Tuesday 21st November.

## Parish Hall Regulars

Coffee Mornings 10.30am 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Pilates - every Monday at 2pm

Reel Issues - 2nd Tuesday of each month

## Carol Singing

Carol singers will be doing the village round on December 19th for charity donation. To take part please meet at the bus shelter at 6pm.

## St Martins Church Carol Service

Friday 22nd December at 7pm with refreshments afterwards

## NEW WEATHER MODEL FOR UK?

1) The four seasons will be altered as follows:

Spring will operate from February to June

Autumn - from July to December

There will be little difference in any temperatures between February and December.

Winter to run occasionally in January. It is envisaged that any timetable here will operate loosely every 4-5 years to make economic and infrastructure planning impossible to ensure maximum disruption from a few days of 2 inch accumulation of snow.

2) No good weather is to be allowed during school holidays

3) Regional variations will apply:

The best weather - sunshine and temperatures - is reserved for London and the South East to ensure an already affluent area attracts the most tourists - however under orders from the European Union from 2019 weather will be not be allowed to be better than the rest of Europe

The North East Coast - Norfolk, Lincolnshire, East Yorkshire and Northumberland is reserved for the maximum number of grey days and to buck the trend of benefiting from prevailing westerly winds, and endure easterly winds from the North Sea and ideally from Eastern Europe.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to be awash with rain as general punishment by order of Parliament at Westminster.

The South West will be allowed occasional warmth and sun and a prevailing southerly or westerly wind as it is the playground for those living in the South East who may need a third annual holiday after the the two abroad. Indigenous population to be relocated.

4) The Midlands and the North West population will largely be kept at work and indoors and generally subjugated irrespective of weather conditions and forecasting. This will be for their own good.

5) Keen observers will have noted that long range weather forecasting has already been abandoned and instead the following new initiatives are to be undertaken:

The Daily Express has been given the franchise to announce front page headlines of imminent extremes to falsely warn or build up the hopes of the nation. They will employ a range of self styled experts to make predictions.

The Met Office have been given the go ahead to be economic with veracity of predictions for 5 day forecasting and abandon the probability mathematical model in favour of the next day model. Qualifications wise no degree will be required - certainly not Maths or Physics - reliance on stepping outside in the morning and holding a finger up will suffice - making a substantial saving on education costs. The use of farmers is to be explored as a pilot.

6) Xmas Day to be unduly mild and with wall to wall sunshine.

7) Any sunny spell to last a maximum of two days lest the population gets used to it - to be unannounced to prevent organised barbecues - and the end to be signalled by thunder and torrential rain.

(N. Spencer)

A campaign has been launched by Lincolnshire Councils to lobby for a fairer funding deal. If Councils here received the average funding for council areas in England, the region would benefit from £116million extra funding for services, every year. This could help pay for new infrastructure and valued council services. For example, £116million could pay for a bypass scheme or a new hospital or major road improvement schemes across the area every year. Councils in Lincolnshire have seen huge cuts to their Government funding and the cost of providing services is increasing. Council leaders have met with local MPs and Government Ministers to set out the case strongly for a fair deal for Lincolnshire.

East Lindsey District Council will refurbish the Livestock Market facility in Louth. The decision was made at a recent Council meeting during which Councillors thanked all those who had taken part in the consultation for providing their views on the options in the consultation papers and for raising issues for consideration.

### CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Horncastle Town Council will be holding its Christmas Market on Sunday, December 10, with the last Farmers' Market of the year on Thursday, December 14 and the Craft Market on Saturday, December 9.

The Winter Market in Louth takes place on Sunday, December 17 and there will be some special guests there this year. Santa will be there with his sleigh, and he will be joined by Olaf from Disney's Frozen and Chase from Paw Patrol.

## CHRONICLE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chronicle now has a Management Committee:

Nigel Spencer: volunteer editor

Paul Fuller

Chris Washer

Steve Cooney

Dave Nutten

Printing is through the kindness of David Lacey of Lincsafe.

Committee members will act as advisers on content before printing each edition and meet annually to discuss ideas for articles, format and direction. Subject to village news/events, 3 - 4 editions per year will be produced: Feb/March; May/June; Sept/Oct; Nov/Dec

Residents and village organisations are encouraged to get involved by submitting photos, articles etc to:  
**[southwillinghamchronicle@gmail.com](mailto:southwillinghamchronicle@gmail.com)**

### FOOTWAY LIGHTS

East Lindsey District Council have made a commitment to invest £694,000 to improve the Footway Lighting they own and maintain. Across the district they are responsible for 2,705 footway lights. Some lights in South Willingham were upgraded to LED in May. In some locations, however, a concrete column supports the footway lighting, This is the case within our village and these concrete columns will be attended to at a later date and not within the programme of works schedule. A number of lights remain out. According to ELDC, faults that are reported after the Contractor has visited an area will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be attended to within an appropriate time scale. Faults can be reported by telephoning 01507 601111 or by email to [technicalservicesmaint@e-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:technicalservicesmaint@e-lindsey.gov.uk), ensuring the subject line contains the words Footway Lighting.