

SOUTH WILLINGHAM CHRONICLE

to inform on the present and reflect on the village past



SUPERFAST BROADBAND ARRIVES

Village internet users finally get reasonable speeds and connection

The green cabinet by Moor Lane was finally “enabled” at the end of 2018 by BT. For those that use the internet, decent download and upload speeds are now available. If residents have not already done so, they should contact their broadband provider for an upgrade to Superfast Fibre or higher if they want to. This should increase download speeds from the previous standard of 1.5-3.5 mbs to around 50+. The cost will be determined by other packages that can be added on, plus line rental and call package chosen - unlimited or weekend only calls etc. Below are the top 3 providers and current details and prices for switching *as new customer*. The catch or scandal is that existing customers often have to pay a higher amount! Usually a new hub is required. Other providers are available - residents will be aware of other factors - such as customer service and reliability!

BT SUPERFAST FIBRE BROADBAND & WEEKEND CALLS

50mbs average speed
unlimited downloads
18 month contract
upfront cost £9.99
£29.99 per month

PLUSNET FIXED PRICE UNLIMITED FIBRE BROADBAND & PHONE LINE

36mbs average speed
unlimited downloads
18 month contract
no upfront costs
£23.99

TALK TALK UNLIMITED FIXED PRICE FASTER BROADBAND

36mbs average speed
unlimited downloads
18 month contract
no upfront costs
£19.99 per month



A quiz night is being held at the Parish Hall on Friday February 15 at 7pm. You can be part of a team (maximum of 6) or can mix in on the night. Fish & Chips will be provided by Parkinsons of Louth. Donations for raffle prizes would be very much appreciated. To book a place call 01507 313584 by Wed February 13th.



Would you like to join a project group to convert the telephone box into a history and information hub for the village? Contact Shirley Asquith, Parish Clerk, 01507 313832.

PRECEPT TO REMAIN AT £600 FOR 2019/2020

increased expenditure approved

Cllr Challender was acting chair at the Parish Council Meeting held on January 15. Also in attendance were Cllrs M Ferguson and M Edmundson with apologies from Cllr P Ferguson and Elliot. Financial matters were discussed - in particular the budget for 2019/2020. The following expenditure was approved:

Insurance Premium	£144.59
LALC Membership	£90.00
Admin Costs	£25.00
Parish Clerk	£480.00
Total running costs:	£739.59
Bus Shelter Improvements	£100.00
Phone Box Maintenance	£200.00
Parish Hall Donation	£50.00
Parish Website	£52.96



LIVES Donation	£50.00
Churchyard Donation	£50.00
Church Clock Donation	£50.00
Local History Group	£50.00
Village Scenic Improvements	£400.00
Total:	£1,002.96
<u>Total Expenditure:</u>	<u>£1,742.55</u>
Income: SWPC Precept	£600.00
ELDC Grant(Community Works)	£300.00
<u>Total Income:</u>	<u>£900.00</u>

PARISH COUNCIL INITIATIVES

Village Scenic Improvements include installing planters at the base of the four road signs entering the village, attaching two planters on the wooden seat next to the telephone box and four window boxes for the Parish Hall. There will also be flowers on the Parish Hall verge and small triangle at the Donington/Station Road junction. Estimated costs are £1050 with contributions as follows: ELDC Community Grant £300; Parish Council £400; Parish Hall £350. It is proposed to convert the phone box into a local history and information hub. Proposals and costs put forward by Cllr P Ferguson -£899 - were discussed but it was felt that they may invite vandalism and further expenditure should it go wrong. Councillors decided a more low tech approach might suit the village better. A project group would be set up to progress ideas further.



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**HARVEST
SUPPER 2018**

On Friday 5th October 2018 a Harvest Supper was held at South Willingham Parish Hall. A great meal of tomato soup, chicken dish and apple and pear crumble was enjoyed by 41 guests. Mike Perkins conducted the auction and £443.00 was raised for Parish Hall funds. Photo top right by Adam Jacklin.

CHRISTMAS 2018

Sadly, due to heavy rain being forecast on December 18, the planned carol singing round the village was cancelled. £97.10 of donations was still raised for charity. Happily the Carol Service at St Martins Church went ahead on December 23.

**WORLD WAR I
ANNIVERSARY**

Celebrations for the end of the First World War took place at the Parish Hall on 9 November 2018. Picture middle right shows Councillors Maureen and Paul Ferguson in fancy dress of the period.



Coffee Morning, Village Hall, Christmas 2018

SOUTH WILLINGHAM HISTORY GROUP

The South Willingham History Group has been meeting once a month since October and comprises:

Paul Fuller; Paul Ferguson; Eric & Cecilia Payne; Nigel Spencer; Raea & Simon Pettitt; Kevin Parker; Debbie Challender.

Paul Fuller has agreed to initially chair the meetings.

The following initial interests and responsibilities were agreed:

Paul Ferguson: maintenance of the village website

Paul Fuller: Censuses; Burial Registers; Marriage Records

Cecilia Payne: collection and uploading photographs on website; South Willingham Properties.

Eric Payne: South Willingham Properties.

Nigel Spencer; Archivist; history of railway in village.

Raea Pettitt: internet search

Simon Pettitt: history of parish hall

Kevin Parker; Observation Post at High Street junction

Nigel Spencer is to follow his interviews with South Willingham's oldest residents, Harold and Alice Bray, with a history of South Willingham railway station. This is almost complete and involves archive photographs, the workings of the line including timetables dating back to 1880 and details of village staff who worked the line - stationmasters; porters, signalmen and platelayers - looking at census records and ancestry uk. Photos will include shots of the station site over time, including closure and as it is today.

He recommended a subscription to the online Newspaper Archives as a potential source of articles on South Willingham. Paul Ferguson would investigate obtaining funds for this with Raea Pettitt being the account holder for a year.

Cecilia Payne has been to Grimsby Archives and seen the Halgarth collection of photographs. Paul Ferguson is to investigate using the village group photographs in the village hall to try and identify village residents going back many years. Paul Fuller is in touch with Lincolnshire Archives and is looking to transcribe marriage, baptism and burial records. Kevin Parker has information regarding the Royal Observer Corp Memorial Group with the goal of collecting information regarding our facility and its role in the Cold War. Minutes on the December meeting will be available at the groups next meeting on February 13.

Below: Eric & Cecilia Payne with John Rouston after ringing midnight bells Dec 31 2018

