

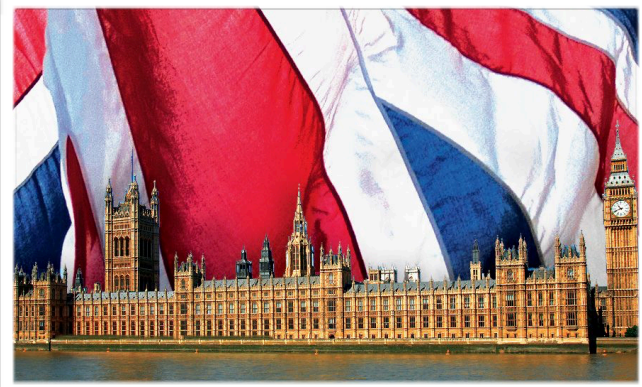
SOUTH WILLINGHAM CHRONICLE

to inform on the present and reflect on the village past

UK's main parties are gearing up for a general election on 12 December

Nearly three-and-a-half years after the UK voted for Brexit in the 2016 referendum, it has not happened.

Politicians are divided; people are divided: some want the UK to leave the EU as soon as possible, some would prefer another referendum, and others to cancel Brexit altogether. At the time of printing, Ipsos Mori Issues Index indicate the following people's issues that are facing Britain today: 1) EU/Brexit; 2) NHS; 3) Crime; 4) Economy; 5) Immigration.



It will not have escaped anyone's notice that parties are promising to spend vast amounts in various areas if they gain power. The reality is that, since 2008, there has been very little to spend improving things - or even maintaining the status quo - or money has been wasted. Any new spending will have to come from taxation, borrowing more - or an up turn in the economy - which is subject to global considerations - and can only be a guess. The main issue of the election fundamentality is about Brexit. Whichever way you lean - there are choices here - it is important that all who can vote - do so. South Willingham residents are likely to have the following parties to choose from (in alphabetical order):

Conservatives - leave the EU on January 31 2020 with the deal currently proposed

Green Party - committed to another referendum and will campaign to Remain in the EU in that vote

Labour - renegotiate a new deal with the EU, call another referendum - to vote on the new deal or "remain"- Labour's own stance to be decided in the build up to the referendum via a party conference

Liberal Democrats - cancel Article 50 and remain in the EU

CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

Thursday December
19th - meet at 6pm at
the bus shelter

CAROL SERVICE - ST MARTINS CHURCH

December 22nd 6pm
followed by
refreshments

PARISH HALL QUIZ NIGHT DEC 6 7PM

With festive food £8
entry. To book: tel:
313584



East Lindsey District Council Green Bin Collections

December 10 2019
January 21 2020
February 18 2020
March 17 2020



The 2019 election is due to be the first UK general election to be held in December since 1923. The 1923 United Kingdom general election was held on Thursday 6 December 1923. The Conservatives, led by Stanley Baldwin, won the most seats, but Labour, led by Ramsay MacDonald, and H. H. Asquith's reunited Liberal Party gained enough seats to produce a hung parliament. It was the most-recent, so far, UK general election in which a third party (the Liberals) won more than 100 seats, or received more than 26% of the vote.....

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Chris Washer: Chair's report September 2019

Since last year we have had the front door re-painted and have taken on the mowing ourselves, acquiring a lawn mower for the purpose.

Events this year have been:

The annual Harvest Supper held on October 5th 2018. Forty one attended and once again Mike Perkins conducted the auction of produce.

On the 9th November 2018 we held a commemoration marking the end of World War. Although this was a free entry event very few attended. Those that did watched film clips of the entertainment and celebrations of the time, and enjoyed dressing up and sharing a supper provided by us all.

The 15th February 2019 saw us enjoying a quiz night. Twenty eight attended, and I wish to thank, June Sylvester and Dave Nutten for providing additional quiz questions. A raffle was held in aid of the Myotonic Dystrophy charity.

The hall is still managing to make ends meet with several regular groups, including History, Art, Dance



and Reel Issues. Coffee mornings are still held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

Although Pilates classes are no longer held we have had a number of private bookings including Cycling and a Bridge tournament.

Lastly, I would like to thank Doreen and Mandy for their hard work in the kitchen and Emma Biggs for keeping the hall clean.

December 4 - Ballroom and Latin American Dancing
7pm - 9.30pm. Entry £2

December 6 Quiz Night - see front page

December 10 - Reel to Reel - film: Oh Brother Where Art Thou (2000). 7pm for 7.15pm start.

SOUTH WILLINGHAM HISTORY GROUP

Paul Fuller has completed the 1837 - 2008 marriage registers and is working on the records for 1754 to 1812 as well as baptism 1813 - 1920. Nigel Spencer has written a 34 page booklet on The History of South Willingham Railway Station and this is available to read or download from the village website. He has also done some research on the Reverend Arthur Temperley. Eric Payne has been recording the 1824 - 1923 marriage banns from the Lincolnshire Archives. Celia Payne has been transcribing the 1900 Rate Survey, 1939 National Survey and the 1948 Rural Survey. Date of next Meeting is Wednesday 15 January 2020.



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Since the last Chronicle issue, 6 Parish Council Meetings have been held (including the Annual Parish Meeting) in March, May, July, September and November.

In March Cllr Elliott had received a letter from the land agents relating to the permissive footpaths within South Willingham owned by the Heneage Estate. These were to continue to be made available provided the conditions of use were adhered to (no horses, no cycling, no motorised vehicles; dogs to be on lead; dog fouling to be cleared up). SWPC was to be in charge of signage. The letter of acceptance of the terms was signed in the meeting. Egdon Resources had sent a newsletter explaining that their drilling operation at Biscathorpe had not found the required resources and had been capped off and all works removed but that they were exploring further permission to drill from a side access.

At the July Meeting the dedicated parish council noticeboard had been erected on the side of the bus shelter. The meeting recorded its thanks to John Biggs for his work on this.

The Parish Council still has two vacancies for councillors.

PARISH COUNCIL INITIATIVES - Paul Ferguson

Village Scenic Improvement: The Parish Council will be installing planters under each of the village signs on the four roads coming into the village. In addition the small triangle at the junction of Donington Road and Station Road will be planted and maintained by the village as will some planters next to the wooden seat in the centre of the village. The four large planters were built by Andy Hart during the summer and we are currently clearing the areas under the signs. The Parish Council was able to obtain a grant from Tesco and Councillor Fry to cover the cost of this work. In addition the Parish Hall committee has agreed to pay for window boxes to be installed under the roadside windows and these are currently being constructed by John Walker. In order to maintain the footpaths and areas around the planters the Parish Council is purchasing a wheeled weed sprayer and to water the planters and window boxes we will also purchase a watering system which can be used from the back of car. The Parish Council is again grateful to Councillor Fry who is helping to fund this purchase.

BT Phone Box: The Parish Council adopted the red BT phone box and as part of the agreement it had to update the electrics and lighting. This has now been completed and the cost was partially funded by a grant from Tesco and Councillor Fry. The phone box will ultimately be used as part of a history group project showcasing the people, properties and events impacting the village.

CCTV : The Parish Council will be looking at the benefits and costs of installing CCTV covering the three main roads entering the village. This study will not start until the next financial year - 2020/21.

Welcome To South Willingham: In the past we have welcomed new residents with information about the village and it's our intention to reinstate this welcoming letter.

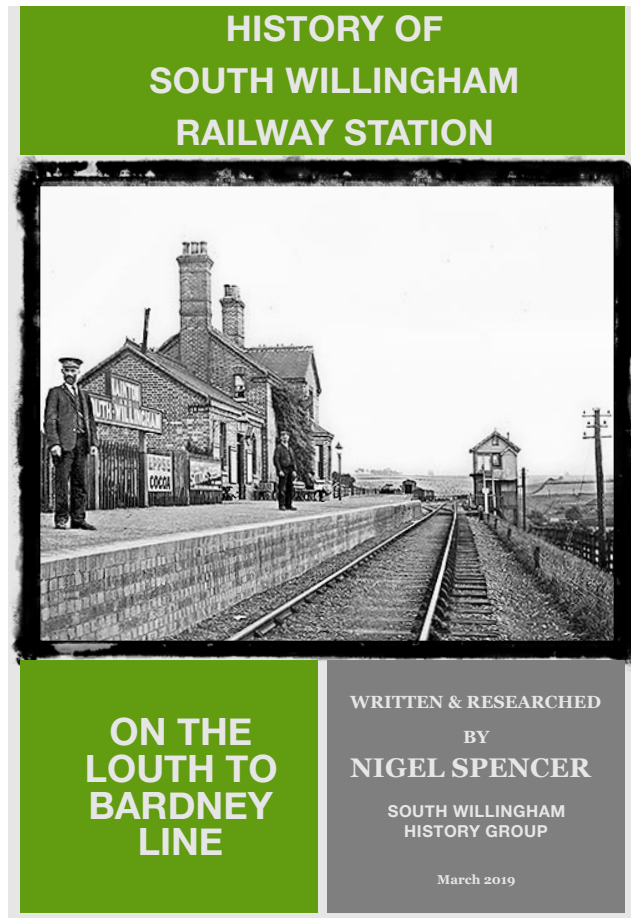


South Willingham Railway Station

The station was completed in 1874. The entrance to the station was from Station Road (today the old gate still hangs forlornly) a few yards up to the station on the left remains the old weighbridge office. Iron railings originally ran along the left hand side to separate the goods sidings from the entrance road. Along the site where Harrison Engineering are current occupants you would find the goods yard sidings. Here would be found coal staites and a cattle ramp for loading onto wagons. The yard had a goods loading gauge. Four track spurs ran off a loop from the main trackway for the shunting of goods wagons. Opposite the platform was a points lever for access to the loop. In addition, South Willingham had its own signal box. The brick base is still visible - the cabin above being made of timber. Signals for right of way to Louth and Bardney directions were found 100/200yds in each direction.

The Station building had two halves; the nearer half to the road entrance was the station masters house with the other half the booking office, waiting room etc. Public conveniences where believed to be at the rear of the station alongside the adjoining field - one of which still exists.

The complete Louth - Bardney line opened to freight on June 26 1876 and passenger services on December 1 1876 as the Louth & Lincoln Railway Company.



ON THE
LOUTH TO
BARDNEY
LINE

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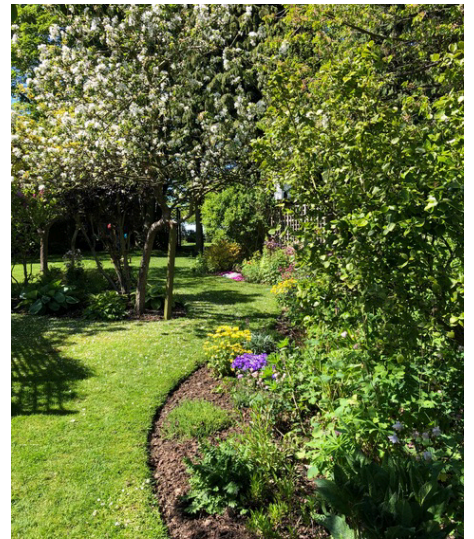
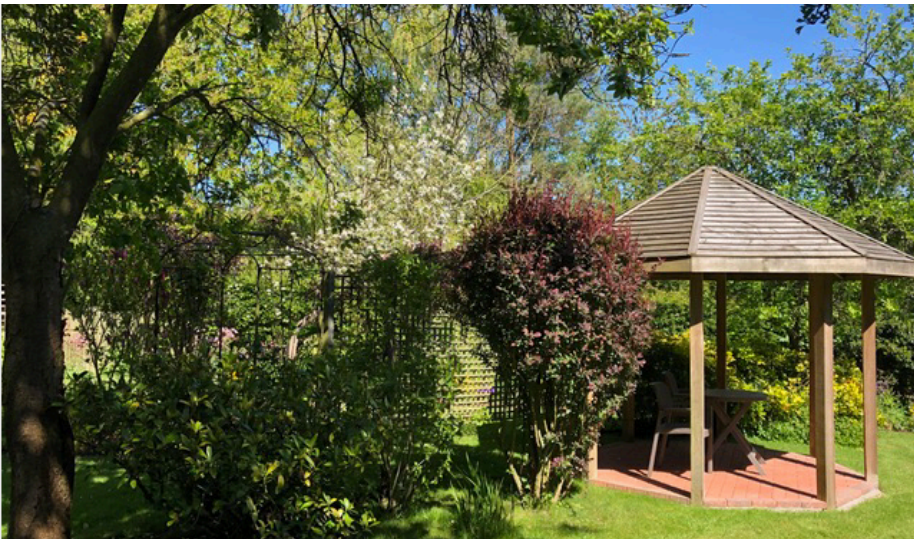
SOUTH WILLINGHAM
HISTORY GROUP

March 2019

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Financial returns were an immediate problem. The traffic from the Midlands failed to materialise and losses were being made and on June 30 1883 the Louth & Lincoln Railway Company passed into the hands of the then Great Northern Railway. The last passenger train departed Louth at 3.47pm Saturday November 3 1951 returning from Bardney at 7.21pm. The line continued as a freight only service until 1956 with the track being lifted in 1961.

Today, the station building exists as a private house. The platform is still a clear feature. In the early 70's the bay window was removed on the platform side and rendering applied to the whole building. On the yard side the double apex roofs have been replaced by a single one. The outline of the rooms remain as before but the original staircase position has gone, A new rear extension was built in 1998. The cattle ramp remains at the end of the platform along with a 3 rail buffer end to protect the platform.



Bumble Bee Cottage Open Garden



Here are a few pictures of the open garden which took place on 18th May 2019. As you know Dennis passed away a few days before, but in the short time we still had him with us he insisted that we carry on and open the garden as planned. We had over a hundred visitors and between Jo Rowson, at Mill Cottage, and ourselves we took over £1000.00 for medical charities sponsored by the National Garden Scheme.

I appreciate all the support that everyone has given me and I am truly thankful.

Chris Washer

**REVEREND CANON ARTHUR
TEMPERLEY MA RECTOR OF SOUTH
WILLINGHAM 1900-1926**

*written & researched by Nigel Spencer
South Willingham History Group
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Arthur Temperley was born on 2 May 1850 in Wallsend, Northumberland. A scholar of Sidney Sussex College Cambridge, in September 1875 he became a mathematical teacher at Hereford Cathedral Grammar School for the next 5 years. In 1877 at his ordination at Hereford Cathedral, he was admitted to Holy Orders by the Bishop Of Hereford.

In September 1880, he was appointed to the head mastership of the De Aston Grammar School, Market Rasen. He appears to be the first head of De Aston who emerges as something of a distinct personality. There seems no doubt that Temperley was hard-working, but he never got the numbers above 40.

While Head Teacher he also became involved in local affairs. He was Treasurer for the Habitation Meeting of the Primrose League which met at Market Rasen Hall and member of the Executive Council. This may give us a clue to his political leanings. The Primrose League was an organisation for spreading Conservative principles in Great Britain. It was founded in 1883. Sir Winston Churchill, in his book on his father, Lord Randolph Churchill, published in 1906, stated that the Primrose League had one million paid up members "determined to promote the cause of Toryism". The Primrose League went into decline in 20th Century - particularly by World War Two. It was finally wound up in 2004. He was also Chairman of the Market Rasen Association For The Prosecution of Felons. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, before the creation of a national police force, rural communities formed mutual subscription societies to prosecute criminals. These evolved out of resolutions passed at parish vestry meetings to prosecute felons out of the public purse. Printed handbills declaring the intentions of such bodies and offering rewards for information leading to an arrest are sometimes found in local record offices, and notices of the activities of such associations are reported in local newspapers. He was also elected to the Technical Education Committee- Urban District Council.

In 1900 at the age of 50 the Reverend Arthur Temperley came with his family to live at The Rectory in South Willingham next to St Martins Church. During his time at South Willingham he continued his educational activities. For many years he was Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Education and a member of the Lindsey Education Authority and acted as an Examiner for the Local Examination Syndicate of Cambridge University.

Following a fire at Hainton Hall, a temporary kitchen building was erected there. In 1922 Baron Heneage gifted this to South Willingham for use as a Parish Hall and it was taken down from the Estate and re erected on



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-> PEOPLE**

its present site. Reverend Temperley was instrumental in setting up the Parish Hall activities - many of which continue today. A public meeting was held on August 28 1922 for managing the hall. Temperley was elected Chairman. His writing and signature can be found in the Parish Hall Minute book.

In January 1925 the Bishop of Lincoln offered Temperley the Prebend or Canory of Lafford in Lincoln Cathedral which he accepted. On April 20 1926 Temperley attended his last Parish Hall Committee Meeting as Chairman.

Reverend Canon Arthur Temperley died suddenly on February 20 1927 in Heighington, Lincolnshire aged 76. He would have never have owned any property - be it as a school teacher; headmaster at De Aston or The Rectory. Notwithstanding this the Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer on May 27 1927 reported he left £3,943. This is equivalent to £217,618 today (2019). Canon Arthur Temperley is buried in St Martins Church South Willingham, along with his wife and, subsequently, his two daughters Phoebe and Olive. In St Martins Church, near the altar, his two sons and five daughters erected a plaque in his memory.