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► Our priority: A secure and diverse economy

## Food Centre plans given go-ahead

A main ingredient is added to the recipe for Spalding's future success

A main ingredient was added to the recipe for Spalding's future success when councillors gave the go-ahead to plans for the town's exciting new food centre.

The popular £6.5M development is now set to regenerate the derelict Red Lion Street site in the centre of the town, while providing a major focal point for South Holland's rich food heritage.

Boston College will run catering and food management courses alongside a fully-equipped training restaurant, demonstration area and food hall. The restaurant is supported by Lincolnshire-born Michelin chef, Jason Atherton. Local produce will provide the raw ingredients and local and regional food producers will have a chance to learn about new processing and production techniques.

Local organisations such as Tastes of Lincolnshire and Fenland Foods will also use the building as a showcase for their work, helping add to the 3 million visitors currently visiting Spalding and its surrounding area each year.

On the top floor of the three-storey building will be around 20 small office spaces for local businesses to use.

The state-of-the-art building will incorporate many "green" features. These include eco-friendly building materials, a water management system that allows water collection and re-use and super insulated panels that promote energy-efficiency by preventing heat loss.

In the next few months, residents will be involved in naming the centre and developing its logo, and a website will be launched.

- 2010 - work starts
- 2011 - work completed
- 2012 - 50 food and drink businesses enjoy business support
- 2017 - more than 100 jobs created
- 2017 - more than 40 new business launched

### Funders

- Boston College
- East Midlands Development Agency
- Lincolnshire Enterprise
- Lincolnshire County Council
- South Holland District Council

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► Our priority: Affordable homes

# Six new homes on the way

## Reducing the waiting list



South Holland Homes

It's all systems go for six new homes on surplus council land - two three-bedroom houses at Deeping St Nicholas and four two-bedroom houses at Tydd St Mary.

Councillors gave the plans the go-ahead and contractors are due to start work in November. They are all due for completion in April next year at which time, six families from the council's waiting list will move in.

The homes will be owned by the council's own housing company South Holland Homes, assisted by £267,000 from the government's Homes and Communities Agency.

Broadgate Homes landed the contract for Deeping St Nicholas and F E Peacock Construction, the contract for Tydd St Mary.



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# Food, Glorious Food!

## The launch of the South Holland Food Festival



► Our priority: Improving health through cultural and sporting opportunities

A cultural feast of fun is planned next year with the launch of the South Holland Food Festival.

On the menu are glorious food-filled gatherings with a generous helping of arts and culture spread over the four weeks between July 19 and August 15 2010.

Nibbling on a nut-filled delight in the local deli. Anyone and everyone can take part.

Once the businesses are on board, it will then be the turn of the community organisations to get behind the Festival and hold their own food event with a bit of culture mixed in.

# MEET AND EAT

The whole community is invited to take part and make this feast a banquet no-one wants to miss.

It doesn't matter if you're a fish and chip shop or an insurance company, there's a place for you on the a la carte. This is your chance to be an ingredient in the recipe for success of this festival.

Imagine the delight of visitors to the area walking into your shop or your office and finding titbits from around the world offered for their delectation.

But imagine yourselves dipping into an ambitious pesto in the local bank or

Whether it's a knees-up in the local pub or a picnic in the park, it doesn't matter. Whether it's a piece of Victoria Sponge or a Polish Sour Rye Soup, or even a delicious Chinese Mooncake, it doesn't matter.

## What does matter is that you get involved.

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- Community and Economic Development
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► Our priority: Care of our villages and towns

## Partnership working at its best!

We work together with Lincolnshire police and other public organisations so that you continue to live in an area which is safe from crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). Since the last magazine we have been busy across the district responding to your concerns.

### Young firefighters scheme

Over the summer four 'Young Firefighter' sessions took place in Long Sutton, Holbeach, Crowland and Spalding. Small groups of young people found out all about what it was like to be a fireman for a day. The day was all about working

as a team and learning new skills and also gaining an understanding of the dangers of arson and making hoax calls. The events were a great success with everyone who took part.

### Pizza and film night in Holbeach St. Marks

In response to complaints about ASB we organised a joint meeting between our team, the Police, Children's Services and councillors. One of the ideas that came from that meeting was to get young people talking to us. To do this we organised a 'pizza and film' night for local young people (thank you to Bakkavor for donating the pizzas). The evening worked well and the South Area Detached Team now meet regularly with

the young people to discuss problems and work together on activities.

Abigail Cooper Anti-Social Behaviour Officer says: "This is multi agency working at its best; as a result of us all working together anti social behaviour has significantly reduced"

For more information contact:

- Abigail Cooper
- tel: 01775b761161

## Protecting your property

South Holland District is no more at risk of flooding today than it has been over the last few years. However, it pays to be prepared, so here are a few ideas.

### Your flood plan

#### 1 Check your insurance cover

- Does it cover you for flooding, replace new for old or limit repairs.

#### 2 Know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supplies

#### 3 Prepare a flood kit of essential items

- Copies of your home insurance documents.
- Torch with spare batteries.
- Wind-up or battery radio.
- Warm, waterproof clothing and blankets.
- First aid kit and prescription medication.
- Bottled water and non-perishable foods.
- Baby food and baby care items.
- Sandbags (available from your local builders merchants.)
- A list of important contact numbers including Floodline 0845 988 1188.

#### 4 Know who to contact and how

- Agree where you will go and how to contact each other.
- Depending on the venue pets might be allowed at evacuation centres. You will be informed beforehand.
- Keep a list with all your important contacts to hand.

#### 5 Think about what you can move now

#### 6 Think about what you would want to move to safety during a flood

To receive flood warnings directly, contact the number below.

► Our priority:  
Care of our villages and towns

For more information contact:

- Environment Agency Floodline
- tel: 0845 988 1188

# Yes to merged services

Delivering top quality services to you in a cost effective way



South Holland and East Lindsey will be working much more closely in the future, after both councils said yes to a merged services deal.

Full council meetings were held at each authority on September 28th. Members at South Holland and East Lindsey voted for the proposals, while Boston Borough Council decided not to go ahead.

Boston's decision means that a revised business plan for South Holland and East Lindsey now has to be drawn up to enable merged services for both districts to be introduced within 15 months.

Both councils believe that by working together they can achieve economies of scale and more efficient ways of working. These will allow the delivery of top-quality services to continue, but in a more cost-effective way, giving Council Taxpayers real value for their money.



► Our priority:  
Improving access to Services

For more information contact:

- Customer Services
- tel: 01775 761161
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# South Holland hits the big time

## The benefits of weekly refuse and recycling collections



South Holland hit the big time when our refuse collection system was put under national scrutiny - and came up trumps!

More than five million people tuned in to ITV's Tonight programme to find out what makes South Holland District Council's system work and why our residents like it so much.

It could be said that our system bucks the national trend. Unlike most other authorities, we continue to collect your household waste every week. We provide you with bags not bins, and we don't limit the amount of waste you put out for collection. We don't provide a green waste collection: instead we encourage you to home compost.

But we are happy to say, you like what we do for you. In the government's Place Survey, we came out tops when it came to customer satisfaction with refuse collection.

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Thank you so much for your vote of confidence and we hope that it continues. But we are always willing to hear new ideas. So if you have any comments or ideas about our waste collection system, then please let us know.

As to the future, we continue to help you carry out your own home composting. As of October 1 this year, we are happy to announce a special deal on home composting bins. We have negotiated a special discount and can now offer them to households for just £13.50.

To place an order for one of the above compost bins or water butts please call: 0845 130 6090 or visit: [www.lincsc.com.getcomposting.com](http://www.lincsc.com.getcomposting.com)  
An additional £5 delivery charge needs to be added to the special discount offer.



## benefit updates



You can claim Housing Benefit if you pay rent to a private landlord, Housing Association or live in a Council property.



You can claim Council Tax Benefit if you pay Council Tax on your home.



Housing & Council Tax Benefit - change of circumstances. You must tell us straight away about any changes that could affect your benefit.



"I've got some savings - can I still get Housing & Council Tax Benefit?" Yes if you have less than £16000 or you get guarantee pension credit.



Don't forget from 2 November we can disregard up to £10,000 of a pensioners savings when working out Housing & Council Tax Benefit.



Don't forget from 2 November we can disregard any child benefit received when working out Housing & Council Tax Benefit.

## planning updates



Planning applications can now be viewed on-line on [www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk).

## council tax updates



Did you know that there is a penalty for anyone who fails to tell us about a change in circumstances that will affect their Council Tax?



We'll soon be checking Council Tax Single Person Discounts - if you've forgotten to tell us you should no longer be getting this discount get in touch now!

## direct debit updates



Direct Debit - gives you peace of mind as your council tax or rent are paid automatically ensuring they are never forgotten...ring our DD line 01775 764691 to find out more.

## leisure updates



"Don't miss the Open Arts Exhibition at the South Holland Centre from the 8th - 14th January 2010."



There is a Farmers' market on the first Saturday in every month in the Sheep Market Spalding.

## healthy lifestyle updates



New Years resolution: Take steps to improve your health...Our Health Trainers can offer support and motivation. One small step can make a big difference. Call them on 01775 761161.

## transport updates



CallConnect is a bus service you can book in advance and travel to and from local pick-up points. Call Connect operates Monday to Saturday between 7am to 7pm. To find out more call 0845 234 3344 Monday to Saturday from 8.30 am or check out our website [www.lincsinterconnect.com](http://www.lincsinterconnect.com). Alternatively Text the word 'CallConnect' to 82727 followed by a space and your request information.



Did you know that the bus trial of the Stagecoach route 37 from Spalding to Crowland / Eye / Peterborough on Sundays has proved so successful it has been extended for another 6 months. Timetables can be found on the Stagecoach web site or can be picked up from Spalding railway station.



Norfolk Green route 505 Spalding to Kings Lynn bus new timetable includes a stop at Springfield's now.



The new timetable for East Midland Trains in December shows no changes.



For more transport related issues, go to the Spalding & Peterborough Transport Forums web site: [www.spaldingtransportforum.co.uk](http://www.spaldingtransportforum.co.uk)

## Contacting South Holland District Council

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## South Holland Now for the Blind and Partially Sighted

We can provide this magazine in large print form or on tape. If you, or any of your friends or family, would be interested please call us on 01775 761161 and let us know.

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# EVENTS South Holland

## South Holland Centre



### Family Pantomime

This year's family pantomime tells the enchanting tale of the boy who never grew up! Produced by Polka Dot, this dazzling show will include amazing flying, colourful costumes, exciting battle scenes and lively dance performed by a professional cast of actors, singers and dancers. Performance dates run from Thursday 10th December to Sunday 3rd January (excl. Christmas Day & Boxing Day) Tickets 12.50 / concessions and group discounts apply

Dog. African influenced dance with a western modern twist  
Tue 2nd Feb 7.30pm  
£10 / £6.50 Stu & U16s / £26 family



### In The Box

Following the huge success of *Rain Stops Play*, the team of raconteurs from BBC Radio's Test Match Special are on the road again with their new show - IN THE BOX  
Thu 4th Feb 7.30pm  
£18 / £17 groups of 10+



### The Phil Beer Band with Miranda Sykes

A unique blend of Folk Rock from five top-notch musicians  
Wed 10th Feb 8pm  
£14

### The Dragon's Daughter

**Blunderbus Theatre Company**  
A magical, mythical fairytale about Dotty the Dragon, written especially for children aged 4 to 7 and their adults too. Something to look forward to at half term!  
Wed 17th Feb 2pm  
£5.50 / £5 groups of 10+



### Those Magnificent Men

**New Perspectives Theatre Company**  
Chocks Away! for the hilarious, heart-stopping story of Alcock and Brown and the first ever non-stop transatlantic flight.  
Wed 3rd Mar 7.30pm £10 / £9 concession / £6.50 Stu & U16s



### Elio Pace in Concert

Rock 'n' Roll, pop, jazz and rhythm 'n' blues from Elio's 10 piece band. Last seen at the Centre playing with Albert Lee, Elio Pace is now enjoying success in his own right. Fri 29th Jan 8pm  
£16 / £15 concession

### The Denner Ensemble

South Holland Concerts  
Sat 30th Jan 7.30pm  
£12 / £11 concession / Stu & U16s FREE



### Wild Dog

**Tavaziva Dance**  
Tavaziva Dance's

seven high-octane dancers return with their fierce new show Wild



There's something for everyone at the South Holland Centre. Have you thought about treating your family or friends to a show ticket or voucher this Christmas?

... Or enquire about Christmas or New Year's Eve parties or hiring a room at the Centre for your own special event

### Alec Frank-Gemmill

South Holland Concerts  
Sat 6th Mar 7.30pm  
£12 / £11 concession / Stu & U16s FREE

With Arthur Smith, Hattie Hayridge, Lemn Sissay and more.  
Thu 25th Mar 8pm  
£15 / £14 concession



### One Man Lord of the Rings

**Charles Ross**  
After his huge success with One Man Star Wars, Charles Ross



## Other Events

### Lincolnshire Rural & Community Touring Scheme

Chris Garrick & John Etheridge in concert at Long Sutton Market House. Armed with both acoustic and electric instruments these two virtuoso soloists generate tonal tapestries to enchant and mesmerise. Expect a fun and truly memorable evening.  
Thursday 11th Feb 7.30pm  
Tel: 01406 366767

### London Mozart Players

The UK's premier Chamber Ensemble return to South Holland in March. See local press closer to the time for dates and venues.

returns with another hilarious feat!  
1 Man - 40 Characters -  
3 Masterworks - 3600 Seconds.  
Thu 11th Mar 8pm £12.50

### Something Else

**Tall Stories**  
Based on the award-winning picture book by Kathryn Cave and Chris Riddell, internationally acclaimed Tall Stories present a magical show about a fantastical friendship. Fri 12th Mar 1.15pm for primary schools 4.30pm for families £4.50



### Variety Lives!

Featuring **Arthur Smith**. A fantastic night of comedy and music to wipe away the winter blues!

## 10th South Holland openarts competition and exhibition

South Holland Centre, Spalding, PE11 1SS

### South Holland Centre Function Hall

January 2010 - An exhibition of shortlisted artwork entered into this year's Open Arts Competition.



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|-------------------------|------------|
| Friday 8th January 2010 | 10am - 8pm |
| Saturday 9th January    | 10am - 5pm |
| Monday 11th January     | 10am - 5pm |
| Tuesday 12th January    | 10am - 8pm |
| Wednesday 13th January  | 10am - 5pm |
| Thursday 14th January   | 10am - 4pm |

## For more details

For more details of the above events and for a full listing of events across the district, call or go online:

South Holland District Council  
Tel: 01775 761161  
[www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk)

South Holland Centre Box Office  
Tel: 01775 764777  
[www.southhollandcentre.co.uk](http://www.southhollandcentre.co.uk)

Ayscoughfee Hall Museum  
Tel: 01775 764555  
[www.ayscoughfee.org](http://www.ayscoughfee.org)

## Community Events

For listings of your community events visit [www.sholland.gov.uk](http://www.sholland.gov.uk) click on 'Leisure and Culture' and 'What's On' where local events and opportunities for getting your event listed are shown.

Using the 'Get your event listed form', you can electronically submit your event to us for listing on our website.

# 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS Recycling

01775 761161  
 info@sholland.gov.uk  
 www.sholland.gov.uk/environment/waste

Make a New Year's resolution to recycle more stuff and waste less in 2010 than you did in 2009!

Bigger is better! Buy drinks and snacks in larger sizes. One large item generates less waste than several smaller ones.

Instead of sending cards, eat your words by sending biscuits or buns with icing messages instead!

Recycle real Christmas trees. Contact us to find your nearest recycling point.

Got a small electrical item that's lost its spark? Planning to replace it? Good news! - they don't have to go to waste - you can recycle them! Simply drop them off at your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Remember to recycle all your Christmas cards either through the green sack scheme or donate them to a Christmas card recycling scheme.

Need to find a present for someone.... Why not order a new compost bin, kitchen caddy or rainsaver kit with our new scheme. Prices start from £13.50 (plus delivery) - contact us for details. Or buy one for yourself to compost all your Christmas vegetable peelings!

Buy rechargeable batteries for all the children's new toys and electrical gadgets - for every 500 charges you'll save 499 batteries being thrown away!

Buy your fruit and veg naked (without packaging!) and then you can pick the best ones too!

Received an I-Pod for Christmas and you now have lots of CDs to dispose of? Contact us to find out where these can be sent to for recycling.

Go for gift bags or boxes that can be re-used instead of wrapping paper.

This year, give your turkey and your green recycling sack a good stuffing! Don't forget you can also recycle cards, wrapping paper, sweet wrappers and sweet tins.

## Collections over Christmas & New Year

| All other collections will be as normal  | collection would have been due on:                                 | leave out for collection on:   |
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| <b>refuse</b>     | Friday 25th December<br>Monday 28th December<br>Friday 1st January | ▶ Saturday 2nd January<br>▶ Monday 4th January<br>▶ Saturday 2nd January |
| <b>recycling</b>  | Friday 25th December<br>Monday 28th December<br>Friday 1st January | ▶ Friday 8th January<br>▶ Monday 4th January<br>▶ Friday 8th January     |