

## **Thorne and Hatfield Moors Oral History Project**

**Interview with: Richard Lyon (part 2)**

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**Interviewer: Lynne Fox**

### **Summary**

**Dave and Richard Lyon's grandparents moved to Lindholme Hall in the early 1930s and the family have farmed there ever since. Lindholme is an island almost exactly in the centre of Hatfield Moor. It is the subject of much historical conjecture and mythical stories, mostly surrounding the figure of William 'Billy' de Lindholme, a supposed medieval hermit. Lindholme Island, as part of a geological 'ridgeway' type feature, could have prehistoric importance and the Neolithic trackway discovered nearby in 2004 may have connected to the island. (see Mike Oliver, Paul Buckland, Henry Chapman & Ben Gearey recordings). Richard still farms Lindholme Hall land but lives at Lindholme Grange Farm.**

Prisoners of War working at Lindholme Hall farm. Painting of frieze in the dining room.  
Planes at Lindholme airfield. Opening of Lindholme Prison – escaped prisoner running down lane  
Account of gas explosion & fire in 1980s when drilling on Hatfield Moor for oil. Texan oil fire expert Boots Hansen brought in to control fire.  
Father relit the capped gas jet with a toy bow & arrow with burning rag attached. Noise & heat – effects of fire brought animals & plants out of hibernation  
Emptied reservoir of gas now used as gas storage facility.