



WILLINGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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Willingham Horticulture and Craft Show



Roger Denson presenting the trophy to Laura Fuller, winner of the Sam Burgess Trophy for the best homecraft

This year's show, on Saturday 2 September, was once again well supported by members of the local community. Although entries in many categories were slightly down because of the weather, there was an excellent display of fruit, vegetables, flowers and plants. The arts, crafts and homecraft were also well represented by both juniors and adults.

Laura Fuller, winner of the Sam Burgess Trophy for the best homecraft, beat all the others with her delicious marble cake, and at 12 years old, looks like becoming a very good cook!

Roger Denson presented the trophies to the winners this year. Junior trophy winners were Emma Leaney (most points under 6), Sophie Howard (most

points in the 6 to 9 age group) and Natalie Simmons, who won both Junior Artist and Junior Photographer. Unfortunately there were no entries in the 9 to 12 age group.

Trophy winners in the adult classes include Cliff Hopkins, who won the Most Points in the Show Shield and the Hayden Trophy for the most points in the flower and plant section. Colin Brown gained best in section (crafts), The Ferguson Trophy, and Best in Show for Crafts, for his expertly carved head, Best Photograph was awarded to Steve France for his delightful study of a 'Lion in the trees' and Best Flower Arrangement, the Len Denson Trophy, went to R.B. Yates (Betty). Horticulture trophies were won by Cliff Hopkins, Margaret Smith, Keith Elsome and Tony Halsey, with Tony also taking the G & M Lucas Cup for the Best in Show (Horticulture). Members of the Gardening Club would not have been surprised by this, as they are familiar with the wonderful plants in his garden.

After the prizegiving, Roger continued in his more familiar role as auctioneer, once again persuading us to part with our money in a good cause. The afternoon was concluded with the grand raffle.

The committee would like to thank all those who worked hard to make the event possible, and those who sponsored the show with raffle prizes and financial support. This year we have raised approximately £500 for Cancer Charities in the local area.

Now we are looking forward to next year's show on Saturday 1 September 2007.

Linda Horne, Show Secretary (202072)

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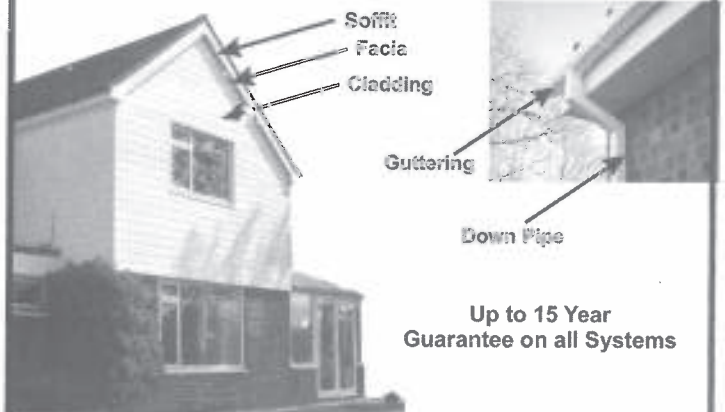
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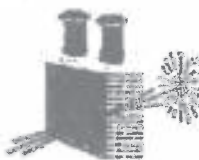
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From the Parish Council

Narrowing of the High Street – publicity for planning issues

The Council would like to thank Mr Fox for expressing concerns (no doubt felt by many) about the road narrowing in the High Street, and the underlying issue of publication of new developments for public comment. It appreciates this opportunity to respond to them.

Regarding the road narrowing, pavement extension opposite Bourneys Manor Close formed part of the planning permission for construction of the development. It was required under road access regulations, over which the Parish Council has no control. The other road narrowing, adjacent to the new zebra crossing, came as part of the 'package' on offer from County Highways including the zebra crossing. It was a case of 'no narrowing, no pedestrian crossing' – and the Parish Council considered that the new crossing was urgently needed, as well as being well-supported.



As far as advance 'opportunity for feedback goes, the Council did hold a public meeting on all the traffic calming issues including the zebra crossing in September 2005, which was advertised in the September Parish Magazine, and also by posters on the Village Notice Board outside the Public Hall in the High Street, in the Library and in a number of local shops. In addition, the matter was discussed at the monthly Council meeting in October which, like all Council meetings, was open to the public, and had been advertised in advance on the Village Notice Board and in the Library. Regular planning applications are also discussed at Planning Committee meetings, which are open to the public and whose agendas are advertised on the Village Notice Board and in the Library.

The Council undertakes always to hold public meetings on major issues which affect the village, and to publicise them as well as possible. If the existing means of publicity are not reaching people, then it would appreciate feedback on what would be more effective. Certainly it has been aware for some time that there might be a more 'obvious' place for a Village Notice Board; and this is under active consideration.

Litter poster competition

The Parish Council is continuing to investigate ways to reduce the level of litter with which the village is so persistently plagued. Now that the school term has started, it is working with Willingham Primary School to organise a poster competition for the school children to design an anti-litter poster for the village. There will be prizes for the winner and runners-up, and the winning poster will be printed and used for an anti-litter campaign.



Metal thefts

You may have heard a recent news item that the theft of metal is on the increase: copper pipes (including those being installed in building works), fuel tanks, manhole covers and the like. Not all metal items can be locked away, so the message is, lock up what you can, and for the rest, "be alert", and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Changes to bus timetable

The Council has received notification of changes to the no. 15 bus timetable, which will only affect anyone who uses the service between Earith and St Ives. From 3 September, the first journey from Earith to St Ives will depart at 7 56 am. The journey which previously departed at 3 50 pm from St Ives back to Earith now leaves at 3 10 pm.



New Parish Council Office hours

From the start of October, the Parish Council Office hours on a Monday will change from 9 00 am – 12 noon, to 1 30 – 4 30 pm. There has been little demand for contact with the Parish Office on a Monday morning, so it is hoped this will not cause any inconvenience. As usual, any messages left on the answerphone will be picked up and acted on when the Clerk is next in the Office.

October Parish Council meeting

The October Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4 October at 7 30 pm, in Willingham School. As usual, the agenda will be posted on Friday 29 September on the Village Notice Board outside the Public Hall, and in the Library; and there will be a slot in the meeting for members of the public to address the Council on any matters (whether on the agenda or not) which concern them.

Other Parish Council meeting dates:

9 October:	Finance & General Purposes Committee
18 October	Cemetery Committee
24 October:	Green & Boundaries Committee
30 October:	Public Hall Committee
6 November:	Leisure & Amenities Committee
30 November:	Cemetery Committee
11 December:	Finance & General Purposes Committee

- all at 7 30 pm unless otherwise stated, all at the Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall. Check the Parish Notice Board at the Public Hall, and the Library notice board, for agendas and any alterations to dates.

And as usual, Minutes of all meetings will be placed in the Library once they have been signed as accurate.

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Wednesday afternoons from 1 30 to 4 30 pm, and Friday mornings from 9am to 12 noon. Appointments can be made by calling the Office. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.

Jottings from your County Councillor

It was good to get some feedback about my somewhat irregular contribution to the parish magazine. The suggestion has been made that there is more information about planning matters and the road narrowing along the High Street was mentioned. Planning is a matter for the District Council, but the County Council, as the transport authority, will comment on the highway impact of any but the smallest planning application. These comments are made by officers and politicians generally do not get involved, unless it is a very large planning application – for example the new developments around Cambridge. Even the development at Saxon Way and Covent Garden would not be seen by members, partly because of the amount of work that it would involve if this were replicated across the county and partly because it is an operational matter, rather than one relating to policy. So I was not involved in the recommendations made by county council officers on changes to the highway that would be required to accommodate the new developments off the High Street. What I can say is that they would have been designed to slow traffic sufficiently so that traffic can enter and exit the new developments safely

The other area where feedback might be helpful is the recent problems of flooding in Pyrethrum Way. Generally gullies are cleaned every year and repaired if

necessary. There have been a number of reasons why there have been problems with gullies this year. First, the long dry spell allowed detritus to gather on the road edge, which was then washed into the gully by the exceptional heavy rain that we experienced over the summer. The new developments also mean that there is greater surface run off and the older drains simply cannot cope. It is very difficult to test the drains to see if there is a problem because it would mean a great deal of water would be wasted. So we wait until we have heavy rain and then try to act as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, in the case of Pyrethrum Way, the problem was compounded by the fact that one of the vehicles used for clearing the gullies broke down at a critical moment, so there was more pressure on the remaining vehicles. Hopefully, now that the summer is drawing to an end we will see less of the really heavy rainstorms and therefore less flooding.

I am always available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The next meeting will be held on 9 October at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. This will be **Members' Night. Visitors welcome.**

Remembrance Sunday

It would be nice if there were more clubs or organisations to join with us at the laying of the poppy wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. If you are interested please contact Mrs M Few 260124.



Answers to crossword on page 16

Across: 1 Ferris wheel, 9 Apartment, 10 Car, 11 Rogue, 13 Kipling, 14 Shinto, 15 Scrape, 18 Wallace, 20 Roast, 21 Elm, 22 Harbinger, 24 Story-teller.

Down: 2 Era, 3 Retreat, 4 Sheikh, 5 Het up, 6 Enchilada, 7 Harris tweed, 8 Fragmentary, 12 Guillemot, 16 Cordial, 17 Ferret, 19 Asher, 23 Gee.

Mother Union

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 30 October at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Our speaker will be Hazel Halter giving us an interesting talk. We shall be having a Bring & Buy Stall.

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Flu vaccination Flu season will soon be upon us again! We have been informed that there is a manufacturing delay of the Flu vaccine this year. There is not expected to be a shortage, but we will not be receiving our vaccine until the end of October, so clinics can not be run until then. **We advise flu vaccination for anyone over the age of 65 years, and all people with chronic conditions such as diabetes or heart, kidney or liver disease.** People of any age requiring regular treatment for asthma or other severe breathing

disorders should also be protected against the flu virus. **Carers in receipt of carers allowance are also eligible for the vaccine.** As in previous years, we are unable to offer the vaccination to people under 65 years of age who are generally healthy. If in doubt, please feel free to discuss with your doctor or nurse.

Pneumonia vaccination continues to be offered to the same group of people as the flu vaccine, but for most people does not need repeating. (This vaccine is available all year round, so as you reach your 65th birthday, do come along for yours!!).

Car Park Litter We continue to have a problem with litter left in the car park, some of which is dangerous or a hazard to health. Please can we ask you not to empty your car litter and ashtrays in the car park. We particularly ask you not to leave dirty nappies in the car park. We will shortly be installing a new baby changing unit in the waiting room toilet where there is already a bin for nappies so there should be no need to change baby in the car park.



Theft from car park One of our young patients recently had his scooter stolen from outside the surgery door. We are aware of the young persons who removed this scooter and would ask that it be returned to the surgery and



no questions will be asked. Please can we remind you all to be vigilant with your property. There is a cycle rack where you can lock your bicycles and you may be able to leave some items in the lobby for protection. Please ask in reception.

Acknowledgements Our thanks to the family and friends of Beryl Colmer for their kind donations to the Equipment Fund. The latest piece of equipment to be purchased (a baby changing unit) is not strictly speaking medical but essential none the less.

Hospice at Home Appeal We urge you all to support the Cambridge Evening News Appeal to help save this invaluable resource in our community.

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Fen Edge Community Association

Art Exhibition – 27 October – 29 October 2006
at Cottenham Village College



This long established and popular event is being held during October half term making it the sixteenth year of an exhibition of local artists' paintings.

As in previous years on the Open Evening we have invited a guest to choose a picture which will be given to the College for permanent display. This year we are delighted that Liz Barker, who has recently returned to the area after six successful years as a Blue Peter presenter, has agreed to join us and make her choice for the College.



All paintings by local artists are for sale and 20% of the sale proceeds goes to the Community Association in helping to fund grants for groups within the Fen Edge Patch.

Friday 27 October 7 00 pm – 9 00 pm Open Evening Admission £2 inc a glass of wine
Saturday 28 October 11 00 am – 5 00 pm Admission £1
Sunday 29 October 11 00 am – 5 00 pm Admission £1

New artists are always welcome and if you wish to join this year please contact Christine Munns on 01353 749830.



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The Club welcomes new members and you are assured of a warm welcome. Contact Celia on 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to join.



2 October "Clematis" – Speaker is Mr. Oviatt-Ham

6 November "Members' Mystery Evening" (details to be announced later)

Club Coach Trips are planned as follows:-

*Saturday 21 October – South Yorkshire - Brodsworth Hall near Doncaster, Visit to the Hall and gardens (with tearoom and shop). Adults £21, Concessions £19. 50 and English Heritage members £15. Depart from The Green, Willingham at 8 00 am.

*Wednesday 8 November – Nottingham - Xmas Shopping Trip. Depart from The Green, Willingham at 8 30 am. Coach fare £12.

More details available from Linda on 202072 or Celia on 261394. **Non-members welcome**

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Booking forms available from and all enquiries should be addressed to Linda on 01954 -202072



Poppy Support Fund

We still need more volunteers to help with our street collection (28 Oct – 11 Nov). Please contact Mrs M Few on 260124.

The Honeypot Pre-school

The Annual General meeting and election of the new committee will take place on 30 October 2006 at 8 00 pm at the Honeypot Pre-school.

Have you ever had an idea that you thought would be good for Honeypot? Have you ever wanted to change something about us but did not have a say? Do you think you could contribute some ideas or enthusiasm to your Pre-School. If the answer is yes, then why not join the Honeypot committee? It is a great way of making new friends and even learning new skills, after all, parents have a shared interest – the quality of care and education of our children.

For the AGM to go ahead, we need parents from 14 families with children currently at Honeypot to attend the meeting. Do come along and find out what has been happening at your child's Pre-school over the past year. Please support us – just coming to the meeting helps and does not commit you to anything.

If you are not a parent but would like to get involved in your local Pre-school, then please contact us. We would particularly welcome anyone with experience in education, finance and charities. All Trustees are subject to CRB checks.

The Honeypot require a cleaner for 6 hours per week. If you are interested, phone 201567 for more details.



Cottenham Sports Centre Open Day



On Saturday 14 October we will be having an open day from 9 00 am to 5 00 pm, when you can come along and try a range of activities for free including badminton, tennis and trampolining. Some of the clubs that are based at the centre will be running taster sessions for you try as well. There will also be a fitness suite promotion for new members so why not come along and join the Fitness Suite.

Exercise and fitness are important to all old and young and here at the sports centre we aim to cater for all, with specialist GP referral classes, sessions for those returning to exercise and now introducing Fit Kidz sessions for 10 to 15 year olds.

Why not come along and use the Sports Centre's fitness suite

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Sports Hall

The Sports Hall is available for badminton most evenings with a reduced rate on Sundays. It also hosts a range of activities for children each week including badminton, roller-skating, basketball and roller hockey. We even host children's parties at the weekends so why not have your child's party here with exclusive use of the sports hall for a sports or bouncy fun party.

New Activities starting in September



Trampolining Class for 5 – 8 year olds and 9 –14 years olds starting soon, please call for further information. (Members £30 Non

Members £35 for 10-week term.) Bouncy fun sessions every Saturday 10 00 – 12 noon aimed at under 5's. This is a fun session where children can play in the bouncy castle or with the new soft play equipment. £2 per child (parents are expected to stay and help supervise their children.)

Basketball every Sunday 10 00 – 11 30 am. An opportunity to practice shooting some hoops in the Sports Hall (Non Members £1.50 Members £1.00 per person)

Other Facilities

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"It would be very handy if I had wheels; I would not have to worry about locking up my bicycle"

That unforgettable quote came from a BBC programme on redesigning the human body. How could we be improved? Wheels would be better than legs in many ways. They are a much more efficient way of getting around on the flat. They are of course no use for going up stairs, as any Dalek will tell you. Also they are, it seems, biologically impossible. Veins, nerves & tendons just will not work in that way. All in all it seems what we have got is the best we can have.



The most obvious improvement I can think of would be for us to have a prehensile tail like some monkeys. It would be most useful on many occasions. You could hold the two broken bits together with your hands and use the tail to squeeze on the glue. At the moment I would use it for all the punctuation marks, leaving my fingers free to deal with the letters. I have never heard a convincing evolutionary explanation of why we lost a useful appendage we could so easily have developed. However I am sure there is some logical reason why it had to go; probably something to do with the way the brain processes information. Or maybe it is because then you could only wear a suit jacket with a single vent; an obvious social handicap.

All in all it seems that the way we are and what we have has a curious logic to it. And the result is frankly marvellous. It is also awe inspiring in its sophistication. As the Bible puts it, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139.14

I think we should hang on to that sense of wonder and of gratitude.

I am not one of those Christians who feel that they have to insist that the world was made 6000 years ago. But I do think it important to struggle against the tendency to move evolution from the level of a useful biological theory to that of a life controlling myth. I do not think I am a mere accident. Nor do I think it sensible to deny that human kind is superior to mere animals. Neither do I see myself as potentially inferior to my computer. I do not think you can build a dignified civilisation on such views.

I do think there is a certain wonderful logic about our existence, a pull rather than a push in our formation. I think there is something unique and precious about the subtle way in which human attributes compliment and interact. We can reason both logically and intuitively. We can imagine, and we can sympathise. We can hope or we can despair.

Sadly I think we are beginning to despair. And largely because we have lost our grip on the final distinguishing human ability; we can worship.

We need the whole of the sentence I quoted above.

"I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Rev. Geoff Turner

Events at the Churches

Baptist Matters

Meeting Point. There will be a meeting on Monday, 2 October in the rear hall of the Baptist Church. The speaker and subject to be arranged. Everyone welcome.

Rendezvous will meet on Monday, 16 October in the rear hall of the Baptist Church, Keith Hodgkinson will show a video of a visit this April to Zambia and Botswana in Southern Africa to see the Victoria Falls and the game parks. Everyone welcome.

Film Show. This will be held on Friday, 13 October at 7 30 pm in the rear hall of the Baptist Church and the main feature will be the Rodgers & Hammerstein musical from 1945 'STATE FAIR' featuring Jeanne Crain, Dana Andrews, Dick Haynes and Vivien Blaine. All in glorious Technicolor. This will be supported by a 40-minute extract from Danny Kaye's hilarious comedy 'KNOCK ON WOOD' (1954) and the acclaimed short film made by Peter Sellers in 1960 'THE RUNNING, JUMPING, STANDING STILL FILM'. Admission free but optional retiring collection for the Baptist Church improvements.



Open Door. Come for coffee (or tea) and a chat on Thursday mornings in the Baptist Church from 10 00 to 11 30 am. All welcome.

Bumps and Babies meets on Thursday mornings from 10 00 to 11 30 am in the rear hall of the Baptist Church. This is a chance for new and expectant parents to meet up for a chat and a coffee while the babies play. Do come along and join us.



TOPS meets on Tuesday mornings 9 45 to 11 15 am in the Baptist Church. This meeting is for children aged 18 months to 3 years, with their parents/carers, for fun activities and refreshments. Please come along and join us.

Parish Church

Bubbles



Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time. Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers time to meet others and be creative. It is held in the Octagon from 10 30 am to 11 45 am.

Coffee Stop

Every Tuesday morning from 10 00 to 11 30 am you are welcome to drop in to the Octagon for coffee or tea and a chat. There is no formality: just walk in.

Annual 'Church Crawl'

On Saturday 11 November the New Cambridge Singers are visiting four Churches north west of Cambridge to deliver a 40 minute concert and a short talk on the history of each Church. The churches are : St Mary's, Over at 10 15 am, St Mary & All Saints, Willingham at 11 40 am, All Saints, Cottenham at 2 00 pm and Holy Trinity, Haddenham at 3 20 pm. 'Crawlers' can purchase a full day ticket for £ 12 in advance from the Corn Exchange Box Office (01223 357851) Note: the Singers will be at Willingham at 11 40 am. Lunch - soup, roll (ham or cheese), a dessert, fruit juice and tea or coffee - will be available at Willingham for £5. If you would like lunch, please let Bill Kirkman, 14 George Street, (01954 260393), know in advance.



'Old Willingham' calendar

The 'Old Willingham' calendar will be available from Saturday 7 October. It will be on sale at the church, during the morning and early afternoon. The calendar has a picture for every month, giving a good reminder of the variety of Willingham life as it was. It will make an excellent Christmas present for friends or family who have moved away from the village. And of course for those who are still here!

The calendars cost only £3.75 each. Proceeds are for the Restoration Appeal.

For more information, or to order a calendar, get in touch with Bill Kirkman (260393), or Rosemary Mumford (260934).

Cakes

The October cake stall will be at the church as usual on Saturday 7 October from 10 00 am (so you can get a cake as well as a calendar)..

Bric-a-brac

Don't forget Rene Gould's bric-a-brac stall at 19 Fen End. Go along and see the huge range of things she has on sale. Buy a bargain - and help the Restoration Appeal.

For more information about the Restoration Appeal, contact Bill Kirkman (01954 260393)

Salvation Army

Coffee morning every Monday from 10 30 am until noon. Everyone is welcome.



Thursdays: Lunch is served at 12 30 pm, followed by Friendship Club at 2 00 pm
Date for your diary: Feast Sunday - The Leigh on Sea Band. Details later.



Churches Together in Willingham and Rampton

Services at the Churches during October

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

1 Oct

11 00 am Parish Communion

8 Oct

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Praise

6 00 pm Feast Service (with Salvation Army Band)

15 Oct

11 00 am Parish Communion

22 Oct

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Praise

29 Oct

11 00 am Service at Rampton

Thursday Praise is a service particularly for those who cannot get to church on Sunday, or who prefer a less traditional service. It takes place on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Parish Church at 8 00 pm (12 and 26 October). For more information, phone Sue West on 01954 260409. For children we now offer activities at all our 11am services. From pre-school upwards Young Idea gives children a share in our morning services and time for their own activities. Caterpillars creche is provided for younger children. We also have 'Fidget Bags' for those

who would prefer their children to sit with them in church. If you know of anyone who is ill, or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let the Rector know (01954 261225). Prayer Meeting – There is a prayer meeting on the first Friday of every month ie 6 October 8 00 am.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HIGH STREET RAMPTON

1 Oct

9 30 am Parish Communion

8 Oct

9 30 am Parish Communion

15 Oct

9 30 am Parish Communion

22 Oct

9 30 am Parish Communion

29 Oct

11 00 am Joint service with Willingham

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org

Apart from our All Age Services (usually the 3rd Sunday of each month) a busy Sunday School and Bible Class takes place each week at the same time as the morning service. A crèche is also provided on these Sunday mornings.

1 Oct

10 am BMS World Mission Harvest Appeal, Guy Beauchamp;
6 pm Andrew Wyllie

8 Oct

10 am Liz Herrington
6 pm Willingham Feast Churches Together Service

15 Oct

9 am Bob & June Earl
10 45 am Pete Spence, refreshments served between 10 05 am
10 40 am

6 pm Andrew Wyllie

22 Oct

10 am Bob & June Earl
6 pm Andrew Wyllie

29 Oct

10 am Keith Rawlinson
6 pm Prayer focus led by Andrew Wyllie

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

1 Oct

10 30 am To be arranged
5 00 pm Mark and Dawn Anderson
8 Oct (Feast Sunday) visit of Leigh On Sea Band
11 00 am Army Hall
2 45 pm On the Village Green (if wet in the Church)
6 00 pm United at the Parish Church Songs of Praise

15 Oct

10 30 am John Field
5 00 pm To be arranged
22 Oct
10 30 am Bobby or B/M Matthews
5 00 pm To be arranged
29 Oct
10 30 am Norman Gulliver
5 00 pm To be arranged

Churches Together praying for the people of Willingham and Rampton

In the second full week in each month the Churches in Willingham and Rampton will be praying for the people who live in a particular area of the village. In October this is Covent Garden and Bourney's Manor Close.

St Mary and All Saints Church Willingham

A Harvest Story



An afternoon of free activities and storytelling
for children under 8 and their families.



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SATURDAY 7 October 2006

2 30-4 30pm

at St Mary & All Saints Church

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I like to read the newsletter each month and think it must be a good way to make people feel part of the local community and in touch with local services and what is happening. However I also think it is a bit top heavy on the advertising and too low on more interesting content. Are there people out there (I'm not excluding myself!) who could be persuaded to write articles either as reports about their own club or organisation or topical tips or ideas through the year that might be of interest. For example the gardening club.... what to do or see in your garden this month, the allotment growers... how to tackle those tricky vegetable problems, the WI... interesting recipes, hedgerow produce, craft ideas etc. Somebody from the pre-school side of the village to give ideas for fun things to do or make with toddlers in October (or whenever) and maybe a contribution from the youth of the village giving their ideas. I would also like to hear people airing their views a bit more in the letters page which always spices things up a bit. What does anyone else think? best wishes, and keep up the good work.

Marion Barber

Editor's note - thank you for your letter. We do of course request frequently for more articles of interest (and indeed believe these are beginning to filter through) and I hope someone from your above mentioned suggestions will take on the challenge set. In relation to the advertising, of course we need this to produce such a high quality piece of literature!

Dear Editor,

My family and I moved to the village almost two years ago and as someone (relatively) new to the area, I have found the magazine invaluable for getting to know my new neighbourhood.

What I would love to see is more information/news of what is happening with the surrounding villages. I have yet to find any "vehicle" that informs or shares what each of our local villages has on offer to all of us. In view of our proximity, it seems a shame not to share information about services, entertainments and other talents close at hand. We are, afterall, one great community.

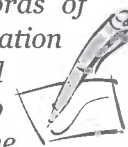
By way of suggestion, editors of their respective papers could communicate on a monthly basis with a view to publishing what would be of great interest to all of us. I think, it would be wonderful to publish a Village Diary for each of our neighbours, or to have on hand something like our Village Directory from each of them. That way, if we see something of interest, we could

individually follow it up with a telephone number on hand.

Many thanks for your consideration and thanks for all the good work.

Martha Nunn

Editor's Note - Thank you for your words of appreciation. Whilst we do carry information concerning other villages that is forwarded to us, unfortunately we (the Editors), who are volunteers, cannot commit further time than we already spend actively seeking information from other villages.



Distribution of the magazine

A number of readers have asked about the distribution process and why sometimes they do not receive their magazine until part way through the month.

The process is that once the print run has been completed ten large boxes of magazines are collected and brought to the Parish Church. Here they are counted, labelled and packaged into 28 bundles varying in size from 16 to 128 copies. These packages are then distributed to the volunteers who do the final doorstep deliveries through 1657 letter boxes. This happens every month of the year.

The bulk distribution usually takes place on the last weekend of the month. For example, the September issue was counted and packed on Friday 25 August and the bulk packages went out either the same day or the following day. The dates vary depending on the month end but the bulk deliveries always go out before the start of the new month.

Most of the final doorstep deliveries follow within a few days but delays do happen from time to time for many good reasons including holidays, sickness and pressure of other commitments.

If you have repeated problems with late deliveries I will do what I can to improve things but please do remember that this is a wholly voluntary process already running to a tight timetable.

Better still, if you can help with any stage of the delivery process that may help speed things up. Extra volunteers to share the load are always warmly welcomed.

If all else fails, you will find spare copies of the magazine available in the Parish Church, library or surgery on the bulk delivery day and if you come to help us count them you can take a copy home with you hot off the press!

Phil King, 01954 260780



Personal Profile - Mrs Pat Daniels



Members of the public attending a meeting of the Parish Council will be familiar with the sight of Pat Daniels firmly and courteously controlling the discussion. She is now in her third period as chairman of the Council.

Thirty years ago the idea of a woman in that role would have caused eyebrows to raise. Indeed, not until 1976 did the first two women become parish councillors. They were the late Joan Smail – and Pat Daniels.

Pat was already becoming well known in the village. She came in 1969, and in 1971 became actively involved in the Nearly New Shop, established that year to support a newly formed play group based in the Church Hall. Pat continued her involvement until the mid-1980s. By then the Nearly New Shop had moved (in 1975) to the Public Hall. It was her experience with that – and frustration with the Parish Council's attitude – that led her to stand for the Council.

From the early 1980s Pat was active with the Scouts, first in Bar Hill, where her son joined, there being temporarily no room for more Scouts in the Willingham Troop, and then, in the late 1980s, in Willingham. At different times she led Cub Scouts and Beavers. She also served as District Treasurer for the Scouts, giving that up only in 2005.

In the 1980s and 1990s Pat was a governor of Willingham Primary School, and chaired its personnel committee. She feels particular satisfaction at being involved in the appointment of the present Head.

A long period on the then Recreation Ground Committee, formed by users, included playing an active role in the annual Gala Day parade – a major feature of village life, drawing in a wide variety of organisations. Pat also took a major part in the protracted efforts to get the Ploughman Hall built, at a time when Willingham lacked a major public hall. She takes great pleasure from that role, and is reminded of it each time she attends a Parish Council committee meeting in the Parish Office now located there.

Pat's record of public service includes a three-year stint as treasurer of the Parochial Church Council.

Her job, too, made her a familiar figure in the village. For 16 years she was deputy warden of the sheltered housing in Wilford Furlong, helping and keeping a watchful eye on elderly residents. She then took on wider responsibilities for housing with South Cambridgeshire District Council. She left that post at the end of September.

Commitment and energy are the words which sum up Pat's approach. It is typical of her that in 1998 she was Student of the Year, while working for the certificate of the Centre of Sheltered Housing Studies. It is also typical of her that she achieved this while studying, over five years, for an Open University B Sc (Honours) degree in social sciences. – followed, for good measure, by a postgraduate O U diploma in mathematics.

Pat has lived in Willingham during a period in which the village has grown dramatically. She comments that now people know each other less well than they did – and she is sad to note the loss of several shops. But nostalgia is not Pat's style, and she continues to deploy her commitment and energy to serving the village.

Autumn in Willingham

One of the joys of living in Willingham is the way fruit, flowers and vegetables are offered for sale at the kerbside. The opportunity to buy fresh produce at reasonable prices is often too good to miss. It also harks back to

the times when Willingham as a whole relied very heavily on



agriculture and horticulture to make a living. The season of plenty is now drawing to a close as the various crops are harvested.



Nature also provides its own "Hedgerow Harvest" at this time of year.

If the old adage that an abundance of berries means a hard winter is true, then we are all surely in for something special this year.

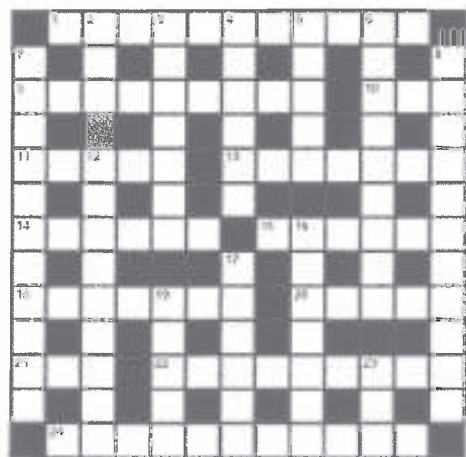
The cycle carries on – preparing for next year's harvest.



Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
October				
2	Talk on Clematis	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
7	Buried Treasure	Friends of Willingham Library	Library	10 00 am to 12 noon
7	Car Wash	1 st Willingham Scout Group	The Green	10 00 am to 2 00 pm
9	Members Night	Willingham WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
10	Open Day		Cottenham Sports Centre	9 00 am to 5 00 pm
21	Outing to South Yorkshire	Willingham Gardening Club	The Green	8 00 am Linda 202072 Celia 261394
21	Charity Lunch		37 Rampton End	1 00 pm 261076
23	AGM	Royal British Legion Women's Section	Community Centre	7 30 pm
27 - 29	Art Exhibition	Fen Edge Community Association	Cottenham Village College	
30	Meeting	Mother's Union	Octagon	2 30 pm
30	AGM	Honeypot Pre-School	Honeypot Pre-School	8 00 pm
November				
10	Fashion Show	Willingham WI	The Octagon	7 00 pm Rita 203742 Doreen 200561 Gill 201989
25	Christmas Fayre	Honeypot Pre-School	Willingham Primary School	10 30 am - 12 30 pm
25	Christmas Bazaar	SMAS	The Octagon	2 00 pm - 4 00 pm

Crossword set by Willow



Across

- 1 Fairground attraction (6,5)
- 9 Flat (9)
- 10 Jaguar, for example (3)
- 11 Scoundrel (5)
- 13 Writer of poem 'If' (7)
- 14 Religion of Japan (6)
- 15 Graze; difficulty (6)
- 18 Wearer of "The Wrong Trousers"? (7)
- 20 Cook in the oven (5)
- 21 Tree; village near Wisbech (3)
- 22 Forerunner (9)
- 24 Narrator (5-6)

Down

- 2 Age (3)
- 3 Period of withdrawal from the world (7)
- 4 Arab leader (6)
- 5 Agitated (3,2)
- 6 Mexican filled tortilla (9)
- 7 Traditional Scottish material (6,5)
- 8 Piecemeal (11)
- 12 Dark brown and white seabird (9)
- 16 Friendly; fruit drink (7)
- 17 Domesticated polecat (6)
- 19 Cake maker Jane (5)
- 23 American exclamation (3)

Village Directory

Council	Parish Council			01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman		Mrs P Daniels	01954 260505
	Planning Committee Chairman		Mr P King	01954 260780
	County Councillor		Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor		Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor		Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor		Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police			0845 456 4564
	Surgery			01954 260230
	Pharmacy			01954 260073
	Over Surgery			01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help			01223 464242
Schools	Primary School			01954 283030
	Cottenham Village College			01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman		Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association		c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust		Mr D Young	01954 200561
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts		Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)			01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers		Mrs W Leaney	01954 201089
	Old Buttery Nursery School			01954 260046
	Teeny Babies		Anita	07830 244742
	2nd Brownies		Mrs J Catley	01954 202543
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section		Nat Bignell	01487 843835
	Geoff Bailey Dancers		Mr G Bailey	01954 260233
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance		Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles		Mrs J Dean	01223 575698
	Bumps and Babies Group		Mrs L Daniel	01954 261316
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)		Mrs L Daniel	01954 261316
	Halls	Ploughman Hall Chairman		Mr J Anderson
Ploughman Hall Bookings				07941 190849
Wilford Furlong Centre				01954 261445
The Octagon			Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
Billavincea Lodge 8719			Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
Fen Edge Community Association			Mr G Redhead	01954 288944
Cambridge Evening News Correspondent			VACANCY	
Workers' Educational Association			Mrs J Hodgkinson	01954 201816
Willingham Combined Charity			Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
Clubs	Gardening Club		Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club		Mrs S Hart	01954 204260
	WAMADS Drama Group		Mrs C Deeth (Secretary)	07896 322497
			Mrs J Farrar	01954 200515
	Women's Institute		Mrs R S Slater	01954 203742
	Women's Royal British Legion		Mrs M Few	01954 260124
Sport	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)		Claire Few	01954 203001
	Football Club		Mr Alex Howard	01954 260734
	Cricket Club		Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey		Kris Westmore	01954 202082
	Badminton		Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Keep Fit		Mrs M Fowler	01954 260496
	Step Aerobics		Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club		Mrs E Halksworth	01954 201830
Churches	Anglican Church	Rector	Rev. Geoffrey Turner	01954 261225
	Mothers Union	Branch Leader	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Minister	Rev. Jonathon Daniel	01954 261316
	Methodist	Church Minister	Rev. Cynthia Hardiman	01954 250242
	Roman Catholic	Priest	Monsignor Rogers	01223 350787
	Salvation Army		Major and Mrs B Willson	01223 248351

Willingham Library

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Library Opening Times

Monday	6 00 pm	-	8 00 pm
Tuesday	3 00 pm	-	5 30 pm
	6 00 pm	-	8 00 pm
Wednesday	Closed		
Thursday	3 00 pm	-	5 30 pm
	6 00 pm	-	8 00 pm
Friday	11 00 am	-	1 00 pm
	3 00 pm	-	5 30 pm
Saturday	10 00 am	-	12 30 pm

Who do you think you are?

Want to find out more about your ancestors?

Cambridgeshire libraries have taken out a subscription to the Ancestry Library database, a major information resource for researching your family history. It contains more than 4000 databases, including the 1841-1901 census for England and Wales.

You can access it FREE at Willingham library.

And remember the 'finds' morning on 7 October. If you are interested in archaeology come along to the library.

Willingham Sports Council

Warning...reading this article may cause severe mouth-watering .

The popular Chocoholics Autumn range is now out! Willingham Sports Council are once again selling a huge range of unusual Halloween and Christmas chocolates and sweets to raise funds for the new pavilion.

If you would like to see a catalogue with no obligation, ring Lynda on 01954 261309 or email lyndaeblunt@aol.com. I will happily pop one through your door, collect your order and deliver to your home.

Alternatively to see the huge choice available come along on the morning of Wednesday 18 October to 34, High Street, Willingham from 9 30 am, and enjoy a free sample. Bring your friends, everyone will be most welcome.

Some examples in this issue are a Dracula cape dressing-up set and chocs for just £1.99 and a chocolate log table-centre filled with truffles for £7.99. There is also a celebration brochure for weddings, special



events etc...

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Charity Lunch

The next charity lunch will be held at the home of Ken and Jean Taylor at 37 Rampton End at 1 00 pm on Saturday 21 October. The lunch which costs £3 consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheese etc. The money this year will be donated to the Air Ambulance Service. At our November lunch, to be notified, we will vote for next year's good cause, so please come along and propose your charity. Telephone 261076 for information.



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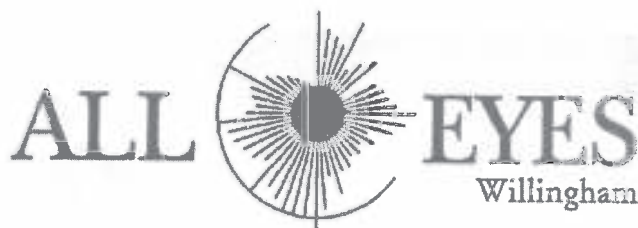
Our next meeting will be our AGM on Monday 23 October at 7 30 pm in the Community Centre Wilford Furlong. New members are always welcome.



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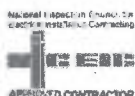
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