



WILLINGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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The Vardo – a memorial to the past

'Vardo' is the Romany name for a Gypsy caravan, and comes from the Iranian word 'vurdon'. Bill and Elvey Coates (*pictured right*) are the proud owners of such a caravan which they keep at their home at Foxes Meadow.

This particular caravan is a Reading Dunton Upright Wagon, weighs one ton, and was built in 1857 at Reading, a specialised centre where non-Gypsies built wagons for Gypsies and showmen. Newly-married couples commissioned caravans costing at that time from £50-£150. Each caravan took from 6 to 12 months to build. Different timbers were used for different purposes. Wheel hubs were made of elm, spokes of oak and wheel segments of ash; rear wheels had 14 spokes, front ones 12. The underworks, shafts and steps were made of ash; and the sides of the softer pine wood that was flexible enough to stand the stresses and strains without cracking. The caravans had elaborately carved porch brackets made from elm at the front and back. At the back of the caravan below the window is a cratch or hay rack. Below that is the kettle box for ironware. A



chimney pokes out of the roof on the right hand side, keeping clear of nearside trees and overhead bridges. Rainwater drains from the roof through brass spouts fashioned into lions' heads. Hanging under the caravan is an iron skidpan to slide behind the wheel to stop the caravan rolling downhill and a wooden 'Scotch' roller for going uphill.

Inside this caravan is a double bed for parents with another below for the children. Of course, families in general at that time were often much larger than today. Apparently, at one time, this caravan was home

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New name for the magazine

The management committee plans to change the name of *Willingham Parish Magazine* from next January. Three possible names have been suggested, and the committee would like to know which you, the readers, would prefer.

Here are the three possible names:

- a) Willingham News
- b) Willingham Way
- c) Willingham Together

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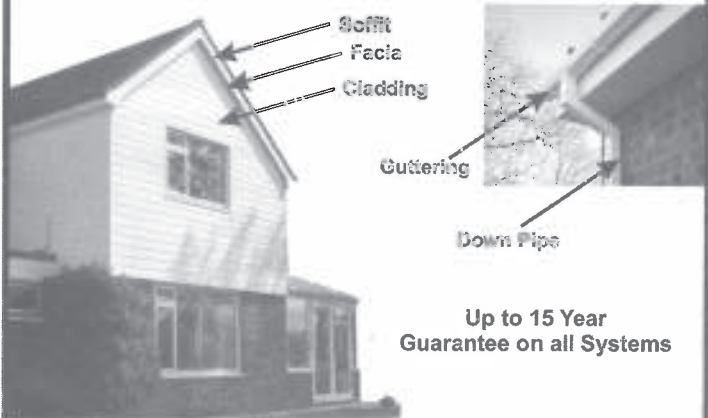
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November Parish Council meeting

The November Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 1 November at 7 30 pm, in Willingham School. As usual, the agenda will be posted on Friday 27 October 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:

6 November:	Leisure & Amenities Committee
30 November:	Cemetery Committee
6 December:	Parish Council meeting
11 December:	Finance & General Purposes Committee



Users of the Co-op car park will have seen that there is now a CCTV camera sited there. This is to prevent fly-tipping of non-recyclable items in the car park, and particularly by the recycling area. Fly-tipping in this context means dumping anything for which there is not a recycling bin – the bins are *only* for glass bottles and other glass items small enough to fit into the bins, and recyclable plastic. Two fly-tippers have already been fined.

Traffic in Over Road

Everyone who drives down Over Road, and probably many pedestrians too, will be aware of the problems of traffic at the approach to the Black Bull crossroads. County Highways proposes to extend the double yellow lines in Over Road at the crossroads from the end of the present restrictions as far as no. 4 on the north side of the road, and no. 1 on the south side. They have asked for any feedback on this proposal before they implement it. Please would anybody with a view on this proposal, either for or against, write to the Parish Council Office, by 24 November?

Annual Audit

The annual audit of the Council's accounts is now complete, and the Council has received the external auditor's certificate and opinion that its annual financial return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements. The external auditor's certificate has been displayed on the Parish Noticeboard since 11 October, and will remain there until 11 November.

- 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.

*Parish Council Office Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954-261027
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The Office is open on Monday afternoons and Wednesday afternoons from 1 30 to 4 30 pm, and Friday mornings from 9 00 am 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.

Concessionary bus fares – a reminder

The concessionary bus fare scheme started at the beginning of October. It provides FREE travel on local bus journeys within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for journeys after 9 30 am Monday to Friday and all day on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. A leaflet about the scheme is available from the Parish Office.



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for a family of eleven. There is also a cast iron stove for cooking and heat, along with built in cupboards and an imaginative use of engraved mirrors to give an illusion of more space and provide more natural

light – nothing new under the sun. Bill himself was born in an identical caravan at Orpington in Kent - but some time after 1857!

These caravans would have been drawn by a 14/15 hands cob, with another to share this task and also acting as a 'sider' when help was needed on a steep hill.

The first owner of this caravan was Dony Upton. His 73- year -old grandson is still alive and living in

Grunty Fen. The caravan was on the road until around 1950 when towing caravans were first used.

The caravan was based at Fen Drayton near Sam Johnston's farm for around 50 years. It then came into the hands of a Bill Barnett, who sold it to a pub landlord in Conington where it remained for about 30 years. The caravan was then moved to Oakington where Bill Coates acquired it in 1996 and set about the daunting task of restoring it. He carried out as much as possible of the work himself, and a friend did the numerous wood carvings that decorate every panel of the wagon sides. Elvey's hand is clearly visible in the intricate painting inside and outside.

Bill and Elvey look upon the caravan as a memorial to the past and something to look back on in a future when times will continue to change for us all.

Willingham Sports Council AGM

Who are Willingham Sports Council? The committee was formed independently of the Parish Council to raise funds for better sports facilities in our village. Our original aim was for a multi-use games area that can be used for all sports in all weather. However when we enquired about funding to our main funding bodies, we were advised that without better facilities - ie showers and approved changing rooms - we were not in a strong position and other villages which have those facilities in place were likely to take preference.

It was decided to press ahead with a major Sports Pavilion refurbishment first. The old Pavilion no longer meets modern criteria and is well past its 'sell by date' as all users are aware. Recently there have been a number of small thefts from personal belongings. The new building will be redesigned, more secure with segregated changing rooms, new toilets and showers, generally larger and completely overhauled, inside and out.

The Sports Council is working for the Parish Council and ultimately for our sports players. The Pavilion is on Parish land and as such needs support from the Parish Council. Everything in our portfolio/development plan is in place and with deadlines looming we need to receive the signed approved documentation from the Parish Council to proceed with our application.

Willingham Sports Council AGM will be on **Wednesday 8 November 8 00 pm** at the Three Tuns public house. We desperately need some more members to help continue the fundraising. To date we have raised £13,000 from our own events and village donations. If you have a child who will benefit from the facilities, are an

adult user or simply have some pride in our village please consider lending a hand.

The committee would like to give special thanks to our chairman Simon Nunn who has given many hours to this project. Due to a change in his circumstances Simon has to stand down, therefore a vacancy for chairman exists. With most of the preliminary work completed, Simon will remain on the committee and is happy to give his knowledge to his successor. We value everyone's support and hope to see you at the AGM. If you would like more information Simon can be contacted on 01954 260656.

Finally..... A big thank you to Lay Borland who staged a dance competition in the summer at the Ploughman Hall and very kindly donated £100 to the fund.



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Gardening at the surgery Mary and Neville Wilson retired at the end of September after having looked after our surgery garden at Willingham for 8½ years. We have received many compliments over the years about our lovely garden and I am sure you would like to join us in thanking them for their care and attention during that time.



Flu vaccinations There has been a national delay again this year but we should have plenty of doses, with the final 400 arriving on 18 December. The NHS is committed to supplying this vaccination to people in the high risk categories, and does not advise it for otherwise healthy people. We are not permitted to

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If your GP prescribes you an alternative drug to the one you are used to in the coming months, don't be concerned. He/she will have made sure that the replacement is equally clinically effective. Do talk to your GP if you have any questions. This could save your local NHS £1.3 million in one year.

Unless you are seriously ill or have been involved in an accident, think before visiting your hospital Emergency Department – seek advice from your GP or Out of Hours service first. It costs twice as much to have a minor ailment treated by specialist A & E clinicians as it would to visit your GP or out of hours GP service. This could save your local NHS £2 million in one year.

Follow the Chief Medical Officer's Ten Tips for Better Health (visit the Department of Health website at www.dh.gov.uk for more information).

Compost 'Tips'!

Having suggested in the last *Willingham Parish Magazine* that more people should write for it, I will over the coming months try to put in some short articles about a very unglamorous subject (but close to the heart of many gardeners or allotment tenants)..... composting. I have trained as a Master Composter, a scheme for volunteers to train via the organisation Garden Organic (formerly HDRA), as a promoter of home composting.

Autumn composting

Colder weather is creeping up on us and it is heat that drives the composting process - external heat from the sun and that generated by the micro-organisms that decompose the material. In autumn and winter the process inevitably slows down but that should not stop you from adding the required 'greens' and 'browns' to your heap.

Greens are the softer moister things like kitchen scraps, shredded or cut up garden refuse and grass clippings. **Browns** are the drier woodier things like hay and straw from pet bedding, cardboard torn up, some shredded newspaper and paper towels etc.

In autumn you may have a lot of leaves and windfall apples. These can both be composted but with precautions. Leaves can be put into their own leaf mould container as they take longer to rot than other greener items but if you leave them on the lawn and shred them with your mower they can then be added to your normal bin. Apples are very 'green' and a large number can attract fruit flies so one way of dealing with this is to wrap them in bits of paper first and toss them in or bury them under the rest of the pile.

Greens and Browns should be in a roughly equal mix so keep tossing in those egg boxes and cereal packets to keep the balance right.

Many people ask... Why bother composting at home when I have my green bin? I say, so that you can get free compost to put back on your own flower beds and also at some times of the year green bins are overflowing. It is also one part you can play in the whole Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, philosophy which we are all encouraged to take on board in a positive way.

Lastly, I am by no means an expert but if anybody locally would like any advice on home composting I am happy to have a chat or look at a forlorn heap to give any help I can. Happy Composting!



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For more information, to join, or to make a donation, write to FOMCP c/o Visitor Centre, Milton Country Park, Cambridge Road, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6AZ or email fmcp@miltonvillage.org.uk

The Royal British Legion Women's Section



By now you will all know we have lost our Poppy Appeal organiser. This year perhaps some of you will not get someone calling on you to sell poppies as we cannot get people to do this any more. We will be placing boxes of poppies in many places we think are convenient for you to get your poppy. We would like you to remember what sacrifice was made by the generations of people in the two great wars, but not only that, we also remember those who are still trying to bring peace in our time. So perhaps this year you will join us at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 20 November** at 7 30 pm in the Community Centre, Wilford Furlong.

We would like to pay our tributes to our chairman, Mrs Ann Greavett, who passed away on 24 September. Many of us knew Ann quite well over the years. We remember that she worked at the Old People's Home. She also was a great worker for the British Legion, being our chairman, standard bearer and last but not least our Poppy organiser. She also did a very good job for the footballers in their season, and also raised money for the doctors' surgery, and the British Legion, by running bingo two nights a week.

We would like to say thank you to this quiet, great, lady for all she did to make many people happy. God bless you, Ann – from all the members of the Women's Section.

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Youngsters of Willingham have come together with the Parish Council to form a

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Pastoral Letter

A true story

A young Salvation Army officer and his family were entertaining their line managers to Sunday lunch. Every care had taken to ensure that the home was presentable. The young children were told about the important guests, and given detailed instructions as to behaviour. Everything was prepared with military precision the day before, and the dining table was immaculate.

The meal started with grace and the company began to eat. The children were dutifully quiet while the adults engaged in polite conversation. All was going well until ... well, allow me to explain. Surprisingly, it wasn't any of the children, but the Colonel who, rather carelessly, dropped some food, which landed in the lap of his best Sunday uniform. Mrs Captain's reaction was spontaneous. She automatically rose from her chair, took a damp cloth and began to deal with the minor incident as any mother would.

There was complete silence at the table. The children hadn't noticed anything unusual, but the Captain and the honoured guests were clearly not accustomed to this experience. The look on the face of the host revealed his embarrassment but the Colonel responded with grace, slightly amused that this young woman officer was patting his leg with a damp cloth!

Suddenly, Mrs Captain noticed the silence at the table, looked at the cloth in her hand and blushed. 'Oh dear' she said, 'I'm so used to mopping up after the children. I very rarely deal with adults these days.'

I'm told that there is an old Latin Proverb which says *If you always live with those who are lame you will yourself learn to limp*. Is that a cynical view, or do we really have a tendency to absorb and embrace the weaknesses of those who surround us to such an extent that our own strengths are compromised?

If there is truth in that, then we should consider the wisdom of Psalm 1 translated by The Message in this way 'How well must God like you - you don't hang out at Sin Saloon, you don't slink along Dead-End Road, you don't go to Smart Mouth College.' (I think there are better translations - but this is the most vivid I could find!)

The Latin proverb is a timely warning to those who habitually seek the company of people who MAY have a negative influence upon them.

As a youngster I aspired to become a table tennis player. The person who coached me said something along the lines of 'If you intend to improve your game, try to spend more time with people who are better players than yourself'. I followed the advice and whilst I didn't always appreciate having my weak areas revealed, I discovered that it was good counsel.

You may not aspire to playing table tennis, but perhaps the comments by the coach equally apply to other areas of life. What do you think?



Barry Willson
Major, Salvation Army

Events at the Churches

Baptist Matters

Meeting Point. There will be a meeting on Monday, 6 November in the rear hall of the Baptist Church. The speaker will be Bob Earl and his subject will be the Lake District. Everyone welcome.

Rendezvous will meet on Monday, 20 November in the rear hall of the Baptist Church when Mrs Rosemary Fisher will tell us about her life in Zimbabwe. Everyone welcome.

Film Show This will be held on Friday, 10 November at 7 30 pm in the rear hall of the Baptist Church and the main feature will be 'Seabiscuit' made in 2003, with Tobey Maguire, Jeff Bridges and Chris Cooper. 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 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 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.

Christmas Craft. Saturday 18 November, 10 00 am to 12 noon, in the church and the Octagon. Activities for children, including crackers and gifts.



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.

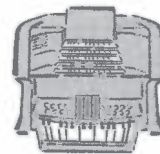


Fireworks Party - low bang fireworks, bonfire and food, aimed at younger children and their families. At the Edney's, 31 High Street, 6 00 pm on Friday 3 November.

Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25 November, from 2 to 4 00 pm in the Octagon. The Grand Christmas Draw will take place at 4 00 pm. Tickets are available from Amy Robinson, Rosemary Mumford and Bill Kirkman.

Restoration news

Good News We have received the promise of a generous grant from the Heritage Lotteries Fund for restoration and repairs to the organ.



'Old Willingham' calendar

The 'Old Willingham' calendar was launched in October and is selling well. It 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. To order a calendar, get in touch with Bill Kirkman (260393), or Rosemary Mumford (260934).

Cakes The November cake stall will be at the church as usual on Saturday 4 November from 10 o'clock. We offer very warm thanks to Claire Fouracre and students in her class at Cottenham Village College, who kindly sent a batch of cakes for the October cake stall. They are excellent bakers, and their cakes sold very quickly.

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.

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. For details, telephone 260066.



Churches Together in Willingham and Rampton

Services at the Churches during November

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

5 Nov

11 00 am Parish Communion

12 Nov

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 45 am Remembrance Day service*
(with Willingham Uniformed Groups)

19 Nov

11 00 am Parish Communion

26 Nov

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Praise

* Please note: Prior to the service in church there is a Wreath Laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 10 15 am.

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 (9 and 23 November). For more information, phone Sue West on 01954 260409.

There is a prayer meeting on the first Friday of each month - 3 November at 8 00 am.

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 crèche 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).

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HIGH STREET RAMPTON

5 Nov

9 30 am Parish Communion

12 Nov

10 50am Parish Communion (With act of remembrance)

19 Nov

9 30 am Parish Communion

26 Nov

9 30 am Parish Communion

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org

5 Nov

10 00 am Rev Jonathon Daniel
(Communion)

6 00 pm Rev Jonathon Daniel

12 Nov

10 00 am Rev Jonathon Daniel

6 00 pm Richard Sanders

19 Nov

9 00 am Rev Jonathon Daniel
(refreshments are available between the two services from 10 05 to 10 40am)

10 45 am Rev Jonathon Daniel and
Holiday Club Team

6 00 pm Mark Wareham

26 Nov

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie

6 00 pm Rev Jonathon Daniel

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

5 Nov

10 30 am Bill Matthews

5 00 pm Mark & Dawn Anderson

12 Nov

10 30 am Bill Matthews

5 00 pm Captain Wood

19 Nov

10 30 am John Field

5 00 pm Faith Turner

26 Nov

10 30 am Norman Foster

5 00 pm Roy Barton

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 November this is Rampton village.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Are you lonely, bored or would like to make new friends? If so, do come along to our meetings in the Social Club on the second Monday of each month at 7 30 pm. We are a friendly bunch of ladies of all ages, we have a speaker every month and two parties a year, one in the summer in a member's garden (weather permitting!) and again our annual Christmas party in the Social Club. We usually have an outing in June and this year we walked around St Ives with a guide who showed us this interesting town with its unusual chapel on the bridge. Afterwards we had supper at The Dolphin Hotel by the river.

This year our programme included an interesting visit to WI House, talks on Twelfth Night Celebrations, Magnotherapy, Dogs for the Disabled and a demonstration on Mosaics.

Our next meeting will be held on 13 November in the Social Club at 7 30 pm. Our speaker will be Ron Sheridan and his topic is Having Fun with Wood. There will be a table selling merchandise and we will have our usual raffle and refreshments. So come along ladies – you will be assured of a warm welcome.

A future event will be the WI Quiz to be held on Friday 26 January 2007 in the Social Club. Teams of 4 – 6 people will be needed to take part. More details will be published in the December issue of the Parish Magazine.



Letters to the Editor

The last issue of the *Parish Magazine* mentioned concerns about the narrowing of the High Street. We think the Parish Council should be congratulated for supporting this work.

Willingham has been the only local village not to have any traffic calming – consequence: we get all the traffic!

The Council will have our support for any further calming measures, perhaps a few parking bays incorporated into a narrowing so drivers can get to the shops.

Bruce and Irene Robjent
169 Station Road

Request for historical help

I am currently writing a paper for my Matura (A levels) in Switzerland, on the historical topic of the Women's Suffrage Movement in Britain. Doing research on this period has been fascinating.

As I wish to incorporate into my paper, if possible, some experiences of a personal nature, I would welcome correspondence from anyone who has recollections or anecdotes, even at second hand,

relating to the women's suffrage movement in Britain, and would be willing to share them.

Contributions in any form (they need not be lengthy) will be greatly appreciated. This material will only be quoted in my paper and not published in any form. Thank you very much.

Lilian Dutoit

Email: moonmocassin@yahoo.de

Address: 4.Gym, Theresianum Ingenbohl,
Klosterstrasse 14, 6440 Brunnen, Switzerland.

(Lilian Dutoit is a pupil of Liz Kinnear of Balland Field)



Willingham Gardening Club



Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End and start at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers. Meetings on average last about one and a half hours. There is a plant raffle and tea and coffee are served.

The Club welcomes new members and you are assured of a warm welcome. We are a group of ordinary folk with an interest in plants and gardening.

We are pleased to report that a number of new members have joined the Club in recent weeks. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us for our monthly meetings. Contact Celia on 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to join.

6 November — *The Chinese Gooseberry Man* - a theatrical experience and certainly nothing to do with chinese gooseberries!

4 December — Xmas Party - A meal will be served which is free to members and at a cost of £5 per head to guests. There will also be a speaker. Please remember to collect your tickets for the party at the November meeting

A Club Coach Trip is planned as follows:-

Wednesday 8 November — Nottingham -

Xmas Shopping Trip. Depart from The Green, Willingham at 8 30 am. Coach fare £12. There are some seats on the coach still available. More details available from Linda on 202072 or Celia on 261394. Non-members welcome



2007 CLUB HOLIDAY

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The holiday is fully booked

Bonfire and Firework Party

by the
1st Willingham Scout Group

Saturday 4th November

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Willingham Primary School Community Questionnaire and Needs Audit

Introduction

As a designated Community School, Willingham Primary is keen to reflect the educational and social needs of our growing and changing village. The school is at the heart of the community and therefore should be providing education for all.

Currently we have the following activities operating in the school:

Breakfast Club - 7 45 – 8 45 a.m.
After School Club - 3 15 – 6 p.m.
Family Learning – 'Minus 1-5s' Tuesdays
Family Learning – Maths and Finance this year
Parenting classes – helping parents to understand children's behaviour, eating problems, sleeping problems etc.
Adult learning – ICT, First aid, Food Hygiene this year
Extra curricular clubs – a range of musical, sporting, artistic & creative

We have a playgroup on site and there is a nursery in the village.

Our facilities include extensive fields, a community room, two halls, an ICT suite, a library and a swimming pool.

We are very keen to extend and improve our provision and so would be very pleased if you would take a few minutes to complete the following questions.

Do you take part in any regular activities outside of Willingham which could be offered by the school?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If Yes please state details

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Would you make use of any of the following activities if they were held at Willingham Primary School

Holiday club for primary school children Yes ☐ No ☐

Saturday Morning Music club Yes ☐ No ☐

Adult Language Classes (French, German, Spanish) Yes ☐ No ☐

Regular drop in sessions with the school nurse Yes ☐ No ☐

Other adult classes e.g. art, cookery Yes ☐ No ☐

Family clubs eg ICT, art, cookery etc Yes ☐ No ☐

Any other suggestions?

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Are there any adults who would like to start up a regular activity? (CRB checks must be made and references taken up before any adult can work with children) Yes ☐ No ☐

(please provide contact details)

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Suggestions?

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Please return completed questionnaires to the school office.

Thank you for your time.

Mrs J Brearley – Headteacher

Willingham Primary School



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Village Diary

we are exchanging some dates with Over, we hope to mutual benefit

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
November				
4	Scout Bonfire	Ist Willingham Scouts	Mannings Farm	6 30 pm
5	Shopping Evening	Willingham School		7 00 - 9 30 pm
6	The Chinese Gooseberry Man	Willingham Gardening Club		
8	AGM	Willingham Sports Council	The Three Tuns	8 00 pm
10	Fashion Show	Willingham WI	The Octagon	7 00 pm Doreen 200561 Rita 203742
23	Youth Council Meeting	Parish Council	Willingham Primary School	10 30 am - 12 30 pm
25	Christmas Fayre	Honeypot Pre-School	Willingham Primary School	7 00 pm
25	Christmas Bazaar	SMAS	The Octagon	2 00 pm - 4 00 pm
December				
7, 8 & 9	Jack & the Beanstalk	WAMADS	Ploughman Hall	Details & Box Office: 01954 261076
4	Xmas Party	Willingham Gardening Club		
November	Diary Dates for Over			
4	Firework Display		Community Centre	206600
10	Ian Coulson is 'Elvis'		Community Centre	206600
17	Jazz in the Bar		Community Centre	Evening
18	St Mary's Church Wine Testing Evening		Over Church Hall	230329 7 30 pm
25	Allen Beechey's Bright Stars of Jazz		Community Centre	230056 7 45pm for 8.15pm
December				
12-16	Over Players Pantomime: 'Babes in the Wood'		Community Centre	230056

Willingham Cricket Club



Willingham Cricket Club are looking for new players, plus our already registered players, to attend Cricket practice at Hills Road Sixth Form Sports Centre on Sunday 12 November between 1 00 and 3 00 pm. Any enquiries please contact either: Ron Leach - 260144 or Richard Ambrose 260446.

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Charity lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held at the home of Alan and Amy Robinson at 15a High Street at 1 00 pm on Saturday 4 November. The lunch, which costs £3, consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheese etc. The proceeds this year will be donated to The East Anglia Air Ambulance Service. This will be the last lunch to be held this year, and we will welcome nominations for next year's good cause, so please come along and make your views known. Telephone 261076.



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	Mrs L Blunt	01954 261309	
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	01954 203344	
	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

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
0845 0455225



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

The online resources available via the above website continue to grow, with the recent addition of the Kompass Directory of Companies, which is free to library members. And do not forget the wide range of references books available on the shelves in the library itself.

Willingham library is also taking part in the National Bookstart Book Crawl initiative to encourage parents and carers to bring under 5s into the library and borrow books. Look out for further information in the library and around the village.

Sudoku

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Exhibition at the Cambridge Folk Museum

The Folk Museum is now fully reopened after a £1 million refurbishment.



Reading Mission accomplished

Willingham Library was the place to be on Friday 22 September if you were a child who had taken part in the summer Reading Mission.

Forty six children completed the task of reading at least one book per week for the six-week period of the school holidays. Twenty six of these children attended a presentation ceremony at the library and received a medal and certificate from Richard Young, Children's Librarian for Cambridgeshire County Council, in recognition of their hard work.

Willingham Parish Council had donated funds to the library to enable staff to run fun craft activities throughout the summer holidays. Pat Daniels (Chair), and Bill Kirkman from the Parish Council were on hand to congratulate the children.

Graham Eales, PR Manager of Histon Football Club came along to present children with a Reading Mission 'Kid A Quid' Special voucher. This voucher enabled the children to visit their club on Saturday 7 October to cheer the team on when they met Farnborough Town. Emma Leaney was the lucky winner of the chance to become the club mascot for the match.

If you were one of the children who took part in the Reading Mission, but were unable to attend the presentation ceremony, please do call into the library to collect your medal and certificate.

Well done to everyone who participated in the Reading Mission.



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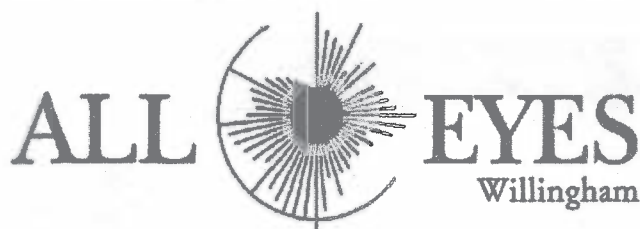
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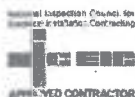
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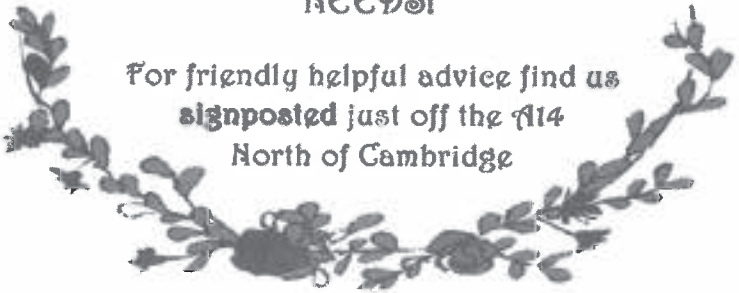
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