



# WILLINGHAM NEWS

January 2007

## A Parish Plan

Villages throughout the country are being encouraged to create a parish plan. This is a document laying out priorities and long term plans for the development of the village.

It pulls together ideas covering all aspects of village life. It provides a framework around which future decisions can be made. It also acts as a guide for the District and County Councils as to what our priorities are.

It is very much a village plan and not a Parish Council plan. Although the Parish Council will be happy to help with the cost of devising and publishing the plan it is important that everyone living in the village has a chance to comment. The plan must be put together by a committee which represents a cross section of the community.

Geoff Turner has kindly agreed to chair and co-ordinate the process and now we need volunteers to work with him. Ideally we will need a committee of about a dozen people to design and distribute a suitable questionnaire, analyse the results and prepare the plan.

Help is available from villages that have already done this.

The commitment will probably involve monthly meetings over a period of a year to eighteen months starting early in 2007. So if you are interested in the development of our village and willing to help in this important work please let me (Phil King) or Geoff know.

*philkng@aol.com - phone 260780*

*geoffrey168@btinternet.com - phone 261225*

## Lock up your goldfish!



*More local wildlife courtesy of an anonymous village photographer.*



**Apologies** to *Emma Godson*, the winner of the Litter Poster competition.

Unfortunately we incorrectly spelt her name in the December issue.

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## From the Parish Council

### Parish Plan proposal

Parish Plans belong to the village not the Parish Council. However, the Parish Council wants to know how much support there would be in the village for such a plan – so please read and consider it carefully. Let Phil King or Geoff Turner know if you think you would like to get involved in making such a plan happen – or even if you think it is a good idea. Phil and Geoff would also be happy to answer any questions you might have about the process or the end result.

### Missing street names

Over the past few months, a number of street names all over the village have been vandalised – broken or even removed entirely. If this includes your street, or if you see a broken or missing street name anywhere else in the village, let the Parish Clerk know and she will pass the list on to South Cambs District Council with a request for them to be replaced.

### Oakington bomb clearance



You might have seen an article in the free newspaper early in December about the plan to dispose of a number of possible unexploded bombs on the Oakington Airfield site. Work is currently going on to decide whether the items identified are actually unexploded bombs. If they are, disposal will start on Monday 8 January, and be finished by the end of Friday 12 January. The main effect on Willingham will be the route diversions which will be in place during that time. If they do turn out to be unexploded bombs, there will also be a few loud bangs!

### Temporary road signs for community or charity events

The County Council has sent the Parish Council information on their new policy on temporary road signs for community and charity events:-

*(County Council) staff will exercise discretion when temporary signs are erected within villages.....for a community or charity event, provided that they do not cause a hazard, are erected well away from junctions and accesses so as not to impede visibility or the passage of any highway user.*

*Signs should not exceed 0.5 sq. metres in area, should not be erected for more than 7 days before the event or remain in place for more than 48 hours*

*afterwards. The signs should be erected within the village.....where the event is taking place. Normally, no more than 3 signs should be erected per event.*

*Organisers of community or charity events should inform their local highways divisional office at least 2 weeks before erecting any temporary signs.*

*Where more extensive signing or direction signing is required, communities should seek the assistance of the AA or RAC, following guidelines for commercial events.*

The Parish Council requests the organisers of any such events to note and abide by this policy.

### Monthly "surgeries"



Don't forget that South Cambs District Council Housing Department, and the Police, are still holding their monthly "surgeries" at the Baptist Tabernacle, 10 00am – 12 00 noon on the first Wednesday of the month. These are for anyone with a housing enquiry or who wishes to raise anything with a police representative.

### Parish Council Office opening hours

The Office is open on Monday afternoons from 1 30pm to 4 30pm, and on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 00am to 12 noon.

### January Parish Council meeting



The first Parish Council meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday 3 January at 7 30pm, in Willingham School. The agenda will be posted on Friday 22 December on the Village Notice Board outside the Public Hall, and in the Library. As usual, 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:-

3 January	Parish Council
15 January	Green & Boundaries Committee
16 January	Cemetery Committee
22 January	Leisure & Amenities Committee
7 February	Parish Council
12 February	Finance & General Purposes Committee
26 February	Public Hall Committee
7 March	Parish Council

13 March Green & Boundaries Committee  
4 April Parish Council  
9 April Finance & General Purposes Committee

RSPB/Hanson Wetlands Project has been invited to attend the February Council meeting to describe proposals for reinstatement of some local gravel pits as wetland wildlife areas.

All at 7 30pm unless otherwise stated. Committee meetings all at the Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, unless otherwise advertised on the relevant agenda; Council meetings at the Primary School, Thodays Close. Check the Parish noticeboard at the Public Hall, and the Library noticeboard, 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.

You might want to note that a representative of the

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to make a suggestion. I was looking at a copy of Longstanton Life in the library and was struck by how much better it was to have the adverts all at the end. This also enables the village diary to be inside the front cover - instantly accessible rather than having to leaf through much of the magazine to find it. I assume that there are production reasons for having pages of adverts front and back but I think it would have more impact to go straight into 'news'.

Linda Drath

*You are right in assuming that production costs effect the positioning of the adverts. It is too late to change this aspect of the magazine for 2007 however we do take your point on board and will bear it in mind for next year.*

Dear Editor,

### The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2006

Many thanks to all street collectors, business premises, pubs and church collection. With your generosity, we are able to send £1686.84 to the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you.

Marjory Few, Organisor

Dear Editor

I am responding to the notice in the December issue 'Opportunity for Local Artist', not as a potential artist but as a member of the public. I am not taking issue with support to the arts but reading the notice the

considerable sum of £20,000 is for a single artist to create a single piece of public artwork to impact on the street-scape of the village. The inference is therefore something massive sited outside capable of withstanding the elements, vandalism and the current attractive returns from the scrap metal market. There is no indication that the great Willingham public, whose lives will either benefit or be blighted by this endeavour, has been or will be involved in a consultation or selection process. Would the money be better spent on a single artist and a single artwork or over a wider range of smaller but no less meaningful projects, which would enhance a wider range of the public's artistic sensibilities? Is Willingham ready to receive the Phantom of the Fens astride the Earith Road?

Graham Mumby

Dear Editor,

The B1050 at Hermitage Lock, Shelfords Road, Earith (leading to Willingham) will be closed on the following dates for 1 day only at a time:

Saturday 13 January 2007

Saturday 3 February 2007

Saturday 10 March 2007

This is for repair works to be carried out on the lock at this location. If you have any further queries please contact Cambridgeshire Highways on 0845 045 5212 or by email: [street.scene@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:street.scene@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and ask for Dan.



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### Happy New Year to all our Patients

**Thanks** to everyone who sent us Christmas cards and gifts and to those of you who bought Lucky Squares in aid of MAGPAS or donated prizes. The final total raised, will be available for the February newsletter. Our thanks to Andrew and Mary Coe who once again gave us a splendid christmas tree to brighten up our waiting room.



**Dr Gordon Hewlett** is retiring at the end of March. He has been with the practice for almost 40 years and he will be a great loss. We would like to mark his retirement from the practice by holding an Open House at the Surgery possibly on Saturday 31 March (date to be confirmed). We will start a Memories Book at the surgery where you can record your messages to Dr Hewlett. If you have any particular stories to tell or photographs we would love to include them. Dr Hewlett delivered many of our patients into the world, most of whom are now grown up with children of their own. It would be lovely if we could include a photo of as many of his "home deliveries" as possible. We would like to make this a memorable day for Gordon and Beryl, his wife, and would welcome your suggestions.



**Flu vaccines** Our final supplies have arrived. It is still not too late to come along for a flu vaccination to protect yourself during the predicted bad winter period.



**Acknowledgements** Our thanks to Ann and Marjorie who asked for donations to the Willingham Surgery Equipment Fund in memory of Richard Burdett. His friends and family responded most generously and we will purchase a sonic-aid which will help with the monitoring of foetal hearts and with important monitoring for patients with diabetes.

*Cynthia Bidwell*  
Practice Manager

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### Willingham Cricket Club

Willingham Cricket Club are looking for new players. There will be a practice (for new and already registered) players on Sunday 7 January, from 12 noon to 2 00 pm, at Hills Road Sixth Form Sports Centre. Followed by practice every first Sunday of each month at the same time.



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Later in the month will be the WI Quiz to be held on Friday 26 January at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. Teams of between 4-6 people will be required to take part. The price will be £6.50 per person to include a fish and chip supper. Tickets in advance from: Rita 01954-203742 or Gill 01954-201989.

## **Sudoku**

9	2						1	4
8						3	5	2
			7		4			9
1		9		5	2	6		
	6		4			2		
2		7	8		1			
7		3			5			8
	9		1	8		5		
	8		2			1	9	3

*solution on page 15*

## Profile: Alan and Amy Robinson

Anyone who lived in Willingham between 1951 and 1986 will know Alan Robinson. He came to the village as postmaster on 1 November 1951 – the same day as Dr Flower – and retired 35 years later. When he came, the Post Office was at 31 High Street. Alan and Amy moved it to 3 Church Street, and then, in 1963, back to High Street, to its present location.

Alan grew up in Over. On leaving school he worked for the Great Ouse River Board, and then for the railway, leaving in 1941 to join the RAF, as a wireless mechanic. He served in Egypt, Iraq and Syria, and then returned to the UK in 1946. He was de-mobbed in 1947. Then it was back to the railway, until he followed the career footsteps of his father, postmaster at Over, into the job which brought him to Willingham.

Life was very different then. Alan recalls: 'We didn't have an alarm fitted for many years'. One of his abiding memories is handling every day ten or more telegrams about the price of fruit and vegetables. 'Few people had



telephones then', he explains, adding: 'In the 1950s everyone was growing flowers in their spare time – to make ends meet.'

When he retired, in 1986, Willingham still had only three postmen, only one of whom was full-time.

Amy Robinson, from a farming family living in Hinxton, came to know Alan when their paths crossed at Cambridge station – Amy on her way to the Cambridgeshire High School for Girls (now Long Road), Alan to the High School for Boys (now Netherhall). An Over friend of Amy's was Alan's cousin.

In 1941, as Alan joined the RAF, Amy began training as a teacher (in Doncaster, where her London college was evacuated). Her first teaching job was in Essex. In those wartime

days teachers did not choose where to teach; they were allocated according to need. Her memories include teaching in underground air raid shelters; the war was still at its height, and bombing a feature of life in south-east England.

## Willingham Gardening Club

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End and start at 7 30pm. 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.

There will not be a meeting on Monday 1 January for obvious reasons. At our first meeting for 2007 on 5 February Joe Sharman will speak to us about snowdrops - quite topical by then we hope.

A programme of club coach trips is planned each year. Linda is planning the programme for 2007 at the moment. That programme will be published progressively in each issue of this magazine and paper copies will be circulated to members in advance of the first trip. Non-members will be welcomed.



## Pastoral Letter

*This being the January Magazine, I hope you had a Merry Christmas. I do hope by the way that it was Christmas, and not 'Winterval', or just 'The Holiday Season' or any of the other alternatives that the papers tell me are being touted around. I do thank God that the term 'Crimbo' seems to have died a deservedly miserable death.*

*If it is not Christmas what are you celebrating other than the fact that you are celebrating.*

*As to the idea of a 'Mid-winter festival' what is there to inspire in the fact that you are facing three more months of dank drizzling cold.*

*Now I know that some bright spark will tell me that the Christians hijacked the old Roman midwinter festival of the 'Undefeated Sun and turned it into Christmas. That is disputable, but if it is true then I can only say it was a vast improvement; because it matters what sort of thing you celebrate. Merely Seasonal festivals denote a world which you see as just going round a never-ending cycle of seasons. That was the pagan view of the world, aptly summed up by the slogan, 'History is just one damn thing after another'.*

*Celebrating the birth of Christ in contrast marks a world whose history is in the hands of a God who sees, who cares and who helps. It marks a sense of purpose and the sure hope that goodness will in the end triumph over evil. At the very least it enables you to celebrate, "Peace on earth Good will towards men."*

*I would be the first to admit that we do not seem to have got that far in 2000 years in making a reality of these Christmas hopes and ideals. It has been a rocky ride with probably more disasters than triumphs. But at least the ideals are there. Having high ideals can be a little like keeping your wristwatch five minutes fast; then at least there is a chance you will be on time.*

*And thank God Christmas makes the ideals enjoyable. Idealism is can be terribly dull, tediously serious and rather pompous.*

*Christmas enables you to celebrate, grace, mercy, goodness, kindness, generosity, and peace and it makes them fun.*

*I hope you had a good Christmas!*

*And I wish you a hopeful and peaceful New Year.*

Rev Geoff Turner

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## Events at the Churches

### Baptist Matters

**WEA Willingham.** The next course is "The Age of Improvement" – Social reform under Queen Victoria – how life got better in health, housing, education, factories, etc. Tutor – Mary Dicken. 10 weeks commencing on Monday 8 January from 10 00am to 11 45am. Fee: £40.00, concessions £28.00, those on certain benefits no fee. To be held in the rear hall of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, George Street, Willingham. Please come along to the first meeting, or contact Jacqueline Hodkinson (01954 201816) for further information

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

**Bumps and Babies** will recommence on Thursday morning, 11 January 2007 from 10 00am to 11 30am 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** will begin again after the Christmas break on Tuesday morning, 9 January 2007 from 9 45am to 11 15am 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 to 11 45am.



#### Coffee Stop

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

### Salvation Army

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

**Thursdays: Lunch** is served at 12 30pm, followed by Friendship Club at 2 00pm. For details, telephone 260066.



### Restoration News

**Cakes** There will not be a cake stall in January. For the next one, you will have to wait until the first Saturday in February.



### 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.

### Sponsored Cycle Ride

The 13 cyclists taking part in the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust sponsored cycle raised £600 (£500 plus £100 of Gift Aid). The amount before Gift Aid is shared between the Trust and a church nominated by the cyclists. St Mary & All Saints, Willingham, will receive half of the £500, for the Restoration Fund. This year there was a record number of cyclists, people manning the church during the day, and sponsors. Warm thanks are due to all who helped to achieve this success.



### Keith Hodkinson



Members of the audience at the WAMADS pantomime will have read in the programme a tribute to Keith Hodkinson, whose tragic death was a shock to the village. At his funeral in the Baptist Church – a building which he had designed – we were reminded of his great contribution to very many aspects of village life over a period over 30 years. We offer sympathy to Jacqueline and her family.

## Churches Together in Willingham and Rampton

### Services at the Churches during January

#### ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

[www.willinghamchurch.org](http://www.willinghamchurch.org)

##### 7 Jan

11 00am Parish Communion

##### 14 Jan

8 00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00am Family Praise

##### 21 Jan

11 00am Parish Communion

##### 28 Jan

8 00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00am Family Praise

For children we now offer activities at all our 11 00am 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.

**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 00pm. (In January: 11 & 25). Also, on the second and fourth Thursday of the month: **Prayer & Reflection** at the Parish Church at 8 00pm. (In January: 4 & 18).



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

##### 7 Jan

9 30am Parish Communion

##### 14 Jan

11 00am Parish Communion

##### 21 Jan

9 30am Parish Communion

##### 28 Jan

9 30am Parish Communion



#### WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

[www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org)

Please come and join us during January to find out about and celebrate the real Christmas story. A busy Sunday School takes place each week at the same time as the morning service. A crèche is also provided at each of our morning services. Visit our website for more information.

##### 7 Jan

10 00am Rev Jonathon Daniel  
Communion

6 00pm Liz Herrington

##### 14 Jan

10 00am Rev Jonathon Daniel

3 30pm Commissioning Service  
followed by Fellowship Tea

##### 21 Jan

9 00am Keith Rawlinson  
(refreshments are available  
between the two services  
from 10 05 to 10 40am)

10 45am All-Age Service, led by  
Richard and Holiday Club  
Team

6 00pm Mark Wareham

##### 28 Jan

10 00am Andrew Wyllie

6 00pm Richard Sanders

#### THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

7 Jan one meeting

3 00pm Mark and Dawn Anderson

##### 14 Jan

10 30am John Field

5 00pm Lieut-Colonels Grottick

##### 21 Jan

10 30am Norman Gulliver

5 00pm Roy Barton

##### 28 Jan

10 30am Kathleen Comby

5 00pm Mark and Dawn Anderson

#### 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 January this is High Street, Stocks Terrace, Osbourn Close and Saxon Way.

## History of the Fen-Edge settlements

### 2 – Iron Age and Roman

Last month we looked at the somewhat scattered evidence for settlement on the Fen Edge up to the end of the Bronze Age. It is unlikely that there was any break in population between the Bronze and Iron Ages. For the people at the time, the main difference would have been the improvement brought by the new, iron technology. As iron is a harder metal, giving more durable and sharper cutting edges, this led to better axes to clear woodland, and more efficient ploughs. Some Iron Age sites will have simply been continuations of Bronze Age predecessors which have left little trace. Others will have been expansions on to land which would have been impractical to farm using Bronze Age technology.



*Above and below: Belsar's Hill*

There is substantial evidence for settlement on the Fen Edge in the Iron Age (after c 700 BC). By then the Fens were very wet, but signs of occupation have been found on the slightly higher ground at the Fen Edge, including at Willingham, Cottenham, Over and Waterbeach. There was a farmstead with round houses at Longstanton, and pottery manufacture at Swavesey. A reconstruction of such a farmstead can be seen in Hinchbrook Country Park, near Huntingdon.

However, better cutting-edge technology (in both literal and figurative senses) also led to more efficient weaponry. By the later Iron Age South Cambridgeshire was on the border between the tribal lands of the Catuvellauni and the Iceni (who were later ruled by the famous Queen Boudicca), a border marked by a line of distinctive circular forts. Belsar's Hill may have been one of these forts.



*Car Dyke*

The Romans invaded Britain in 43 AD. Cambridge itself is a Roman foundation, first as a fortress in AD 61 after the revolt of Queen Boudicca, and subsequently as the prosperous town of Duroloponis. The A10 and A14 roads are of Roman origin, the A10 (Akeman Street) heading north-east past Ely, and the A14 linking Cambridge with the Roman settlement of Godmanchester. A system of canals was constructed, partly to drain the Fens, and partly for transport. This included the Car Dyke which, by linking stretches of natural waterways, enabled the transport of farm produce including grain, leather and pottery from South Cambridgeshire to the Roman army at Lincoln and possibly even as far north as York.

Roman settlements developed out of some of the Iron Age farmsteads. The best preserved one on the Fen Edge is at Bullock's Haste in Cottenham, which was a large village or a small town; and there were also settlements at Waterbeach, Landbeach and Willingham. At

Willingham and Cottenham also there were small temples. Several hoards of coins and of religious objects have been found, including one of priestly regalia from the second century AD, and a fourth-century group of pewter plates (one with a Christian symbol). However despite the richness of the farmland, there are no Roman villas on the Fen Edge (although there are a number on the higher ground to the south of the county). It is thought that the area was drained and then managed as an imperial estate, presumably to supply the Roman army. It would have been worked by tenant farmers living in the settlements, but none became rich enough to be able to afford to



build a villa. Horningsea was a major centre of pottery manufacture, this extending to the western banks of the Cam and through much of Milton.

With grateful acknowledgements for most of this information to:

Alison Taylor, Archaeology of Cambridgeshire Vol. 2: SE Cambridgeshire & the Fen Edge, 1998, publ. Cambs. County Council, ISBN 1 870724 84 4

Chris Couchman

Has slavery really been abolished?



In March 1807 the government passed a bill to stop the horrific but profitable slave trade. It was the result of years of pressure from dedicated individuals and groups against the rich and powerful traders.

Does that mean slavery is a thing of the past? Unfortunately not. Today, even in the UK, there are many people trapped as slaves in forced labour or prostitution. Often innocent people are tricked into coming here with promises of training or jobs. Once here, they are trapped and guarded by bullies. Most are told that they or their families will be killed if they run away. They are told that if they escape, the British Police will put them in prison. They have no hope.

In Willingham a group of teenagers cares about this situation and is meeting monthly for a social event focusing on human trafficking. We are looking for ways to raise awareness so that the government will act to help these people as they did 200 years ago.

If you are a teenager between 13 and 17 and are interested in joining the fight, check out the group's activities at: [www.thesundaything.org](http://www.thesundaything.org). We plan to mark the anniversary with a special event on 25 March "Freedom Day." To find out more about this national campaign see [www.StopTheTraffik.org](http://www.StopTheTraffik.org). For more information call Jon Edney 205739

Mothers Union

Opportunity for local Artist



Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 29 January 2007 at 2 30pm in the Octagon. Paul and his friends will be entertaining us. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us.

Willingham Parish Council is seeking to commission an artist to produce an exciting new public artwork in the village. The opportunity has been made possible because of a new housing development being built off Willingham High Street. The developers of the site have committed funds to support this project in line with the District Council Public Art Policy.

The appointed artist will create and install a piece of artwork which will impact on the street-scape of the village. Applicants should have experience in delivering public art commissions, be able to engage the local community, and have an ability to deliver a commission on time and within budget.

Expressions of interest should be received by 26 January 2007. The project aims to start in April 2007 and be complete in December 2007. The budget for this commission is £20,000 (including all fees, fabrication and installation costs).

For further information or a copy of the artist's brief please contact Amy Wormald, Arts Development Manager, on 07753 836507 or [amy@cottenhamvc.org.uk](mailto:amy@cottenhamvc.org.uk)



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solution to puzzle on page 9.

# Village Diary

*we are exchanging some dates with Over, we hope to mutually benefit*

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>January</b>				
1	NO MEETING	Willingham Gardening Club		
20	Murder Mystery Dinner	St Mary's Church Over	Over Church Hall	Tickets 230329
20	Line Dancing Evening		Over Community Centre	Tickets 206600
26	Annual Quiz	WI	Social Club	7 30pm Rita 203742 Gill 201989
<b>February</b>				
3	Quiz Night	Over Scout Group	Over Community Centre	Tickets 230056
5	Presentation "Snowdrops"	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30pm
17	Blues Brothers Tribute Band	Over Community Centre		Tickets 206600
24	Baby and children's nearly new sale	Honeypot Pre-School	Ploughman Hall	Liza Brazier 201847
<b>March</b>				
31	Open House Surgery in honour of Dr Hewlett	Willingham Medical Practice		(Date to be confirmed )

## Bin collections

<b>Thursday 4 January 2007</b>	black bin and green box
<b>Wednesday 10 January 2007</b>	black bin
<b>Wednesday 17 January 2007</b>	green box and bin
<b>Wednesday 24 January 2007</b>	black bin
<b>Wednesday 31 January 2007</b>	green box and green bin

**Leprosy Mission.** Thank you for all the stamps you have sent. We also collect obsolete and foreign coins, and picture postcards. They can all be left in the box at the Parish Church.

**Glossy magazines** (including Willingham Parish Magazine) should be placed in the green box.

**Recycle Plastic** bearing the recycling symbol and having the initials PET, HDPE or PVC are recyclable at Willingham Co-op car park, or at Tesco, Bar Hill.



# Village Directory

<b>Council</b>	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
<b>Services</b>	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01223 464242
<b>Schools</b>	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
<b>Children</b>	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
<b>Halls</b>	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
<b>Clubs</b>	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
<b>Sport</b>	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
<b>Churches</b>	Anglican Church	Rector	Rev. Geoffrey Turner
	Mothers Union	Branch Leader	Mrs S Hayden
	Baptist Church	Minister	Rev. Jonathon Daniel
	Methodist	Church Minister	Rev. Cynthia Hardiman
	Roman Catholic	Priest	Monsignor Rogers
	Salvation Army		Major and Mrs B Willson



## BABY AND CHILDREN'S NEARLY NEW SALE

clothes (0-11yrs), baby equipment,  
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**Saturday 24 February**

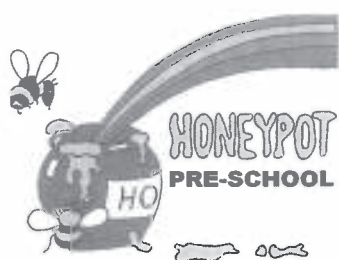
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## Over Tennis Club

By a unanimous vote of all current members Over Tennis Club has agreed to move from playing at the all weather surface at Over Community Centre to the new outdoor sports facility at Swavesey Village College. The decision followed lengthy deliberations within the club and with the trustees of the community centre and the sports development manager at Swavesey.



The club was the first user of the AWS in 1995 and immediately became the largest organisation in Over. However, a large increase in usage charges, combined with a deteriorating surface, made the club take a look at the new Swavesey facility, which has two hard courts and two courts on an artificial surface, along with a better flood lighting system. All this, together with lower annual costs, made the new facility very attractive – hence the vote to move.

Club night until 1 April next year is on Monday 7 30pm – 9 30pm. From 1 April – 30 September next year there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays, at the same time. The club will change its name to Swavesey & Over Tennis Club and will welcome new members from anywhere in the locality.

Further information, including that on club membership, plus details on going along to Swavesey to try out the facility, are available from the chairman Gary Peet on 01954 202459 or email [garypeet@qleap.co.uk](mailto:garypeet@qleap.co.uk) (Swavesey), Naunton Pugh on 01954 230393 or email [nauntonpugh@ntlworld.com](mailto:nauntonpugh@ntlworld.com) (Over) or Sue Kent on 01954 202002 or email [Sue.kent@cambridgehs.org.uk](mailto:Sue.kent@cambridgehs.org.uk) (Willingham).

## Willingham Library

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://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

### Cambridge Central Library

On 20 January 2007 at 5 30pm for approximately 15 months Cambridge Central Library will close for a complete refurbishment. Some other libraries will have extended opening hours, and the Cambridgeshire Collection of old photographs, etc. will be moved to Milton Road Library. For full details see the website above. Remember that you can also use that website to order books to collect from Willingham Library.

## Lost Property

If you are unfortunate enough to lose or have property stolen, want to increase the chances of getting it back and if stolen help the police to catch the thieves responsible then you should visit [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com).

Immobilise is a national register and is part of a linked series of secure databases. It is the result of a continuing close working relationship between the Home Office, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Mobile Phone Industry and the Police. Designed originally to tackle the rising problem of mobile phone theft, the Immobilise Register is now capable of recording details of all identifiable property including car music systems, cycles, computers and of course mobile phones. The register currently has over 20 million items registered including over 750,000 cycles. So far nearly 15000 people have registered in the CB post code areas.

This site is searched frequently by police staff all over the country and can be searched immediately.

From April to July 2005 the Metropolitan Police alone had 1,624 positive results from searching this register.

Cambridge Constabulary strongly recommend that you visit [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) and see for yourself how easy it is to register your property. It is free to use and you may register as many items as you wish. You can also visit your account within the register and add and delete items and you can also post them as lost or stolen. For a cycle use the frame number usually found under where the pedals are attached. For all other items use the serial or registration number. The website is very clear and will guide you through a delightfully simple process.

This system is an excellent way to protect your property using the latest technology. Not only will it improve your chances of getting your property back but it provides an excellent audit trail and is a very useful tool in providing the evidence to bring criminals to a prosecution. Catching the thieves has got to be the most effective way to prevent theft.

## Willingham Charity Lunch

This months Charity Lunch will be held on Saturday 20 January 2007 at the home of Ken and Jean Taylor, 37 Rampton End at 1 oopm. The lunch consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea and coffee etc. At this lunch we will present to the East Anglian Air Ambulance Charity a cheque for £700, this being the amount raised by these lunches during 2006. This years nominated charity is Hospice at Home. The lunch is a social occasion and a good opportunity to meet new friends as well as raise money for a needy cause. The cost of the lunch is still £3 or a donation. Telephone 261076 for information.





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**A Parish Plan**

Willingham Parish has completed its Parish Plan and is now available to all residents. The plan is a document which sets out the vision for the future of the parish and the actions that will be taken to achieve it. It is a plan for the future, not a plan for the past. It is a plan for the future, not a plan for the past. It is a plan for the future, not a plan for the past.

As you can see - the votes have been counted and we now hold the new title of **Willingham News**. Thank you to all those who voted.

## CLUB "60" Holidays

### 2007

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**5 Days BOURNEMOUTH** 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May **£225**  
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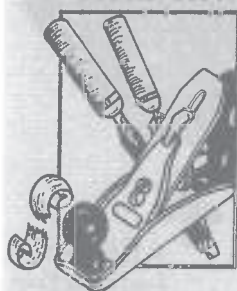
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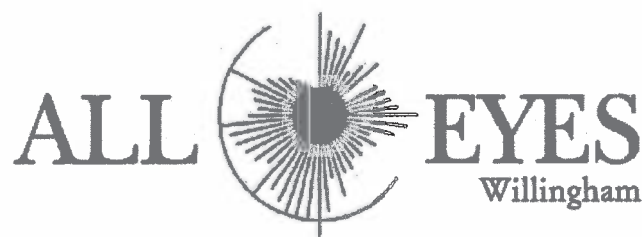
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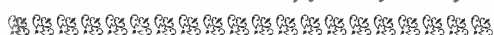
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