



WILLINGHAM NEWS

April 2007

Teens march for Freedom Day



Did you really see a chain gang moving down the High Street. on March 24? Is it true on that day Willingham Auction's first lot was a group of young slaves? Yes this really happened in our village... but fortunately just for publicity; 200 years ago such things were real. March 25 was the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the UK and throughout the nation local communities held special events to mark the day and remind us that, sadly, slavery is alive and well – even in the UK.

In Willingham a group of teenagers decided to join in the national campaign and organize their own event. They started meeting monthly from last summer and have looked at the sometimes frightening details of human trafficking. To try to raise awareness they created a publicity event in which they became slaves for a day to feel what it would be like to be herded around and even to be presented at an auction. The Co-Op supported by allowing the creation of a "Freedom Wall" outside the shop where people could read about the issue and sign declaration cards to let the government know that people care.

'With all the bad press teenagers get these days it's great to see one group doing something positive' said Phil King, Vice Chair of the Parish Council. Ruth Sanders joined the group after seeing it mentioned in the Willingham News. She said 'I am 13 years old and I have been campaigning within my church for 'Stop the Traffik.' I do have other activities but for a problem like Stop the Traffik I am prepared to drop other things and come running.' 16 year old Rob Phillips said 'I'm going to petition Tony Blair by email every day until he responds.'

Other events around the area included a thought provoking Labyrinth in the Octagon organized by Kathryn Wright.

The teenagers are part of a local group called "The Sunday Thing" and the organizers wish to thank the local organizations that provided support. The problem of human trafficking is a growing problem often hidden from view but with tragic consequences for those who are unwittingly caught up in it. If you are interested in this campaign please see www.stopthetraffik.org. For more information about "The Sunday Thing" please see: www.thesundaything.org.

Newsletter Delivery

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If you can spare the time and help, please contact Phil King at PhilKng@aol.com

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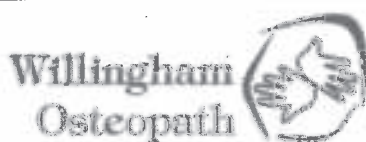
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From the Parish Council

Youth building proposal

Members of the Parish Council recently visited the new Youth Building in Milton. They were very impressed with the whole project. They are consulting with young people's representatives in Willingham, and looking into funding sources, to see whether something similar could be provided for our village.

Piper Lifelines

The Parish Council owns a number of Piper Lifelines – emergency call systems for vulnerable people (elderly and those with disabilities) providing an immediate link via a specialised telephone between the person's home and an emergency call centre 24 hours a day. It currently has one available for loan to anyone in Willingham who meets the criteria. If you think you could use this, please contact the Council Chairman Mrs Pat Daniels (contact details below), in confidence, and she will put you in touch with the scheme's administrator.

Vandalism issues



Following meetings during February with police representatives, as reported last month, the police have been seeking to provide more effective cover for Willingham. However, the Parish Council appreciates that instances of vandalism and rowdy behaviour still occur. If you witness or suffer from any such instances, please do ensure that the police are informed. It is only through adequate reporting that they will know the current scale of any problems, and only through accurate reporting figures that the Parish Council has the means to negotiate any improved police cover needed.

Public Art appointment

We are pleased to be able to report that an artist has been appointed to work with the Willingham community to create a piece of public art which will be both attractive and beneficial to the village. She is Zoe Chamberlain, who is fairly local (she is based in Burwell), and examples of her work can be seen on her website, www.zoechamberlain.com.

Cambridge Dial-a-Ride

Cambridge Dial-a-Ride provides transport for groups and individuals over 16 who through disability, infirmity or age would otherwise have difficulty accessing public transport. They cover Cambridge City, most villages in South Cambs District, and some in East Cambs District. They can drive people to the shops, to visit friends and relatives, to the doctor, the dentist, or the hairdresser, to day centres (although not at present to hospital appointments). They call as near as possible to your front door, and are equipped with ramps and lifts for wheelchair users. They will take people to Tesco's at Bar Hill, or into Cambridge City centre, on alternate weeks. However, they can only offer these services to Willingham residents on Wednesdays.

There is an annual membership fee, and also a per-journey fare; bus pass holders get reductions, and

anyone registered as visually impaired travels free. Journeys are booked in advance by calling 01223-506335 or E-mailing camdar05@hotmail.co.uk. Membership forms and details of charges can be obtained from the office (same contact details). See also their website, www.colc.co.uk/cambridge/dialaride.

No Smoking!

The new law prohibiting smoking in enclosed workplaces and public buildings comes into force on 1 July. This will affect all the Parish Council's buildings: the Public Hall, the Pavilion, and the Ploughman Hall including the Parish Council Office.



April Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4 April at 7 30 pm, in Willingham School. The agenda will be posted on Friday 30 March 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:-

10 April	Finance & General Purposes Committee
11 April	Public Hall Committee (postponed from 26 February)
16 April	Cemetery Committee
23 April	Litter Working Party
25 April	Green & Boundaries Committee
1 May	Leisure & Amenities Committee
2 May	Annual Parish Council Meeting
16 May	Annual Parish Meeting
21 May	Cemetery Committee

All at 7 30 pm unless otherwise stated. Committee and Working Party 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 Committee 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.

Please note especially the dates for the Annual Parish Council Meeting, and the Annual Parish Meeting (this is not a Parish Council meeting – although it is arranged by the Parish Council - but a meeting for the whole Parish to discuss any village-related matters you wish to bring to it).

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

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Jottings from your County Councillor

I was delighted that, after a number of years of lobbying, work is finally taking place to replace the footway along Over Road. This piece of footway has long caused problems, partly because of the slope and partly because of its poor condition, but at long last funds have been found to re-build it.

This month seems to have been a month of petitions. The first, to the County Council cabinet followed the very nasty accident in January along the Willingham-Rampton Road. I fully support measures to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists and horseriders along this stretch of road, which gets busier by the day. Whenever the A14 is blocked, which is an almost daily occurrence, Willingham becomes a magnet for rat running and I support any measures to make the road safer. Given that this is the route to get to Cottenham Village College, a cycleway linking with the one already in place between Rampton and Cottenham seems an obvious a logical solution.

The second petition, to the South Cambridgeshire Area Joint Committee sought enforcement of the 30mph limit along Earith Road. Although I was unable to be present at the meeting, the current situation is ludicrous. The interactive signs have never worked and I have lost count of the number of occasions I have asked for them to be repaired. Better enforcement, including proper enforcement by the police, is essential, but at the end of the day, the only real solution is for Willingham to have a full bypass.

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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Willingham Parish Plan



PUBLIC MEETING
Willingham School
18th April 2007
at 7.30pm



They need a Parish Plan!

What goes in it?

The plan can cover whatever is relevant to the community. Subjects that other villages have included are:

- Facilities for young people
- Police and community safety
- Healthcare
- Schooling
- Transport
- Traffic
- Village clubs

What is a Parish Plan!

A Parish Plan is a document that reflects the real needs of residents on a wide variety of issues. This plan can then be referred to by anyone wanting to invest time and money in developing things for our future. It helps them, but more importantly, it helps us to influence what happens in our community.

What are we doing?

We, a small group of volunteer residents, have set up a Parish Plan Committee in the village. The Plan will be presented to the Local Authorities. It will provide the framework them to develop and deliver some of your requirements within a set timescale.

How will we know what to put in the plan?
We hope you are going to tell us!

How can you give your opinions?

Come to the school hall on 18th April
Questionnaires will be delivered to every home in the village later in the year. Please take time to fill them in and we will collect them from you.

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New surgery sessions - From 1 April we are introducing two new routine surgery sessions at Willingham. These will be on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 30-5 30 pm and will be with our new doctor Dr Paul Kuruvilla. These will be bookable in advance with some book-on-the-day slots for urgent appointments. The Tuesday afternoon surgery will run alongside the Antenatal and Baby Clinics and the Wednesday afternoon surgery will slightly overlap our existing 5 00 -7 00 pm evening surgery. We hope these two new surgery sessions will take the pressure off the busy morning surgeries. We would urge anyone who is able to attend an afternoon surgery to use these new sessions if at all possible. We would welcome any feedback on how these new sessions are working for you.

Dr Gordon Hewlett's retirement - As I'm sure you all know by now Dr Hewlett retired at the end of March after 40 years with the practice. Our thanks to all who have left messages for Gordon in his Memories Book and who attended one of our Open Mornings. We will give news of how these went in next month's newsletter.

Willingham Pharmacy news - We have recently installed a **private consultation area**. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your medication or general health in confidence please ask to speak to Neil our

Pharmacist. We can now offer you a **Medicines Use Review** to help you get the most from the medicines you have been prescribed. The review will allow our Pharmacist to establish a full picture of how you use your medicines to ensure that you are getting the best possible outcome from your treatment. The service is provided free of charge to eligible patients.



Acknowledgements Our grateful thanks to the family and friends of Frank Cook for their kind donations to the Equipment Fund in his memory. We have purchased an overhead projector, screen and flipcharts to help with staff training and patient education groups. Our thanks also to the family of the late Mrs Elsie Moore for their donations to the Fund which means we have been able to purchase a new wheelchair for transportation from the car park to the surgery.

Cynthia Bidwell
Practice Manager

Willingham Pharmacy Opening hours

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Friday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 6 30pm

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Kissing gates provide easier access than stiles for people who are less mobile, disabled, and for those with wheelchairs and pushchairs. This removes barriers to the routes across the county and allows everyone to use the rights of way and enjoy the countryside.

In previous years access officers have carried out a gates programme using funding from the Local Transport Plan.

Working closely with parishes, farmers and landowners, the parishes of Woodhurst, Caxton and Great Staughton are all now benefiting from new gates.

The Fen Rivers Way is also nearly free of stiles along its 17 mile route from Cambridge to Ely, and the parishes of Bourn and Horseheath are currently undergoing gate improvements.

The team are keen to continue this much needed improvement work in many other parishes and would appreciate the help from local landowners and farmers to do this.

If you would like to know more about rights of way in Cambridgeshire please contact the Countryside Access Team on 01223 717445 or email them at cst@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/countryside

Willingham Sports Council Quiz Night



Willingham Sports Council are holding their next popular quiz night on Friday 13 April at the Social Club. 7 30 pm for a prompt 8 00 pm start. **(Please note the change in date).**

It will follow the usual format of general knowledge questions with a cash prize.

A chilli and french bread supper or vegetarian alternative at half time, followed by a raffle.

Maximum of 6 in a team. Please book your team in advance, £6 per person. Telephone Lynda Bunt on 01954 261309.

All proceeds to the Pavilion fund, raffle prizes will be gratefully received.

Our quiz nights are very informal and there is usually a lot of light-hearted banter, some of our rounds in the past have included 'Locate the Willingham landmark from a photo' and 'Postcodes'.

For those of you who feel you might like to come along here is an invaluable guide.

TOP TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL QUIZNIGHT

* Do you know the difference between 'The Darkness' and 'The Shadows'? If not choose a mixed age group for

your team, this is especially useful in the music questions.

* Which character from a famous musical asked for more? The caterers are happy to cater for the largest appetites but we need to know in advance.

* Fast reflexes help, grab the pen quickly. At least if you write down the answers for your team you'll look busy and no one will notice if you haven't answered anything.

* Choose a non-memorable team name, that way if you are last at least you won't be remembered. If you are confident... go for it!

* Nod regularly in agreement with the answers and congratulate your fellow team members. The other teams will be impressed with your correct answers.

* Buy plenty of raffle tickets, that way your odds of winning something are higher.

* Never argue with the quizmaster or your team members. Under pressure they could transform into Jeremy Paxman.

* If you win take the opportunity to boast about it for at least 6 months.

* If you lose miserably... blame it on that last shandy!

* Most importantly, enjoy yourself, it's for a great cause and you are contributing something worthwhile to our village.

ITV Anglia Climate Change Campaign – Make A Difference

Dear Willingham Resident,

Earlier this month ITV Anglia launched a campaign to encourage viewers to reduce their carbon footprint. It is part of a wider initiative across ITV's programming schedule.

During the campaign we aim to offer viewers plenty of advice and tips from our experts. Viewers are also being asked to 'Make A Difference' by signing up to one or more of our ten challenges.

THE TEN CHALLENGES

- 1 Switch to low energy light bulbs and appliances – choose those with an "A" rating for energy efficiency
- 2 Switch off TVs and other electrical appliances – don't leave them on standby
- 3 Switch to a renewable energy supply – or ask your power company for a green tariff
- 4 Insulate your home
- 5 Re-use and Recycle
- 6 Use public transport more often - or offer to car share
- 7 Use water wisely – treating waste water is carbon-intensive
- 8 Walk or cycle to work or to school or to the shops
- 9 Buy food produced locally and in season – reduce your food miles
- 10 Be an advocate for energy saving. Persuade your family, neighbour or employer to do more to reduce their carbon emissions

Further details on the campaign can also be found on our website www.itvclimatechange.com



Willingham Parish Council and other members of your community are helping us with our filming over the coming weeks. We hope residents of Willingham will also encourage other viewers to make a real difference and that the actions of many individuals can make an even bigger difference. If you would like to get involved in our programme and have the opportunity to gain some free advice from our experts we would very much like to hear from you.

Filming is scheduled to take place over the coming weeks with a special campaign programme on 17 April. If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the production team below.

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We look forward to hearing from you if you would like to be involved.

Many thanks,
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Womens Institute

At our next meeting at the Social Club on 16 April starting at 6 30 pm.

Astrid Badcock will be giving an informative talk on reflexology.

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Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

It is always a pleasure to get the *Willingham News* and we particularly liked the recent innovation of profiling some of the village's "characters". In this respect we were disappointed to see only a brief reference to Keith Hodgkinson and no obituary of Frank Cook, both of whom were stalwart members of the community and will be greatly missed.

Please do continue the profiles of local people and include full obituaries in the magazine when appropriate.

Yours sincerely,
Peter and Jane Leaver

Editor's reply – thank you for your kind comments in relation to the obituaries, we are of course willing to print any that are submitted to us.

Dear Editor,

As a recently new resident of Willingham I am a little annoyed and disappointed at the mindless (and clearly bored) attitude of whoever it is that over the last few weeks has decided to key-scratch several cars (including both mine and my partners and neighbours) in Church Street.

I would hate to assume that it is young residents of Willingham who have been seen kicking the central reservation bollards into the road. (This has been reported to the Police along with the car vandalism.)

It is very costly to get cars re-sprayed when a key scratch reaches the full length of the vehicle and I am sure that the persons responsible don't have the spare cash to pay for such, nor do I.

Some of us also had Christmas lights ripped from our property, unfortunately by the time we realised the youngsters in question had run off!

It falls upon me to question why some of our younger residents feel it necessary to parade the streets and find this vandalism entertaining? I don't know if there are others in the village who are experiencing this damage?

I don't like complaining and at 26 yrs old I could be potentially living in the village for a long time. I don't think the police will realistically do much, but we will still report events. I'd like to thank you for reading this and for anything you put in your magazine regarding this issue.

A Willingham resident

Dear Editor

Milton Country Park

A number of Parish Magazines have recently published reader concerns about the future of Milton Country Park. I would like to thank everyone for the huge support shown for the park.

At SCDC a number of officers are working very hard on finding a long-term solution to keeping the park open and financially viable. I would like to share with you the views of Cllr Ray Manning, new SCDC leader:

'Discussions are underway with a number of prospective partners and an agreement is likely to be reached in the near future. If there is no other solution in place by 31 August a charitable trust may be set up to run the park – which supporters and Parish Councils will be able to contribute to.

At the end of March SCDC Members and officers will be meeting with all prospective partners who have shown an interest in the park's future, many of which are charities with experience of running open spaces like Milton Country Park.

We are all working very hard to find the best solution to securing Milton Country park's future and the situation is moving along rapidly. I will endeavour to keep you informed once firmer progress has been made.'

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

PP.

Cllr Vicky Ford

Community Development Portfolio Holder



Willingham Bowls Club

The Willingham Bowls Club had a very successful year in 2006 and we are now looking to enjoy the 2007 season, the start of which is rapidly approaching. With this in mind, we are hoping to attract a group of new bowlers who can practice together, join our teams and continue the success. So if you are thinking of trying bowls – now is the time.

An informal meeting will be held on Thursday 26 April at 7 30 pm in the Bowls Club Tea Room on the Recreation Ground, when fees can be paid and programmes for the new season will be available.

There will be a practice roll-up on Saturday 28 April.

New members are very welcome to both meeting and roll-up, please come along and meet us and we can plan further practice sessions.

Our first match is Monday 30 April.

For further information please telephone 01954 201830



Crossword solution

Across: 5 Principal, 8 Chic, 9 Affinity, 10 Umpire, 11 Reveal, 13 Bought, 15 Thrift, 16 Gigantic, 18 Apse, 19 Wakefield.

Down: 1 Cracking, 2 Enrage, 3 Pilfer, 4 Tarn, 6 Shambolic, 7 Steadfast, 12 Variable, 14 Tether, 15 Tactic, 17 Ajar.

Pastoral Letter

Easter is tough

If the Church had employed a top marketing agency they could not have done better than Christmas - Motherhood, animals, lambs and angels. It has bags of appeal.

When it comes to Easter we seem to have lost our grip - badly.

True there is a happy ending. Or to be more precise a joyful new beginning; but the road to it is dark and sombre. Frankly it is unsuitable for children.

Betrayal, stress, cruelty, injustice and violent death are not the sorts of thing you want to dwell on. Not unless you are making a Panorama documentary.

Yet to be frank Easter is the heart of the Christian Faith. Christmas is the icing on the cake, the light relief to break up the dark dank days of winter. For the first few centuries the Church pretty well managed without it. But Easter was always the great celebration, the focus of the Christian calendar.

For of course it is where religion hits reality. The world is not all tinsel and good will. It is full of enough human wickedness and darkness to keep the Panorama team in employment well into the next millennium.

At Easter Jesus confronts that reality with nothing but his trust in his Heavenly Father.

He gives us hope that there can be a joyful new beginning; that darkness sin, cruelty and injustice will not have the last word.

But he is too honest to kid us that this is easy. He just shows the way and asks us to follow. He never said it would be easy, just that it is necessary.

Geoff Turner

St Mary's and All Saints Church



Willingham Gardening Club

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. 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.

Speaker/Presentations

Monday 2 April 2007 The main business of the evening is the AGM but time permitting there will be a short presentation by member on their travels abroad.

Monday 7 May 2007 The subject matter of the presentation by Mark Ekin will be 'Flower and Vegetable gardening.' We can all grow something in our gardens however small.

Can there be anything better to eat than some home grown fruit or vegetables?

A reminder too that annual subscriptions of £7.50 were due to be paid at the March meeting. Anyone who has not yet paid their subs should do so at the April meeting please.

Annual Plant Stall - Saturday 19 May 2007 from 10 00am at the usual site adjoining the Post Office in Willingham. Please give some thought as to how you might make your contribution.

Donations of plants for sale should be delivered to the plant stall on the morning of the sale by 9 30 am if possible. Please label your contribution clearly. If you cannot donate then please come along and purchase something.

Club Trips

A programme of Club coach trips is planned each year. Linda has planned the programme for 2007. 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.

On Saturday 12 May 2007 there will be a trip to Hever Castle in Kent. The cost has not yet been calculated. The start time is likely to be 9 00am from the Green, Willingham but details will be available at the AGM or from Linda on 202072 nearer to the April meeting and at the meeting itself. Please support us if you can.



Events at the Churches

Baptist Matters

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 during term time. The meeting will recommence after the Easter holidays on Thursday 19 April.

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 from 9 45 to 11 15 am in the Baptist Church during term time. This meeting is for children aged 18 months to 3 years, with their parents/carers, for fun activities and refreshments. We will begin again after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 17 April. 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.

Restoration news Grant for organ restoration work. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded a grant of £13,700 towards the cost of renovating the 1912 Harrison & Harrison organ at the parish church. The restoration work, mainly to the complex and sophisticated pedal pneumatic action, is to be carried out by a Norfolk firm of organ builders, Holmes & Swift, based in Fakenham.

The work is due to begin immediately after Easter. As part of the restoration process, the 582 pipes will be taken away for cleaning.

Bill Kirkman, who plays the organ at the parish church said: 'We are most grateful to HLF for this grant, which is a recognition of the high quality of the Willingham organ.' He quoted the comment of Dr Gerald Gifford, international recitalist and emeritus professor at the Royal College of Music, who lived for many years in Cottenham, and knows the organ well. Gerald said 'it was to my mind one of the finest examples of Harrison & Harrison's work in the field of small organ design of its era. Built just a few years later than the same firm's magnificent organ at Ely Cathedral, it bears a number of hallmarks of their larger instruments, and thankfully remains to this day as an essentially untouched example of their work.'

Cakes The April cake stall will be at the church as usual on the first Saturday of the month – Saturday 7 April



- from 10 00 am. This will be a good opportunity to buy a cake for Easter. Regulars will know that the cake stall, and the cakes, are popular. If you have not visited the stall before, now is the time to try it.

Practical note: If you want a bag to take your cakes away in, please bring your own. Joyce Bowen and Jean Cook and

their colleagues will NOT be able to provide plastic bags.

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.

Mother's Union Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 30 April at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. A talk by Sheila Addison about "Work on the roof of the church of the World in Nepal". Sheila was headmistress at Willingham Primary School. Anyone is welcome to come and join us. Wave of Prayer will be held in the Lady Chapel on Thursday 5 April at 6 00 pm. Transport can be arranged. The Deanery Festival is to be held at St Marys & All Saints Church on Wednesday 2 May at 2 30 pm.

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.

New Venture: Mondays at 2 00 pm. Craft meeting, known as craft workshops. Welcome to anyone interested. For information, ring Daphne on 260068.

Church Organ Music Charity CD by Dick Lingham

Dick Lingham has lived in Willingham for 40 years and has been the Organist at Swavesey Parish Church for 30 years. He had to retire from full time employment in 1993 with Fronto-Temporal Lobe Brain Dementia (a form of Picks Disease) but fortunately has been able to continue as organist.

Dick has now recorded a CD of favourite music on the organ at Swavesey Church with the help and encouragement of friends, and copies are being sold to raise money for the Pick's Disease Support Group, a charity that gives help and support to those who care for people with Picks Disease. There are 16 tracks on the CD including Hallelujah Chorus, Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, Trumpet Voluntary and the British Legion March.



Priced at £10 each, copies of the CD may be obtained from 1B, Mill Road, Willingham, Cambridge. CB24 5LA. Please make cheques payable to "Picks Charity CD" and include the name and address of the person to whom it may be delivered.

Churches Together in Willingham and Rampton

Services at the Churches during April

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

1 April

11 00 am Family Praise

8 April

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Communion

15 April

11 00 am Family Communion

22 April

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Praise & Baptism

29 April

11 00 am Parish Communion

Holy Week

8 00 pm. There will be series of three short services of Night Prayers in different traditions with Bible Readings to take us through the Passion Story.

Monday 2 April

Prayer from The Northumbria Community

Tuesday 3 April

The Traditional Late Night Office at Rampton

Wednesday 4 April

Worship from Taize

Maundy Thursday 7 00 pm

The Rampton Agape a now traditional informal meal and Eucharist in All Saints Rampton

Good Friday

10 00 am Service followed by the walk of witness and Service on the Green.

Thursday Praise: 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 which will be 12 & 26 April.

There is a prayer meeting on the first Friday of each month at 8 00 am which will be 6 April.

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. 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

1 April

9 30 am Parish Communion

8 April

9 30 am Family Communion in Church

15 April

9 30 am Parish Communion

22 April

9 30 am Church Lite in Church

29 April

11 00 am Parish Communion At Willingham

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org

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 web site for more information.

1 April Palm Sunday

10 00 am Keith Rawlinson (Communion)

6 00 pm Mark Wareham

6 April Good Friday

10 00 am Keith Rawlinson - followed by Walk of Witness and Combined Church Service on Village Green

8 April Easter Sunday

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie

6 00 pm TBA

15 April

9 00 am Adam Stacey - refreshments are available between the two services, from 10 05 to 10 40 am.

10 45 am Family Service - Adam Stacey

6 00 pm Prayer and Praise - Bob & June Earl

22 April

10 00 am Mark Wareham

6 00 pm Keith Rawlinson (Communion)

29 April

10 00 am Liz Herrington - Sunday School Celebration

6 00 pm Prayer Focus - Liz Herrington

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

1 April One meeting only

3 00 pm Roy Barton

8 April

10 30 am To be arranged

5 00 pm Captain Wood

15 April

10 30 am To be arranged

5 00 pm Majors Peter and Iris Leech

22 April

10 30 am To be arranged

5 00 pm Mark and Dawn Anderson

29 April

10 30 am Brian Bassingthwait

5 00 pm Brian Bassingthwait

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 April this is Wilford Furlong, Brickhills, Meadow Road, Rockmill End and Sponge Drove.

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Longstanton, church ceiling

Tony Fowler and Scouting in Willingham



"Chick" with his citation for 16 years hard work.

Scouting is alive and well in Willingham, as village residents will know. If you had lived here in the early 1960s, you would have found no Scout troop – until the arrival of Tony Fowler in Willingham in 1962. It was his

enthusiasm, based on long experience of scouting, that got it started in 1963, and built it to the flourishing state which it now enjoys.

The enthusiasm remains. 'In my humble opinion', Tony declares, Scouting is the greatest youth movement ever.'

The Scout movement was founded by General Baden-Powell in February 1907. Tony notes that it began, in Poole, Dorset, with 20 boys. There are now more than 28 million Scouts around the world.

Tony Fowler's own involvement began in 1943, as a cub scout at the Perse preparatory school. He moved to the Perse Upper School (then so-called) and was a member of the school troop. He also joined the Air Section of the Combined Cadet Force, and with that background entered the RAF in 1951. By the early 1960s Tony was Assistant Scout Master (the term now is Leader) of 29th Cambridge Scout Group, East Barnwell.

Moving to Willingham, he discovered that there was no troop in the village – and that many people wished there was. He cut his ties with the 29th, called a meeting in the (old) school, and things began to happen. At an early stage he recruited Lyn Curtis and as a result of Tony's remarkable powers of persuasion, she later became Cub Scout Leader – in 1969.

Meanwhile, he met the Parish Council, which agreed that the newly formed Scout Troop could use the Public Hall. It is still the meeting place for Willingham's Scouts.

Parents raised money to buy old army wardrobes to store kit. Later, as the troop grew, other fund-raising activities were started. For several years in the mid-1970s Scouts, and a group of parents, went round the village on the first Saturday each month collecting waste paper for sale. They also organised a collection of saleable metal.

For a time Tony was the only Scout leader, but he soon recruited others, the first being Dave Daniels. Tony became Group Scout Leader.

Talking of people's willingness to serve, he emphasises that Scout leaders are volunteers. 'Some people', he remarks with surprise and disappointment 'even a few years ago thought that leaders were paid.'

Tony's contribution to Scouting was not just in Willingham. He became the first Assistant District Commissioner for leader training across the District. He joined a training team, set up by Lieutenant Colonel Harry Mainwaring, then County Commissioner, as part of a plan to make Scouting more adventurous. Tony speaks warmly of Harry Mainwaring as one of the 'characters' in the Scouting firmament.

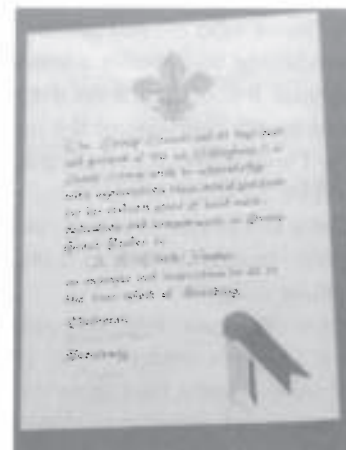
When Dusty Reynolds, who had a RAF background, became an Assistant Scout Leader, the Troop became Air Scouts (which chimed in with Tony's own National Service experience). With the help of Colin Dews, company service manager at Pye, who was Tony's boss, Willingham's Scouts were able to enjoy gliding.

Listening to Tony Fowler talking, still with huge enthusiasm, about the growth and development of Scouting in Willingham and beyond, you marvel that he actually had time for a career as well. In fact, he had joined Pye in 1951, left to join the RAF, but because of his father's illness ceased to be a regular, and returned to Pye after two years of national service. He joined Pye Telecommunications on 18 May 1953. Three months later his father, who had worked for Pye throughout the war, died.

After 21 years in the service department, Tony became the company's health and safety adviser in 1974. Health and safety regulations came in nationally on 1 April of that year, and Tony reflects wryly that, given the way in which the regulations have developed, the date was well chosen.

He retired (from Philips, as the firm had become) in 1991, after almost 40 years of service. In retirement he worked part-time for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in Cambridgeshire – an appropriate role, since, as he notes, Scouting has now embraced the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award, which is held jointly with the distinction of becoming a Queen's Scout. Tony takes particular pride in the fact that in 1985 his son Tim, Andrew Cook and Tim Curtis, were the first Willingham Scouts to win the coveted Queen's Scout Award.

Now finally retired, Tony is still involved in County Scouting events. He was in Ely Cathedral for the celebration in February of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Scout Movement. In 1996 he was presented with the Silver Wolf, which is the personal gift of the Chief Scout, in recognition of his services to Scouting in Cambridge and Cambridgeshire.



Hundreds of Willingham boys have enjoyed and benefited from Scouting, and Tony Fowler takes great pleasure from the fact that the foundations he laid have proved so solid and lasting. Why is it that Scouting continues to flourish? Tony's reply is clear: 'It offers a sense of fun, achievement and challenge'.

Has Scouting lost anything? Tony regrets that the extremes of health and safety legislation – and the fact

that so many people are now keen to 'make a quick buck by suing' – have made it more difficult to offer those things. He adds: 'Because of red tape many parents won't help because they're frightened'. In making this point, he also makes it clear that the Scout movement has always taken a responsible attitude. 'We were the first organisation to vet leaders, long before it was compulsory', he recalls.

New Village correspondent

Willingham has a new Village and Community correspondent, who will be sending Willingham news to the *Cambridge Evening News*.

She is Anne Kirkman, 14 George Street, telephone 01954 260393. Email: anne.kirkman@btinternet.com

Willingham news appears in the paper on Tuesdays. The deadline is late evening on the previous Tuesday. If you have anything to be considered for publication, you must get it to Anne Kirkman on time.

Ploughman Hall

The next AGM of the Ploughman Hall Committee will be on Tuesday 3 April. There will also be on the same date an Extraordinary Meeting at 7 30 pm in the Ploughman Hall to discuss the future management arrangements. The AGM will follow on immediately after this.

All are welcome and users and anyone interested in this important village facility are urged to attend.

The Jamie Aspinall Golf -Society

JAGS was formed in 2000 in memory of Jamie who died in a motorbike accident aged just 19.



We get together twice a year for a day of golf.

Usually around 20 – 30 people attend, we have a round of golf at a local course, then return to the Black Bull in Willingham for a buffet and presentation evening. A raffle is organised, in the past we have had donations of signed football shirts from Liverpool and Arsenal which we auctioned off and we fine members for their conduct throughout the day.

In the past we have raised lots of money for charities such as Magpas and local organisations.

We are always interested to hear from local organisations that would like to be considered for funds, if anyone is interested please contact us at email@universalfencing.co.uk.

Our first event of the year will be held at the Cromwell Course, Abbotsley. On Thursday 5 April, we would welcome new and old faces.

Willingham Charity Lunch

This months charity lunch will be held on 28 April at 36 St Margerets Road, Girton, hosted by Cliff and Daphne Randall at 1 00 pm. The lunch consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea and coffee etc and costs £3. This year's nominated charity is Hospice at Home which like many other good causes is in desperate need of funds, due to the recent cut backs by the Primary Care Trust. These lunches are social occasions and are a good time to meet old and new friends, particularly if you are new to the area, as well as raising money for needy causes.

For further information telephone 01954 261076.



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The email of our PCSO John Mason is

john.mason@cambs.pnn.police.uk

His mobile phone number is **07921 938051**

Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
April				
2	AGM and presentation by members of their travels abroad	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	7 30 pm
3	AGM & Extraordinary Meeting	Ploughman Hall Management Committee	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
5	Golf meeting	Jamie Aspinall Golf Society	Cromwell Course Abbotsley	Email@universalfencing.co.uk
13	Quiz Night and Supper	Willingham Sports Council	Social Club	8 pm Lynda Blunt 261309
18	Public meeting	Parish Plan Committee	Willingham Primary School	7 30 pm
22	Yesteryear Run	MAGPAS		
28	Charity Lunch	Willingham Charity Lunch	36 St Margarets Road Girton	1 00 pm 261076
30	Talk by Sheila Addison "Work on the Roof of the Church of the World in Nepal"	Mother's Union	Octagon	2 30 pm
May				
7	Flower and Vegetable gardening Mark Ekin	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Club	Social
9	Talk by local author Midge Gillies	Friends of Willingham Library	Octagon	7 30 pm 260780
12	Concert	St Michael's Church Longstanton	St Michael's Church Longstanton	7 30 pm
13	Willingham Fun Run	Willingham School Association		
June				
30	Willingham Primary School Fete	Willingham School Association	Willingham School	

MAGPAS YESTERYEAR RUN



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Sunday 22 April
from 9 00 am
at

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Bin collections

4 April Black bin
12 April (1 day late) Green bin and green box
18 April Black bin
25 April Green bin and green box

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

Glossy magazines (including *Willingham News*) 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.

Plastic bags may also be recycled at Willingham Co-op car park.



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
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests			01954 260073
	Pharmacy			01954 261787
	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		Kathryn Wright	01954 261770
	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
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	Cambridge Evening News Correspondent		Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	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 Doreen Young	01954 200561
	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		Mrs Hilary Wyllie	01954 260051
	Methodists	Ministerial Contact	Rev. Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic	Priest	Monsignor Rogers	01223 350787
	Salvation Army		Major and Mrs B Willson	01223 248351

The Friends of Willingham Library present local author

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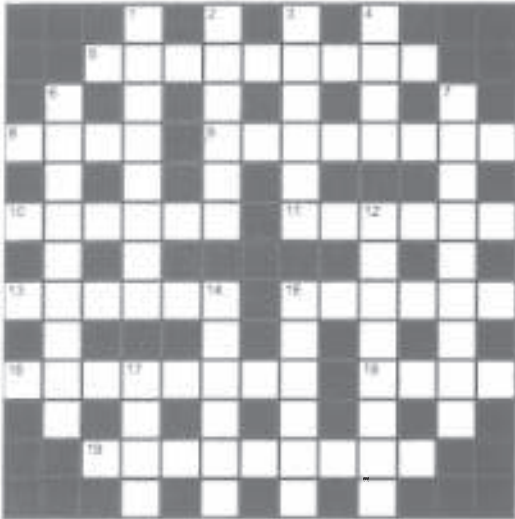
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Crossword set by Willow



Across

- 5 Head nobleman drops last letter to Italian friend (9)
- 8 Arab chief said to be stylish? (4)
- 9 Home in a very loud city doesn't begin to have attraction (8)
- 10 Judge some premium Pirelli tyres (6)
- 11 Right to leave out for show (6)
- 13 Paid for first two bouncers to hit thug (6)
- 15 On Thursday take break from scrimping and saving (6)
- 16 Huge concert caper? (8)
- 18 Don't start to backslide in church! (4)
- 19 Funeral ground in Yorkshire (9)

Down

- 1 Have pork fat without getting large? Brilliant! (8)
- 2 Infuriate a green reformer (6)
- 3 Nick's back somersault takes energy to get right (6)
- 4 Sailor on northern lake? (4)
- 6 Totally disorganized pretence of finding oil rig in ancient times (9)
- 7 Firm outdates quickly (9)
- 12 Unpredictable victory brings song to noblest heart (8)
- 14 Had enough at the end of it to tie horse up (6)
- 15 Plan to put Prudence in command (6)
- 17 Partly open a grate (4)

solution on page 10.

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- * Put away all tools and equipment and lock up. Remember these tools could be used to break into your home. Don't leave ladders outside, or chain them up if you have to.
- * Replace standard hinges with strap hinges secured by coach bolts or use security screws on existing hinges.
- * Use good quality locks to secure your gates and doors. A tough pad bar (also called hasp and staple) fitted with a strong padlock and secured with coach bolts is the most effective way of securing a door. Some standard locks fitted to up-and-over garage doors are easily overcome. A padlock with a hasp and staple fitted on each side is very effective. Specialist locks for such doors are also available. Double garage doors with a rim latch should be supplemented with a mortice deadlock. If the garage is attached to the main building ensure that connecting doors are secure.
- * Install outside security lighting operated by either movement sensor or photoelectric cell (Dusk to Dawn light).
- * Check that your household insurance covers theft from your garden and outbuildings.
- * Mark your power tools etc. with your post code and house number or the first two letters of your house name. Alternatively, permanently mark them by scratching or painting: this will also reduce their value to the thief. Fit a battery-operated alarm. These can cost less than you think.
- * Fit a window grille and/or frosted window film to stop a thief seeing into your shed or garage. Chain tools cycles and other valuable equipment together using high security chain or cable and a good quality padlock.
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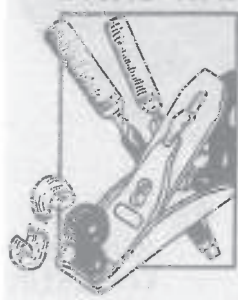
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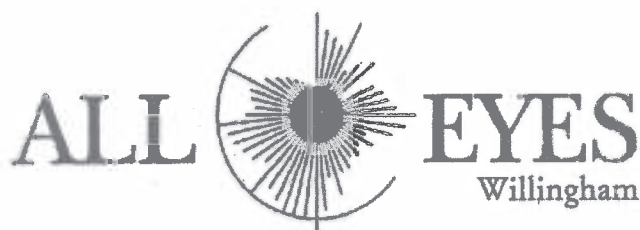
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