



WILLINGHAM NEWS

May 2007

Willingham under water – 60 years on



Gate at Bridge Farm, Earith Road. Photograph kindly provided by Graham Rose, whose father, C D Rose, used to farm there

For people who were living in Willingham in 1947, the floods remain a vivid memory. Much of the village – and many square miles of the whole Fenland region – were under water. The floods occurred in March, after the coldest February on record, with low temperatures combined with heavy snow, comparable with the situation in January 1814.

The severe conditions of 1947 took place in a year when Britain faced fuel and food shortages, two years after the end of the Second World War.

After the extreme cold of January and February 1947, a sudden thaw in March coincided with high spring tides. The ground remained frozen, and the flood water filled the rivers to the brim.

Mike Petty, well-known local historian, describes it graphically. In *Stories of Flood*, he writes that there was talk of calling in the army. 'The town criers at Haddenham and Swavesey are appealing for extra men to go to the aid of Willingham, just one of the danger points.'

Desperate attempts were made to stem the flood with sandbags, and volunteers worked in appalling conditions, as land and homes were flooded.

The main breaches of the river bank came on 17 March, after hurricane force winds had swept water over the tops of the banks. One of the breaches was at Little Thetford. It swamped the main railway line. To quote Mike Petty again: 'The other was way out in the fen near Earith where a 50 yard gap had been torn in the river bank and properties at Over and Willingham were flooded, the water flowing east until it was checked by the main Old West river bank alongside which runs the Earith to Willingham road.'

After the floods had finally subsided, people were able to comprehend the full extent of the damage, to the land, and to their homes.

After 1947, river banks have been strengthened, and more channels cut, but as we all know, the impact of global warming on sea levels already poses a threat to the coastal areas of East Anglia. For those who experienced the 1947 floods, that threat will reawaken memories of what did happen, not simply thoughts of what might happen.

(If you have memories of the 1947 floods, do send them to Willingham News, either by email or on paper to the Library. Not more than 250 words, please.)



The Recreation Ground, with the old pavilion.



The road under water.

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From the Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is on Wednesday 16 May, 7 30 pm at the Primary School. This meeting is not a Parish Council meeting (although the Parish Council co-ordinates it), but is for the whole village to discuss any village-related issues anybody wishes to bring. It will be as good as you make it! – so please do attend and take part.

The search for a new cemetery site

For some time the Parish Council has been searching for a suitable site for a new cemetery, as the present one will soon be full. New regulations mean that the new site will have to be well above the water table, and not within 250 metres of a watercourse. This means that a number of otherwise suitable sites in the village can not be considered.



If you own 3 – 4 acres of land which you think might be suitable and which you would be willing to consider selling to the Parish Council, please would you get in touch with the Parish Clerk at the Parish Council Office?

Electricity use monitoring

Did you see Willingham on ITV on the 17 April? The village was chosen as a typical mid-Eastern Region village for a programme on “going green” in the Region. As part of the process a number of electricity monitoring plugs have been loaned to the village, and we are looking for 4 or 5 households who would be willing to take part in an experiment to see how much electricity is used by one of your electrical items in regular use.

If you would be willing to take part in this project, please contact the Parish Council Office.

New PCSO

Willingham now has a new Police Community Support Officer – Dom Pingerno. The good news is that we share him with only one other village, so he should be able to spend a fair amount of his time in Willingham. He should also usually be available at the monthly “surgeries” (first Wednesday morning of the month at the Baptist Church) if anybody wishes to raise any issues with him.

Free resource for the arts

There is a new on-line resource for the arts in Cambridgeshire. List Live is a searchable directory of local arts providers, groups, facilities, artists, agencies and more. You can add your details for free



under one of 6 categories, or search the database for details of other individuals or groups you wish to contact or work with. www.start-arts.org.uk

District and County Council grass-cutting

The District Council has recently rationalised its grass-cutting contract which includes Willingham, and has deleted those areas which belong to the County Council. Areas formerly cut by the District Council which will now fall to the responsibility of the County Council include:-

Haden Way – the verge and square

area of grass adjoining Over Road

Mill Field – the central roundabout

Over Road – the verge

Rockmill End – the verge

The Parish Council is seeking clarification from the County Council as to when the areas which come under their responsibility will be cut.



May Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Council, on Wednesday 2 May at 7 30 pm, in Willingham School. The agenda will be posted on Friday 27 April 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:-

1 May	Leisure & Amenities Committee
2 May	Annual Parish Council Meeting
15 May	Green & Boundaries Committee
16 May	Annual Parish Meeting
21 May	Cemetery Committee
6 June	Parish Council Meeting
11 June	Finance & General Purposes Committee
18 June	Leisure & Amenities 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.

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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.

PARISH COUNCILLORS' CONTACT DETAILS

Your Parish Councillors and their contact details (in alphabetical order) are:-

Mr J Anderson (Cemetery Committee Chair)	01954-203344	Mrs R Mead	01954-202626
Mr J Burnett	01954-270338	Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mrs K Cornwell	01954-261530	Mrs R Mumford (Public Hall Committee Chair)	01954-260934
Mrs P Daniels (Council Chair)	01954-260505	Mr G Pake	01954-260534
Mr P King (Council Vice-Chair, Planning Ctee Chair)	01954-260780	Mr B Papworth	01954-260798
Mr B Kirkman (Green & Boundaries Committee Chair)	01954-260393	Mr C Stephens	01954-260396
Mr R Manning (also Leader of the District Council)	01954-261235	Mr T Walkden	01954-201722
		Mr J Watson (Leisure & Amenities Committee Chair)	01954-200245

Northstowe – a Community Development Trust?

Two members of Willingham Parish Council – Pat Daniels, the chairman, and Bill Kirkman – attended a consultation event organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council at Over Community Centre on 17 March. The aim was to explore and discuss issues raised by the possibility of establishing a Community Development Trust centred on Northstowe, and involving neighbouring communities.

It was unfortunate that the event took place a few days after the announcement that inspectors had overthrown the views of District, County and Parish Councils about the Northstowe development. Inevitably, many of those taking part felt disillusioned about this particular aspect of the working of democracy, and expressed our disillusionment strongly.

The officials from the District Council behaved with impeccable professional detachment, and the presentation of the issues, and the discussion, were handled well.

What emerged strongly was the fact that the formation of a Community Development Trust – a charitable organisation – could add value to the community which will grow in and around Northstowe. It could do this, for example, by generating income from the management of assets, by contracting to deliver services on behalf of other bodies (such as the Town Council), and by accessing external funding through charitable grants and loans.

Marilyn Taylor, an independent consultant, set out possibilities clearly, and presented some case studies of similar arrangements.

Most of us who took part were persuaded that a Trust could work, and could bring real benefits. It would be a major enterprise, requiring trustees of wide experience, and staff of ability.

The report of the consultants, recommending the formation of a Development Trust, may be obtained from Jane Thompson, Cultural Services Manager, SCDC, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne CB3 6EA. Email: jane.thompson@scambs.gov.uk

The Parish Council would be glad to receive any reactions, comments or questions.

Bill Kirkman

Willingham Parish Council

Vacancy for a part-time Assistant to the Parish Clerk

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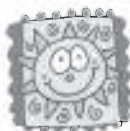
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Dr Gordon Hewlett's retirement - As I'm sure you all know by now Dr Hewlett retired at the end of March after 40 years with the practice. If you attended one of our Open Mornings and would like to purchase copies of the photographs please ask at Willingham Reception. Gordon really appreciated your support and kind messages at a difficult time for him. His wife Beryl was diagnosed with leukaemia during his last working week and is at present in hospital undergoing treatment so their retirement plans are on hold. We all send our thoughts and best wishes to Gordon and Beryl and their family.

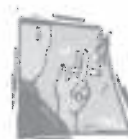
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(From the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health Network)



From 1 July 2007, virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England will be smoke free. This means that it will be against the law to smoke in the indoor parts of places such as pubs, bars, nightclubs, cafes and restaurants, lunch rooms, membership clubs and shopping centres. At work, smoking inside will become a thing of the past, and indoor smoking rooms will no longer be allowed. Public transport and work vehicles used by more than one person will also need to be smoke free.

Secondhand smoke is bad for health because it is a recognised carcinogen, which means that it is known to cause cancer in humans. Secondhand smoke can significantly increase a non-smokers likelihood of getting lung cancer or heart disease. And, because 85% of secondhand smoke is invisible and odourless, even though you think your workplace, pub or club is not a particularly smoky place you may be at more harm than you realise.

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Employers who would like more information about complying with the legislation can telephone Zoe Harvey on 01480 398585 for advice or e-mail zoe.harvey@cambsphn.nhs.uk. Details can also be found at www.smokefreeengland.co.uk.

For smokers who would like to stop smoking, the NHS has a free local service. Camquit and PQS Stop Smoking Services offer support to help smokers at a range of locations across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. For more information on NHS Stop Smoking Services telephone 0800 169 0169.

Black Bull Golf Society

Perhaps you are a golfer who has recently moved to the village and is looking to join a local society, or you may have aspirations of being the next Tiger Woods!

If either of the above is true, we are a friendly golf society offering a warm welcome to golfers of any level, from a complete novice to the scratch player.

We play a round of golf, followed by a buffet at the Black Bull, then presentation of prizes. Below is a list of this year's dates and venues:

19 April	Bourn Golf Club
24 May	Newmarket Golf Club
28 June	Lakeside Lodge, Pidley
2 August	Bar Hill
13 September	Wyboston Lakes
18 October	Thorpe Wood



If you are interested, please call in at the Black Bull and ask Roy or Jan for further details. We look forward to meeting you.

Women's Institute

Following our resolution meeting on 14 May, we have a very interesting talk by Keith Goodwin, the chef from Wimpole Hall, entitled "Pots & Pans".

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Solution to puzzle on page 19

Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters and comments. For publication, please make sure your name and contact details are available to the editors.



Dear Editor

I was interested in the letter in the last issue from the new resident of Willingham. I'm sorry that he has encountered vandalism from younger villagers, but as he hopes to live in the village for a long time, and is in his twenties, he would be an ideal person to do something to make Willingham a better place for old and young to live.

If he does not feel that he could get involved with helping to provide better facilities for the teenagers, as some people are trying to do, perhaps he would consider standing for the Parish Council at the next election? It's always good to have younger members with a fresh perspective.

Yours sincerely

Anne Kirkman
George Street

Dear Editor,

Easter Sunday should have been a pleasant family gathering. After working in our own garden over the holiday (and composting our waste) we intended to sit and relax and enjoy the sunshine. Unfortunately this was spoilt by one of our neighbours lighting a garden bonfire at lunchtime which smouldered on well into the afternoon, forcing us indoors.

Please could I request, through the Newsletter, that residents think of others if they have garden or household waste to dispose of. The green recycling bin holds a great deal, plus the tips at Bluntisham and Milton are not so far away.

The ban on smoking in public places comes into effect in July. It's a shame that it does not include the outdoor space in our neighbourhoods as well.

Name withheld at writer's request.

Dear Editor

My family and I recently moved to Willingham and are enjoying living in the village. One thing I have noticed, however, is the amount of dog faeces that are not picked up. I walk with my daughter to the primary school every day, and on every road of our route it seems to be a problem. I constantly see faeces on Long Lane, which in light of the amount of foot traffic (including young children and pushchairs) is not acceptable. www.encams.org says: 'Dog faeces carry harmful infections, the most widely known being Toxocariasis', which has the potential to be a very serious infection to

humans. This problem, therefore, is not just an inconvenience to people who walk through the village – it is a health and safety issue. For more information on this please refer to *The Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996* in England and Wales.



We recently acquired a dog and found a perfect solution to 'picking up the poo' – a scooper from Pets at Home for just a couple of pounds. I am asking the dog owners of Willingham to please act responsibly and pick up after their dogs. I don't understand why some people think they should be exempt from this basic rule.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Lucier

Dear Editor

Bridging the technology gap

There was a time when I understood what I bought, probably in the 60's and 70's, but knobs gave way to buttons, circuit boards then microchips and now everything is digital. I now buy increasingly more functions than I need with more complex manuals and combined with my own decreasing hard disc capacity it is not surprising that I just scratch the technology surface of my electronic possessions. So if there are others out there who are of that certain age and who tend to turn to the younger generation to programme, explain and connect would you welcome a village technology help service?

My proposition is that a group of enterprising, technically aware and switched on young people in the village could form a group to provide a technology help service. If there was an interest, both from potential clients and service providers, I am sure assistance would be forthcoming to getting a group up and running. There would of course be issues and concerns to be sorted out but with parental input these could surely be satisfied.

I, and I am sure others, would be willing to work with a group of young people and their parents in getting a scheme organised, if there is enough interest. Interest could either be expressed in a subsequent issue of the Willingham News or by e-mail to graham@gwmumby.co.uk

Graham Mumby



Picture of blossom in St Mary & All Saints churchyard, contributed by Jim Ramsden.

Willingham Gardening Club

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

Contact Celia on 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to join.

Meeting/Presentations and Outings

Monday 7 May 2007 - Meeting

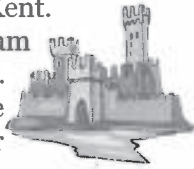
Mark Ekin will attend to speak to us about vegetable and fruit gardening. This is surely a topic of interest to many nowadays whether you have a large or small garden or just wish to grow flowers and/or vegetables in containers.

Saturday 12 May 2007 - Outing

The Club outing is to Hever Castle in Kent.

The coach will leave the Green, Willingham at 9 am. Non-members are welcome.

There are some seats still available. Please contact Linda on 202072 for further information and bookings.



Other outings are planned and details will be published in these pages in due course.

Saturday 19 May 2007 - Annual Plant Stall

The Club has for some years now organised an annual plant sale from a stall situated on the High Street, Willingham. This year the sale will commence at 9 am. The stall is a good source of bedding plants and perennials. We would welcome donations of plants whether annual or perennial. Please take your donations to Linda on Friday evening (18 May) or directly to the stall in the High Street on 19 May. We would appreciate your support.

Monday 4 June 2007 - Meeting

Sandra Barker, a working village basket maker and one of only six Yeoman members of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers will speak to the Club about this ancient craft. She is also a chairseater for her sins! Anyone wishing to have a go

should bring a large darning type needle and scissors with them. Instruction will be given at a cost of 15p per head to cover the cost of materials. Sandra calls her talk "Plait in History."

Club Holiday 28 May to 1 June 2007

A reminder that the balance of the cost of the holiday is now due. If you have not yet paid please contact Linda on 202072 as soon as possible.

Advance Warning

The Annual Horticultural and Craft Show will be held on Saturday 1 September. Details of the many produce, art and crafts classes will be published in due course so please make a note in your diaries.

Heaven's Grocery Store

*I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day, I saw a sign that read 'Heaven's Grocery Store',*

*As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.*

I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere.

One handed me a basket and said, 'My child shop with care'.

Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,

And that which you couldn't carry, you could come back the next day for more.

First I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row,

Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.

I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.

I couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.

I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.

By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered some GRACE.

I didn't forget SALVATION for SALVATION is free,

So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.

Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,

For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.

As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,

For I knew that when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.

PEACE and JOY were plentiful; they were on the last shelf.

SONGS and PRAISE were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, 'Now, how much do I owe?'

He just smiled and said, 'Just take them everywhere you go.'

Again, I said, 'How much do I really owe?'

He smiled again and said:

'MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!'

Contributed by Milford Jeeps

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. 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. (There will not be a meeting on Tuesday 29 May and we will finish on 17 July.) 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 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

Cakes

The May cake stall will be at the church as usual on the first Saturday

of the month – Saturday 5 May - from 10 00 am. 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 are NOT able to provide plastic bags.

Bric-a-brac

Rene Gould's bric-a-brac stall at 19 Fen End is always worth a visit. Go along and see the huge range of things she has on sale. Buy a bargain – and help the Restoration Appeal.



Salvation Army

Mondays 10 30 am Coffee Morning
2 00 pm Craft Meeting

For more information call 260568

Thursdays 12 30 pm Lunch

2 00 pm Friendship Club

For more information call 260066.

Salvation Army - Cook needed

Majors Barry and Cindy Willson are moving to Lowestoft in July. They are therefore looking to appoint a cook for the Thursday Luncheon Club at Willingham Salvation Army.

The Club currently serves a maximum of 33 meals per week.

The cook will be required:

to assist with weekly menu planning and shopping, taking into consideration existing menu and customer needs; to prepare and serve the food.

Voluntary help is available for waiting on table, clearing away and washing up.

The successful candidate will either hold a food handling certificate or equivalent, or be willing to be trained at the Salvation Army's expense.

Hours are 5 per week (to include allowance for shopping).

Remuneration is £6 per hour, paid monthly.

5 weeks paid holiday per annum after completion of probation period.

The Salvation Army is a Christian Church and a Registered Charity, working towards an equal opportunities policy.

Further information from Majors Barry & Cindy Willson
01223 248351



Honeypot Pre-school Registered Charity Number 1009789

Sponsored Trundle & Fun Day Saturday 12 May; 10 00 am -12 00 noon

Come along and cheer on our pre-schoolers as they complete the mammoth task of 20 laps around Willingham School playground on their scooters, bicycles & tricycles.



There will also be a bouncy castle, face painting, children's games, lucky squares (including prizes of family days out), Second hand books & toys, plant stall, cake stall, refreshments and BBQ.

Lots of fun for everyone. See you there!

Churches Together in Willingham and Rampton Services at the Churches during May

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

6 May

11 00 am Parish Communion

13 May

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Praise

20 May

11 00 am Parish Communion

27 May

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Praise & Baptism

There is a prayer meeting on the first Friday of each month at 8 00 am (this month 4 May).

Children are welcome at all our 11 00am services. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, for children age 5 to 11 we have "Power Source" in the Octagon. On 2nd and 4th Sundays we have activities in the Church Service. For younger children there is a crèche every Sunday, and 'Fidget Bags' are available for use in the pews.

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

6 May

9 30 am Parish Communion

13 May

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village Hall.

20 May

9 30 am Parish Communion

27 May

9 30 am Church Lite the Village Hall



WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org



6 May

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie
(Communion)

6 00 pm Richard Sanders

13 May

10 00 am Keith Rawlinson

6 00 pm Mark Wareham

20 May

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

10 45 am WICON Youth Group - Family Service

6 00 pm Prayer and Praise - TBA

27 May Pentecost

10 00 am Bob & June Earl

6 00 pm Keith Rawlinson
(Communion)

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.

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

6 May

One meeting only at 3 00 pm

Roy Barton

13 May

10 30 am To be arranged

5 00 pm Colonel and Mrs Grottick

20 May

10 30 am To be arranged

5 00 pm Mark and Dawn Anderson

27 May

10 30 am To be arranged

5 00 pm Mel Gulston

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 May this is Long Lane, Short Lane, Silver Street, Green Street

Christian Aid Week Hunger Lunch

Christian Aid Week this year is 13 - 19 May, and Churches Together are organising a Hunger Lunch in support of Christian Aid on Sunday 13 May, 12 30 pm, at the Baptist Church.

Lunch is £2.50 per person (don't worry, you won't go really hungry!).

To give some idea of catering, it would be helpful if you would contact Chris Couchman on 01954 200824, or athenechris@aol.com by 11 May, if you are planning to come.



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Longstanton

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Longstanton, church ceiling

Fen Edge Twinning Association Quiz Night and Visit to Avrille in France



Our next visit to our French Twinning partners in Avrille in the Loire Valley will take place during the weekend of 25 to 28 May 2007.

Those members – old or new members – wishing to join us for that weekend, please inform us and let us know of your preferred method of transport, i.e. coach, train or private car. We have a coach booked and there are still some places, so contact us as soon as possible if you would like to take part in this trip.

This will be our sixth visit to our host town and if the weekend is up to its usual standard, it will be very enjoyable.

Currently, the committee are planning the 2008 visit by Avrille to us. Unlike the French, who get help from

their government and their local council, we have to raise money to finance the weekend.

To that end, we have booked a quiz night on Friday 11 May with our excellent quiz master. Food is included with the admission price of £6.00, a bar will be available and if you would like a fun night out then please book a table; details below.

Our association welcomes new members, both young and old, families with young children etc. We can match you with French people of similar interests and like us develop strong friendships with lots of lovely memories.

For any further information please email or phone Anna on 01954 252432 / panda@vining.co.uk or Julia on 01223 570045 / julia.gwilt@ntlworld.com

Memories of the late Frank Cook

Further to our letter to the Willingham News of 22 February 2007, which you were kind enough to publish, we are writing to record our happy memories of Frank Cook, who was our neighbour in Church Street for many years after we first arrived, in April 1981.

Soon after our arrival, requiring some renovations to our cottage, we asked Ann Vass, then proprietor of the Three Tuns, if she could recommend a reliable builder. 'Oh yes', she said, 'Mr Cook – but you must realise that he works at enormous speed – when I first came here, I asked him if he could remove a fireplace in the back room for me, and when I went in a few minutes later it had gone!'

In subsequent years we came to know Frank well and to fully appreciate this piece of early advice – he was an excellent all-round builder and an outstanding bricklayer as well as a highly respected undertaker, and his speed and efficiency were legendary. So much so that his phrase 'yes, I can do that for you' became a watchword in our house and remains so to this day!

Of course he also served St Mary and All Saints church as Church Warden for many years. Some years ago, when our neighbour Rendell Denson died, Frank Cook was responsible for his interment. Attending the funeral, but knowing few of the mourners well, Jane and I found ourselves standing in the churchyard a little apart, near to where Frank, in his black top hat and morning coat, stood talking to the vicar. As we had decided that we would like to be buried in the churchyard ourselves when the time comes, I went over to Frank and asked him if this would be possible, and if so, how to go about arranging it.

'Well' he said, 'You will need to apply to the Parish Council'. I asked him how we should do this. 'You will need to ask the Verger', he said. 'Oh, who is that?' 'Me' came the reply. Then he looked me up and down as

though sizing me up, and said, 'are you down for the whole week-end?'

We missed Frank and his wife when they moved away from Church Street and were sad when he developed Parkinson's Disease so soon after his retirement. We miss him still, but his name lives on in our house – whenever Jane asks me to do some job around the house, my automatic response is 'yes, I can do that for you'!

Peter and Jane Leaver

Editor's comment

You are welcome to share your reminiscences and memories, about people or events, in Willingham News. Also, if you have a hobby and want to enthuse others, please do write about it, and submit for publication in the usual way. We would love to receive more contributions of this type.

Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held on 19 May at 168 Station Road, at 1 00 pm, co-hosted by Rhoda Yates and David Scott. The lunch consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea and coffee etc, and costs £3, which is donated to this year's nominated charity, Hospice at Home. This charity enables people to spend their last few days in their own home with their loved ones, and up until recently was supported by NHS funding, which has now been withdrawn. 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.



Memory is not nostalgia – or at least, not always

It was 1968 when my family came to live in Willingham, and in some ways it seems like yesterday. I certainly find that memory is often more a matter of the significance of what is remembered than pure chronology. One of the truisms often uttered is that 'everyone remembers where they were when President Kennedy was assassinated'. It is probably true; I certainly do remember. It is almost certainly not true, however, for anyone born in 1958 or after: five-year-olds are not usually focused on international events.

Another way of putting this is that memory is stimulated by change, and change is often incremental. I remember when I came to Willingham, because moving house and home is always a major event in one's life. Whether something happened in 1969, or 1970, or 1979, may well be much more difficult to recall.

This was brought home to me a few days ago in a conversation with a woman in her early twenties. How the village has changed in her lifetime, she remarked, and referred to recent new building developments. I agreed, and added: 'And of course Balland Field is another example of the village growing'. It is – for me

– but not for her. She had never known Willingham without Balland Field.

Sometimes, obviously, we yearn for something that is no longer. That, surely, should be the exception rather than the rule. Most of us have no wish to live in the past, and even when at odd moments we think it would be pleasant, we then remind ourselves that much of the gold of a golden age is likely to be tarnished.

If it is unhealthy to live in the past, it is certainly not unhealthy to know about it, and appreciate it, and see what we can learn from it. That is why anniversaries are useful; they encourage us to put things in perspective. Two hundred years since the abolition of the slave trade; 60 years since the independence of India; 50 years since the independence of Ghana, such things raise important questions about national life today.

The Old Willingham website, the Dennis Jeeps pictures in the Cambridgeshire Collection, and the profiles which we have been publishing in Willingham News all play their part in putting local change in perspective.

Bill Kirkman

Climate Change – Make a Difference



In the weeks before Easter a team from Anglia TV were filming in

Willingham for a special programme broadcast on 17 April as part of the ITV Climate Change Campaign - Make a Difference. As well as shots of this hot air balloon hovering above a rather windy Jubilee field, filming also took place in

the school (where the children got involved in a number of activities to help them learn about this topic) and around the village, and local people were interviewed, including Pat Daniels, Chairman of the Parish Council.



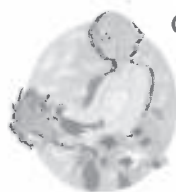
1st Willingham Beaver & Cub Scouts would like to thank everyone who came along and supported us and made our evening such a success.

We raised £416.21 (£74 up on last year) for Comic Relief.

Winners for the night were:

Name the Welly – Liam Brown, Millie; How many Baked Beans? – Karen Marshall; Balloon Walk – Silas Ashman, Laura Cornwell, Charlotte Wilson; Moving Spaghetti Hoops – Aaron Coote, William Sanders, Anne Clews; Tallest Sugar Tower – Lorna Smith, William Marshall, Tony Thornton; Pinball Machine – Ben Smyth

Granta Flower Club



Granta Flower Club presents a flower demonstration by world famous florist Paula Pryke. 2 00 pm on Saturday 19 May 2007 at West Road Concert Hall. All profits to Arthur Rank Hospice Charity. Tickets £15 each available from

Fundraising Office, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, 351 Mill Road, Cambridge CB1 3DF. Tel 01223 723115 e-mail fundraising.arhc@btinternet.com



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Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
May				
7	Flower and Vegetable gardening	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	7 30 pm 261394
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
11	Quiz night	Fen Edge Twinning Association		252432/ 01223 570045
12	Trundle	Honeypot Preschool	Willingham school	
12	Club outing	Willingham Gardening Club	Hever Castle	202072
12	Open Day	Cattell's Mill		1 00 pm – 5 00 pm
13	Willingham Fun Run	Willingham School Association		202988
13	Hunger Lunch	Churches Together	Baptist Church	12 30 pm 200824
14	Meeting ('Pots and Pans' talk)	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
16	Annual Parish Meeting		Primary School	7 30 pm
19	Plant Stall	Willingham Gardening Club	High Street	9 00 am
19	Charity lunch		168 Station Road	261076
19	Flower demonstration	Granta Flower Club	West Road Concert Hall	2 00 pm 01223 723115
24	Golf event	Black Bull Golf Society	Newmarket Golf Club	Roy/Jan at the Black Bull
June				
4	Meeting (basketry and other ancient crafts)	Willingham Gardening Club	Social club	7 30 pm 261394
30	Willingham Primary School Fete	Willingham School Association	Willingham School	

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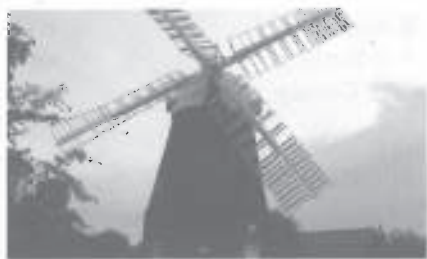
Spring is here! A queen red-tailed bumble bee in a Willingham garden. By a local photographer.

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
Halls	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Mrs L Daniel	01954 261316
	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	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
	Mothers Union	Branch Leader	Mrs S Hayden
	Baptist Church		Mrs Hilary Wyllie
	Methodists	Ministerial Contact	Rev. Hilary Cheng
	Roman Catholic	Priest	Monsignor Rogers
	Salvation Army		Major and Mrs B Willson
			01223 248351

**National Mills Weekend
Cattell's Mill, Willingham**

Open Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 May 1 00 - 5 00pm



Cattell's Windmill in Mill Road, Willingham will be open for this year's National Mills Weekend on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May between 1 00pm and 5 00 pm.

Visitors are welcome to look around the windmill and exhibition area to see the restoration work which has been carried out over the years and see details of the mill's history and other artefacts.

Cream teas, cakes and refreshments will be served from our cafe. A Mill to Mill radio link will be run by Cambridge Amateur Radio Society.

Disabled facilities are available. All welcome. All proceeds go to the Cattell's Mill Restoration and Preservation Trust.

Return to the Forbidden Planet

Wednesday 30th May to Saturday 2nd June
Blast Off timed for 7:45 PM at
The Community Centre, Over

Return to the Forbidden Planet is a high energy rock and roll musical that has become a cult classic over the last 18 years. Writer Bob Carlton based the show on Shakespeare's The Tempest and the 1950s science fiction film Forbidden Planet and wove a host of 1950s /early 1960s rock and roll classics into the plot. Audiences worldwide join in enthusiastically and some even dress the part!

You join the crew of the Intergalactic Starship Albatross for a routine space survey flight under the command of Captain Tempest. The ship is hit by an asteroid storm and drawn to the mysterious planet D'Illyria. There we meet mad scientist, Doctor Prospero, a robot called Ariel, and his lovely daughter Mirandn. What follows is a tale of unrequited love, passion, a secret formula and space monsters!

The show is a great family outing including songs such as Good Vibrations, Teenager in Love, Great Balls of Fire, Robot Man and Monster Mash so be prepared to come out singing and dancing!

Tickets Adults £7, Senior £5, Children £4

Box office Tel: 01954 230056 or email
bookings@overplayers.org.uk

For more information see
www.overplayers.org.uk

Willingham Fun Run
Sunday 13th May 2007



Post-race entertainment, band and B-B-Q!

Advance entries	On the day
Children £2.50	£3.50
Adults £5.50	£6.50
Family £12.00	£14.00

Entry forms from:

**Berrycroft Stores, Highgate Country Store,
Willingham Library, Norths Bakery, Post Office,
Willingham Primary School & Website.**

Parking and registration at Willingham School from 9 00am

Runs start from Rockmill End at 10 15am (7.7 mile) and 10 30am (4.5 mile)

Contact: (01954) 202988 or www.willingham.cambs.sch.uk/funrun

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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

A reminder that local author Midge Gillies is coming to the Octagon on Wednesday 9 May at 7 30 to talk about her book 'Waiting for Hitler', a fascinating and vivid account of the summer of 1940. All welcome - entrance is free and refreshments will be served.

Sudoku set by Willow

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

The Oxfam Walk

Since the Tsunami struck in Asia last year, Oxfam has been working in the devastated regions, providing the help so desperately needed - building wells, bathing facilities, and latrines, and delivering millions of litres of safe water for displaced families.

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To help the victims of such disasters Oxfam needs your help. In Cambridge, on 20 May 2007, we are celebrating the 40th anniversary of the annual Oxfam Walk, which has over the years raised much-needed funds for the charity.

The Oxfam Walk is your chance to raise funds for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund and have a great day out with your family or friends. You can choose a length of walk that suits you - from 4 to 26 miles - and raise your fitness level whilst raising funds.

All routes begin and end at Stourbridge Common, Cambridge. The routes, setting off along the river Cam, will be well signed with marshals and checkpoints will provide refreshments.

This year we are hoping to raise £50 000. Please help us maintain the tradition of Cambridge helping Oxfam - 40 years on and still going strong.

For Registration Forms or further information, visit www.oxfam.org.uk/walk

email events@oxfam.org.uk or phone 0870 905 9060.

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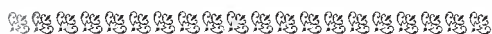
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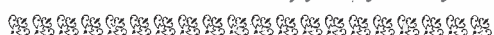
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