



# WILLINGHAM NEWS

July 2007

## Turned out nice, again

Last year, *Willingham News* carried an item about the Percheron horses so successfully shown by Gordon Baileys and his team. Willingham is also able to boast of another equally successful family who too show Percheron horses, but in a different manner.

This team is known as *Hales Percherons*, and is led by Owen Garner, supported by his son Harry, his brother Raymond, and his sister Janet Wake; and ably assisted by Jim and Claire Easy. At show times, the whole family pitches in to help get everything up to scratch and ready for the big day. After the show, Owen's mother Evelyn washes all the ribbons. The team gets its name from buildings to the west of Hales Farm in West Fen where this enterprise first began. The team uses the names *E Garner and Sons*. When Owen's father died, a new business was set up with that name, and the 'E' stands for 'Evelyn'.

The main focus of the team is what is termed 'turnout classes'. Horses are hitched to carts or drays; and together are referred to as turnouts. Horses may be hitched in a pair side by side, in tandem where one horse

leads another, in unicorn where one horse leads a pair, in fours, or in sixes. All aspects of the turnouts are judged, including the standard of driving, the condition and appearance of the dray, the cleanliness and fitting of the harness, and the appearance and fitness of the horses. The rigs are pulled by all the different breeds of heavy horse, including Percherons.

East Anglia has always been an agricultural area and hundreds of heavy horses were used for farm and other work. During the First World War, many farmers served in France where they first came across Percheron horses. Unlike the heavy horses used at home, Percherons are 'clean legged' in that they have no feathers or long hair on their legs, and so do not accumulate mud in the same way. This was seen as a great advantage, and thus the breed was introduced into England.

Four generations of Garners have and still are contributing to the success of the team. It all really began back in the 1940s when Owen's grandfather acquired his first pedigree Percheron mare. Owen's father, Cyril, and uncle, Stanley, were the initial team members. In those days when transport was very different from today, stallions of different breeds were walked from village to village to cover the mares owned

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## From the Parish Council

### Looking for a new Parish Councillor

The Parish Council was very sorry to accept the resignation of Cllr Rebecca Mead. They are now seeking a new Councillor to replace her.

### CCTV at the Ploughman Hall

The recently-installed CCTV at the Ploughman Hall has already proved its worth, in helping in the identification of people causing criminal damage. The matter is currently with the police.

### Police

At the first meeting of the new Swavesey Neighbourhood Police Liaison Panel, which includes Willingham, it was agreed that anti-social behaviour in Willingham would be a particular target for policing in the village for the next few months. These Panel meetings, which are open to the public, are aimed at enabling local people to highlight to the police those matters which are high on residents' agendas, so that the police can target their resources on issues which matter most on the ground. The next Panel is on 21st August, 7 30pm. Venue to be confirmed; see [www.cambs-police.co.uk](http://www.cambs-police.co.uk) for further details in due course. And don't forget that there is a police attendance on the first Wednesday of every month at the housing "surgery", 10 00am - 12 noon at Willingham Baptist Church in George Street.

### Public Art Project

The Parish Council would like to clarify the situation regarding the Public Art Project. The money for this project is not coming from the Precept/Council Tax! Likewise, this is not money which we could have had to use for anything else. This is money which had to be set aside from the Bourneys Manor Close development public contribution, solely and specifically for the purpose of a piece of public art. The Parish Council initially opposed the idea of a piece of public art, and tried to negotiate for the money to be used for what might be considered more 'practical' and pressing needs. However, it was made clear to them that if the money were not used for artwork, it would not be available at all. On that basis the Parish Council has been working with the District Council for the provision of something which combines the aesthetics of a piece of art with the provision of a practical need in the village. The artist's brief is to design something which will enhance the appearance, and add to the amenities, of the High Street. A programme of public consultation is an integral part of this brief.

### Cambridge Water Village Life Fund grants 2007

ten awards of £250 are available from Cambridge Water in association with *The Cambridge News*, to help towards fund-raising for village groups or projects - to support activities which will benefit village communities and make a positive difference. Last year's awards were given to projects including improving a village hall garden for community events, T-shirts for young people across eight

villages engaged in community activities, funds for a new church carpet, and repairs to a village pump. **The closing date for applications is Friday 13 July.** The Parish Clerk has an application form, or they can be obtained by phoning Louise or Margaret on 01223-846955, where any queries should also be addressed.

### The search for a new cemetery site

The Parish Council is still searching for a suitable site for a new cemetery within the parish boundaries. 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?

### July Parish Council meeting

The July Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 4 July at 7 30pm, in Willingham School. The agenda will be posted on Friday 29 June 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.

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

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**Other Parish Council meeting dates:-**

2 July Cemetery Committee  
9 July Litter Working Party  
1 August Parish Council meeting

All at 7 30pm unless otherwise stated. Committee and Working Party meetings are at the Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, unless otherwise advertised; 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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by local farmers. Chivers imported Percheron stallions which were used to help start the Garner bloodline. The stables at the rear of the White Hart (the large white building next to the Co-op) were used for this purpose. The Garners have always bred their own mares using a number of specially chosen stallions, including some with Canadian blood. A couple of years ago, Owen decided that he would like to have his own stallion with a view to improving the bloodline still further. He looked at French horses and found that, since they were no longer used either as working or show horses, they had been bred solely for human consumption. Accordingly, they were no longer up to the required standard. The French have now imported stallions from America to try to improve matters. He was already very impressed by Canadian Percherons and eventually went to Canada and brought over Ryans Day Stewart, a stallion who has been in much demand ever since. Hales Percherons are named after Greek gods and goddesses and a powerful name is chosen. Each year, the names all begin with same letter, gradually working through the alphabet until the time comes to start from the beginning again. It takes about three years to build up and train a foal to begin driving in a championship. A horse usually reaches its peak when it reaches 7 or 8 years old and may usually carry on driving until it is around 12 years old. Thereafter, mares may be used for breeding purposes, and the geldings are retired. The team has 14 horses at present with more planned.

The team has competed successfully at the Royal Highland, East of England, Suffolk, Norfolk, Royal, Newark and Royal County of Berkshire shows. The picture is of the turnout at the East of England show in 2005 with Owen driving Hales Xanthus (Rosie) nearest the camera and Hales Lorimer alongside. Rosie is Owen's favourite turnout mare. She has done so much to put the Garner name on the map. She was the best turnout mare for the



past four years at the Royal show (the Royal show is more of a national show than the other regional shows). She also helped to win the turnout championship twice. Hales Uni became the first heavy horse to lift the Supreme in hand Champion Horse or Pony at the 2004 Royal Show.

Owen's philosophy is that you get back exactly what you put in and that there is no fast route to success in the heavy horse show world. His ambitions are to breed a team of four matching mares capable of winning, to maintain the team's standards, and to carry on learning.

When asked why Willingham has been able to produce so many champion Percherons, he thought it was down to local friendly competition and co-operation, and to two outstanding and occasionally linked bloodlines. This is perhaps best summed up by a quotation from the Autumn 2003 edition of *Heavy Horse World*: 'Baileys are still close neighbours, friends and rivals, and Baileys' Willingham prefix and Garners' Hales line have helped shape Percheron history for half a century'.

## Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held on Saturday 21 July, 1 00 pm at the home of Joy Gourlay, 58 Pyrethrum Way. 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 is in very urgent need of funds due to recent PCT cutbacks. This lunch is a social occasion, a good time to meet old and new friends and at the same time raise money for needy causes. In the past four years we have raised over £2700 for charity, so why not join us?



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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.

Dr Hewlett thanks all who gave so generously to his leaving gift. There was enough money to buy a lovely ornate banjo barometer in rosewood which is tapped regularly, and also a bird table which in this breeding season is proving very popular with starlings, finches, sparrows, two robins and two wrens. Thank you very much indeed. Gordon Hewlett.



**Collection of photos** We still have some baby photos at the surgery awaiting collection. Thank you all very much for loaning these to us for Dr Hewlett's Retirement Open Morning.

**Holiday travel** If you are travelling abroad for your holidays this year please remember to book an appointment with one of our practice nurses at least six weeks before you travel in order that you can receive the full cover necessary to protect you.

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**Acknowledgements** Our grateful thanks to the family and friends of Mrs Joyce Jakes who made donations in her memory to the Surgery Equipment Fund. Thank you also to the family and friends of Mrs Amparro Niblock for their kind donations. We are hoping to buy equipment so that we can offer an endoscopy service at the surgery. More news to follow.

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## Invitation to a Musical Treat

The organ in Willingham Parish Church has just been restored. To celebrate the restoration, we invite you to a concert in the church on **Friday 27 July**, given by **Gerald Gifford**, the distinguished international organ recitalist, very well known in this area. (He spent his early life in Cottenham.)

The concert will include classical organ favourites by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Widor and other composers.

**Time:** 7 30 pm Wine and nibbles will be provided in the interval.

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If you would like a reminder, get in touch with Bill Kirkman (260393; wpk1000@cam.ac.uk; 14 George Street).

Gerald Gifford pursues an international career as an organ and harpsichord recitalist specialising in

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*BBC Music Magazine*



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Please do call me if you wish to discuss any District Council issues with me.

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- 5 We make grants to various organisations, listed buildings owners etc. Willingham has been fortunate to have received a large grant for improvements to the recreation ground pavilion recently.
- 6 We maintain certain watercourses within the Parish.

I hope this gives an understanding of part of my work for Willingham. I can be contacted at the address below: Councillor Brian Burling, Chain Farm, Overcote Road, Over, CB24 5NS. Tel. 01954 230168.

## 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.

The Club welcomes new members and you are assured of a warm welcome. We are a group of folk with an interest in plants and gardening. We are pleased to report that a number of new members have joined the Club in recent weeks. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us for our monthly meetings.

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

### Meeting/Presentations and Outings

#### Monday 2 July 2007 - Meeting

George Thorpe will talk to us about 'Climate change and associated planting' a topical subject if ever there was one and essential to enable us to meet the challenges that inevitably we and our gardens will face in future. By then some of you will have seen the experimental garden created by Beth Chatto at her Elmstead Market home testing the tolerance of plants to drier conditions.

#### Saturday 21 July 2007 - Outing

We shall be travelling to Norfolk stopping first in the delightful town of Holt for morning coffee and then going on to Pensthorpe gardens to round off the day. We leave the Green, Willingham at 9 00 am. The cost is £16 per person for the coach and entry fees if applicable. Non-members are very welcome.

Monday 6 August 2007 - Details of the Members' evening out are yet to be finalised but we hope to announce details at the July meeting.

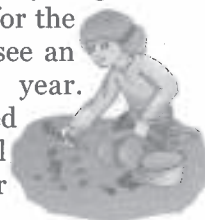
#### Saturday 18 August 2007 - Outing

We shall travel to the ancient town of Bury St Edmunds to visit the market and for coffee. We then move on to the famous Bressingham Gardens in the afternoon for browsing and a train ride around the site. We leave the Green, Willingham at 9 00 am. The cost is £17.50 per person for coach and all entry fees and train rides.

#### Saturday 1 September 2007 - Annual Horticultural and Craft Show.



This has been a perennial village attraction for young and old alike and for this reason we wish to stimulate interest/continued interest from all age groups but particularly from the younger members of our community. It is well worth the effort to submit an entry in one of the many classes for the various age groups catered for. Class schedules will shortly be available from various outlets in the village including the Post Office, Berrycroft Stores, the library, Rainbow Crafts and the delicatessen in Berrycroft. Children will soon be enjoying the summer break from school and that might constitute the ideal opportunity in a moment of spare time for them to create and entry for the show. Please encourage your child to do so - there are trophies to be won. The show is not just about the younger ones though because adult entries account for the majority of our entries. We hope to see an increased number of entries this year. Judging is carried out by experienced judges too. Please support your local show this year. More details will appear in the August edition of this magazine.



### Sudoku set by Willow

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

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### Bin collections

4 July	Green Bin and Box
11 July	Black Bin
18 July	Green Bin and Box
25 July	Black Bin

**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.

## *Pastoral Letter*

*Are we down hearted? Yes!*

*That at least seems to be the prevailing opinion. We have become a niggly self obsessed, grumpy dissatisfied little island.*

*Objectively we have never had it so good; but nothing works.*

*We have more than doubled spending on the NHS, and it is still a mess.*

*We have poured billions into education and still millions of kids are effectively illiterate.*

*We have a booming economy, but still a quarter of our population live in poverty.*

*Our houses are worth a fortune, but our children cannot afford them.*

*We are massively tolerant and do not know what to believe.*

*We have the toughest gun laws in the world and a growing gun culture.*

*We are in Europe and we hate it.*

*We are America's closest ally and we despise Americans.*

*The list goes on. People have all sorts of diagnoses, sociological, economic, psychological, anthropological. I would like to propose a new one, theological.*

*Only God is perfect so get used to imperfection and get on with living.*

*Before God you are personally responsible, so stop blaming other people.*

*Without God there are no absolute values so there is nothing really to argue about. Let's chuck out the sound bites and get back to real debating.*

*Without God you are just going to die so ultimately life is meaningless. Get God get a hope.*

*Without God there is really nothing worth being passionate about. We are dying of apathy.*

*Without God we are dependent on the next highest authority, the government. God help us.*

*Unless He does, frankly we are doomed to a sort of pampered misery. Not hell exactly, more an executive class purgatory.*

Geoff  
Rector

## **Your Parish Plan - Update**

The Parish Plan Committee members are working hard to prepare the questionnaire to be sent to every household in Willingham to gather information on which the Plan will be based. This is a mammoth task. Devising the questions to make sure that we get useful information, and deciding on the best structure and layout so that as many residents as possible will actually fill it in, takes much thought. It is vital that the Plan reflects the needs of all the residents. Consultations are also taking place with other local villages such as Longstanton and Over, who have already gone through

this process, so that experience can be shared, and with groups around Willingham to make sure that nothing was missed at the Public Meeting in April.

If you were not able to be at the Public Meeting and have an issue that you are keen to make sure is covered, or would be interested in helping the committee, please email [willinghamplan@btinternet.com](mailto:willinghamplan@btinternet.com) or telephone 260780. At the time of going to press we are finalising a website for the Plan, and will publish details in next month's *Willingham News* – but you should be able to find it well before then via google.



## 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. The last meeting before the end of term will be on 12 July and the new sessions will commence on 6 September.

**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. Please come along and join us. The last meeting before the end of term will be on 10 July and the new session will commence on 4 September.


### 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.

**Cakes** The July cake stall will be at

the church as usual on the first Saturday of the month – 7 July. Cakes are on sale from 10 00 am. If you would like to provide some cakes, get in touch with Joyce Bowen: 261075.

**Bric-a-brac** Rene Gould's bric-a-brac stall at 19 Fen End is always worth a visit – whether you are  looking for a bargain, or have something to sell. Proceeds from the cake stall and the bric-a-brac go to the Restoration Fund.



### Salvation Army

#### Mondays

10 30 am Coffee morning  
2 00 pm Craft meeting

#### Thursdays

12 30 pm Lunch  
2 00 pm Friendship club

#### Thursday 19 July

2 00 pm Farewell to Majors Barry and Cindy Willson  
Candidates Mark Dawn and Catherine Anderson  
All welcome

### COTTENHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

High Street, Cottenham

Tel: 01954 288751

Email: cottenhamvc@acl.ccceducation.net

#### SUMMER SCHOOL 2007

Monday 30 July – Friday 3 August

This year we are offering 27 courses lasting 3 – 5 days.  
All courses are led by excellent tutors.  
Come and enjoy learning a new skill,  
with a nice lunch every day.

For more information, please ring 01954 288751



Willingham Baptist Church

### Holiday Club

Tuesday 28 August to Sunday 2 September  
at Willingham Primary School

Loads of fun, games and activities for primary school aged children! And it's free!

For more information and registration, visit  
[www.willinghambaptist.org/HolidayClub](http://www.willinghambaptist.org/HolidayClub)  
or call Richard on (01954) 200708.



## Churches Together in Willingham and Rampton Services at the Churches during July

### ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

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

#### 1 July

11 00 am Parish Communion

#### 8 July

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Praise

#### 15 July

11 00 am Family Communion

#### 22 July

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Family Praise & Baptism

#### 29 July

11 00 am Family Communion with  
Rampton

**Tuesday Praise** is a service particularly for those who cannot get to church on Sunday, or who prefer a less traditional service. It will take place on the first Tuesday of the month at the Parish Church at 8 00 pm. (In July: 3rd).

There is a **prayer meeting** on the last Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In July: 27th).

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

#### 1 July

9 30 am Parish Communion

#### 8 July

9 30am Church Lite in the  
Village Hall

#### 15 July

9 30 am Parish Communion

#### 22 July

9 30 am Church Lite the Village Hall

#### 29 July

11 00 am Service at Willingham

### WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE



### BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

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

#### 1 July

10 00am Rev. Richard Lewis  
(Communion)

6 00pm Rev. Richard Lewis

#### 8 July

10 00am Liz Herrington

6 00pm Liz Herrington

#### 15 July

9 00am Mark Wareham

Refreshments are available  
between the two services  
from 10 05 to 10 40am.

10 45am Family Service

6 30pm Prayer Focus

#### 22 July

10 00am Keith Rawlinson

6 00pm Bob & June Earl  
(Communion)

#### 29 July

10 00am Rev. Paul Hills

6 00pm Keith Rawlinson

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

#### 1 July

10 30am Bill Matthews

5 00 pm Roy Barton

#### 8 July

10 30am No meeting

5 00 pm Roy Barton

#### 15 July

10 30am No meeting

5 00pm Neil Joyce

#### 22 July

10 30am No meeting

5 00pm Karen Anper with  
Sophie-Elise and Francesca

#### 29 July

10 30am No meeting

5 00pm Faith Turner

### 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 July this is Berrycroft, Elm Way, Thodays Close and Newington.



## The Retirement of Mary Payne, Play Leader at Honeypot Pre-School

The Honeypot are very sad to announce that Mary Payne, after 18 years, will be retiring at the end of the School term in July. Her energy, commitment and dedication to the Honeypot has been a huge contributor to making the pre-school a fantastic place for children to play and learn.

We wish Mary all the very best for the future. She will be greatly missed by staff, children and parents alike. After all the hard work she has put into making Honeypot a lovely environment for the children of Willingham to take those first steps towards starting school, we hope Mary will enjoy her well earned retirement.

We are gathering as many memories of Mary's years at Honeypot as possible. We would love to collect lots of photographs, anecdotes and retirement messages for her to take away when she leaves at the end of July. If you have any, please send an e-mail to [willinghamhoneypot@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:willinghamhoneypot@hotmail.co.uk) or by post – f.a.o. Nicola Diogenous, Honeypot Pre-school, Thodays Close, Willingham, CB24 5LE

Honeypot will be holding a farewell barbeque for Mrs Payne. If there are any parents/carers past and present who would like to come along and wish her well, please call Jess Llewellyn on 201389 or Lillian Smith on 261034 for further details



## Faces of the Fen Edge

Fen Edge Arts have joined forces with Cottenham Village College in this very special project to celebrate local people and places. We hope to bring together local people, community groups, school students and artists to share information, ideas and stories.

### How to take part:

We are asking you to take a picture of yourself and your family stood in front of your home. If you live in the villages of Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach or Willingham your photo will become part of a pictorial record of the Fen Edge in 2007.

### Come to the celebration event:

Saturday 29 September, Cottenham Village College. Come and see work, share pictures and stories, and join us in celebration of the rich heritage of the Fen Edge. There will be

Workshops and talks  
A photographic exhibition  
Films made by local residents  
Storytelling and readings  
Refreshments and much more

To find out more please contact Amy Wormald, Arts Development Manager, 01954 288748. Pictures can be emailed to [amy@start-arts.org.uk](mailto:amy@start-arts.org.uk) or sent to Cottenham Village College, High Street. CB24 8UA.

## Invitation to younger readers (with support from Heffers)

Are you under 18? Do you have opinions about the village? Do you have things to say to readers of *Willingham News*?

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, read on.

We are inviting you to contribute to Willingham News, and offering you the chance to win a prize – a £25 token generously given by Heffers.

### DETAILS

1. Your contribution could be an article or a letter. It should be not more than 350 words long.
2. Send it, preferably as an email attachment, to [willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk), (or as hard copy to Willingham Library).
3. Remember to meet the deadline given in Willingham News.
4. You must give your name, address and date of birth.

Contributions published in August, September and October will be considered for the prize. The judges will be the members of the team of editors and Renate Barker, deputy manager of Heffers.

The editor's decision whether to publish your contribution is absolute.

**heffers:**



## Letters to the Editor



The story of Willingham under water in 1947 gives a false impression of the actual facts. Although some of the farms and their houses were flooded not one house in the village was under water although the water did get very near.

Cliff Hopkin  
Rockmill End

### How Willingham was saved in the floods



All of us that were living in Fen End, Earith Road and the fen farms were warned that

we would have to be evacuated the next day, but that night the north bank of the river burst and the water went towards Haddenham. Willingham was saved – no water entered the village.

I know – I was there

A Villager.

### Before the floods – the snow



I got up to go to work. When I opened the back door the snow had drifted so deep against it that I was unable to see over it. I had to go out through the front door and dig it away.

Milford Jeeps

## Jottings from your County Councillor

I was very pleased when the footpath along Over Road was finally resurfaced earlier this year, but there is continuing concern that the good work will be undone by the cars which continue to use it as a third lane when the road is congested. Of course, traffic shouldn't use the footpath – it wasn't designed to take the weight of vehicles – and I heard of a car almost hitting some school children a few weeks ago because it was using the footpath instead of giving way to oncoming traffic. This is very worrying. The Parish Council have asked whether we could consider double yellow lines, which I have been pursuing for some time. The main problem with this is the cost of the legal processes which have to be gone through in order for two lines of yellow paint to be painted on the road – and of course, the assumption that people who think it is OK to drive on the pavement will also think it is OK to ignore yellow lines. So I have suggested to the Parish Council that an alternative might be some wooden bollards along the road at the critical points. I will be discussing this with

them during the month and hope that we might be able to find an acceptable solution.

The failure of the interactive signs along Earith Road continues to be a huge irritation. I understand that one of them has been shot – presumably in frustration! I can understand that. Despite all the hassle, I still remain hopeful that one day all of the interactive signs along the road might work as intended. In the meantime a new speed limit policy will be considered by the council later this year which may enable some action to reduce speed of traffic along the roads in Willingham.

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.

Shona Johnstone  
Highfield, 5 Lowburyholme Road, Over, CB24 5NP  
Tel: 01954 230565  
e-mail: shona.johnstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

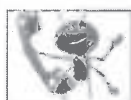
## The Summer Academy 2007

Following last year's popular workshops SNAP! Creatives return to South Cambridgeshire for four weeks in August. If you are age 8 to 16 you can join the Summer Academy for daily classes in movement, drama, voice training and ensemble rehearsal. There will be plenty of time for socialising and an opportunity to give a live performance to family and friends. You don't need any experience – but you do need to be enthusiastic, willing to work hard and to have lots of fun!

<b>6 – 10 August</b>	Linton Village College	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
<b>13 – 17 August</b>	Mebourn Village College –	<i>Oliver!</i>
<b>20 – 24 August</b>	Impington Village College –	<i>The Jungle Book</i>
<b>37 – 31 August</b>	Swavesey Village College –	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>

Classes are run by a team of professionals from 8 30 am – 5 30 pm each day. Participants must attend a full week. The cost per week is £95 or £85 for additional children in the same family. For booking information contact your local arts development manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

## A message from Willingham Post Office



Have you noticed that BT are now charging a £4.50 fee (on top of your 'phone bill) for not paying by Direct Debit.

To avoid these charges why not consider the Post Office HomePhone Service, where you can keep your existing 'phone number and enjoy the benefits of the following features:

- Ⓢ Free evening and weekend calls to Local and National numbers
- Ⓢ Free calls to other PO HomePhone customers at any time
- Ⓢ Cheaper line rental
- Ⓢ International calls are just 5p per minute to our top 20 destinations
- Ⓢ No minimum tie-in period
- Ⓢ A choice of payment options

If you would like any further information or you feel you would like to sign up, please call in and see us.

Chris, Linda, Marion. (Willingham Post Office)

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE**



## Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>July</b>				
2	Club Meeting (climate change & associated planting)	Willingham Gardening	Social Club	7 30pm 261394
2	Meeting (History and supply of water in Cambridge)	Over W.I.	Over Community Centre	
4	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Primary School	7 30 pm
7	French/Spanish Taster Day	Cottenham Village College	Primary School	2 00 – 4 00 pm 288751
12	Meeting (Plant manipulation)	Over Flower Club	Over Methodist Hall	8 00 pm
19	Farewell to Majors Barry and Cindy Willson		Salvation Army	The Salvation Army, Silver Street 2 00 pm
21	Charity Lunch		58 Pyrethrum Way	1 00 pm
21	Club Outing (Holt and Pensthorpe, Norfolk)	Willingham Gardening Club	The Green	9 00 am 261394
21	Over Carnival and Annual Flower and Produce Show			Over Green
27	Organ Recital Gerald Gifford	Parish Church	Parish Church	7 30 pm Bill Kirkman 260393
30 July – 1 August	Summer School	Cottenham Village College	Cottenham Village College	288751
<b>August</b>				
1	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Primary School	7 30 pm
6	Members' evening out	Willingham Gardening Club		TBA
18	Club Outing (Suffolk – Bury St Edmunds and Bressingham)	Willingham Gardening Club	The Green	9 00 am 261394
<b>September</b>				
1	Annual Horticultural and Craft Show	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Primary School	

# Village Directory

<b>Council</b>	Parish Council		01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman	Mr P King	01954 260780
	Planning Committee Chairman	Vacant	
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
<b>Services</b>	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01223 464242
<b>Schools</b>	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club	Mrs R. Tiley	01954 200871
	Cottenham Village College		01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Mrs L Blunt	01954 261309
<b>Children</b>	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Mrs W Leaney	01954 201089
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
	Teeny Babies	Anita	07830 244742
	2nd Brownies	Mrs J Catley	01954 202543
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	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	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
<b>Halls</b>	Ploughman Hall Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	Ploughman Hall Bookings		07941 190849
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
<b>Local Representatives</b>	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr G Redhead	01954 288944
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs J Hodgkinson	01954 201816
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
<b>Clubs</b>	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	Mrs S Hart	01954 204260
	WAMADS Drama Group	Mrs C Deeth (Secretary)	07896 322497
		Mrs J Farrar	01954 200515
	Willingham Youth Club	Mrs Jean Langford	01954 201706
	Women's Institute	Mrs Doreen Young	01954 200561
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124
<b>Sport</b>	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Football Club	Mr Alex Howard	01954 260734
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 202082
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Keep Fit	Mrs M Fowler	01954 260496
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club	Mrs E Halksworth	01954 201830
<b>Churches</b>	Anglican Church (Rector)	Rev Geoffrey Turner	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



## Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library  
0845 0455225



### Library Opening Times

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

The hugely popular summer reading game for children will be back!

Once again, there will be an exciting reading challenge at the library over the summer holidays. *The Big Wild Read* challenges children to change the world and have fun by reading books. And every book they read helps plant trees. There will be weekly activities in the library and a presentation of medals at the end, all generously sponsored by the Parish Council.

Go to the library to find out more.

solution to puzzle on page 10

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1	7	8	5	2	9	3	4	6
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Many thanks to all who baked / ate cakes at the Cake Break day on Friday 1 June. £222 was raised for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, with a further £37 to come when Gift Aid is claimed.

## OVER CARNIVAL Saturday 21 July 2007 Over Village Green



Theme - MUSIC OF THE 70's and 80's

Grand Parade around the village starts 1pm  
Daytime entertainment on the Green 2pm  
Evening entertainment with Cabaret  
and  
3 live bands 6 30 pm till 11 00 pm  
A great family day out

Official Carnival Programme  
£1 each



Lucky Number Prize  
£100 cash available  
from Willingham and  
Longstanton surgeries

## FRENCH & SPANISH TASTER DAY



Willingham Primary School  
Saturday 7 July 2007  
2 00 pm – 4 00 pm

Refresh your French and Spanish in Willingham ready for the summer!

An afternoon of French and Spanish for all levels with Liz Harrison & Laurence Millard for French and Ruth Hatcher for Spanish. All are experienced teachers, two are native speakers.

We would like to contact you before the day to discuss your level and interests.

Also, watch out for an autumn evening course in Willingham.

For further details, please contact  
Cottenham Village College

Tel: 01954 288751  
Email: Cottenham Village College  
cottenhamvc@aol.ccceducation.net  
Email: Willingham Primary School  
office@willingham.cambs.sch.uk



## WILLINGHAM WOLVES FOOTBALL CLUB



We need new players (boys and girls) for  
the following teams for next season

**Under 7s**

(Manager: Keith Taylor - 01954 205746)

**Under 8s**

(Manager: Kevin Kent - 01954 202911)

**Under 10s**

(Manager: John Window - 01954 203330)

If you know anyone interested in getting  
involved with the club, please ring the  
relevant manager for further information.



For any other enquiries about  
Willingham Wolves please  
contact Siobhan Brown  
(secretary): email:  
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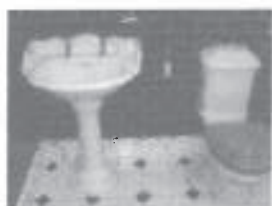
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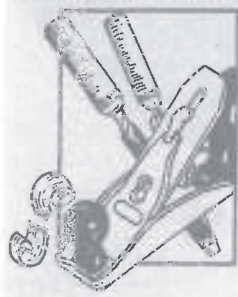
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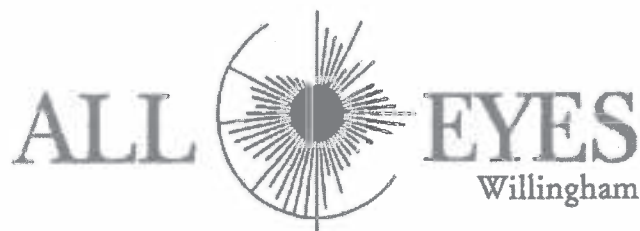
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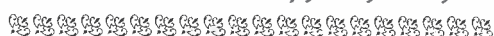
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