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A Miller's Tale - The Story of Cattell's Mill

Prior to 1997, Richard and Sarah Cowley, the current owners of the mill, lived in Balland Field and had watched with interest the restoration work carried out by the the previous owner until her death. The mill then came on the market, and in the meantime windows were broken and the mill was flooded. They called out the millwright and gradually became hooked on the mill and its history. The mill came with planning permission for a house in the grounds, so they took the plunge and bought it that year.

Cattell's Mill is a smock mill. When painted white, such a mill resembled the linen smock of a countryman – hence the name. Only the cap of a smock mill rotates. The fantail at the rear of the cap automatically turns the sails so that they face into the wind.

The mill was built in 1828 for William Huckle whose name is shown above the door to the mill. The gallery round the cap is



The mill in June 1939. Reproduced by permission of English Heritage.

an unusual feature for a smock mill. *The Batsford Guide to Industrial Archaeology in East Anglia* described the mill as it was on 31 August 1962 thus:

'Smock windmill. 1828. Timber frame, horizontal weatherboarded on octagonal brick, tarred, ground Four stage. stages including canvas covered ogee capping with ball finial. William Huckle 1828 above doorway at ground stage. Two sails with shutters and fantail and gallery are intact.

Interior: Machinery complete including timber brake wheel, belt driven elevators, oat crusher and grain cleaner. Three pairs of stones.'

By 1841 ownership of the mill had passed to Benjamin How and was let to one of his relatives, John Gleaves. Flour milling continued under the Gleaves family who introduced steam power into the mill in the 1880s. Charles Cattell purchased the mill in the 1890s and removed the steam engine. It is a tradition that



The mill in 2007

once a miller produces flour from a mill, the mill then bears his name - and this is how the mill is still known today. The business throve until the late 1930s but it declined thereafter and the sails stopped turning in the late 1940s. Vital repair work was carried out in 1956 with the help of Chris Wilson (the current owner of Over Mill and last fully-trained millwright in the country) and, by 1958, grinding had recommenced. In 1959, a County Council expert ruled that preservation of the mill was not viable due to the poor condition of the timber structures. The mill was taken out of service in 1962. Chris Wilson carried out further repairs in 1969, and Wallis Barton, Raymond Cattell's son-in-law, worked to restore the mill from 1979. In 1986, the sails were removed and the cap and fantail lowered to the ground for restoration. The canvas cap covering was replaced with glass reinforced plastic to provide strength and durability and the cap and fantail were re-fitted in 1989. A lightning conductor was also fitted as the mill had already been twice struck by lighting. Little further work was done until Richard and Sarah Cowley bought the mill in 1997.

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From the Parish Council

New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council has been very pleased to co-opt Ms Stacey King as a Parish Councillor to replace Rebecca Mead. The Council also welcomes Mrs Dawn Spouge as its new Assistant Parish Clerk.

The search for a new cemetery site

The search for a site for the new Cemetery goes on. 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? New regulations mean that the new site will have to be well above the water table, and not within 250 metres of a watercourse. If you



have a piece of land you would be interested in offering, and you are not sure how high above the water table it comes, the Parish Council would be happy to conduct borehole tests.

New play equipment

In the early part of August the old play equipment currently on the Recreation Ground will be replaced by a great new set of kit for children aged 5 to early teens, near the Under Fives Play Area on the Jubilee Field

(behind the Ploughman Hall). The Council is sorry that it won't be ready for the start of the school holidays, due to a long delivery time from the suppliers; but hopes it will be ready for use for the better part of the holidays.



Remember your Parish Notice Board!

The Parish Notice Board is outside the Public Hall in the High Street. Since its recent refurbishment it is, hopefully, more noticeable and easier to read. Don't forget to check it if you want to keep up to date with what the Parish Council is



currently doing on your behalf. If you live on the other side of the village, the Library has very kindly given the Council a space on its public notice board just inside the Library door.

PPI invitation

The Patient and Public Involvement in Health (PPI) Forum is looking for members of the public to become Forum members. PPIs were created by the government to act as the voice of the public on health-related issues. They are groups of local volunteers who are enthusiastic about the health of our community. They are unpaid, unbiased and have statutory powers, including the inspection and monitoring of services. If you are unable to commit the time to become a full member, why not register your details so that you can be consulted on certain health issues as and when they arise? Members of the public are also encouraged to write to their local Forum with any comments or concerns they may have about primary care services (eg GPs, dentists, pharmacies, clinics) or acute services (eg hospitals).

For details on how to become a Forum member, to register your details or to comment on local health services, phone 0845-009-3477, write to Cambridgeshire ACRE Freepost ANG 10698, Ely CB6 1YA, or E-mail glenn.burgess@ppicambsacre.org.uk. Your Parish Councillors and their contact details (in alphabetical order) are:-

Mr J Anderson	01954-203344
(Planning Committee Chair)	
Mr J Burnett	01954-270338
Mrs K Cornwell	01954-261530
(Cemetery Committee Chair)	
Mrs P Daniels	01954-260505
(Council Vice-Chair)	
Mr P King	01954-260780
(Council Chair)	
Ms S King	01954-202045
Mr B Kirkman	01954-260393
(Green & Boundaries Committee Chair)	
Mr R Manning	01954-261235
(also Leader of the District Council)	
Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mrs R Mumford	01954-260934
(Public Hall Committee Chair)	
Mr G Pake	01954-260534
Mr B Papworth	01954-260798
Mr C Stephens	01954-260396
Mr T Walkden	01954-201722
Mr J Watson	01954-200245
(Leisure & Amenities Committee Chair)	

August Parish Council meeting

The August Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 1 August at 7 30 pm, in Willingham School. The agenda will be posted on Friday 27 July 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:

- 13 August Finance & General Purposes Committee
- 14 August Green & Boundaries Committee
- 3 September Cemetery Committee

4 September Council meeting

All at 7 30 pm 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. Parish Council Office Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954-261027 E-mail email@willinghampc.org.uk . 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, except Bank Holidays. 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.

Richard and Sarah not only took on the mill but also had to build their own house in the grounds, and plan and construct the visitor centre and café. They were able to also build offices over the visitor centre and café thus making their construction financially viable. Then came the mill itself. The hardest task they faced was to build, paint and hang two new pairs of sails. The workshop was only large enough to hold one pair of sails and there was no room for machinery to move the sails outside to make room for the next pair. Nothing daunted, a barbecue was arranged and the guest list included some sturdy men – a pair of sails weighs four tons. Before festivities commenced, the not unwilling strongmen moved the sails out of the workshop by brute force. The paint used was permeable. When the time came to lift the sails into position, persistent rain had caused them to swell and the excess had to be removed with an angle-grinder before the sails could be inched onto the pin. A relatively straightforward half hour job turned into a two and a half hour struggle. Early attempts to paint the outside using traditional methods were overtaken by the use of cherry pickers and powered hoists that made life very much easier (and safer). There was also a danger of people falling through the old ladders inside the mill; a very generous donor paid for these all to be replaced. Spindles from the balustrade on the cap began to fall to the ground

and were a danger to passers-by; this was a difficult and hazardous repair to make.

Maintenance is largely funded by open days and donations from individual and group visitors, and sponsors. The remaining funding is provided by unpaid labour from friends, relations and volunteers. Richard and Sarah are adamant that nothing could have been achieved without this help so freely given, and accordingly continue to be extremely grateful. All money is held in an independent and properly regulated trust fund.

The Cowleys obtain a great deal of satisfaction from the compliments paid by visitors and from showing visitors around a mill that is being restored as a working mill and not something from Disney. They also derive a lot of pleasure from maintaining part of our heritage for generations to come.

Their future plans include the never-ending task of external maintenance; to restore the interior workings making the best use of the expertise of Chris Wilson, at the same time continuing to learn from him; and to institute a regular overall maintenance programme to ensue that the restorations stand the test of time. Last, but not least, to grind their own flour (for demonstration purposes) – the first time since 1962.

You too can help by going along to the next Open Day on August Bank Holiday Monday.



This is the philosophy of Brett Matthews, the driving force behind the company. Brett first learnt about computers as an IT manager for BASF, and began by fixing and building PCs for friends and relations. He soon passed the Microsoft exams that officially qualified him to repair PCs. He set up in business in Swavesey in 2000 when the company began to operate in Cambridgeshire villages servicing PCs and offering general IT support and sales for small/medium businesses and the home market. Within four years, he was looking for premises for a sales and service centre. The move to Willingham has provided the company with the ideal premises to offer a full all-round service to the locality.

All PCs are built on site and each component is soak tested using software to stress test each component for 24 hours. Uniquely, the company also offers a package including installation, copying of emails and data and programs from clients' existing computers. Added value is also provided by data back-up, email account protection and data recovery facilities, and free collection and delivery. Whilst it is important that staff are technically very competent, the company believes it equally important that staff are able to work in clients' homes in an efficient, unobtrusive and trustworthy manner.

Willingham Medical Practice

52 Long Lane, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LB Reception Tel: 01954 260230 Dispensary Tel: 01954 260073

Longstanton Branch Surgery, Magdalene Close, Longstanton. Tel: 01954 207600

Pharmacy news July saw the introduction of the **smoking ban** in public places and the work place. Smoking is estimated to cause the death of over 120,000 people every year in the UK. It is the cause of 1 in 5 of all male deaths and 1 in 10 of all female deaths. If you are motivated to give up smoking we can help with advice and information. There are many **nicotine replacement products** to help you in the initial stages

of quitting and these can be purchased at the pharmacy. The VAT on these products is being reduced to 5% on 1 July so you will save money compared to buying cigarettes. Ask the pharmacist or GP for details.



Consultations We now have a **private**

consultation room in the pharmacy. If you wish to discuss a medical matter confidentially please ask to speak to the pharmacist who will be pleased to help or arrange an appointment for you.

Safety in the Sun We are now moving into the summer months and already we have had patients who have suffered sunburn. Please remember to apply sunscreen



if you are outside in the sun and use a minimum sun protection factor of 15. Sun burn can cause long term damage to your skin and we recommend that you check regularly for any moles or blemishes that have changed shape or colour. *Neil Hall - Pharmacist*

Accident and Emergency and Out of Hours Cover We see from hospital discharge letters that some people are attending A & E with minor problems which could be dealt with by our **Out of Hours service CAMDOC**. You may not be aware that each time you attend the Casualty Department your local PCT is charged a minimum of £54 (even if you decide not to wait to be treated). There are situations when it is appropriate to attend Casualty following serious accidents, in life threatening



situations, and when it is likely that you will need an Xray. However in the majority of cases **the quickest way to be seen is to ring CAMDOC on 01223 242646**. They will advise you if they feel a trip to A & E is needed or they can offer either telephone advice, an appointment at the **CAMDOC centre at the Chesterton Hospital site where there are no parking charges**, or a visit by a doctor if necessary.

Please try to use your local NHS resources wisely. If you would like to know more about how your local NHS works please ask at our Reception for a patient information leaflet issued by the Cambridgeshire Association to Commission Health (CATCH) of which our practice is a member.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

Willing	ham Pharmacy	Opening hours
Monday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 30pm – 6 30pm
Tuesday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 6 30pm
Wednesday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 7 30pm
Thursday	8 30am – 1 00pm	CLOSED from
		1 00pm
Friday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 6 30pm

Residents urged to give blood

Currently only 5 per cent of people who could give blood actually do so - meaning 95 per cent of the population rely on a handful to ensure blood is readily available when required.

Hospitals throughout the region are in constant need of blood and the National Blood Service (NBS) are asking for more donors to come forward at this time to ensure blood banks remain full.

Gareth Bell, Communications Officer for the NBS, said: "It is very easy for us all to sit back, relax, and expect others to donate blood - but that wil not keep hospitals in good supply.

Every donation collected is a precious lifeline to patients, and you will make a real difference by becoming a donor.

All you feel is a slight scratch - which is insignificant when compared to feeling you get knowing you have just saved a life." Local Blood Donor Sessions: Tuesday 4 September Over Community Centre, 16 The Doles 1 pm to 3 30 pm and 4 30 pm to 7 pm

Blood collected is used in a wide-range of treatments, including, for example, for mothers and babies on maternity wards, routine surgery, or to stabilise cancer and leukaemia patients after chemotherapy.

In most cases anyone aged 17-59, who is in general good health, and weighs over 7st 12lbs, can start giving blood. Regular donors can continue to give up until the age of 70.

For further information, and to book an appointment to give blood, please call the NBS on 0845 7 711 711, or log-on to www.blood.co.uk.

Connections Bus Project Summer Holiday Programme

The Connections Bus Project announces a packed summer holiday programme. When most youth clubs shut down for the holidays the projects' state of the art youth bus has increased its visits to cover 9 villages. The bus has been converted to provide a fun and safe venue for young people to meet, relax and chat with youth

workers. It includes games consoles (including a PS3), internet access, music videos, digital TV, karaoke, tuck shop, hot and cold drinks and snacks, guizzes, craft activities and sports equipment. All run by experienced youth workers ready to listen and if wanted give advice.

Willingham - Ploughman Hall: 7 30-9 30 pm on Wednesdays 25 July and 1, 8, 15 and 22 August

The bus is for anyone in school year 7 and above and entrance is free.

"We are really pleased to be able to offer such a packed programme this summer. The charity is experiencing one of its busiest periods at present with

A Plant Called Matrimony

I was one of life's carefree travellers when I saw a plant called Matrimonv

It was young, tender and beautiful So I put down my haversack and map book To read the growing instructions that said:

It must be treated with love and patience Look after with faith and trust When it wilts water with kindness Protect from the cold with warmth Shelter from the storm with strength Your reward will be to see it blossom And the seeds will need bags of wisdom To develop some rally strong roots'

Now I'm old, lonely and tired, Those words keep going through my head.

J Sekots

Submitted by Milford Jeeps - written and sent to him by a friend.



opportunities for expanding, but still lacks the secure core funding in order to effectively plan for the longer term. We are particular keen to hear from local businesses that would be interested in advertising on our shiny silver bus." – Alan Webb (Project Manager)

"Cambridgeshire Children and Young People's Service fully endorse and support the work of the Connections Bus project. The specially converted double-decker bus provides a fantastic flexible mobile resource that is able to provide young people with access to a safe, fun and educational environment within the villages where they live." - Mark Peck (Children and Young People's Service)

Alan Webb – Project Manager The Connections Bus Project, PO Box 344, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9WZ Tel: 01223 232978 Mobile: 07887 947748 admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk

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 and usually finish by about 9 00 pm. Contact Celia on 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to join.

Meeting/Presentations and Outings

Monday 6 August 2007 - Members evening visit to Robinson College Gardens and chapel. Meet at the main entrance in Grange Road, Cambridge for a 7 00 pm start. Booking is essential. Please ring Linda or any member of the committee to book your place and arrange a lift if you need one. If you are traveling by car and have spare seats, please could let Linda know as there are some members who will require lifts. There is plenty of parking at the college.

Saturday 18 August 2007 - Outing to Bressingham Gardens. We shall visit Bury St. Edmunds market. We then move on to Bressingham Gardens for the afternoon. We leave the Green, Willingham at 9 00 am. The cost is \pounds 17.50 per person for coach and all entry fees and all rides. Contact Linda on 202072 or Celia on 261394 to book.

Swavesey & Over Tennis Club

Andrew Papworth confirmed his No 1 position at Swavesey & Over Tennis Club when he easily won the men's section of the summer tournament. The event was played as a 'mystery partners' competition, with a new draw before each round of matches, individual's scores being totalled. Five rounds were played and Papworth claimed a full house each time, to finish with the maximum possible 30 points - and only two against. Second, in his first club event, was Daniel Pheysey, with a net score of 29 - 18, and Jeff Hunt took third spot with 24 - 11. In the ladies section Sue Kent emerged as winner, with a 28 - 12 scoreline, Heike Haiberger was second on 24 - 13 and Jenni Veale third on 17 - 22.

Club nights are at 7.30pm on Mondays and Fridays at the Swavesey Village College sports centre.

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Crossword set by Willow

Across

1 Bit of garden for Rose to sleep in? (6-3)

- 8 Employers (5)
- 9 Expressed in numerical form for computer use (7)
- 10 Somerset 19,14 (8)
- 11 Smart boy: Guinness (4)

13 Endangered odd-toed ungulate animals (6)

- 14 Order again (6)
- 16 Woodwind instrument formerly hautboy (4)
- 17 Lincolnshire 19,14 (8)
- 19 Coast (7)

21 Author of Treasure Island (9) Down 1

20 Riddle (5)

- Angling equipment (4-4)
- 2 Painful experience (6)
- 3 Advantage; U2 guitarist (4) 4 Corkscrew, for instance (6-6)
- 5 Specialist foodstore (12)
- 6 Gazebos (6-6)
- 7 Give new life to (12)
- 12 Manchester United manager (8)
- 15 High balls: winter sportsmen (6)
- 18 Roller coaster; journey in vehicle
- (4)

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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.

Cattell's Mill, Willingham open - Bank Holiday Monday, 27th August 1-4 pm

Cattell's Windmill in Mill Road, Willingham will be open on Bank Holiday Monday from 1pm to 4pm.

Visitors are welcome to look around the windmill and exhibition area to see details of the mill's history. Restoration work, which has been carried out over the years, can be seen including the new set of stone furniture, which has recently been constructed with the help of your donations.

Cream teas, cakes and refreshments will be served from our café. All welcome. Disabled facilities are available.

All proceeds go to the Cattell's Mill Restoration and Preservation Trust.

RAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL -HANDYPERSON WANTED

Handyperson required by Rampton Parish Council to carry out occasional maintenance and repair jobs in Rampton Village. Interested? please contact the Parish Clerk on 01954 204481 for further details.

August 2007

Pastoral Letter Taking the long view



In August 1604, Galileo heard a rumour that the children of rich parents in Paris were playing with a new expensive toy - a pipe that, when looked through, made distant objects seem near. He could not get hold of one of the magic pipes, but he threw the full force of his extraordinary talents at the problem of how to make one himself. With the help of two lenses he succeeded within just one day. With his new telescope, he saw for the first time that there were mountains on the moon, whose height he could measure from the length of their shadows. He discovered that the planet Venus, rather like the moon, went through crescent-shaped phases. Most unexpected of all, he could see a cluster of what looked like four little stars close to Jupiter, but when he looked again on the next clear night they had all changed position. Repeated observations showed him the truth: Jupiter too had moons, whizzing around it at extraordinary speeds. These new observations became the cornerstone of his conviction that the solar system has the sun at the centre, with all the other bodies, including the earth, moving around it. This was completely at odds with the received wisdom of the time - Aristotle's intuitively more obvious notion that everything in the heavens moves round the earth. Sadly, the leading churchmen in Italy took sides with Aristotle, and Galileo's cosmic view was branded as heresy for over three centuries, although the Bible - when observed without prejudice - makes no statement on the physics of the solar system. From its pages, however, a series of discoveries can be made about ourselves and the world we live in that are just as surprising as Galileo's observations. Like his telescope, it takes us close to things that are often far from our everyday ideas of how the world works, and shows much that seems unexpected, but is nonetheless true. That, for example, we ourselves are not the centre of the universe either, but needy, confused and often gravely mistaken creatures. Most remarkable of all, the telescope of the Bible brings into focus something that defeats imagination: God Himself can be discovered and known. His name is Jesus. Look this way if you are prepared for surprises, controversy and the excitement of a revolutionary world view.

Andrew Wyllie

Parish Plan Website

The Parish Plan now has a www.newwillingham.org

This contains detailed information about what a Parish Plan is, and how it will affect you. You can also climate; the causes of weather; weather forecasting and the send in your comments, and read what others have truth behind weather sayings and folklore; our own and said.

"Act now" leaflet. Many useful comments were made from 10 00 am to 11 45 (approx.) and is held in the rear hall and we are now close to completing the questionnaire of the Baptist Church, George Street, Willingham. Fee: £40 to be sent to every household in the autumn. If you (full); £34 (discounted fee) and free to those in receipt of missed this opportunity, then send your comments via certain benefits. For further information contact the website.

WEA Willingham

website: Our next course, rather appropriately, is 'Wonderful Weather' and the tutor will be David Elcome. This is a ten week course covering an introduction to our weather and global climates; the causes and consequences of climate Thanks to everyone who filled in and returned the change. The course commences on Monday 1 October 2007 Jacqueline Hodkinson (01954 201816).

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 August cake stall will be at the church as usual on the first Saturday of the month – 4 August. Cakes are on sale from 10 00 am.

If you would like to provide some cakes, get in touch with Joyce Bowen: 261075.



Events at the Churches

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.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Now a look ahead. On the second Saturday in September -8 September – the annual sponsored cycle ride for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust takes place. If you would like to take part, or to sponsor someone, or to help on the day by welcoming people as they visit the parish church, get in touch with David Scott. He will be pleased to hear from you. His mobile phone number is 07879633456, and his email address is davidm.scott@btopenworld.com

Salvation Army

Mondays

10 30 am 2 pm Coffee morning Craft Club

Thursdays 2 pm Friendship Club

Sorry to say that dinners will be discontinued until we can find a cook. Anyone interested in cooking 25-30 dinners on a Thursday each week please contact Gordon on 01954 260066 for further information. Thank you.

Thursday 2 August

A special meeting for the new incoming officers Major and Mrs Lewis will be held at 2 pm and conducted by the Divisional Commander Major Burns. Everyone welcome; refreshments will be served.

Road closure

The following information has been received from the County Council:

As part of the construction of the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway, the County Council's contractor Edmund Nuttall Limited will shortly begin constructing a new junction for the busway on Station Road, Oakington. The new junction will allow buses travelling on the busway to cross Station Road safely. There will also be a new crossing for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

In order to build the junction safely and efficiently it will be necessary to temporarily **close a section of Station Road between Oakington and Westwick**. The section of Station Road that will be closed is where the old railway line crosses the road.

The closure will start on Monday 16 July 2007 and is likely to continue until late October.

The reason for the length of the closure is that there is a significant amount of work to be done for that junction. An area of approximately 600 square metres needs to be dug out. New drainage will be installed and kerbs put in. New street lighting will be put up and a new set of traffic signals will be installed. The road will then be replaced. Excavators, dump trucks, support vehicles, a generator, pumps, paving and concrete delivery trucks will all be used.

Work will take place between 7 30 am and 6 pm Monday to Friday and between 8 am and 1 pm on Saturday. We very much hope to complete the work as quickly as possible and open the road earlier than planned.

Pedestrians and cyclists however, will still be able to use the closed section of road. The diversion route for vehicles travelling between Oakington, Westwick and Cottenham, will be via Park Lane, Histon and the B1049. This diversion route will be well signed for motorists.



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

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

5 August

11 00 am Parish Communion
12 August
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11 00 am Family Praise
19 August
11 00 am Family Communion
26 August
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11 00 am Family Praise

Tuesday Praise is a service for those 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 August: 7th). There is a prayer meeting on the last Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In August: 31st). Children are welcome at all our 11 am

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 SANTS CHURCH HIGH STREET RAMPTON

5 August
9 30 am Parish Communion
12 August
9 30 am Church Lite in the Village Hall
19 August
9 30 am Parish Communion
26 August
9 30 am Church Lite in the Village Hall

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

5 August 10 30 am B/M Bill Matthews 5 pm Major Lewis **12 August** 10 30 am No meeting 5 pm Major Lewis **19 August** 10 30 am No meeting 5 pm Major Lewis 26 August 10 30 am No meeting 5 pm Ray Barton

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org **5** August 10 00 am Keith Rawlinson (Communion) 6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie **12 August** 10 00 am Liz Herrington 6 00 pm Liz Herrington **19 August** 9 00 am Keith Rawlinson Refreshments are available between the two services, from 10 05 to 10 40 am 10 45 am Family Service 6 30 pm Prayer Focus 26 August 10 00am Bob & June Earl 6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie (Communion) Any enquiries please contact Hilary Wyllie (Church Secretary)Tel. 01954 260051

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 August this is Priest Lane, Belsars Close, Rampton End, Rampton Road and Schole Road.



Rampton Concert

Date for your diary: Concert given by Jennifer Thompson, Jacky Kerby, Gordon Hewlett, Paul Ingle and friends in Rampton Church at 7 30 pm on **Saturday 8 September**.

Phyllis Easy - a teacher of the old (Willingham) school



Willingham people who were at school in the village between 1952 and 1978 will remember being taught by Phyllis Easy. They will recall her as a no-nonsense teacher and a firm disciplinarian, but also as someone who loved the children she taught, and wanted them to succeed.

She insisted on all the children using her name: 'No "yes miss". I am Mrs Easy' – adding with the wry humour that is her hallmark: 'My name is the only easy thing about me'. When discussing this profile, she got out a series of class photographs, recalling, with obvious pleasure, the personalities of individual pupils. 'I loved those children and I hated "losing" them to Cottenham.'

Phyllis Easy was born in 1918 in Fen Drayton, the daughter of Abednego and Grace Ivett. Her mother decided she should start school early, at the age of three 'because I talked too much'. The pupils covered the full age range, but there were only two teachers, few books and little equipment. 'We learnt by heart', Phyllis explains, adding that this has stood her in good stead throughout her life. She can still quote from Shakespeare, and the Book of Common Prayer – and she remembers the first poem which she learnt, at the age of three: 'I have a little shadow that goes in and out with me'. She is an inveterate crossword enthusiast and enjoys intelligent television quiz shows.

At nine she left Fen Drayton school for Swavesey, passed 'the scholarship exam' and at 11 went to the Cambridge and County High School for Girls, leaving in 1936 with Higher School Certificate.

'I always wanted to be a school teacher', Phyllis declares, and so she went to St Etheldreda's teacher training college in Norwich, to train as a senior school teacher. The students were allocated to schools in the area as part of their training, starting with a lower juniors class. Hers was in a poor district, in Philadelphia Road but, she recalls, 'it was not a place of brotherly love'. As an

inexperienced teacher, she had a class of 49, and they threw shoes at the teacher if they were corrected for bad behaviour.

In 1938 she took up her first job, at Haslingfield, a fullrange school, which took pupils over the age of 11 from the Eversdens and Harlton. Among these was someone later well-known in Willingham, the late Frank Cook.

Five years later, Phyllis moved to Hilton Church of England School, as head teacher. Another two years, and in 1945 she and Ken were married, by Canon Bywaters, in Willingham church. Ken, then serving in the Royal Navy as a signalman on a tank landing craft, came on leave on a Friday. Their wedding was on Saturday, and on Monday he was recalled, to Falmouth. Phyllis spent the summer holiday there, while Ken was preparing to go to the Far East, but the war with Japan ended, and that posting was cancelled.

Ken's family lived in Willingham, and he and Phyllis set up home here, first renting a house next to what is now the One Stop Shop, while they waited for 'licence to build' on the land in Station Road, where Phyllis still lives. Ken, following demob from the navy, returned to his work as a printer with Cambridge University Press.

Their son Anthony (Andy), who lives in Rampton, was born in 1949. Three years later, Phyllis was asked by Ted Austin, at Willingham school, to go there as a supply teacher, because the Head was ill. She agreed, on condition that she could take Andy with her! She taught 14 and 15 year olds, from Longstanton as well as Willingham, including, for example, Dermot Garner and John Askew.

When asked how long she was likely to stay, she replied 'about a fortnight'. The head recovered from his illness, but pupil numbers were rising, and he was no longer able to teach all the time. After a few weeks, Phyllis was asked to return. When she retired in 1978 the fortnight had become 26 years.

In 1966 there was another change, when Sheila Addison, newly arrived as Head Teacher, asked Phyllis to become deputy. She was reluctant - but Francis Jeeps, chairman of governors, used his considerable powers of persuasion, and in a conversation with Sheila Addison and Phyllis said: 'She's your deputy'. Sheila Addison moved in 1972. Phyllis stayed on as deputy to the new Head, Roy Goodwin.

In 1976 Ken retired because of ill health, and after her retirement two years later Phyllis spent her time looking after him, until his death in 1980.

Doing nothing has never been her style, and she became a parish councillor, and chaired the Planning Committee, a task which she found both demanding and fascinating. She also returned to the school, but this time as a governor, and served as Vice-Chair of the governing body. Another connection with the old school (in Fen End), where much of her teaching at Willingham was

done, came with her service as a trustee of the Willingham British School Trust.

Always keen on music, and, in her words, a largely self-taught pianist, she sang in the local Willingham choir, and was also a member of the Swavesey Gilbert & Sullivan society.

Having served as a member of the Parochial Church Council at St Mary & All Saints in the 1950s and 1960s, she had been active in a wide variety of Willingham activities since her arrival in the village.

In 1990, aged 72, she 'retired' again, but it does not take a long conversation to be reminded that she remains interested in what goes on around her, and in new ideas. The strong sense of vocation which inspired her teaching clearly remains. She reflects on changes in the village. 'Before the new estates were built we were more of an enclosed "family" village.' As she puts it, there is still a community spirit, but of a different sort.

Some changes she regrets. For instance: 'I like traditional forms of church service, the Canticles, the King James Bible and the beautiful language of the Book of Common Prayer'. She is not, however, someone who resists all change. She is happy, for example, that there is now a more relaxed feeling between teachers and pupils in schools, but adds: 'I feel there is not enough discipline'.

Perhaps the best reflection of her long service to the village comes in her simple statement: 'I like Willingham people'.

Fenland Squash Club - new members wanted, all ages and abilities

Fenland Squash Club is a small, friendly and enthusiastic club with three excellent courts, viewing gallery, shower and changing facilities, leagues, teams, competitions and coaching. We offer everything for the beginner, returning and advanced squash player (and racket-ball too).

We have a very active junior, men's and women's membership, with players ranging from those who play to keep fit to those gunning to win the league.



There is no special clothing needed (just shorts/tshirt etc); except for the need to wear clean, nonmarking white-soled sports shoes or trainers on court. If you don't own a racket or balls yet, we can lend them to you – that goes for racket-ball rackets and balls too. In fact, racket-ball can be an easier introduction for people who have never played squash before. Located at Swavesey Village College, Fenland Squash is one of the most inexpensive clubs in the county, and we have free parking. Even better, our courts are open for you to play on "24/7" - in old money that means 24 hours a day seven days a week, giving you plenty of opportunity to play.

New members' evenings and membership offer

We welcome new members joining us at any time, but are holding two special new members' evenings to give you a taster of squash if you have never played before, or to re-new your enthusiasm if you haven't played for a while.

* Wednesday 15 August & Thursday 20 September

* Both evenings will be from 7pm to 9.30pm at the squash club courts at Swavesey Village College, and afterwards at the White Horse pub in Swavesey.

For all new members, we are offering your first month of membership free and when you do join, you can choose between junior, solo, family, peak or off-peak memberships – whatever suits you best.

If you would like to join the club or come along to a new members' evening, contact our chairman, Geoff Green on 01954 231000 or email g2book@mac.com.

If you are new to squash, or have played before, but cannot make one of the new members' evenings, still get in touch and we can arrange another time to introduce you to the game and some other players of similar ability.

Visit our web site to learn more about us www.fenlandsquash.co.uk.

We hope to see you at the club soon!

Pam Gooding

Pam Gooding retired last month from the Library Service. She started her library career at Waterbeach Library and became supervisor at Willingham Library in 1990. Pam supported people using the library for learning, encouraged the Camsight group and also the local Book Groups. She also encouraged young readers to use the library through class visits and regular summer holiday activities. The Friends of Willingham Library presented her with a book token and bouquet to thank her for supporting their activities. Pam was also presented with gifts from her colleagues at a leaving lunch in Cambridge.

Make sure it's just the sausages that are burning

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has just issued the following advice on how to survive your barbecue

Keep young children well away from the barbecue

Stand portable barbecues on an even surface and make sure they are well away from the houses, fences or shed

Use only approved lighter fuels – **never petrol** Light the barbecue an hour before you start cooking

Don't be over-generous with the charcoal

Take care with fatty foods and never pour oil onto meat whilst it is cooking



After the event, seal the charcoal bag and store it in a dry place, which will make it easier to light next time

If you are the chef, try not to drink too much alcohol whilst cooking

Never poor petrol on a barbecue to re-ignite it – start the process again, properly

After you have finished cooking, extinguish the burning coals. Leave them for 1-3 hours to check that the fire is completely out **ENJOY**

Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
August				
1	Parish Council Meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Willingham Primary School	7 30 pm
1,8,15,22	Connections Bus Project	Connections Bus Project	Ploughman Hall	7 30-9.30 pm 01223 232978
6	Members' evening out	Willingham Gardening Club	Robinson College gardens	Book 261394/ 202072
11	Charity Lunch		23 Rampton End	1 pm
11	Cake Stall	Womens Institute	Amy Robinson's garden	10-12 am
20	Activity Morning	Wildlife Trust	Willingham Library	Details from library
18	Club Outing	Willingham Gardening Club	Bury and Bressingham	9 am 261394/202072
27	Cattells Mill Open Day		Cattells Mill	1-4 pm
28/2	Holiday Club	Baptist Church	Willingham Primary School	Richard 01954 200708
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1	Annual Horticultural/Craft Show	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Primary School	
4	Bonsai for beginners	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social	7 30 pm 261394
4	Blood donation	National Blood Service	Over Community Centre	1-3 30 pm 4 30-7 pm
7/8	Farce 'It Runs in the Family'	Over Players	Over Community Centre	Julia Warren 230056
22	Club outing	Willingham Gardening	Chatsworth House	261394
2	Soul Night	The Oaks	Over Community Centre	206600/07917 054961
October				
1	Wonderful Weather	WEA Willingham	Baptist Church	10-11.45 am
20	Glen Miller and music of the 40s	Over Day Centre	Over Community Centre	231807
26	Jazz Evening with the Gambit Jazzmen	Over Jazz	Over Community Centre	230056/230655

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Council	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
Services	Police		0845 456 456
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01954 231550
G]]			01223 464242
Schools	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
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 2nd Brownies	Anita	07830 244742
		Mrs J Catley	01954 202543
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section Geoff Bailey Dancers	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mr G Bailey	01954 260233
	Bubbles	Mrs L Borland Kathryn Wright	01954 203347
	Bumps and Babies Group	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 261770
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)		01954 205487
Halls		Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
114115	Ploughman Hall Chairman Ploughman Hall Bookings	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	Wilford Furlong Centre		07941 190849
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261445
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Representatives	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
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	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 201816
Clubs	Gardening Club		01954 260446
Ciubs	Social Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	WAMADS Drama Group	Mrs S Hart	01954 204260
	Willing Drama Group	Mrs C Deeth (Secretary) Mrs J Farrar	07896 322497
	Willingham Youth Club	Mrs Jean Langford	01954 200515
	Women's Institute	Mrs Doreen Young	01954 201706 01954 200561
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 200501 01954 260124
Sport	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	
I	Football Club	Mr Alex Howard	01954 203001 01954 260734
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 200734
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 200440
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 202082
	Keep Fit	Mrs M Fowler	01954 260496
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club	Mrs E Halksworth	01954 201830
hurches	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 Salvation Army	Monsignor Rogers Major a nd Mrs B Willson	01223 350787

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 Big Wild Read

is now on. If you have not already signed up to this summer's reading challenge, go along to the library. Throughout the school holidays there will be activity sessions every Tuesday afternoon, and medals will be presented in the library on Thursday 20 September after school. Plus.....

The Wildlife Trust are coming to the library on Monday 20 August to run a story and activity morning. Admission is free, but by ticket only so ask at the library for details.

Willingham Wolves FC Under 8's Charity Day

A big Thank-you to everyone who donated a raffle prize for our Charity day Kick for Clic Sargent on 24 June which supports for children who suffering from cancer and leukaemia.

Tesco's, The Works Beautician, Blackburn Rovers F.C, Ipswich Town FC, Karen's Beautician, Morrisons, North's Bakery, Cambridge United FC, Duxford Air Museum, 3Q Sports, My Fantastic Life, Strikes, Q103, Holiday Inn, AP Group,

Cineworld, Panther Taxis, Cambridge Medical Communication Limited, Oxborough Paintball, Romil Limited, Aspinalls, Willingham Co-op and Universal Fencing Co Limited.

Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held on Saturday 11 August at 1 pm at the home of Geoff and Shelagh Turner, 23 Rampton End. The lunch consists of a choice of cheeses, tea and coffee etc, and costs £3. This year's nominated charity is Hospice at Home, which is in urgent need of funds due to the recent Primary Care Trust cutbacks. The 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?



Do you know that there is an art group in Willingham?

We are a small group of amateur artists who mainly work in watercolour.

We meet at the Octagon on Wednesdays 10-12 am. We hope to exhibit our work in November. Please keep an eye on *Willingham News* for further details.

If you are a local artist and would like to join in the exhibition, or you are just curious, please call in and see us any Wednesday morning.



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