

WILLINGHAM NEWS



September 2007

Yes, but what exactly is Feast Sunday?

'Well, of course, that is Feast Sunday.' Any long term Willingham resident will tell you that that description applies to the Sunday before 11 October. The reaction, from more recent Willingham residents, is quite likely to be: 'And what exactly is Feast Sunday?'

First of all, we can look at what happens on that day. There are two big events. During the Sunday afternoon a visiting Salvation Army band plays on the Green, and leads an informal open-air service. Then in the evening there is an ecumenical service in the parish church, led by the same visiting band.

On the Monday, Thurston's fun fair opens, for two days, on the Green.

Go back 30 years or so, and the fun fair arrived on the Sunday, their vehicles lining up in the neighbouring roads until the band had left, and then moving on to the Green to get set up for the Monday. Children who went to the Green with their families to hear the band then had fun watching the fun fair vehicles move into place.

Until the early 1960s the children at the Primary School had a half day holiday on the Tuesday so that they could go to the Fair. Janet Hart, then teaching at the school, recalls that that stopped when more and more parents were at work, and the children could not be left to wander about alone.



Fairground being set up around 1910

There have been other changes. For many years, the Band would play at Willingham House (now a conference centre, then an old people's home) before going to the Green. In the evening they would play at the cross roads by the Black Bull before moving to Stocks Corner. That changed when the evening service moved to the Baptist Church - the old Tabernacle. The move to the parish church is more recent.

Feast Sunday has traditionally been very much a family occasion; for example, daughters who were working out of the village in domestic service came back for the weekend. Michaelmas Day was the day on which 'domestic servants change places or are re-engaged, but in all cases they have a few days holiday, when the mistresses are placed in the awkward position of having to do without them for a short time.' (*Cambridge Independent Press*, 15 October 1881)

For some it is still a time for family gatherings. Paul Ingle recalls that it was also the occasion for women to get their new winter clothes, which could be shown off for the first time at the gathering on the Green.

Family reunions may continue, but what is undoubtedly less common is the cooking of special cheese tarts. Janet Hart notes that they were made with local cheese, sugar, lemon, egg and mixed dried fruit. On Feast Tuesday, people visited neighbours to taste their cheese tarts. Other villages had other delicacies; in Cottenham, for example, where the Feast is later than Willingham's, it was pear pie. Janet also recalls that during the war many Americans, based near the Milton railway crossing, used to come to the Feast.

For many years, Feast weekend was the occasion for collecting money for Addenbrooke's Hospital. These were the days before the National Health Service.

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Saturday	10 00 am	-	12 30 pm

Why not go along to the library and see what services are on offer? If you can't find the book you want, you can request it. There are also reference books, a local history collection and information about local events and activities, plus free internet access.

Bin collections

5 Sep	Black bin
12 Sep	Green Bin and Box
19 Sep	Black Bin
26 Sep	Green Bin and Box

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

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

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

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From the Parish Council

The search for a new cemetery site



The search for a site for the new Cemetery is getting increasingly urgent. Please, 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, would you get in touch as soon as possible 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.

Funding Fair 2007 - for all voluntary organisations

The 2007 Funding Fair organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council will be held on Saturday 15 September, 10 00 am – 12 15 pm, at the District Council Offices in Cambourne. If you are a local project, a voluntary group or a non-profit-making group and could do with some extra funding, then this is for you. Representatives of a wide range of funding agencies will be there, as will representatives of successful community projects from across Cambridgeshire, ready for you to pick their brains. There will be a series of workshops on a variety of topics and options for funding. Anyone wanting to attend should contact Elliott Harris at elliott.harris@scambs.gov.uk or on 01954-713451 as soon as possible.



Dogs on the Recreation Ground



Dogs are not allowed on the Recreation Ground or the Jubilee Field, for health reasons as these are play areas for children. Dog owners – Willingham Parish Council very much regrets the need for this, but hopes you will understand. There is a 'set-aside' field which is open for dog-walking behind the Rec, which can be accessed either from the footpath to Over (entry at the end of The Pound), or from off the second big bend on West Fen Road. The Parish Council Chairman (contact number below) is available to receive any reports of infringements of this regulation.

CCTV at the Ploughman Hall

Don't forget that the Ploughman Hall, car park and Under 5s Play area are monitored 24 hours a day by CCTV cameras.

Anti-Litter Poster Competition

Last year the Parish Council and the Primary School ran a very successful anti-litter poster competition – you will

have seen the winning entry in Willingham News and also displayed around the village. This year's competition, open to all primary school children, is to design and draw a Traffic Sign to remind people to Keep Willingham Clean. If you are at primary school – please enter the competition



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

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Mr J Burnett	01954-270338
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Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mrs R Mumford (Public Hall Committee Chair)	01954-260934
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Mr B Papworth	01954-260798
Mr C Stephens	01954-260396
Mr T Walkden	01954-201722
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(there are prizes!). If you are a parent of a primary school child, do encourage them to enter. And of course, for everyone the on-going message is, Please, Help To Keep Willingham Free From Litter.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We have had notice of this year's Macmillan Cancer Support fund-raising day, 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning', on 28 September. Last year they raised £6.7 million to help people living with cancer. Can Willingham help them do even better this year? As they say, 'Get together and put the kettle on. It's that simple'. To register for a free World's Biggest Coffee Morning pack, ring 0845-602-1246 and quote keyword LA5, or register on-line at www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee.

Seasonal Prohibition of Driving Order

On 2 August the County Council made a Prohibition of Driving Order on a number of byways in the area. This prohibits vehicles with more than two wheels, apart from permit-holders, from using these byways between 1 October and 30 April each year, and is for the protection of the byways from the heavy rutting which has badly damaged them during the wet winter months. Affected byways in Willingham are part of Byway no. 9 (Aldreth Causeway), and part of Byway no 8 (Haven Drove). A copy of the Order, and full details and a map of all the byways included, are displayed on the Library Noticeboard; it can also be inspected in the Parish Council Office during opening hours.

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Communities had to pay to ensure that hospital beds were available. In 1921 the amount collected totalled £108 17s 6d. The hospital collections continued until the NHS was established after the Second World War.

Traditionally, Feast Sunday was a Parish Church occasion, linked to Harvest Festival. In 1891, for example, the Rector John Watkins noted in his Parish Magazine: 'Feast Sunday', which fell on the 4th, was observed as the Thanksgiving for Harvest, and the offerings of money, to the amount of six guineas, and of "fruits of the earth" were sent to Addenbrooke's Hospital.'

It widened its scope in the 1920s. In 1921 a meeting took place at the Public Hall when it was decided 'by the few enthusiasts present' (*The Chronicle*, 1 September 1921) that the usual festivities should take place. Another meeting was called at which 'it is especially hoped that officials of all clubs and societies will make an effort to be present'.

Significantly, the Salvation Army promised to be responsible for the band. That responsibility has continued, and Gordon Spackman, who has been Sergeant Major for nearly 60 years, has made the arrangements for more than half a century.

'Feast weekend is not what it was', all who have lived many years in Willingham will confirm. It probably never was what it had been – at least if you read the comment of Enid Porter, in *Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore*, where she wrote: 'Willingham Feast was already declining in the last years of the nineteenth century'.

Changes there have certainly been. The fun fair, for example, is neither as big nor as popular as it was even 30 years ago. Nevertheless, Feast Sunday, and Feast weekend, still continue as a feature of village life.



The Salvation Army in 1964

One question remains: why is it on the Sunday before 11 October? The answer is: because it is linked with Michaelmas Day – the quarter day on which rents fall due (and servants change or confirm their employment). If you know your calendar, you will reasonably object that Michaelmas Day falls on 29 September.

Yes – but the calendar changed in the 18th century. New style quarter days were: Lady Day (25 March), Midsummer Day (24 June), Michaelmas Day (29 September), and Christmas Day (25 December).

Old style quarter days are Old Lady Day (6 April), Old Midsummer Day (6 July), **Old Michaelmas Day (11 October)**, and Old Christmas Day (6 January).

John Watkins wrote, somewhat disparagingly: 'People in our country villages forget that the calendar was altered in 1752, and are so "behind the times" as to persist in observing the "old style".'

That may not be so backward-looking as it seems. Janet Hart points out that even today some rents are paid on old Michaelmas Day.

(Acknowledgments to the Cambridgeshire Collection.)

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Have Your Say on Bus Services



The County Council is inviting people to express their views on the bus services. This is primarily through an on-line survey, which can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/consultations/bussurvey. However, if you don't have access to the Internet, but do wish to express your views, why not ring Stephanie Wade at the County Council's Passenger Transport Communications Team, 01223-718242, or write to her at Cambridgeshire County Council, ET1015, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP?

September Parish Council meeting

The September Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 5 September at 7 30 pm, in Willingham School. The agenda will be posted on Friday 31 August 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.

September Committee and Working Party meeting dates are still to be set – watch the Council and Library Noticeboards for details. All meetings apart from full Council meetings are at the Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, unless otherwise advertised; Council meetings at the Primary School, Thodays Close. As usual, Minutes of all meetings will be placed in the Library once they have been signed as accurate.

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CAMDOC Out of Hours number - Correction

I have made a serious error by giving the wrong number for CAMDOC Out of Hours service in the August Willingham News. The correct number is **01223-464242**. I apologise for this.

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Practice Manager
Willingham Medical Practice*

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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

Willingham Parish Plan

Q-Day is approaching!

We have had the Public Meeting, we have gathered initial views from the village, and now the Parish Plan Questionnaire is almost ready. A small army of volunteers will be delivering one to every household in Willingham from mid-September and will collect them in the following few weeks. If you want your views on the future development of the village to be considered please fill yours in. It will help us greatly if you have it ready for collection.

This is a huge task and we still need a few more volunteers to help with distribution and collection, particularly in the Haden Way, Wilford Furlong, Covent Garden and Bourneys Manor Close areas, so if you are willing to help, even with just a few houses, please email willinghamplan@btinternet.com or telephone 260780

For more information go to www.newwillingham.org.

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, individuals' 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 30 pm on Mondays and Fridays at the Swavesey Village College sports centre.

More information from Naunton Pugh, Club Secretary, on 01954 230393, email naunton.pugh@ntlworld.com



Constance Mary Johns



We are sorry to announce that Connie Johns, formally of The Grange, High Street, Willingham died on 10 July 2007, aged 86, in Frenchay Hospital Bristol after a long period of ill health. She will be greatly missed by husband Reg and all her family and friends.

The family would like to thank all those who sent tributes. It was greatly appreciated.

All things bright and beautiful - The Lord God made them all!



A wonderful July day in mid Summer, blue skies, a gentle breeze and an opportunity to enjoy a 'everyone welcome' type of day so

rarely experienced by those in the big cities. Or small cities when you think about it.

And we did have time to think to about it.

The 'it' we had time for was the wonders of this earth, the enjoyment of experiencing time past with time present, amongst others aged between 0 and 75. Everyone had time to look and enjoy; not only the

travelling around and the old and new farming information, but the delight of reminiscing and the new small talk that went across all age groups.

We had fun!

Thanks to Geoff and Janet and all your helpers who provided what was a seemingly easy day. 'Seemingly easy' is another sign of a good event well planned and joyfully given to the benefits of us all.

PS

Tibbitts Farm Visit is one of Willingham Baptists' annual events and we would all love to welcome you to next year's visit. If you want to express an interest now I would be very pleased to let you know the date and time of next year's event, next year. Just ring me on 01954 780714 or email Pam.Buckridge@ntlworld .com

Pam Buckridge

Riding to success

In 2005 Phoebe Buckley won the Bramham under-25 international three-star event on The Busker, which came to her in 2004 after 18 months rest, recuperating after a tendon injury.

Phoebe went on to represent Great Britain in the Young Rider European Three-day Event Championships held in Sversjo in Sweden. The team won the gold medal, beating Germany and France. Phoebe finished fourth, individually.

In 2006 she went to compete at Badminton, but lost two front shoes and had to pull up five fences from home in the cross-country. She then competed at Burghley, finishing 22nd out of 85 starters, and gaining the Best British Newcomer Prize.

Phoebe, who is 23, and has lived in Willingham for 18 years, is on the Lottery-funded training programme with the British team trainers.

The Busker strained his tendon again this spring, and has retired. Phoebe now has only one top horse, Little Tiger, owned by Polly Taylor from

Little Downham. This year Little Tiger completed Badminton in spite of being the smallest horse there. She is being aimed at Burghley.

Meanwhile, Phoebe rides five or six young horses that she is bringing on for their owners.

Her Mum and Dad, and I, are very proud of her achievements.

Jean Langford



Lapwing Champion

Steven Mumford is the regional winner in the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) fifth annual Lapwing Competition. Steven, who was brought up in Willingham, where his mother, Rosemary, still lives, manages several farms around Swaffham, Norfolk.

The competition is part of a strategy to increase nesting lapwings. The Narborough arm of



Knights Farms has created a valuable mixture of nesting habitats for lapwings. The fields are grazed by Lincoln Red suckler cows and their calves – which ensures ideal nesting conditions.

Reporting the award, *Farm & Country* notes: 'Nests are marked and avoided and Mr Mumford has created a culture among the 15 farmworkers where the birds come first.'

Willingham Charity lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held on Saturday 15 September at the home of Alan and Amy Robinson at 15a High Street at 1 00 pm. The lunch, which costs £3, consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea and coffee etc. This year's nominated charity is Hospice at Home, which is in urgent need of funds to continue to support the humanitarian service they give so freely.

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. During the past four years we have been able to give over £2700 to different charities, so why not join us. Telephone 261076 for further information.



Sudoku set by Willow

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

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From Pam Gooding

Thank you for the mention in *Willingham News*. I have had a happy and interesting time working in Willingham Library seeing all the changes over 17 years, the refurbishment of the building in 1997 when we brought in an ancient mobile van to keep the service ticking over, to seeing babies grow into teenagers and computerisation of everything to do with our books.

My thanks to everyone who made my time a happy one.

I am enjoying my retirement and as everyone says, 'How did I find time to work?'

WILLINGHAM HORTICULTURAL AND CRAFT SHOW

Saturday 1 September

Willingham Primary School

This is the annual show organised and run by members of the Gardening Club. If you have not obtained your entry schedule and form yet then please do so from the Gardening Club, The Library, Post Office, Berrycroft Stores, the delicatessen in Berrycroft or from Rainbow Crafts.

This is a fun day for all the family giving you a chance to be creative. All garden produce will be auctioned off at the end of the show. Exhibits will be staged at 8 30 am and the show will open for general viewing at 1 30 pm until 3 30 pm. Delicious afternoon teas will be available throughout. Timings are subject to change if the circumstances so require but the timings previously mentioned are indicative.

Produce auction 4 00 pm.

Grand Draw - First prize £50 and other great prizes - 4 30 pm.

Why not have a go and encourage younger members of the family to have a go too? Details of all the classes are contained in the entry schedule. All entries to be submitted by 30 August.

For more details contact Linda on 202072 or Celia on 261304
Why not enter and be sure to come along too!



Pastoral Letter

New Beginnings

Every few years as an Officer in the Salvation Army means moving house and starting a new avenue of ministry in a different place. So at the end of July I moved from Maldon in Essex with my husband David to live in Godmanchester to serve people in that area and in Willingham and Huntingdon; our appointment is known as the Cambridgeshire Development Project. That is a challenging task as it covers a fairly wide area, with each centre having its own unique identity, and the opportunity for research and development in areas where the Salvation Army has not been working.

But it makes little difference where we are appointed, so long as we have a place to live, and that is taken care of by the Salvation Army. Yet there is usually a deep wondering what the house is like, and the kind of neighbourhood it is in. Will we like the décor, and will the accommodation suit our needs? What is the garden like, and is it well maintained? We wouldn't be human if these thoughts never occurred to us. But I'm pleased to say that all the necessary work has been done to make the house our home, decorating has been done and repair work carried out so that quite soon we will feel that it is our home, quite quickly we will know its nooks and crannies, and know the squeaks and groans that are common to the place, and feel safe and secure.

This process of preparation and settling in reminded me of the parable in the Bible where Jesus speaks of the house built on the rock; he said that anyone who obeys his teaching will be on sure foundation just as a house built on the rock. Certainly all the preparation work has been done, and that's like the foundation of the house, and now we will live in it and enjoy it.

But even more important is the life I live; that too needs a good foundation of faith in God and following his purposes for my life.

Major Marian Lewis
Salvation Army



HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

This will be held at the Tabernacle Baptist Church at 6.30pm

Tickets cost £3.00. If you would like tickets call

Karen on 01954 205157 or
Hilary on 01954 260051

WEA Willingham

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 climate; the causes of weather; weather forecasting and the truth behind weather sayings and folklore; our own and global climates; the causes and consequences of climate change.

The course commences on Monday, 1 October 2007 from 10 00 am to 11 45 (approx.) and is held in the rear hall of the Baptist Church, George Street, Willingham. Fee: £40 (full); £34 (discounted fee) and free to those in receipt of certain benefits. For further information contact Jacqueline Hodgkinson (01954 201816) or come along to the first meeting.



Parish Church

Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time, so will re-start on 7 September. 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 September cake stall will be at the church as usual on the first Saturday of the month – Saturday 1 September. 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.

Thanks to all who came to the organ recital at the end of July. It was a splendid occasion, and the people who came made generous donations.

Mothers' Union We open our Autumn meeting with a Service and

Communion on Monday 24 September at 2 30 pm in the Parish Church, led by Rev Geoff Turner. If you need transport ring 260688. All are welcome to come and join us. Dianne Hopkin MU Secretary

Sponsored Cycle Ride 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, the Baptist Church or the Salvation Army, there is still time. 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

Baptist Matters

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

Bumps and Babies meets on Thursday mornings from 10 00 to 11 30 am in the rear hall of the Baptist Church during term time. This is a chance for new and expectant parents to meet up for a chat and a coffee while the babies play. Do come along and join us.

TOPS meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 45 to 11 15 am in the Baptist Church during term time.

This meeting is for children aged 18 months to three years, with their parents/carers, for fun activities and refreshments. Please come along and join us.

Salvation Army



Coffee morning every Monday at 10 30 am to 12 00.

Thursday lunch There will be lunch on Thursdays at 12 30, followed by Friendship Club at 2 00 pm. YES – THE THURSDAY LUNCHES ARE CONTINUING.

Date for your Diary: 7 October – Feast Sunday. Visit of Letchworth Salvation Army Band for the day.

Salvation Army welcomes new officers

Willingham Corps of the Salvation Army has welcomed Majors David and Marian Lewis as the new Corps officers. They were installed at a service at the beginning of August, conducted by Major Burns, the Salvation Army Divisional Commander, who is based in Norwich. The installation marked the first visit to Willingham by Major and Mrs Burns.

Majors David and Marian Lewis – both Salvation Army officers – are based at Godmanchester. (Majors Barry and Cindy Willson were Cambridge based.)

Those involved in the installation service enjoyed lunch together first, and then moved to the formal installation.



ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

2 September

11 00 am Parish Communion

9 September

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Worship

16 September

11 00 am Family Communion

23 September

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Worship & Baptism

30 September

11 00 am Parish Communion with
Rampton

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 **September: 4th**).

There is a prayer meeting on the last Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In **September: 28th**).

Children are welcome at all our 11 00am 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).

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

2 September

10 30 am Cathleen Comley

5 00 pm Cathleen Comley

9 September

10 30 am No meeting

5 00 pm Majors Lewis

16 September

10 30 am No meeting

5 00 pm Majors Lewis

23 September

10 30 am No meeting

5 00 pm Harvest Festival with
Youth Sections

30 September

10 30 am No meeting

5 00 pm Lieut Colonels Grottick

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org

2 September

10 00 am Holiday Club Celebration
Service
(Willingham Primary
School)

6 00 pm To be arranged

9 September

10 00 am Visiting Speaker
(Communion)

6 00 pm Visiting Speaker

16 September

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

10 45 am Family Service - to be held
at Primary School

6 30 pm Keith Rawlinson (Prayer
Focus)

23 September

10 00 am Liz Herrington

6 00pm Liz Herrington
(Communion)

30 September

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie

6 00 pm Richard Sanders

Any enquiries please contact Hilary
Wyllie (Church Secretary)
Tel. 01954 260051

ALL SAINTS CHURCH HIGH STREET RAMPTON

2 September

9 30 am Parish Communion

9 September

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village
Hall

16 September

9 30 am Parish Communion

23 September

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village
Hall

30 September

11 00am Service at Willingham

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 September this is Balland Field, MillField and Mill 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**.

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. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us to see whether you want to join us for our monthly meetings.

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

Meeting/Presentations and Outings

Saturday 1 September - 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 are available from various outlets in the village including the Post Office, Berrycroft Stores, the Library, Rainbow Crafts and the delicatessen in Berrycroft. Children will currently be enjoying the summer break from school and that might constitute the ideal opportunity in a moment of spare time for them to create an 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. (See separate feature entry on the show on page 10).



Monday 3 September - Richard Ayers will talk to us about Kirtling Tower Gardens.

Saturday 22 September we shall be travelling to Chatsworth House, Derbyshire for the flower festival. Both the grounds and the house are very well worth seeing. Non-members welcome subject to availability. The cost is £23. 50 pp (Concessions £22). We leave the Green, Willingham at 8 00 am and return at about 8 00 pm.

Monday 1 October Jenny Edrich will attend our meeting to speak to us about 'Wildlife of the Seychelles'.

Willingham Women's Institute

This month's meeting on 10 September is all about 'Hands on Parchment' with Irene Karns. It sounds enthralling so do join us for this entertaining evening.

We have had a very successful few months. Firstly one of our Darts teams won the Cambridge WI contest with two of our members winning prizes for the highest score.

Then quite a few of our members have enjoyed some outings organised by the Cambs W I, for instance Crayfish Experience - a superb evening (the weather was beautiful) at Hauxton in a private fishery and wildlife area. A trip to Coton Manor Gardens again was a very enjoyable day out.

We also had a good turn out for our Treasure Hunt in August organised by our members, ending in an excellent meal in Elsworth.

Our cake stall in aid of the Pavilion on the Recreation Field was a success; the amount raised will be announced next month.

In October we have a members night where they organise the evening; this year we are having a local person to give us an interesting talk. MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH.

Anyone is welcome to join us even for just one evening, so don't feel shy. Ring either Doreen on 01954 200561 or Jacky 01954 261831 and have a good evening out.



WI winning Darts team

Letters to the Editor



Zero response

A few months ago I wrote a letter 'Bridging the Technology Gap'. My proposition was that a group of enterprising, technically aware and switched on young people in the village could form a group to provide a technology help service and earn some money for themselves. This produced a zero response.

One possible explanation was that young people probably do not find anything of particular interest in *Willingham News* and therefore do not read it. A possible solution was to encourage young people to contribute, thus creating a wider interest and readership. Hence the idea of a prize was put forward, which was taken up by the Editorial Committee and announced in the July issue. Sadly another zero response in the August edition followed.

My new proposition is that should the young contributors not materialise by the October judgement day Heffers should be approached and asked to switch the prize to the over 60s, a burgeoning population group in the village with literary talents. Then why not a 'Switched on 60s self-help Technology Group'.

Graham Mumby

Open letter to the County Councillor

Dear Councillor Johnstone

In your July Jottings you express your hope that one day the interactive signs along the Earith Road might work as intended. I regret that this is a forlorn hope. Even when working, the signs are totally ineffective because they are ignored by the majority of drivers. It also appeared to me that the signs were 'timed out' during commuting periods at the beginning and end of the day, allowing drivers (a number of whom were of course using hand held mobile phones) to speed nose to tail through the village. This state of affairs continues.

I submit that it is a waste of time and money trying to get the signs working and that properly functioning Gatso cameras be installed in their place. These cameras are alleged to be the bane of motorists' lives and would seem therefore to be just what we need. Incidentally, I would be interested to know how many, if any, drivers have been fined/prosecuted as a result of the Gatso camera already placed in the village. I have never seen it flash and suspect it is redundant, in which case this camera could be moved. The alternative to cameras is a zero-tolerance implementation of road traffic law by the Police, but I have no doubt that in these days of form filling, they do not have the resources to allocate to what used to be one of their prime functions. A few days ago I was encouraged by the sight of a PCSO with a speed gun on the Earith Road. However, he was only 'monitoring the situation' and as this was mid-morning the traffic was extremely light.

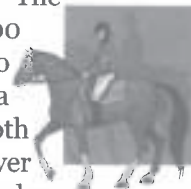
Unless more random monitoring takes place (try mid-morning on a Saturday and 'early bunking off' time on a Friday afternoon), the result will not present the Police with the true picture, prompting their superiors perhaps to think that there is not too much of a problem. If this is the case, perhaps you could disabuse them?

I note that a new speed limit policy will be considered later this year, which may etc etc.....I sincerely hope that the result of the discussion will not be a strategy, a word widely used by this appalling Government and others to grab a headline - and then do nothing, but will result in positive action being taken to reduce the speed of traffic along the roads in Willingham. I fear though, that in company with a number of residents of Earith Road, I will not be holding my breath.

*Mike Parsons MBE
Lieutenant Colonel*

Horse riding problem

I am concerned at incidents of horse riding during rush hour through Willingham High Street. The latest incident that I saw occurred at 6 00 pm on Friday 3 August, when riding two abreast caused long queues through a major route. I worry for the safety of both horse and rider when this occurs. However when I pointed out that it would be preferable to ride single file I was subjected to verbal abuse.



While I am not against horse riding I find this behaviour irresponsible. It is only common sense to ride along major roads during off-peak hours or to ride single file, letting the traffic flow.

DT Jones

Bonfires

Picture the scene...we're going abroad on holiday tomorrow (haven't been away for a couple of years), we're all packed and really excited. It's 6 30 pm so we'll have a lovely family meal. Let's sit outside it's so warm, and use our new outside dining area we've worked very hard on in the garden this year.

Oh no...we can't sit outside. O K let's use the dining table in the conservatory. Oh no.....we can't use that either because with it being so warm we'll have to have the doors and windows open. We'll have to use the lounge, what a disappointment.

The reason for this you ask? A horrible smelly bonfire yet again in the back garden of a house on Station Road. The bonfire was placed as far away from their house as possible. Who can blame them, it stinks!!



Please have some consideration for other people.

Balland Field resident

50 year: written by someone for a friend's golden wedding

Plants may be likened in some ways to humans. They start life from very tiny seeds and need nursing and protection in early life. On reaching maturity they can be 'bedded' with other plants of similar nature, where with careful watering and feeding, they will grow together, but excessive feeding can result in outgrowing their allotted space. From time to time they may need 'cutting back a bit'. They can be propagated to produce young in

their own image; they can give joy and pleasure to all who come in contact with them - sometimes for over 50 years.

Sent in by Milford Jeeps

Solution to puzzle on page 10

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

Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
September				
1	Annual Horticultural/Craft Show	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Primary School	
3	Kirtling Tower Gardens	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
4	Bonsai for beginners	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	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 Club	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
1	Wildlife of the Seychelles Jenny Edrich	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
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
November				
5	How to make a Wildlife Garden Robert Good	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
7	Xmas Shopping Trip	Willingham Gardening Club	Details to be announced	
December				
3	Members' Xmas Party	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	

Village Directory

Council	Parish Council		01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman	Mr P King	01954 260780
	Planning Committee Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01223 464242
Schools	Primary School		01954 283030
	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
	Teenies 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
Halls	Ploughman Hall Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	Ploughman Hall Bookings		07941 190849
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
Local Representatives	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
Clubs	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	Mrs S Hart	01954 204260
	WAMADS Drama Group	Mrs C Deeth (Secretary)	07896 322497
		Mrs J Farrar	01954 200515
	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
Sport	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Football Club	Mr Alex Howard	01954 260734
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 202082
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Keep Fit	Mrs M Fowler	01954 260496
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club	Mrs E Halksworth	01954 201830
Churches	Anglican Church (Rector)	Rev Geoffrey Turner	01954 261225
	Mothers Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Mrs Hilary Wyllie	01954 260051
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic Priest	Monsignor Rogers	01223 350787
	Salvation Army	Major and Mrs Lewis	01480 386593

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The Mad Hatters Pre-School

Original of Cuckoo Lane: 1980/81

Car Boot and Suitcase Sale

Mad Hatters Pre-School are holding a car boot and
suitcase sale on Saturday 15th September 2007.

Venue: Longstanton Sports and Social Club car park,
Over Road, Longstanton.

Time: 9.00am – 11.00am

Car boot pitch fee: £5 in advance or £7 on the day

Suitcase pitch fee: £1.50 in advance or £2 on the day

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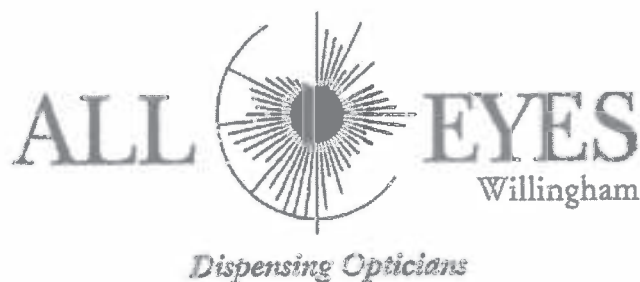
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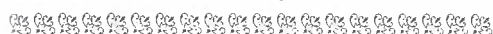
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