

WILLINGHAM NEWS



October 2007

Willingham Horticulture and Craft Show 2007

Although the weather has been against us again this year, I am pleased to report that the Horticulture and Craft Show was once again well supported by members of the local community, many of whom entered the results of their labours to put on a good show in the Willingham Primary School on Saturday 1 September.

The fine weather brought out a good crowd for the viewing in the afternoon, many of whom stayed for the auction and the grand draw which brought the event to a close.

Alan Robinson, who was among the first members of the gardening club when it started more than 20 years ago, presented the trophies to the winners. As usual there was keen competition amongst the vegetable and flower growers, with David Smith winning the Best in Show (Horticulture) for three very fine cut Chrysanthemums. Keeping it in the family, Margaret Smith won the Hayden Trophy for the most points in the flower and plant section. Other Horticulture trophies were won by Cliff Hopkins, Arthur King, Cathy Wayman and Gordon Spackman, who continues to beat all-comers with his heaviest onion.



Roger Denson taking bids

C. S. Crouchman won the Most Points in the Show Shield.

Best in show for crafts was won by Lynn Curtis for a beautiful embroidered book, which demonstrated both artistic flair and fine craftsmanship. Best Photograph was awarded once again to Steve France and Best Flower Arrangement (the Len Denson Trophy) went to Doreen Young. Once again Doug Barber continued to triumph with his Victoria



Floral displays

sponge taking the Sam Burgess trophy for Best Homecraft.

Junior trophy winners were Emma Leaney (most points under 6) and Andrew Fuller (under 12 class). His sister Laura won the Junior Artist shield.

Congratulations to all the winners and to those who may not have carried off a trophy, but enjoyed taking part. Several of the judges commented on the high standard of the entries, saying that it is becoming more difficult to pick the winners as they get better every year.

After the prizegiving, Roger Denson once again performed the role of auctioneer, persuading us to part with our money in a good cause. The

afternoon was concluded with the grand raffle.

The committee would like to thank all those who worked hard to make the event possible, and those who provided raffle prizes. All the profits from the day will go to Cancer Charities in the local area.

Now we are looking forward to next year's show on Saturday 6 September 2008, when we would like to see more entries in the children's classes and also hope for better weather for the fruit and veg!.



Produce displays

Report by Linda Horne, Show Secretary (202072)

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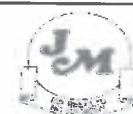
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New play equipment on the Jubilee Field



The new play equipment was finally installed on the Jubilee Field behind the Ploughman Hall in time for the August Bank Holiday weekend. Sadly, almost immediately it attracted vandalism, a problem which continues at the time of writing. The Parish Council will press for prosecution of anybody caught vandalising the equipment. If you see anybody vandalising the equipment, or smashing bottles around it, please would you call the police?

Proposal for a Parish Council website

The Parish Council is looking for quotations for suitably qualified businesses to quote for the setting up and managing a Parish Council website, based on a scoping document which has been agreed by the Council. Any firm interested in quoting should obtain a copy of the scoping document from the Parish Clerk.



October Parish Council meeting

The October Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 3 October at 7 30 pm, in Willingham School. The agenda will be posted on Friday 28 September 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.

Committee meetings in October include:

- 1 October Cemetery Committee
- 22 October Green & Boundaries Committee

Other Committee 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.

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

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The Honeypot Pre-school - Annual General Meeting

This year the Annual General Meeting and election of the new committee will take place at the Honeypot Preschool on 18 October at 8 00 pm. Attending the AGM enables you to find out what has happened over the year and gives a good overview. It is also a necessary part of being a charity and a parent run preschool.

If your child is going or will be going to the Honeypot in the next year you could directly influence its running and have a say in what happens by contributing your ideas and enthusiasm in a number of different ways. The most obvious is to join the committee, the more people join the fewer jobs there are for everyone to do. We do need people who will take on specific roles (chair, treasurer and secretary for example) but there are plenty of people to help and expertise available to smooth your path! You can also become one of our helpers, extra hands are always needed for fundraising events, gardening, odd jobs etc and it's a good way to meet people. We would also like to encourage fathers and male carers to be a part of the Honeypot decision making process and helping out, as you are often under-represented! This is a really exciting time for us with lots of positive change, a new Manager and a brand new building about to be created for us.

We do need a quorum of parents/carers to attend for the AGM to go on and as we say every year... no AGM, no committee, no preschool! So please support us – just coming to the meeting helps and does not commit you to anything.

Thank you, the Honeypot Committee



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Parish Plan – have you completed your Questionnaire?

We are now at one of the most important stages of the Plan development. Questionnaires are going out across the village. It is vital that there is a good response, so that everyone in Willingham has their say about what should go into the Plan, and so that it will be taken seriously. As well as providing a framework for future development, Parish Plans are becoming an important tool in grant applications to national and international bodies.

An army of recruits has been co-opted, press-ganged and coerced into helping. They will be doing door-to-door delivery and collection and pestering you if you have not filled in your copy. The process has been designed so that no individual house can be identified.

Within the questionnaire there is a short Youth section for 11-18 year olds.

If you have not received a questionnaire, then please email via the Plan website at www.newwillingham.org or ring 260780.

We do hope as many of you as possible will complete it. Once we have all the questionnaires back the data will be analysed and the aim is to deliver the Plan to the village late next spring.

Announcements

Rosemary Burgess



We are sorry to have to record the death of Rosemary Burgess (19 May 1918 to 27 August 2007), for many years a loved and respected resident of Willingham.

Her funeral took place on 11 September.

Dennis and Edna Rose

Dennis and Edna Rose, former Willingham residents, celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 18 September.

They farmed at Bridge Farm from 1941 to 1967, and after retirement continued to live in Willingham for a number of years. They now live in Rampton.

Many congratulations to them on reaching this milestone.

Willingham Women's Institute

As promised, the result of our 'Cake Stall' held for the Pavilion on the Recreation Field we held raised £150.

Our next meeting on Monday 8 October is a Members' Night, where the members organise the evening. The speaker organised for this event is Joy Childs (a local lady) and in her words:-

"I first visited Rwanda 2 years ago to see my son who is working there and I was instantly captivated by the land of a thousand hills. It wasn't a holiday – it was an experience! We tracked the mountain gorillas, went on safari, walked in the rain forest, learnt about the dreadful genocide, met wonderful people and saw the work going on to bring about healing and reconciliation. Not long ago Rwanda was all blood and tears, today Rwanda allows itself to be loved, share what she is, what she has always been. My talk will share this experience with you".

Do join us for this obviously memorable experience, ring either Doreen on 01954 200561 or Jacky 01954 261831 or just turn up on that evening you will be most welcome.

We start our meeting at 7 30 pm at the Social Club, with refreshments after the speaker.

The meeting we have arranged for 12 November is 'Line Dancing'.



Upcoming W.A.M.A.D.S. panto

It is almost a year since Jack popped up the beanstalk to rescue his princess along with his auntie, Dorothy Flangehabit and his cow, Buttercup. WAMADS are now busy preparing for the next pantomime fairytale. This year it is up to the Hunchback of Notre Dame to steal your hearts; rehearsals are now underway for 'The Hunchback Pantomime of Notre Dame', by Leonard H. Caddy. The show will run from Thursday 6 December until Saturday 8 December at the Ploughmans Hall in Willingham.



Answers to puzzle on page 8

Across: 5 Jacaranda, 8 Lear, 9 Lent lily, 10 Tundra, 11 Rubens, 13 Dry rot, 15 Jackal, 16 Jennings, 18 Agog, 19 Hairspray.

Down: 1 Labrador, 2 Paella, 3 Wagner, 4 Idol, 6 Fenugreek, 7 Ulan Bator, 12 Baccarat, 14 Tenure, 15 Joseph, 17 Neap.



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Flu vaccines

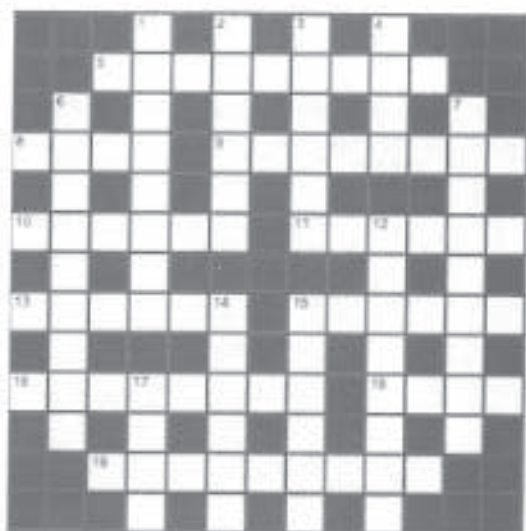
We hope this year to beat the Christmas rush with our flu vaccines! They are due to arrive by 5 October so we hope to vaccinate all eligible people during October. We will be taking bookings from mid September so please contact us at that time. As before, flu vaccination is recommended to all people of 65 years and over, and to those of any age with a long term medical condition, for example diabetes, heart disease, kidney or liver disease, asthma or any breathing disorder. Carers (in receipt of Carers Allowance) are also eligible. Please enquire if unsure. Due to the large number of people needing this protection we plan to hold some flu vaccine only sessions and ask that people wear short-sleeved clothing for easy access to arms! Many thanks.

Want to stop smoking?

1 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 was reduced to 5% on 1 July so you will save money compared to buying cigarettes. Ask the pharmacist or GP for details.

Cynthia Bidwell - Practice Manager

Crossword set by Willow



Across

- 5 Tropical tree with lilac-coloured flowers and fern-like leaves (9)
- 8 English writer of "A Book of Nonsense" in 1846 (4)
- 9 Daffodil (4,4)
- 10 Flat treeless zone with frozen sub-soil (6)
- 11 Flemish painter of King's College Chapel's "Adoration of the Magi" (6)
- 13 Fungal disease of timber (3,3)
- 15 Mainly nocturnal, carnivorous, scavenging mammal (6)
- 16 Prep school hero created by Anthony Buckeridge (8)
- 18 Excitedly expectant (4)
- 19 2007 film remake with John Travolta playing Edna Turnblad (9)

Down

- 1 Canadian peninsular; dog (8)
- 2 Spanish rice dish originally made with meat (6)
- 3 American actor opposite Stefanie Powers in Hart to Hart (6)
- 4 Image used as object of worship (4)
- 6 Herb used for animal fodder (leaves) and Indian cookery (seeds) (9)
- 7 Capital of Mongolia (4,5)
- 12 Gambling card game (8)
- 14 Permanent job granted to academic (6)
- 15 Old Testament dream interpreter (6)
- 17 Tide occurring at first and last quarters of the Moon (4)

Solution on page 7

A celebration of Guiding in Willingham



Last term the 1st Willingham Guides celebrated the 10th anniversary of the reopening of the Guide unit after being closed for a number of years. To mark the occasion a barbeque was held attended by nearly 40 ex- and present Guides and Leaders. Present that evening were the two original Guide Leaders and three girls from the first meeting held 10 years ago. The evening was partially spent reminiscing whilst looking at the log books and photograph albums spanning the last 10 years. The party also raised money for

Forgotten Children International the charity supported by the Guides this year. The evening finished with the candles on the birthday cake being blown out by the two eldest ex-Guides present and the two youngest current Guides.

In the past 10 years over 100 girls from Willingham and the surrounding area have been enrolled as Guides in the unit. Guides can chose (within reason) where they get enrolled and girls have made their Guide promise in such diverse places as the Pirate ship at Pleasurewood Hills, in the rapids at Bedford Oasis, in front of Buckingham Place and in a puddle in the dark down past Schole Road. Girls from Willingham Guides have represented the Guide Association on international trips to Netherlands, Switzerland and Mexico and as a unit we have visited Switzerland, attended 4 international camps, 11 county camps and numerous unit camps.

Today's Guides organise their own programme of activities which, over the past years, have included such wide ranging topics as reflexology, belly dancing, windsurfing, bouncy castles, make up and beauty sessions as well as the more traditional first aid, outdoors cooking and crafts.

Willingham Charity lunch

This month's Charity Lunch will be held on Saturday 20 October at 1 00 pm, co-hosted by Jacqueline Hodgkinson and Val Brown at 49 Rampton Road. The lunch 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 the good work they do in the community.

The lunch is a social occasion, a good time to meet both old and new friends at the same time raising money for needy causes. In November we will decide which charity to support during 2008, so please have your suggestions ready to be put to a vote.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Many of the streets will not have collectors this year, but all businesses, shops and pubs will have poppies and collecting tins. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

If anyone would like to join us at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday you are more than welcome.

M. Few (Secretary/Organiser)

Police Contacts

The email of our PCSO Domenic Pingerna is
domenic.pingerna@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Mothers Union



Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 29 October at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Kay Coe will be giving a talk on the 'History of Women's World Day of Prayer'. We shall be having a Bring and Buy stall this month.

We welcome anyone who would like to come along and join us. Transport can be arranged.

Keep Fit Classes

A reminder that classes resume on Thursday 4 October for 10 weeks in the Octagon Room, 7 30 pm – 9 00 pm.

New members welcome.

Enquiries to M. Fowler

01954 260496



Open Letter to Shona Johnstone concerning Speeding Traffic Earith Road Willingham



Over two years have passed since you called on me to seek support for your election to the County Council. You noted the problems of the Earith Road and promised you would try for traffic calming measures should you be elected. A promise also repeated, I think, in your election address. Since then alas no progress on the traffic calming. Traffic continues at dangerous speeds and volumes. It can only be a matter of time before a serious accident occurs. That is not to say that CCC has been idle. I note that most of the other villages in the area now have traffic calming. What surprises me is that given traffic flows and speeds, the risk in these villages is calculated to be greater than Willingham.

Residents of Earith Road have on a number of occasions approached officers in respect of the speed and volume of traffic. The response is often baffling and included statements such as the traffic is too fast for calming measures; volumes of traffic too great; calming would slow the traffic. Interesting responses given government's latest policy advice on the design of residential streets. This notes, inter alia, that for too long the focus of planning and design has been on the movement function of residential streets with the result that some areas are dominated by vehicles and fail to make a positive contribution to the quality of life. It stresses the need for a fundamental culture change in the way that streets are designed including a more collaborative approach. I understand that this is a policy supported by the Conservative opposition. It is also worth reflecting on officers' recent decision to resurface the Earith road with an inappropriate dressing which has increased traffic noise to new levels.

Given the likely increase of traffic flows with the advent of Northstowe it would be interesting for the residents of Earith Road to know your views on improving their quality of life. Do you believe traffic calming is still necessary, if not why not? Do you agree that it is inappropriate that every other local village has traffic calming but not Willingham? No doubt officers have undertaken risk assessments. Have you seen them and do you intend for them to be posted on the web?

We look forward to hearing your views.

Reg Purnell

I fully agree with everything in Mike Parson's letter.

I have been told by the County Council that we can't have the traffic calming measures that most villages have because Earith Road is too fast, but surely the whole point of them is to make sure the road isn't too fast.

Over has a wonderful traffic calming scheme, but hardly any traffic ever uses the village, so why have they got it?

Why was so much money spent on the bike path, which incidentally I have never seen a bike use?

There is going to be more and more traffic using Earith Road, especially when they start building Northstowe and to get to the park and ride at Longstanton for the guided buses when that opens.

Perhaps it would be a good idea for all the residents of Earith Road to get together then we might get something done.

Richard Butler



JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Reg Purnell kindly sent me an advance copy of his letter to the Willingham News and so I am therefore able to respond. As I have made clear in the past, I am very much in favour of traffic calming measures on Earith Road and indeed Rampton Road, where there are similar problems and I have taken this issue up with officers on several occasions to seek ways in which this might be achieved.

It is true that many other villages in the area have traffic calming measures. The majority of these schemes were provided through the A14 villages programme, using funding from Government. Willingham was included in this programme and traffic calming measures were developed for the parish. Unfortunately, it did not prove possible to reach agreement with the Parish Council on the form of calming features to be installed. The scheme designed by officers proposed speed cushions with a gateway feature but the public consultation raised some concerns over this design approach. An alternative approach using traffic islands was investigated but insufficient room is available within the highway to construct this type of feature.

Prior to this a comprehensive scheme of traffic calming measures on B1050 through the village was proposed back in the 1980s but it also proved impossible to reach agreement with the Parish Council on the design of the scheme so it was also abandoned. My experience in other villages is that traffic calming is often seen as the solution to the problem of too much traffic but that once a traffic calming scheme is built, it proves very unpopular, either because it does not achieve the desired effect, or because some motorists feel it goes too far. We can never get it right.

I have discussed with officers the possibility of putting a bid forward for traffic calming from the annual medium sized traffic management and safety budget where scheme bids are assessed on an established methodology with the personal injury accident record being one of the key factors taken into account.

On Earith Road the injury accident record within the built up area is fortunately very good with only 1 slight injury accident being reported over the last 5 years, which compares very well with many other sites across the county where similar concerns over speeding and road safety are being raised. Of course, whilst the low accident rate is good news but it does little to increase the possibility of any bid being successful.

You say that it is only a matter of time before a serious accident occurs on Earith road; I only hope you are proved to be wrong. Ideally, I would want to be able to undertake works to avoid accidents occurring but the reality is that priorities have to be set on the basis of actual and not predicted accidents. I have to support this approach even if it does not suit my desire, as your local councillor, to get something done to address the concerns in Earith Road.

Earlier this year, the County Council undertook a review of speed limits and when adopting a new policy it was agreed to review all the speed limits on the A and B class road network in the county. Therefore, the situation in

Earith Road will be reviewed as part of this programme. Given the length of road network involved this will take some time to complete and again priorities have to be set with the sites with the highest number of accidents and worse casualty severity being reviewed first. I have asked officers for details of how the review is being prioritised, as I would like the B1050 to be considered as soon as possible. I think this offers the best opportunity to address the concerns over speeding traffic on Earith Road.

With regard to your comments on the latest advice from Government on the design of residential streets, there is a culture change taking place and this is demonstrated by the new design guide for new developments that the County Council is developing which advocates a less vehicle dominated approach to road design. The draft document is available on the following link:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/managing/networkmanagement/Cambridgeshire+Design+Guide.htm>

I also want this culture to spill across into schemes on established highways. However, there has to be a balance here and whilst I recognise that Earith Road is a residential street I also have to accept that as a B class road it does form part of the county's major road network, serving wider community needs, and which will continue to carry considerable volumes of traffic. In the meantime I will continue to press for measures to reduce speeding both along Earith Road and also in Rampton Road, but equally, I do not want to raise hopes of something being done quickly.

I am always available for consultation, either in person or by phone, letter or e-mail. I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

Shona Johnstone, Highfield, 5 Lowburyholme Road, Over, CB24 5NP

Tel: 01954 230565, e-mail:

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Pastoral Letter

Sometimes what we say is more profound than we intend 'You become what you do.' was a comment by my wife's Physiotherapist. Strictly speaking she was just talking about my wife's post-stroke recovery and how she should train her arm out of its tendency to curl across her chest. Yet I think that, at the time, we all felt that this was actually a profound statement about the human condition. We grossly underestimate the power of habit to shape the human soul.

To give one trivial example: I always have a cup of tea first thing in the morning, and my second drink with breakfast is coffee. There is nothing profound about this; it is just a routine I have dropped into ever since we resurfaced out Teasmade a couple of years ago. Yet if for any reason the routine gets dislocated and the first taste on my lips is that of rich black caffeine, I have the feeling that the world has shifted on its axis and I am participating in the collapse of civilisation as we know it. It feels 'Wrong!' It does not actually feel immoral, but certainly incorrect. It is as though I had unknowingly violated one of the more obscure bits of Leviticus and incurred the wrath of God.

Our feelings, our reflexes, our relationships are all influenced, largely unconsciously, by norms and expectations to which we never give a moment's thought. We always do things that way. Also by extension we adjust to what is going on around us, the accepted habits of our society. To be honest most of our behaviour is shaped less by the profound conclusions of Moral Philosophy or the hallowed traditions of Religion, than by what we see on the TV or the gossip round the office water cooler.

This is inevitable and human society has always functioned in that way. But it does mean that we adjust to a lowest common denominator. We get by on what is acceptable; we seldom get exposed to or confronted by what is likely to challenge us, to inspire us, or to stretch our moral imagination.

Things have been worse. I am prepared to concede that the Roman games, with their gross displays of cruelty, were more sickening than even the goings on in The Big Brother House; but I still think the words St Paul spoke into that society have relevance to us today.

'Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.' Philippians 4.8-9

Geoff Turner
Rector



Parish Church

Christmas Fayre

A date for your diary...

The SMAS Christmas Fayre is to be on Saturday 17 November in the Octagon from 10 00 am.

At the same time there will be a display of Arts and Crafts organised by the Octagon Art Group in the church. Two for the price of one! Seasonal stalls, competitions and raffle (draw at 3 30 pm).

Refreshments all day. Inquires and offers of help to 261076.

Do come along.

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 00 to 11 15 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 October cake stall will take place on Saturday 6 October. It will be as usual at the church, with cakes on sale from 10 00 am.



The cake stall is a remarkable regular feature.

The cakes are good – and the stall raises well over £1000 every year for the Restoration Fund. It is a tribute to the service of the small team of organisers and cake makers. Do come and buy cakes – and if you would like to join the team, get in touch with Joyce Bowen on 261075.

Bric-a-brac Rene Gould's bric-a-brac stall at 19 Fen End is another remarkable regular feature of Willingham life, again supporting the Restoration Appeal. It is well worth a visit – as a buyer or a seller.

Baptist Matters

Open Door. Come for coffee (or tea) and a chat on Thursday

mornings in the Baptist Church from 10 00 to 11 30 am. All welcome.



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

TOPS meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 45 to 11 15 am in the Baptist Church during term time. This meeting is for children aged 18 months to 3 years, with their parents/carers, for fun activities and refreshments. Please come along and join us.

Salvation Army

Lunch 12 30 pm Thursdays

Friendship Club 2 00 pm Thursdays

For information call Gordon on 260066

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

Monday 1 October 2007 Jenny Edrich will attend our meeting to speak to us about 'Wildlife of the Seychelles.'

Monday 5 November 2007 Robert Good will attend our meeting to explain 'How to make a wildlife garden.'

Wednesday 7 November 2007 We are going to Norwich by coach for our annual Christmas shopping trip. Non-members are welcome. We shall leave the Green, Willingham, at 8 30 am. The cost of the trip will be announced at the meeting in October.



**ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS
CHURCH STREET
WILLINGHAM**

www.willinghamchurch.org

7 October

11 00 am Harvest Communion
6 00pm Feast Service with Salvation
Army Band

14 October

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11 00 am All Age Worship

21 October

11 00 am Family Communion

28 October

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11 00 am All Age Worship & Baptism

Thursday Praise is a service for those who prefer a less traditional service. It will take place on the first Thursday of the month at the Parish Church at 8 00 pm. (In October: 4th).

There is a prayer meeting on the last Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In October: 26th).

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

who for some other reason would like a visit, please let the Rector know (01954 261225).

**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET**

Speakers for October

7 October

11 00 am Letchworth Band
6 00 pm United Songs of Praise
(Parish Church, with Letchworth Band)

14 October

10 30am No meeting
5 00 pm Roy Barton

21 October

10 30 am No meeting
5 00 pm Major Lewis

28 October

10 30 am No meeting
5 00 pm Major Lewis

**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET**

www.willinghambaptist.org

7 October

10 00 am Harvest Celebration Service
Keith Rawlinson.(Communion)
6 00 pm Willingham Feast Combined
Evening Service at St. Mary's
& All Saints Church

14 October

10 00 am To be arranged
6 00 pm Mark Wareham

21 October

9 00 am Andrew Wyllie
10 45 am Family Service - to be held
at Primary School
6 30 pm Prayer Focus

28 October

10 00 am Liz Herrington
6 00 pm Keith Rawlinson
(Communion)

Any enquiries please contact Hilary Wyllie
(Church Secretary) Tel. 01954 26005

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
HIGH STREET
RAMPTON**

7 October

9 30 am Parish Communion

14 October

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village
Hall

21 October

9 30 am Parish Communion

28 October

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village Hall

**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 October this is Station Road and Westfield.

A Thank you Message from Mrs Payne

"I would like to thank friends and people of the village for all the gifts, cards and flowers and to everyone who gave money towards my retirement gift. The money collected went towards a double seater outdoor bench for me to sit out on and enjoy. All gifts and presents were most appreciated, best wishes, Mrs Payne"

Mrs Payne seems to be enjoying her retirement so far and wanted to make sure that she sent thanks to everyone even though she did not know who donated money. Please bring this note to the attention of anyone who might miss it if they donated money or sent wishes and/or gifts. She enjoyed the goodbye barbecue evening too and I think she gave one of the longest and most entertaining speeches of her career, we wish her all the best and thank all those who attended to give her a good send off.

On behalf of the Honeypot Committee - Registered Charity No: 1009789

Willingham Women's Institute

To place our local Women's Institute (WI) in perspective, we should first to take a brief look at the national body. The pioneer WI in Britain was formed in Anglesey in 1915, following the founding of the Canadian WI at Stoney Creek, Ontario in 1897. By 1917, 40 branches were in being and the National Federation was formed, chaired by Lady Denman. There were two clear aims: to revitalise rural communities and to encourage women to become more involved in producing food during the First World War. There are now 211,000 members in 6800 WIs in England and Wales – nine new branches opened in recent months. Separate organisations exist in Scotland and Northern Ireland. WI plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills. The WI has its own residential adult educational college at Denman near Oxford catering for over 6000 students annually. The WI helps its members take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities. Past campaigns included the provision of village nurses, and telephone kiosks; current campaigns are concerned with excessive packaging, the closure of cottage hospitals, and climate change. The WI is an associate of the Associated Country Women of the World – a current project is to provide hens for women in Ghana that will produce chicks and thus provide more hens for more women in Ghana.....

The all-pervading conception of the WI is that it is based on 'Jam and Jerusalem'. The recent television series 'Jam and Jerusalem' was itself something of a parody and reflected neither the true aims of the organisation nor current reality. However, at the beginning of the Second World War, when food was short and severely rationed, there was a national glut of fruit all, especially in Cambridgeshire; but there was no sugar available as this too was strictly rationed. Preservation centres were therefore set up to can and bottle fruit and make jam up to professional standards. The jam had to contain 60% sugar, and this was supplied by the government. Thirty four preservation centres in Cambridgeshire were provided by local WIs. Willingham played its part; but special mention must be made of Arrington WI whose 28 members made 1500 pounds of jam, chutney and marmalade in one year. Today in Willingham, at least, individual members may well make jam – this is a fruit growing area, after all – but it most assuredly is not a group activity. 'Jerusalem' is sung on special occasions only. Hopefully, this article will provide a more complete picture of WI life in general and Willingham WI life in particular.



Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the WI

Willingham WI was founded on 10 October 1928 by around 50 members. If any of our readers have details of the founding members, please contact Willingham News. It straightaway threw itself into a hectic round of charity fund raising, talks and meetings. It also took an active part in wider village life. For example, in 1934 after the then Parish Council had turned down electric lighting for the parish, it complained to the Council and asked that streets be lit by gas or

electricity. During the Second World War in 1941, it purchased a stirrup pump for village use in case of fire. The talks covered a wide variety of topics; one in 1943 was on the drying of rabbit skins – presumably for gloves and coats. Willingham WI has enjoyed strong support from its members over the years. One was the late Joan Smail who belonged throughout her time in the village, became a member of the County Federation, and organised the planting of a wood between Histon and Girton. She is commemorated through a tree planted by her fellow members at the Ploughman Hall. Another member, Pauline Verrinder evinced an interest in craft activities at the WI, and then began leading classes. She eventually took City and Guilds examinations and now lectures on the subject.

The modern-day Willingham WI is carrying on in a similar vein. It provided the village sign in 1988. The range of talks and activities includes the Annual Quiz Night with fish and chip supper, and open evenings covering such topics as a visit from the Raptor Centre when Barn Owls flew around the meeting room (neither member nor visitor was taken as prey), talks on the Enigma machine and on an escape from Burma. There is a very successful Darts Team that recently won the 2007 County Championship. In 2003 Willingham WI produced a local WI Cook Book. It provides bursaries for members attending Denman College. Twice a year, it



A trip on Owen Garner's wagon

holds group meetings with Over, Swavesey, Longstanton and Elsworth WIs with speakers and entertainment, and an opportunity to get to know members from other villages. The County WI organises a range of outings, one of which was glider-flying, and, this year, clay pigeon shooting. The emphasis is on social enjoyment and helping each other; but, alongside this, taking part in the national WI campaigns. Members also like their parties and have one at Christmas and a Summer Garden Party - they do love their food.

Perhaps the best way to end is to show how one of its members perceives the modern day Willingham WI:

WILLINGHAM

W stands for Wivelingham meaning the home of the people of Wifel. This dates back to Anglo Saxon times, so the village has been in existence for more than a thousand years.

The I (eye) an insight into the Willingham Women's Institute.

WELCOMING

We have welcomed four new members to the Institute in the last few months, giving us a membership of fifty-one. One of these new members is Julie, who has rejoined after a gap of seven years. Fifteen years ago, after reading an article about being a magistrate in Home and Country, she applied and has been a magistrate ever since, and is currently Chair of the Cambridge Bench.

INDULGENCE

We have a thriving dining out-group, which meets once a month at one of the many pubs and restaurants in the area. One month we eat at lunchtime, the next in the evening, giving the opportunity for members who are retired or working to join.

WIND

Sarah, our delegate, who went to last year's A.G.M. in Cardiff was so impressed by the speaker on climate change, she is looking to have a wind-powered generator installed at her home.

INTELLIGENCE

The New Year started with our annual quiz night. Teachers, builder's merchants, insulation experts, and sport groups joined the W.I. teams. In fact people from all walks of life, to compete for the cash prize. It is said that fish is brain food, so everyone was spurred on during the second half of the quiz after their fish and chip supper. Oh dear that's indulgence again.

WATER COLOURING

Wintry skies and Mediterranean heat have been pictured at the watercolour art group. Gill Barnes, our enthusiastic tutor, has helped us to capture the scene.

INFORMING

A newsletter is distributed at our monthly meeting with all the important information and dates of activities within the Institute, and also of the County. These are also delivered to absent members, to keep them in touch.

Cat-WALK

Last autumn some of our members became models for the evening. They looked fetching in the separates made

from natural fibres, from Jan and Steve's shop in St Ives. 'The Earth Collection', "Fashion that doesn't cost the earth ". Something you will agree the W.I. stands for.

WALKING

The walking group is to re-start during the summer months. We hope that members and partners will join our Thursday evening walks. We found that our members were too involved with family life for the group to meet on Sundays.

IN conclusion

Willingham Women's Institute is Welcoming, Indulging, Water colouring, Cat walking, Intelligent and Informing. There is another adjective that could be used: Wonderful, but we can't blow our own trumpet, we are British after all.

A piece of village history



This copy of The Willingham Tabernacle balance sheet is being offered for sale at Willingham Auction with other ephemera found at a house call in Stevenage. It once belonged to Mary Ingle. It shows all the contributions from various members of the village and surrounding area. It will come up for sale on the 6th October.

Contributed by Stephen Drake

Your Village Needs You!



Local residents who are part of a lifesaving scheme in Willingham and Longstanton would like more volunteers to come forward to offer their help in the next few weeks.

The emergency medical charity Magpas set up a Community First Responder group for Willingham and Longstanton, made up of local people who volunteer to be trained, equipped and organised by Magpas so they can attend medical emergencies in the villages. Since becoming available in January the volunteers have provided over 3500 hours of cover and helped several patients within the community. The volunteers receive basic training and have a defibrillator so they can resuscitate patients in very serious cases. The scheme's volunteers make a real difference, so much so that Magpas has received

the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in recognition of their work.

A local volunteer says, "Magpas does all the training, so you don't need to have a medical background. Even the defibrillator is automatic. You just attach it and it does the rest by itself!"

The scheme can be the difference between life and death. Other groups in the county have literally saved lives in their local communities. Magpas currently has 32 groups across the county and are willing to work with any community that wishes to develop a lifesaving group in their community.

Can you make the difference and join your local group of volunteers?

Call Magpas on 01480 371060 for further details.

Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
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
2	Extraordinary Meeting	Ploughman Hall Committee	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
8	Talk on Rwanda Joy Childs	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
18	AGM	Honeypot Preschool	Honeypot	8 pm
20	Charity Lunch		49 Rampton Road	1 00 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
29	'History of Women's World Day of Prayer' Kay Coe	Mothers' Union	Octagon	2 30 pm
November				
5	How to make a Wildlife Garden Robert Good	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
7	Christmas Shopping Trip	Willingham Gardening Club	Norwich	8.30 am, The Green
12	Line Dancing	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
17	Arts and Crafts Event and Christmas Fayre	Octagon Arts Group and Parish Church	Parish Church and Octagon	10 00 am - 4 00 pm 200561/260249
24	Christmas Fayre	Honeypot Pre-School	Primary School	10 00 am - 12 30 pm
December				
3	Members' Christmas Party	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	
6-8	Panto	WAMADS	Ploughman Hall	

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
	Honeyptot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Mrs W Leaney	01954 201089
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
	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
Halls	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	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

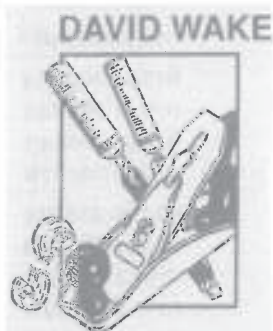
Osteopathy, Acupuncture, Homeopathy
Chiroprody/Podiatry, Chinese Herbal Medicine
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Nutritional Therapy, Allergy Testing, Massage
Aromatherapy, Reflexology, Shiatsu, Indian
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Ploughman Hall

The Ploughman Hall Committee (PHC) is calling an Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 2 October 2007, at 7 30 pm at the Ploughman Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss future management arrangements.

The PHC will be recommending that the existing committee structure is dissolved, the charity status relinquished and control passed to the Parish Council.

All parishioners aged 18 and over are urged to attend.

A formal notice and agenda will be posted on the parish notice board and at the library fourteen days before the meeting.

Further details can be obtained from the PHC secretary on 01954 260780.



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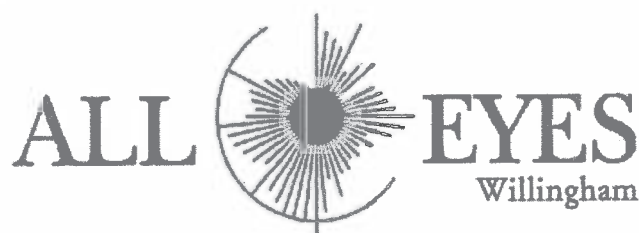
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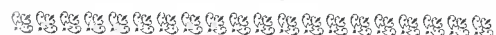
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