

# WILLINGHAM NEWS



February 2008

## Tim Curtis – Willingham's very own TV personality



Tim Curtis

If you watch Anglia Tonight, the flagship news programme transmitted five days a week at 6 00 pm, you will be familiar with the friendly, calm and authoritative

main male presenter, Tim Curtis. He has had that role for the past five years. For the ten years before that, he was the stand-in presenter – and before that, he was a reporter with Anglia.

What you may not realise is that Tim is a Willingham man, who spent the first 20 years of his life in the village. He lives now near Norwich with his wife and children, but his parents, Roy and Lyn, still live in Willingham, and Tim still relishes his links with the village.

He attended Willingham Primary School when it was still based in the old school building in Fen End, and was still a pupil at the school when the move to the present site took place in 1975. He had one year at the new school.

He then went to Cottenham Village College, and then to Hills Road Sixth Form College. It was at that point that the standard pattern of his life changed. He had long

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## The Willingham Wing



The detailed designs for the new Willingham Wing are being finalised and work is due to start in June 2008. The project is an opportunity for

local residents to come together in celebration of Willingham – past, present and future. With this in mind we invite you to take part in one of several small projects that are running alongside the public art work.

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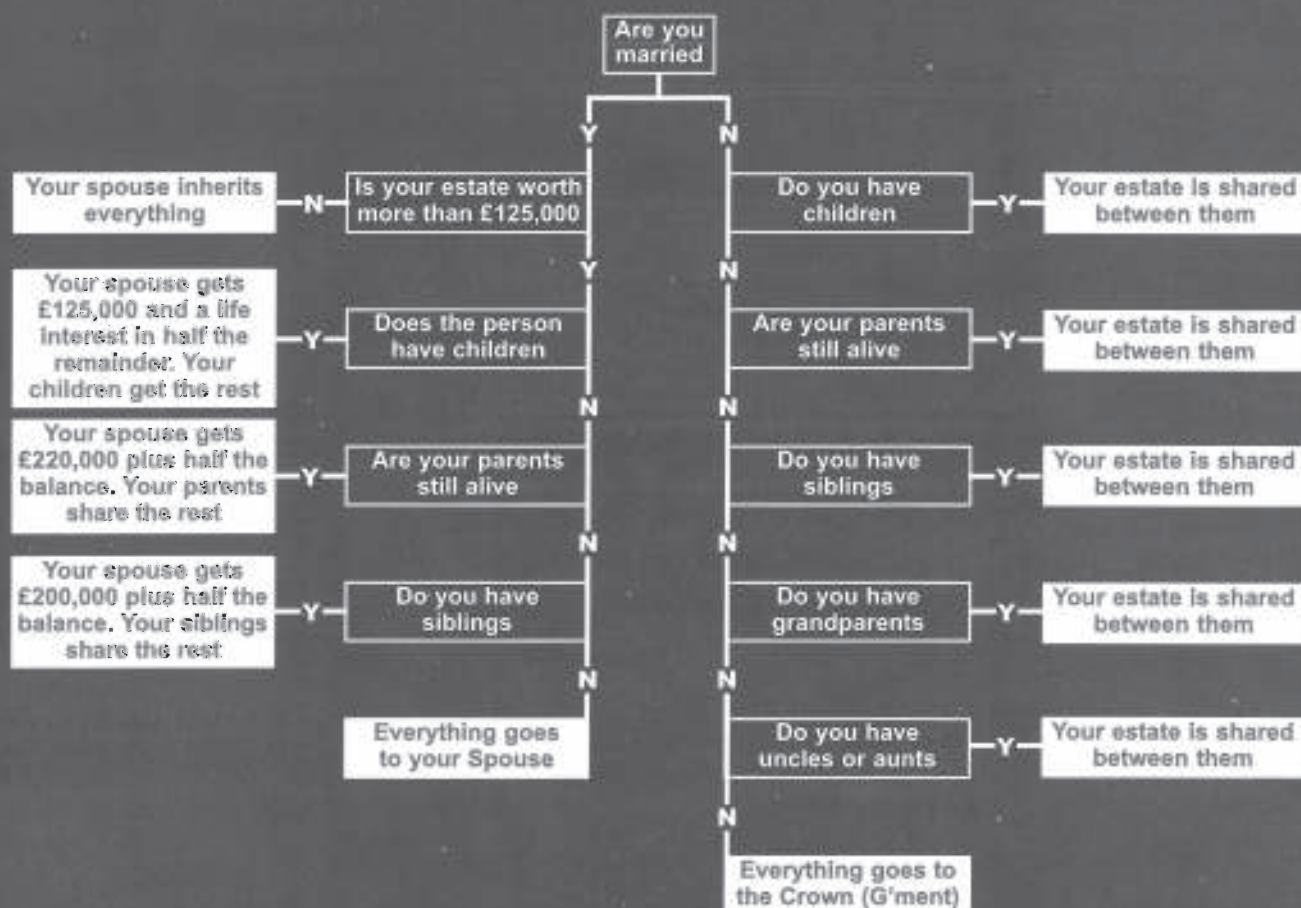
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The booklet contains personal profiles and general articles which have appeared in *Willingham News*. It is attractively produced, with a full colour cover. It should appeal to regular readers – and to friends and family who have moved away from the village and would like to be reminded of it.

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## From the Parish Council

### New Parish Clerk

Efforts continue find a replacement parish Clerk. Temporary arrangements have been made in the meantime.

### New opening hours

The Parish Council office will now be open from 10 00 am to 1 00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

### Committee Meeting dates

Go to the Parish Council Website ([www.willingham-pc.org.uk](http://www.willingham-pc.org.uk)), or look at the Parish notice board next to the Public Hall in the High Street or Library notice board for details of any Committee meetings that may be called.

All Committee meetings are at the Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall unless otherwise advertised. As usual Minutes of all meetings will be placed in the Library once they have been signed as accurate.

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on 6 February 2008 at the Primary School, Thodays Close and is open to the public.

Parish Council Office Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP.

Tel. 01954 261027 E-mail [email@willinghampc.org.uk](mailto:email@willinghampc.org.uk)

### Clerk: Temporary arrangement

#### Deputy Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge

Appointments can be made by calling the Office. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.

### Parish Plan Update

The writing is now beginning in earnest, with the aim of a first draft after Easter. We hope to have complete documents with the funding authorities and a summary paper on every doormat in Willingham during the summer.

Yet another set of volunteers has been drafted in, this time split into groups to sift through all the data analysis of the questionnaires and write particular sections of the Plan. In total, thousands of hours of work have been donated by a wide cross section of the village population. Our thanks go to all of them.

As already reported, the response to the general questionnaire was outstanding and the response to the youth questionnaire very good.

The response to the business questionnaire has been disappointing, with a 25% return rate, but it is still big enough to be representative.

Finally, it is still not too late to make your views known. If you were unable to return a questionnaire

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

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hankered after the idea of becoming a journalist, and when Christopher South, then news editor of the *Cambridge Evening News*, offered him a job in 1982 – as an experiment, because by this time most entrants to journalism were graduates – he took it without hesitation, giving up the idea of A levels.

For the next six years Tim worked at the *CEN*, and then had the chance of a move to the *Wellingborough Evening Telegraph*, as deputy news editor. Just after making that move, he was head-hunted by *CNFM* (now Q 103), who were looking for a news editor for the launch of Cambridge's first commercial radio station. It was a challenge which Tim enjoyed, but after 18 months he decided to try another move, and joined Anglia in 1990.



*Tim with his co-presenter, Caroline Oldrey.*

Nowadays, there are not many journalists who have worked in all three media – television, radio and print.

Why did he go to television? One reason, he says quite frankly, was it paid better than newspapers and local radio, though as he wryly remarks: 'As I joined, the days of the gravy train were over, and bidding for licences, introduced by the Thatcher government, made TV much less of a goldmine. Just my luck!' The really important reason, however, was the high profile of television. 'Every time I went to a press conference, the TV people would waltz in, and they would get what they wanted. The rest of us picked up the crumbs. I decided I wanted a slice of that action.'

In fact, in TV Tim has been doing what he had always wanted to do as a child, when he used to watch Ian Masters, then main news presenter on BBC East.

It is as a news presenter that Tim is widely known, but in his time he has had other assignments, including a visit to Malawi to do a feature on a couple who had

moved there to set up an orphanage, and a visit to Bosnia shortly after the Bosnia war, to do a feature on East Anglian soldiers serving there.

When he was living in Willingham, Tim was an active and enthusiastic member of the Scout movement. He became a Cub Scout at the age of eight (but actually started attending when he was six, because his mother Lyn was the Cub leader, and took him with her). Then from 11 to 16 he was a Scout, and after that he and some others helped to form a Venture Scout unit in Over.

Scouting meant a great deal to Tim. 'The First Willingham Air Scouts were the bedrock of my life', he recalls, inculcating a work ethic, and offering a great variety of activities and opportunities. He has the fondest memories, and huge respect, for Tony Fowler, who played such a key role in establishing Scouting in Willingham.

How has Willingham changed since he was a child here? Tim's reply shows the kind of shrewd observation that explains his success as a journalist. 'When I was a kid', he says, 'the village still had some of its roots in the Victorian era'. He recalls, as an example, 'old men in black coats cycling unsteadily from pub to pub on a Sunday morning'. In a sense, he believes, Willingham at that stage still partly reflected life in the 1860s and 1870s.

How does he see it now? He describes the village as having 'pulled itself up by its bootstraps': bigger, much more modern but, he observes with real pleasure, still with a great sense of community. Willingham has clearly changed a great deal, but Tim is delighted to be able to see many of the buildings which he knew as a child still in place: the old school, the old church hall, Foreman's Garage. And, above all 'I am very pleased that the Public Hall is still the headquarters for the Scouts'.

## Mothers' Union



Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 25 February at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Paul and his friends will be entertaining us. Do come and bring your friends. Subscriptions are due this month to all members. If you need transport please ring 260688. We shall be having a bring and buy stall.

## Church Bells

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*Cynthia Bidwell*  
 Practice Manager

## 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 last on average about one and a half hours. There is a plant raffle.

The Club welcomes new members at any of our monthly meetings. We are a group of people 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 at a very modest annual subscription. In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and places of interest between May and November

Contact Celia on 01954 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to join.

### Meeting/Presentations and Outings

Monday 4 February, Margaret Waddy will speak to us about 'Growing from seeds, cuttings and grafting.'

Monday 3 March John Drake will speak to us on the 'Ottoman Gardens of Istanbul'. This will be followed by the Club AGM with annual reports and elections.

Our programme of monthly outings will be announced in these pages in due course.



## Do try this at home

In the November *Willingham News* Chris Couchman suggested that readers might like to contribute traditional local – or unusual – recipes. Here is one from her:

### Kombucha

Kombucha is a living health drink made by fermenting tea and sugar with the kombucha culture. The result can taste like something between sparkling apple cider and champagne, depending on what kind of tea you use. Kombucha is thought to have originated in the Far East, probably China, where it is known as 'The Tea of Immortality'; and it has been consumed there for at least two thousand years.

The Kombucha culture looks like a beige or white rubbery pancake. The culture is placed in sweetened black or green tea and turns a bowl full of sweet tea into a bowl full of vitamins, minerals, enzymes and health-giving organic acids. As the Kombucha culture digests the sugar it produces a range of organic acids, eg glucuronic acid, gluconic acid, lactic acid, acetic acid, butyric acid, malic acid and usnic acid; vitamins, particularly B vitamins and enzymes. And of course there are all the benefits of the probiotic micro-organisms themselves.

Many health claims are made for kombucha, some more believable than others. These are listed on the website [www.seedsofhealth.co.uk/fermenting/kombucha](http://www.seedsofhealth.co.uk/fermenting/kombucha), from which the information given above is extracted. I am in no position to verify any of them, but I can testify that it is delicious, if you like a refreshing, slightly sparkling, slightly sharp drink.

The kombucha culture, like the ginger beer culture, grows with every brew, and I now have a limited amount of spare culture. If anyone would like to try making some for themselves, contact me on 01954-200824, or [athenechris@aol.com](mailto:athenechris@aol.com), for a piece of culture and a recipe leaflet, or let me know if you would just like to try a bottle of the kombucha drink. In either case, I would appreciate a small donation for my Ugandan orphans education charity.

Chris Couchman

## From the trustees of Willingham Combined Charities

Willingham Combined Charity Trustees would like to remind all Parishioners that there is no Public Right of Way or Permissive Access over any land owned by Willingham Combined Charity, in particular land to the rear of Josiah Smith Bungalows and Westmeadow Close allotments as it is unfair to people who rent and work the land.

## Christmas lights in Rampton Road

Peter and Glenda Tillyard raised £452.67 for East Anglian Air Ambulance. A big thank you to all who donated so generously.

## Knowing Britain Quiz Part 2

(Answers are towns in the UK, solution on page 15)

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Henry's car      | 2 Currency         |
| 3 Blushing girl    | 4 Keep an eye on   |
| 5 Cued game        | 6 Several ships    |
| 7 Man's land       | 8 Wool jacket      |
| 9 Taught at school | 10 Breed of cattle |
| 11 Date on food    | 12 Ghost           |
| 13 Stop whistling  | 14 Clean and fresh |
| 15 Top of boy      |                    |

Submitted by Milford Jeeps

*solution to puzzle on page 15*

Across: 1 Grape Hyacinth, 8 Gas-lamp, 9 Eliot, 10/13 Rear Window, 11 Verandah, 14 Psycho, 17 Istanbul, 19 Trek, 21 Edict, 22 Vertigo, 24 Sulphuric Acid.

Down: 1 Gig, 2 Abstain, 3 Elan, 4 Yippee, 5 Crevasse, 6 Naiad, 7 Hitchcock, 10 Rowdiness, 12 Top-notch, 15 Cardiac, 16 Quiver, 18 Twirl, 20 Eric, 23 Odd.

## Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held at 1 00 pm on Saturday 23 February, co-hosted by Joy Gourlay and Jo Relfe at 58 Pyrethrum Way. The lunch, which costs £3, consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea or coffee etc.

The charity we are supporting this year is Over Community Centre, which provides care for the frail and elderly through social contact, recreation and informative activities. It provides a focal resource through which appropriate medical and social services can be supplied, thereby providing relief for carers. It provides a focus through which residents of all participating villages can take an active part in care in the community.

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*The bad news is that Tata have launched a car that means that millions of people will start pumping Co2 into the atmosphere, and vast swathes of the country are being dug over to accommodate eight lane superhighways.*

*That's life! Everything that we do it seems has an up side and a down side. There is a fatal flaw that gets in and wrecks havoc in every human activity. Commonly it is called Murphy's Law, or some less polite derivative.*

*But it is also central to the Christian understanding of the human condition. We, and indeed the whole of our world, are flawed. Every silver lining comes wrapped in a cloud. How is it that the race that can produce Francis of Assisi, Albert Schweitzer and Mother Teresa, can also produce Concentration Camp Guards, serial killers and child molesters? Or less spectacularly why is it that the Christmas festival that brings jollity, togetherness and goodwill precipitates a surge in the divorce rate?*

*Everything human is flawed, and even Saints have their critics.*

*It is because of that fallibility that we should not give unquestioning loyalty and devotion to any earthy thing, be it person, party, or object. 'Thou shalt not make for thyself any graven image'. For all idols have feet of clay. There is a fault somewhere.*

*For the same reason we all stand in need of forgiveness, because somewhere along the line we shall have blown it; 'Through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault' as the old Prayer Book has it.*

*The Gospel simply is that God has accounted for all this. He has provided for it through his Son Jesus Christ. God's grace, his forgiveness, is freely offered. The biggest mistake of all is to pretend that we do not need it.*

Geoff Turner, Rector

## WILLINGHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Are you interested in joining a group of friendly people who meet up to play Carpet Bowls?

We meet on Tuesdays at the Social Club, Fen End.

Some members play in the East Cambridgeshire League, going to other village clubs. The League competition takes place in the winter months, so please come and join us soon and be ready to join the team next winter.

If you are interested please come and see us at the Social Club 7 30-9 30 pm on any Tuesday.

We shall look forward to seeing you.



## Parish Church

### Bubbles

Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time.

Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers.

It offers time to meet others and be creative. It is held in the Octagon from 10 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.

### Draw for Quilt

The draw for the quilt will take place on Saturday 2 February, at the time of the monthly cake stall at the parish church. There is still time to buy a ticket - price £1 each. The quilt is beautifully made by The Meridian Quilters, based in Swavesey, from fabric given by the late Dr Karen Needham, who lived in Long Lane. She asked that the fabric should be used to the benefit of St Mary & All Saints church.

Tickets are available from Bill Kirkman, 14 George Street, telephone 260393, email wpk1000@cam.ac.uk. Hurry, and get your tickets before 2 February!

### Cake stall

After the January break, the cake stall will be back on Saturday 2 February - as usual from 10 00 am

at the church. There is always a good choice of cakes available.

### Bric-a-brac

Rene Gould's bric-a-brac stall at 19 Fen End is always 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 a.m. 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

### Coffee Morning

Every Monday at 10 30 am.

### Craft

Every Monday at 2 00 pm.

### Lunch

Every Thursday at 12 30 pm.

### Friendship Club

Every Thursday at 2 00 pm.

For information, call Gordon on 260066.



**Celidh to celebrate St Patrick's Day  
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**Friday 14th March 2008**

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**3 February**

11 00 am Parish Communion

**6 February**

10 00 am Ash Wednesday  
Communion

**10 February**

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

**17 February**

11 00 am Family Communion

**24 February**

8 00 am Holy Communion  
(BCP)

11 00 am All Age Worship

**2 March**

11 00 am Mothering Sunday (Family  
Communion)

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 February: 7th).

There is a prayer meeting on the last Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In February: 29th).

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).

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**3 February**

10 00 am Liz Herrington  
Communion

6 00 pm Liz Herrington

**10 February**

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie  
6 00 pm Keith Rawlinson

**17 February**

9 00 am Geoff Pake  
10 45am Family Service - to be held  
at Primary School

6 00 pm Prayer Focus

**24 February**

10 00am Bob Earl  
6 00pm Richard Sanders  
(Communion)

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

**THE SALVATION ARMY  
SILVER STREET**

**3 February**

10 00 am Worship  
5 00 pm Worship

**10 February**

5 00 pm Worship

**17 February**

5 00 pm Worship

**24 February**

5 00 pm Worship

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
HIGH STREET  
RAMPTON**

**3 February**

9 30 am Parish Communion

**10 February**

9 30 am Church Lite in the  
Village Hall

**17 February**

9 30 am Parish Communion

**24 February**

9 30 am Church Lite in the  
Village Hall

**2 March**

11 00 am Mothering Sunday  
Communion

**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 February this is High Street, Stocks Terrace, Osbourn Close and Saxon Way.

**Willingham Women's Institute**



The speaker at our February meeting is Malcolm Busby talking about Milton Country Park.

When it was threatened with closure last year, many local residents filed a petition to keep it open. They were successful and it will be interesting to hear about the park's survival and future.

Please come and join us at the Social Club, Fen End, on Monday 11 February, at 7 30 pm.

## We need you!!!

Willingham Cricket Club requires new players to play for both the first and second teams for the 2008 season.

Are you new to the village?

Or are you interested in playing a sport on Saturday afternoons during the summer?



WE NEED YOU

If you answered yes to either of these questions then please contact the club.

If you are interested we can expect player from 12 yrs upwards.

You do not need to be the next Andrew Flintoff, you just have to the willingness to take part in the sport.

Help us keep our village sport going by contacting either Richard Ambrose (01954) 260446 or Ron Leach on (01954) 260144. You can e-mail the club on [mattreferee1@googlemail.com](mailto:mattreferee1@googlemail.com)

We currently have practice sessions on the first Sunday of each month at Hills Road Sixth form centre if you are interested in attending please contact any of the above contacts.



We have a quiz night organised at Willingham Social Club on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7.30 for 8pm start. £5 per head between 4 – 6 people per team. Food will be provided!

Our AGM will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 8pm at Willingham Social Club.

## Contributions Please

Willingham News is **YOUR** magazine, and we try to include in it the things which you want and like.

We cannot please all the people all the time -  
but we hope we please all the people most of the time!

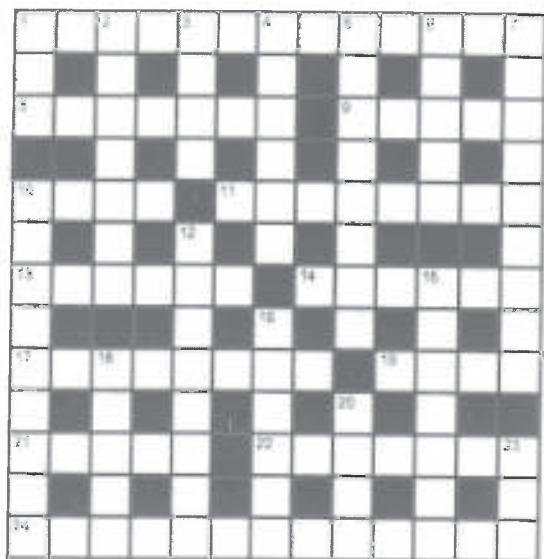
As you will see, we like to include contributions from our readers: short articles, letters, photographs. We also welcome your comments on the magazine.

Any communications can go to [willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk) or in a note addressed to Willingham News and left at the Library.



# Crossword set by Willow

solution on page 9



## Across

- 1 Blue spring flower (5,8)
- 8 Early street light (3-4)
- 9 Writer of Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats (5)
- 10/13 7 film (4,6)
- 11 Roofed terrace (8)
- 13 See 10
- 14 7 film (6)
- 17 City originally called Byzantium (8)
- 19 Long, hard journey (4)
- 21 Proclamation (5)
- 22 7 film (7)
- 24 Oil of vitriol (9,4)

## Down

- 1 Carriage or concert (3)
- 2 Choose not to vote (7)
- 3 Flair (4)
- 4 Expression of delight (6)
- 5 Crack in a glacier (8)
- 6 River nymph (5)
- 7 Influential film director known as the Master of Suspense (9)
- 10 Disorderly behaviour (9)
- 12 Best quality (3-5)
- 15 Relating to the heart (7)
- 16 Shake; arrow case (6)
- 18 Spin round (5)
- 20 Mr Clapton, guitarist (4)
- 23 Uneven (3)

solution to puzzle on page 9

1. Ford
2. Stirling
3. Redruth
4. Watchet
5. Poole
6. Fleet
7. Petersfield
8. Cardigan
9. Reading
10. Hereford

11. Selby
12. Goole
13. Haltwhistle
14. Ayr
15. Peterhead

## Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library  
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## Library Opening Times

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

The government has announced that 2008 will be National Year of Reading so come along to Willingham Library to join in, and watch this space for further news. Also, the Northstowe planning application has now arrived at the library and is available to look at. It is a very large document!

As part of the planning process for the new Central Library in Cambridge, a survey is being conducted of which types of multimedia formats members would like to borrow, such as HD-DVD, Audio books for downloading onto e.g. mp3 players, and computer games. Go to the website above to register your views.

## Willingham Reading Group



I am hoping to start up a new reading group so, if like me you fancy enlivening a dull winter's afternoon with a mind-stretching provocative new read in the company of like minded individuals, give me a ring. Time and place to be arranged.

Terese 01954 261477

(Editor - We apologise for printing an incorrect telephone number last month. The correct number is given above.)

## Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>February</b>				
4	Meeting Growing from seeds, cuttings and grafting talk	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
6	Auditions for 'The Darling Buds of May'	WAMADS	Public Hall	8 00 pm 07896 322497
11	Meeting Milton Country Park talk	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
25	Meeting	Mothers' Union	Octagon	2 30 pm 260688
<b>March</b>				
1	Spring Crafts	Willingham School Association	Willingham Primary School	2 00 pm - 4 00 pm
±3	AGM 'Ottoman Gardens of Istanbul' talk	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
16	Easter Egg Bingo	Willingham School Association	Willingham Primary School	2 00 pm - 4 00 pm
<b>April</b>				
16	Car wash	Willingham Scouts	The Green	10 00 am - 2 00 pm
<b>May</b>				
11	Willingham Fun Run	Willingham School Association	Willingham Primary School	
17	Village Fete	Willingham Scouts	Recreation Ground	12 noon - 4 00 pm

### WAMADS

(Willingham Amateur Music & Drama Society)

### AUDITIONS

for their next production

### 'The Darling Buds of May'

will be held on:

**Wednesday 30 January &  
Wednesday 6 February 2008**

**at 8 00 pm in the Public Hall, High  
Street**

All enquiries to **Caroline Deeth** on **07896 322497**

[Production Dates tba  
but most likely to be mid - May]

### Apology

The *Willingham News* production and editorial team would like to apologise to some of our advertisers for the poor quality and mistakes which occurred in the reproduction of their adverts in the January issue. In particular we would like to mention **PC home-call**, **Tylers Estate Agents** and **Uttridge Accounting Services Ltd.** We hope to have rectified any errors and trust that these mistakes will not be repeated in future issues.



# Village Directory

<b>Council</b>	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
<b>Services</b>	Police		0845 456 4564
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	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC -After hours medical help		01223 464242
<b>Schools</b>	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club	Mrs R. Tiley	01954 200871
	Cottenham Village College		01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Mrs L Blunt	01954 261309
<b>Children</b>	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Mrs W Leaney	01954 201089
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
	2nd Brownies	Mrs J Catley	01954 202543
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Geoff Bailey Dancers	Mr G Bailey	01954 260233
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles	Kathryn Wright	01954 261770
	Bumps and Babies Group	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
<b>Halls</b>	Ploughman Hall Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	Ploughman Hall Bookings		07941 190849
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
<b>Local Representatives</b>	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr G Redhead	01954 288944
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs J Hodgkinson	01954 201816
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
<b>Clubs</b>	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	Mrs S Hart	01954 204260
	WAMADS Drama Group	Mrs C Deeth (Secretary)	07896 322497
		Mrs J Farrar	01954 200515
	Willingham Youth Club	Mrs Jean Langford	01954 201706
	Women's Institute	Mrs Doreen Young	01954 200561
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124
<b>Sport</b>	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Football Club	Mr Alex Howard	01954 260734
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 202082
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Keep Fit	Mrs M Fowler	01954 260496
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261526
<b>Churches</b>	Anglican Church (Rector)	Rev Geoffrey Turner	01954 261225
	Mothers Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Mrs Hilary Wyllie	01954 260051
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
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## A message from the Police

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Any item with a serial number, like Sat Navs, laptops and ipods can be registered FREE of charge. For items like jewellery, antiques or horses there is the facility to upload photographs.

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### Don't make it easy for thieves

Go onto the immobilise website and see how easy it is to register your property.

## The village sign – some additional information

A regular reader writes: 'Although we very much enjoyed the article on the village sign there are one or two points that were either omitted or incorrect. The base was designed by Philip Brown, who also co-ordinated its construction and donated and undertook the cobbling surrounding the base. The bricks and materials were donated by John Bryant Building of Cottenham who also loaned a truck for transporting the materials. The stone for the coping was donated by Rattee & Kett. The unveiling of the sign was not done by Percy Hart but by our then Chairman of the Parish Council Mr Bill Law.'



## Willingham Football Club



Due to the refurbishment of the Pavilion, Willingham FC will be playing their remaining home games for the 2007/08 Season on the Green at Over. We would like to thank Over Parish Council for accommodating us whilst the building works are carried out.

9 February	Willingham v Castle Camps KO 2 00 pm
16 February	Willingham v Milton KO 2 00 pm
23 February	Soham Utd v Willingham KO 2 00 pm

Training continues on Tuesday nights at Over Community Centre from 6 00 pm to 7 00 pm. New players most welcome.

## Bin collections

7 February	Black bin
14 February	Green bin and green box
21 February	Black bin
28 February	Green bin and green box

**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.

**Plastic bags** may also be recycled at Willingham Co-op car park.

**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.

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### Quiz Night

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Following a very successful quiz night in September we have booked another one for Friday, 29 February 2008 at Cottenham Village College. This will again be hosted by our excellent quiz master Andrew Snelson. This is open to anyone and everyone who enjoys quiz nights, so get a team together and come and join us. Teams of up to 6 people are required and the cost is £6.00 per person, which includes supper. A paying bar will also be available, so please do not bring your own. If you would like a fun night out then please reserve your table by contacting either Anna or Julia. Payment will be taken on the night.

If you are interested in joining the Twinning Association or would like any information about it, then again please contact either Julia or Anna.

We look forward to seeing you at the quiz night!

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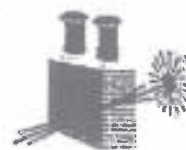
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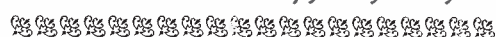
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