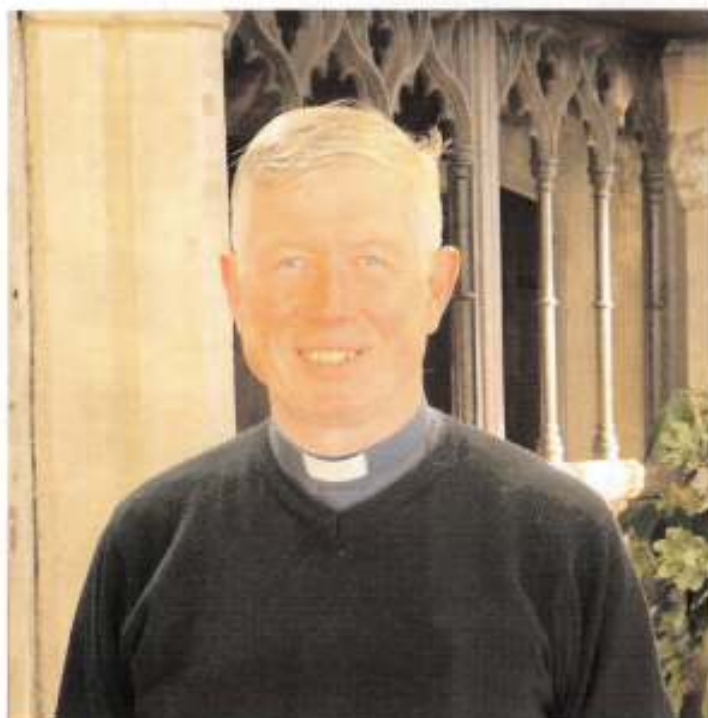


WILLINGHAM NEWS



May 2008

SMAS Rector to retire



Geoff Turner is to retire this summer from his position of rector of St Mary and All Saints, Willingham. His last service will be on Sunday 29 June 2008. (*All welcome.*) Following his retirement, Geoff and his wife Sheilah are to move north to be nearer to their family.

Geoff came to be rector of SMAS, and neighbouring Rampton, nearly 7 years ago. He had a wide range of experience in ministry in parishes in Merseyside, St Albans and Cambridge before his move to this parish, and had also worked for a time as communications officer for the diocese of Ely.

Geoff and Sheilah both threw themselves very enthusiastically into the life of the parish church and wider village of Willingham. Sheilah was very involved with Friends of Willingham Library and was the founder editor of the magazine which is now the *Willingham News*. Sadly, a serious accident in 2004 inevitably made it much more difficult for Sheilah to play an active part and also meant that Geoff had to give more time to supporting Sheilah. Notwithstanding this setback, Geoff took on the chair of our Willingham Parish Plan Committee as well as being involved as a school governor.

Memories of a happy childhood in Willingham

Quite recently I was given several copies of *Willingham News*, which I have found most interesting to read, and I am amazed at the many improvements which have been made within the village, the number of new shops opened, and the variety of clubs and associations formed – surely something for everyone to enjoy.

Since then I have bought the book *Willingham – Portrait of a Village*, featuring profiles of some of my contemporaries still going strong! Other friends I remember from that time were Pamela Jeeps, Joan and Betty Gleaves, Neville Cole, Desmond Miles, Thelma King and Hope Jaquest. Good wishes to anyone of those who might be reading this.

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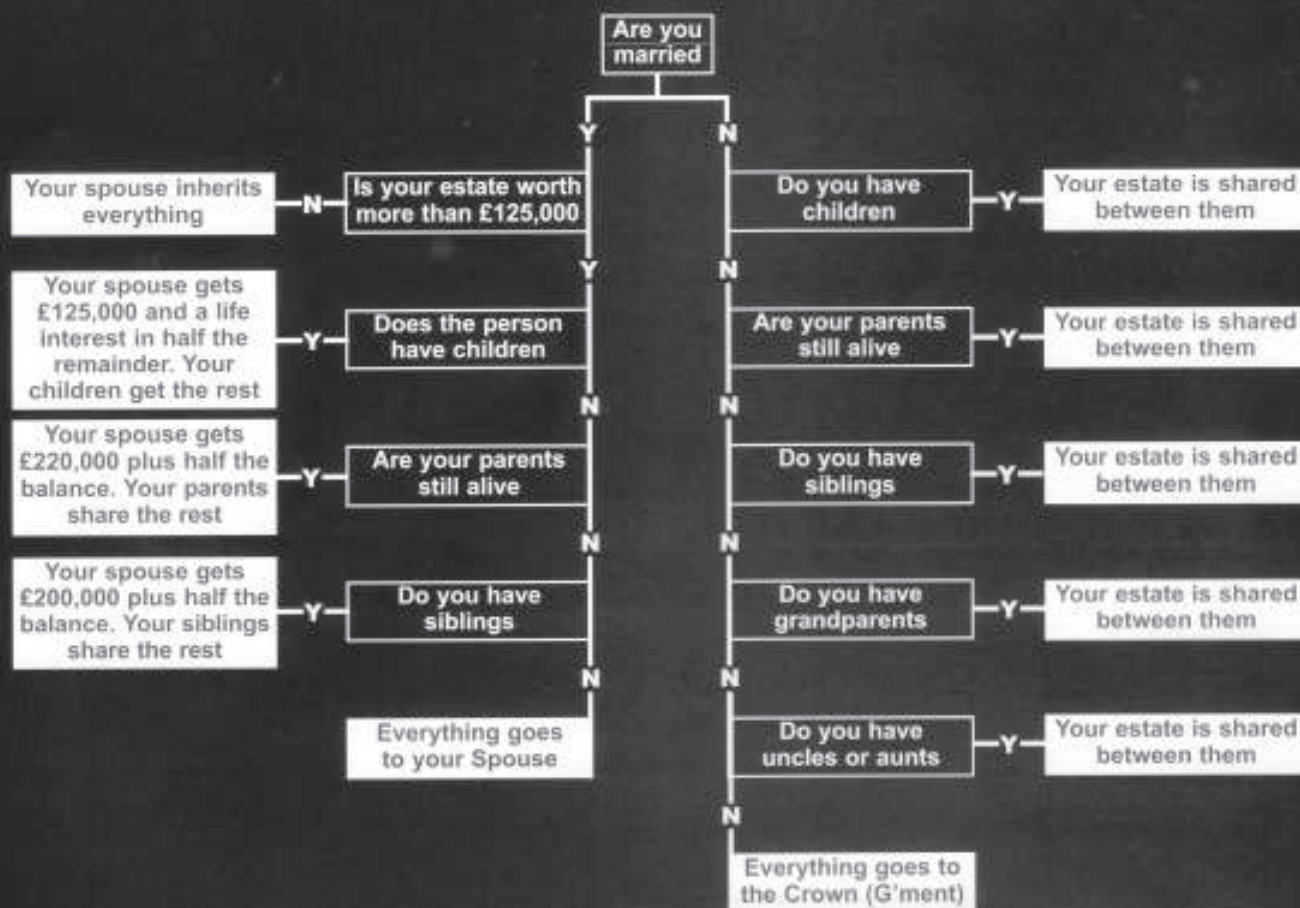


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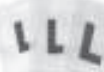
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National Bus Passes

There may be some delay on receiving your National Bus Pass. Those received by the end of February 2008 will already be in receipt of theirs. Those received after that date may take several weeks to arrive due to a huge request for the passes. Old Bus Passes can still be used.

Ponds

This year Cambridge and Peterborough Biological Records Centre are co-ordinating a pond survey, and are hoping to involve as many parishes in the survey as possible.

The aim of the survey is to map all of the ponds in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, (including as many garden ponds as possible) and gain some general information about these ponds regarding the species present.

If you would like to participate in the survey, please come to the Parish Office and collect your Pond Survey Card to fill in and send back to CP BRC.

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Committee Meeting dates

Go to the Parish Council Website (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 Wednesday 7 May - 7 30 pm at the Primary School, Thodays Close and is open to the public.

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Clerk: Mr Colin Brown. Deputy Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge

The Office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10 00 am to 1 00 pm, except Bank Holidays. Appointments can be made by calling the Office. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.

Northstowe Consultation

The Parish Council wrote to the District Council in response to an invitation to take part in the consultation over Northstowe. The full response may be seen at the Parish Office. The Parish Council made the point that it did not have the resources or expertise to reply in detail to the consultation documents (which ran into hundreds of files). Here is a summary of the main points made by the Parish Council:

We were incensed by the decision of the planning inspectors to override the views of all the elected councils and felt this was a travesty of democratic accountability. It has led to the fear in Willingham Parish Council that its views will again not be taken seriously.....

The documents with which we have been presented are opaque in their complexity and detail. It is unrealistic to expect any parish council to be able to examine the plans, and react to them in detail. The papers provided for us do not include any realistic executive summary, a failure which in our view indicates once again that what we are faced with is not a consultation in any meaningful sense of the word.....

Our concerns are the same as those laid down several times over the past few years, but have been given added weight by the views of the parishioners obtained towards the end of 2007 in a questionnaire which will form the basis of the Willingham Parish Plan.The responses regarding Northstowe were clear and back up the Parish Council's concerns, which we set out under four headings.

1. Traffic

The existing volume of traffic is already a major concern. Traffic surveys undertaken by the Parish Council show a clear north/south capacity of 12 vehicles per minute. This is regularly exceeded at peak times or when the A14 is closed and results in frequent tailbacks of two to three miles. Added to this is the problem of the growing number of Heavy Goods Vehicles that add to the congestion at peak times and speed dangerously through the village at other times, leading to high risk of accidents.....

Little account has been taken of northbound movements to and from Northstowe, yet these will comprise a significant proportion of all movements. The need for a bypass is already clear and will become overwhelming. Over and above this is the question of construction traffic. If aggregates are to be used from the Sutton or Earith area the most direct route and therefore the least environmentally damaging will be through Willingham. The Parish Council's very strong view is that a link road should be a pre-requirement of the developers before any construction at Northstowe begins and that this road should be designed in such a way that it can become a bypass in due course....WPC would also like to encourage less local traffic through much improved public transport. ...

Hopefully the guided bus may provide some relief for individuals wishing to travel to Cambridge or Huntingdon but for this relief to become a reality it will be essential to provide a regular bus link from Willingham to the Longstanton Park and Ride station. In all of the planning documents we have examined there seems to be a distinct reluctance for District or County Councils to take on this issue....., Their mantra of lack of demand is merely a circular argument based on their poor service as clearly demonstrated by the successful 'Citi' services links to Bar Hill and Cottenham.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

....We have access to residents and land owners with considerable local knowledge.... There is grave concern that the scheme as put forward will simply not work because of the scale, a town the size of Ely, the location and the routes out for surface and foul water. The proposed reduction in the number of balancing ponds simply exacerbates the situation....

Even without Northstowe we have regular problems in our village with flooding. ... We are aware of existing problems today in our village with sewage. Given the huge increase in population, and from what we can see of the limited provision for pumping and treatment, we believe this is a second disaster waiting to happen.

3. Separation

We are pleased that the development is being contained for now to the South of the old rail line but would like to see much more robust instruments in place to prevent expansion northwards at a later date.... We believe very strongly that if the character and heritage of the Fen Edge villages is to be retained then permanent and significant green belt separation will be needed.....

4. Nature of the Development

It seems clear to us that this development is far too large. We argued from day one that a community of more than 5000 to 6000 homes was totally disproportionate and that if 10,000 to 12,000 homes were needed they should be built in two towns not one.

The view of Willingham Parish Council (and other elected bodies) about the maximum size of the development has been ignored. Not only that, but also the policy that Northstowe should be an eco-town has been abandoned. These two facts raise serious issues about the sustainability of Northstowe.

Further.....whatever the size, it is crucial that the essential infrastructure is in place *before* major house building begins. It is essential, for example that a secondary school, and at least one primary school, is built at a very early stage of the development.Willingham Parish Council has concerns about the density of the build and the lack of green space. Although sports fields have been included this is not good enough and does not address the issue of accessible green space for all.....

5. Conclusions

We fully accept that it is extremely unlikely that much notice will be taken of the views we have expressed here. It gives us little satisfaction that we will probably be proved right about most of them.....

We can only repeat our grave concerns and ask that planners and developers ensure that as far as possible steps are taken to mitigate the major impacts on Willingham of traffic, drainage and separation.....

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Jottings from your County Councillor

Summarised below are Cllr Shona Johnstone's comments submitted to the District Council regarding the planning applications for Northstowe.

'If we have to have such a major development on our doorstep, then it is essential that it is of high quality and fit for the twenty first century. The current application does not do that.

As a general comment, in advance of specific objections, I would make the point that Northstowe has been described by government as a proto-type eco-town and that it is therefore incumbent upon the local authorities and the developers to ensure that these principles are adhered to, with appropriate support from the relevant government departments to enable the highest standards to be achieved. In particular I would refer to the statements made only this week by Hazel Blears, that eco-towns should have a speed limit of 15mph and that half of households should not require private cars. The fact that an eco-town will be difficult to deliver should not be an excuse to ignore these requirements.

A second general comment relates to the overall lack of detail in the applications of the impact of Northstowe to the north of the development, in particular, the impact on the B1050 and Willingham. This is particularly disappointing, given the proximity of Willingham to the development and the fact that the B1050 is routed through the northern corner of Northstowe. I believe that this will need to be addressed through the planning process.

Thirdly, experience at Cambourne has demonstrated that a lack of community facilities at the outset of the development has a serious negative impact on the health and well being of the community. The mistakes of Cambourne must not be repeated at Northstowe and the developers must therefore be required to bring forward development of community facilities, including the town centre at the start of the development, not at some unspecified point in the future.

Finally, throughout these applications, the developers describe Northstowe as an 'exemplar of sustainability'. The applications do nothing to justify such a description and it is highly disappointing that after all this time there is nothing that merits the description of visionary or sustainable.'

Cllr Johnstone then makes a number of detailed comments relating to specific sections of the application, and concludes:

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Letters to the editor



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What a pity so many people still drop their litter in the street.

Anne Vass

Willingham Play Park

The Easter holidays are well underway and I am very glad to be able to get to the Willingham play park with my kids and their friends. We have had a great time there enjoying the April sunshine and using the new play equipment. Another village family mentioned that they had had to go to a neighbouring village to find a park as they hadn't realised that we have an excellent park here in Willingham.

I would encourage families of all ages to take a look behind the Ploughman Hall (not far from the building work on the sports pavilion) and try it out.

Regards

Gillian Macnaghten

Traffic Calming

I am staggered that the Parish Council are setting out on an exercise in futility ie assessing the effectiveness of interactive traffic signs on Earith Road. Surely it is obvious that if motorists have already broken the law by disregarding the speed restriction signs at the beginning of the village, that they are highly unlikely to take any notice whatsoever of a flashing interactive sign? Even the most cursory observation of the sign on the very few occasions when it was last working and today of the (badly located) sign at the North end of the village, proves this. In addition to motorists there is the problem of the heavy lorries which thunder, and I do mean thunder, along Earith Road with, as often as not, the driver having one hand on the steering wheel while the other clamps a mobile phone to his ear. I am amazed that there has not been a serious accident as a result of this illegal practice.

I suggested in your September 2007 issue that the answer to the ineffectiveness of the interactive signs, might be Gatso cameras. These would have to be properly located and calibrated to avoid appeals from those caught on camera and maintained to be fully operative over the whole year. Action should then be taken to hit those speeding in their pockets and to put points on their licences. Keep on doing this and sooner or later the message will get through.

Councillor Johnstone, in her July 2007 Jottings, indicated that a new speed limit policy was to be considered later in 2007. Perhaps we could be told the outcome of the discussion(s) if they took place, or if they did not take place why not?

The fact that this problem has gone on for several years indicates that certain echelons of Local Government reflect the performance of our National Government. All are long on rhetoric and short on achievement. In her April Jottings the County Councillor says that low level of Government grant means that there is less money to spend on, say, community projects. And yet funding well in excess of £100million was found for the guided bus scheme under the employ of the County Council. I hope that the low level of grant is not a precursor for saying there is no money for our traffic calming, or that there are projects with a higher priority for funding. Surrounding villages, where the volume of traffic is not nearly so great as here, already have measures in place. Why did they have priority and where did the funding come from?

The assurance that "something will be done" has an extremely hollow ring about it. The invitation from the Parish Council to "watch this space" instils no confidence that effective traffic calming measures will be installed in the short or, judging by past experience, in the medium term.

The problem is not intractable. It is high time that this long outstanding and parlous traffic situation was gripped.

Mike Parsons MBE
Lieutenant Colonel

Willingham School Association



Post race refreshments, 10.15-11.00

This year our 10th anniversary Fun Run year aims to raise money to further develop the school's 'Learning Landscape' project with the addition of a 'Trim Trail'. This is designed to encourage activity through play, will improve health,

fitness, coordination and balance as well as being great fun for the children.

Register at school between 9 00 - 10 00 am

7.7 mile race starting at 10 15 am

4.5 mile race starting at 10 30 am

Sponsor Forms are available from Berrycroft Stores, Highgate Country Store, Willingham Library, Norths Bakery, Post Office, Willingham Surgery, and Willingham Primary School.

Pastoral Letter

Isaac Newton invented the cat flap!

It is one of those odd bits of information you get in trivial quizzes. In this case I am grateful to the Cambridge Evening News for both question and answer. At first sight it may seem like an odd fact that has no possible relevance to anything at all. In fact it answers one of the greatest mysteries in the universe, the nature of prayer.

Isaac Newton is possibly the greatest genius of all time, the greatest mind that even Cambridge University has given home to. He threw up numerous major insights. He made major advances in optics and became the first to explain the Rainbow. On the side he tossed off Newton's law of cooling and three laws of motion. He invented calculus. Putting this whole lot together he came up with a theory of the solar system and the law of gravity that even today is good enough for most practical purposes. He had a brain that could grapple with the nature of the universe - and he bothered about his cat.

We now know that the universe is far vaster and more mysterious than Newton ever imagined. Among its colossal immensities how can the God who created it be concerned with we little mites on one insignificant speck of earth?

The answer seems to be that Genius can not only grapple with infinity, it can also stoop to cope with the details, particularly the living details.

God is brighter even than Newton. He is up to the task.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

When I awake, I am still with you. Psalm 139.17&18

Geoff Turner

Rector

Village Fun Day

The Scouts are holding their first Fun Day on Willingham Recreation Ground on May 17 12 - 4 00 pm. It is hoped that this will become an annual event for all the village to enjoy. The main attraction is a sponsored Balloon Race and we hope that the many other events will include something of interest to everyone. So far we have booked: A Juggler, Samba Band, Steel Band, Bouncy Castle, The Raptor Foundation, Q103, Reptiles, Barbeque, Raffle, Bar, The Living Romans and Army Cadets. There will also be a football competition. Other stalls include: Tylers, Pampered Chef, Phoenix Cards, Usborne Books, Virgin Vie, Honeypots, Tradecrafts/secondhand books, 2 Plant stalls, Handmade cards, Jewellery stall (Bead Elegance), Indian Head Massage, Toy stall, the WI Cake Stall and of course, the Beavers/Cubs/Scouts.

The Scouts would like to thank our sponsors who include: Willingham Auctions, Tylers, Foremans Garage, F W Cook Funeral Service, Aspinalls, Willingham Motors, P C Home Call, Uttridge Accounting Services and the Barber Shop.

We look forward to seeing you at this exciting fund-raising event.

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Parish Church

Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time. Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers time to meet others and be creative. It is held in the Octagon from 10 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.

Cake stall The May cake stall will be on Saturday 3 May – from 10 00 am at the church. There is always a good choice of cakes available. Proceeds go to the Restoration Appeal.

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. Again, proceeds are for the Restoration Appeal.

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

Coffee Morning Mondays 10 30 am

Craft meeting Mondays 2 00 pm

Thursdays Lunch 12 30 pm

Friendship Club Thursdays 2 00 pm

For information contact Gordon on 260066

Christian Aid Week 11-17 May

'If we come together, we can achieve amazing things.'

Through the new village pani parishad (water council), Minu Basar has learned how to harvest rainwater safely so that she doesn't have to travel for a whole day and cross a dangerous river to fetch drinking water.

Rekha Biswas from Bangladesh provides the most humbling and inspirational example for Christian Aid Week. This courageous lady goes from house to house, talking to families about the problems they face getting water. And vitally, she challenges gender roles. She encourages women to come to meetings of the local pani parishad, the village water council.

Getting clean water is a problem throughout Bangladesh. People often have to walk for up to 24 hours to collect water to drink.

Christian Aid partner The Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies has set up pani parishads in villages throughout Bangladesh. These community organisations discuss and agree the best water supply solutions for their particular villages.

Rekha tells people that if they come together, they can achieve things that they couldn't if they were alone. By giving up a couple of hours during Christian Aid Week, you are collecting so much more than money. Your gifts can mean water, rights and courage. By coming together, we can achieve amazing things.

A gift of just £0.50 to Christian Aid would pay for one day's gender training per person with BCAS to improve relationships in families and lessen the burden on women. £50 would pay for the monthly salary of a community pani parishad coordinator, who helps women and the poor to discover their voice, understand their right to water, learn about health and hygiene, and begin to instigate change. Your gifts can help to give voice to a single woman or to a whole community.

Find out more about Christian Aid Week by visiting www.caweek.org

UK registered charity number 1105851

Company number 5171525

Christian Aid Week in Willingham

If you wish to support the work of Christian Aid please come to a fund raising lunch at Willingham Baptist Tabernacle Church on George Street, on Sunday 11 May at 12 30 pm. This will be a simple meal of rice/dhal and soup/bread for a donation of £3.00 per adult/£1.50 per child.

This will be followed at 2 pm by 'QuizAid', Christian Aid's very own fund raising quiz, entry £2.00 each. Prizes for the winners.

Every pound raised will go towards helping some of the world's poorest communities gain access to clean water, education, healthcare and a better future.

There will also be a Christian Aid bookstall at the Willingham Scout's Fun day on Saturday 17 May, if you have any secondhand books to donate please contact Debbie Sanders on 01954 200708 (Contact for lunch/Quiz details).



**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET**

www.willinghambaptist.org

4 May

10 00 am Richard Sanders
(Communion)

6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie

11 May

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie
(Pentecost)

6 00 pm Liz Herrington

18 May

9 00 am Keith Rawlinson

10 45 am All-Age Service - to be held
at Primary School

6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie (Prayer
Focus)

25 May

10 00 am Keith Rawlinson

6 00 pm Liz Herrington
(Communion)

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

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

www.willinghamchurch.org

4 May

11 00 am Parish Communion

11 May

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Worship

18 May

11 00 am Family Communion

25 May

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Worship with
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 May: 1st).

There is a **prayer meeting** on the last
Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In
May: 30th).

Children are welcome at all our
11 00 am services. On the 1st, 3rd &
5th Sundays, 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**

4 May

10 30 am Worship

5 00 pm Worship

11 May

5 00 pm Worship

18 May

5 00 pm Worship

25 May

5 00 pm Worship

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
HIGH STREET
RAMPTON**

1 May

10 00 am Ascension Day Service

4 May

9 30 am Parish Communion

11 May

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village
Hall

18 May

9 30 am Parish Communion

25 May

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village
Hall

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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 May this is
Long Lane, Short Lane, Silver Street and
Green Street.

**Willingham Charity
Lunch**

This month's charity lunch will be
held on Saturday 17 May at 15A
High Street at 1 00 pm. The lunch
consists of a choice of soups, bread
and cheeses, tea and coffee etc, and
costs £3, a small sum to pay to help
charitable causes.

This year's nominated charity is
the Over Day Care Centre. The
centre provides care for the frail
and elderly through social contact,
recreation and informative
activities etc. It provides a focal
resource through which the
appropriate medical and social
services can be supplied thereby
providing relief for carers. It also
provides a focus through which
residents of all participating
villages can take an active part in
care in the community.

These lunches are social
occasions, a good time to meet old
and new friends, particularly if you
are new to the village, and at the
same time raise money for such
a valuable charity. Why

not come and join us?



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.

Meeting/Presentations and Outings

Monday 5 May, Rob Brett will speak to us about 'Orchids.' The postponed Club AGM will also be held. Our programme of outings commences on Saturday 10 May 2008 when we shall be going to visit the RHS gardens at Wisley in Surrey. The visit will include the Iris Society Show. We leave the Green at 8 30 am. The cost is £15 per person. Non-members are welcome to join us. Members will have a further opportunity to put their names down at the May meeting. A booking may also be made by contacting Linda on 01954 202072. We endeavour to return to Willingham by no later than 6 30 pm at the end of each outing.

The outings dates for your diary for the rest of the year are:-

Monday 26 May to 30 May - Club holiday to North Wales.
 Saturday 21 June - Suffolk - Harveys Garden Plants centre and later Kentwell Hall. 9 00 am start.
 Saturday 19 July - Hertfordshire - St. Albans and later to the newly restored Gardens of the Rose. 9 00 am start.
 Saturday 16 August - Norfolk coast - Cromer and later a visit to Priory Maze and Gardens at Beeston Regis. 8 30 am start
 Saturday 20 September - Middlesex - Windsor and later Osterley Park House and Gardens. 8 30 am start.
 Wednesday 5 November - Ipswich - Xmas Shopping. 8 30 am start.

Reminders

1. Any remaining unpaid subscriptions of £7. 50 for the new club year are due at the May meeting.
2. The Club Annual Plant Stall will be sited on the High Street next door to the Post Office on Saturday 24 May from 9 00 am. A selection of plants will be on sale at reasonable prices.

Members are asked to support us as usual (or for the first time) by donating plants for sale. Deliveries may be made on the morning of the sale from 8 30 am to the stall itself or, if that is not possible, contact Keith on 01954 261885 to make arrangements for collection.

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Some of my favourite memories were ice-skating on the flooded fens, being given a bicycle, the Feast and annual fête held in the lovely Rectory garden. There was also swimming at Overcote where there was a ferry, which took vehicles and passengers over the river on their way to Needingworth. I recall going to Lords Grounds and the Pastures with no fear of violence or meeting someone unpleasant, to pick blackberries, which were plentiful, and selling them at sixpence for four pounds to Mr Granger; this money was saved to spend at the Feast in October. Then there was the big decision about which sweets to buy with the Saturday penny at Mrs Few's shop.

There were certain rules to be observed, like not eating pork unless there was an 'R' in the month, which was just as well as it was a job to keep food fresh in the hot weather. Milk had to be boiled and food put outside in a meat safe which was hung on a north-facing wall.

The scent of carnations always reminds me to The Vineries. In the early 1890s my great grandfather and his son, both named Ingle Few Thoday, founded The Vineries in Long Lane, which consisted of six span-roofed glasshouses, 250 feet long, growing cucumbers, perpetual flowering carnations of every colour and a variety of plants new to the area. My grandfather, who lived at The Vineyards, also pioneered the growing of asparagus.

Thank you for the opportunity to take this nostalgic trip into the past. I hope that one day soon I might ask one of my family to drive me to the village where I can see for myself the changes, and admire the lovely sign designed by Sarah Taylor.

Diana Mannooch (née Lyon)

The AGM for Willingham FC will take place at The Ploughman Hall Tuesday 13 May 2008 7 30 pm

The following positions will be vacant and will need to be filled at the AGM for Mens Football to continue into the 2008/2009 season.

Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary,
First Team Manager

We hope that there will be a good turnout so that these positions can be filled which in turn will enable Men's Football to continue in Willingham.

Andrew Greavett Chairman
Alex Howard Secretary

WILLINGHAM CRICKET CLUB FIXTURE LIST

Sat 3 May	Needingworth (away)	Over 3rds (away)
Sat 10 May	Littleport (home)	Cambourne 2nds (away)
Sat 17 May	Bottisham/Lode (away)	
Sat 21 May	Cherry Hinton (away)	Waterbeach 2nds (home)
Sat 28 May	Cambridge NCI 2nds (home)	Cambridge NCI 5ths (away)
Sat 7 June	Somersham (home)	Cottenham 3rds (away)
Sat 14 June	Newmarket (away)	Needingworth 2nds (home)
Sat 21 June	Isleham (home)	
Sat 28 June	Longstanton GH (home)	Longstanton GH 2nds (away)
Sat 5 July	Needingworth (home)	Needingworth 2nds (away)
Sat 12 July	Littleport (away)	Cambourne 2nds (home)
Sat 19 July	Bottisham/Lode (home)	Waterbeach 2nds (away)
Sat 26 July	Cherry Hinton (home)	Little Thetford (away)
Sat 2 August	Cambridge NCI 2nds (away)	Cambridge NCI 5ths (home)
Sat 9 August	Somersham (away)	Cottenham 3rds (home)
Sat 16 August	Newmarket (home)	Over 3rds (home)
Sat 23 August	Isleham (away)	Longstanton GH 2nds (home)
Sat 30 August	Longstanton GH (away)	Little Thetford (home)

Parish Plan – preliminary data

Writing of the final Plan is now in full swing and around the village various groups are getting together and trying to distil all the information gathered, put it together with background material, and produce draft chapters to be combined into a coherent whole.

In the meantime, we are gradually putting the raw data onto the Plan website at www.newwillingham.org, so if you are interested, log on and have a look!

Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
0845 0455225



Library Opening Times

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

Bin collections

8 May Green bin and box (Thursday)

14 May Black bin

21 May Green bin and box

29 May Black bin (Thursday)

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



Despite a very disappointing turn-out, the children who attended Fool Fest! at the library on April Fool's Day had a fun time. As well as listening to and telling jokes and stories, they made jester hats and were filmed by a cameraman from Anglia News.

Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
May				
5	Postponed AGM and 'Orchids', a talk by Rob Brett	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
10 - 11	Open Day	Cattell's Mill	Cattell's Mill, Mill Road	Sat 1 00- 5 00 pm Sun all day
11	Boot Sale	Cricket Club	Cattell's Mill	8 00 am - 12 00 pm
11	Christian Aid Fundraising Lunch	QuizAid	Baptist Church	12 30 pm 2 00 pm
11	Fun Run	Willingham School Association		
12	Meeting	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
14	AGM	Friends of Willingham Library	Library	7 30 pm
17	Charity Lunch	15A High Street		1 00 pm
June				
2	Meeting 'Drought resistant plants', a talk by Peter Jackson	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
11	Poetry and Prose + Wine and Nibbles	Friends of Willingham Library	Library	7 30 pm

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB): You can help

The ASB Caseworker, Julia Howlett, recently met with Parish Council members to discuss ASB and the processes in place in South Cambridgeshire to tackle it.

The legal definition of ASB is: *'acting in an anti-social manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household as the complainant'*.

Generally it refers to actions that have a detrimental effect on someone's quality of life. Listed below are some of the things that could be classed as ASB:

Abandoned vehicles	Criminal damage
Drunken behaviour	Intimidation/harassment
Verbal abuse	Dropping litter
Vandalism	Throwing missiles
Setting fires	

Police	All serious incidents of ASB should be reported to the police on 0845 456 456 4 . If incidents are not reported local neighbourhood policing teams may not be aware of the problems being experienced.
Registered Social Landlord (RSL) (including SCDC housing)	If you experience issues of ASB and are aware that either the perpetrator or victim is a tenant of a housing association a report should be made to the relevant organisation.
Environmental Health	Issues such as noise nuisance, littering, flytipping, dog fouling and abandoned vehicles should be reported to Environmental Health on 08450 450 500 .
ASB Caseworker	If you require advice or have an issue that does not fall into any of the above categories the ASB caseworker is happy to give advice and can be contacted on 08450 450 500 - ask for Julia Howlett

There are many more types of behaviour that could be classed as anti social.

It is vital that agencies responsible for tackling ASB are as fully informed about the issues as possible. The table above shows which incidents should be reported to what agency:

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
Schools	CAMDOC -After hours medical help		01223 464242
	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
	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 Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	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 Atkins (Secretary)	01954 261354
	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
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261526
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 M Lewis	01480 386593

Willingham Women's Institute



May is the month when all WIs discuss the resolutions that have been put to the national federation of WIs, in other words topics that members are most concerned about and would like to lobby government about. Over the past few years we have taken the government to task on Climate Change, End Violence against Women, Adult Education, Renewable Energy, Community Hospitals. These are but a few.

This year the two for discussion are 'Ban Bottom Trawling which causes catastrophic loss of marine life' - this was put forward by Buckinghamshire Federation and 'Inappropriate imprisonment of the severely mentally ill' - Norfolk Federation.

We shall discuss these resolutions and send a delegate to the Annual Meeting to be held in Liverpool in June where she will vote according to our wishes.

After the discussion on the resolutions, the lighter side of the meeting will be a talk entitled 'A surprise trip around Cambridge' with Liz Hipkin, who I am sure will be showing us some places we have either forgotten, or if we are quite new to the area did not know about.

We are always please to see new faces at our meetings, you can be sure that you would be made most welcome. Meetings are the second Monday of the month at Willingham Social Club at 7.30 pm.

Sudoku set by Willow

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				5	7			
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Cambridge Evening News

For the past year I've been sending details of forthcoming events in Willingham to the *Cambridge Evening News*, trying to raise the profile of Willingham and present it as an interesting village. However no village organisations ever send me details of their doings and I have to get my information from the diary section of *Willingham News*.

It would be very helpful if club secretaries could send me details of items they would like to have included, so that I don't have to ring round to get authorisation to include telephone numbers or references to children. It would also be splendid to have reports on events that have taken place in the previous week, especially big ones like the School Fete or the Scouts' Village Fun day.

I can be contacted on 01954 260393 or by email at anne.kirkman@btinternet.com, so do get in touch.

Anne Kirkman

Urgently required


Cleaner for Ploughman Hall 6 hours per week
@£7.00 per hour

Caretaker for Ploughman Hall and New Pavilion


Hours as needed to unlock and lock Hall - this includes some unsocial hours for which enhanced payment will be made - basic rate £7.00 per hour

For full job descriptions please apply to the Clerk, Parish Office, Ploughman Hall West Fen Road, Willingham, Telephone 01954 261027


To discuss either of these posts please telephone John Anderson, 01954 203344 or Rosemary Mumford, 01954 260934



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WISBECH ROSE FAIR PARADE
Saturday 5th July £14

CROMER End of Pier Summer Seaside Special Show
Tuesday 8th July & 19th August £27
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Boat

£29.75 inc Sandwich lunch 14th July
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