

WILLINGHAM NEWS



July 2008

Willingham to Freetown



David (with Jon)

David Dumbuyah sits in his wooden wheelchair all day and sleeps on a piece of cardboard. He looks about sixty and has been crippled by Polio since the age of nine - we are astonished when he tells us that he is only thirty-eight years old. It's the end of May, and

worth about 20p and will buy a child a meal. We have plenty in our pockets.

We travelled with a party of ten people organized by Mission Direct, a Christian charity that helps people regardless of religion. The charity supports a number of local aid projects including an old people's home, a hostel for the mentally ill, two polio foundations, and a



'Snap me!'

Margaret and I have travelled to Sierra Leone near the equator on the west coast of Africa to see first hand the poorest country in the world. Despite his disability David has the biggest grin I have ever seen as he shakes my hand.

For ten days we lived in the shanty town east of the capital Freetown, surrounded by shacks and buildings gutted in the brutal civil war of 1995 - 2001. This place is utterly chaotic with one tarmac road and the rest just dust and rocks. People flood the streets along with chickens, goats, hungry dogs and hoards of chattering children. Unlike the UK where children are taught that all strangers are dangerous, the children here are trusting and curious and we soon have a crowd of smiling faces around us.

Everyone we meet is friendly and warm but, of course, there is another side. Most of the children are hungry and often conversations lead to a request 'will you be my friend' which is a plea for help. A 1000 Leone coin is



Community run school

beautiful rural home for street children rescued as beggars or prostitutes from the gutters. They are given food accommodation and love for one year to get them onto their feet and then a permanent home is found.

The weather is hot and steamy. One night a violent thunderstorm brings hurricane force winds. Getting out of bed in the dark to look through the window I find our room 1cm deep in water! Outside the clangs of flying corrugated iron are heard as frail roofs rip off and huddled families are drenched. But the morning brings sun and the sound of hammering and repairs. People don't expect

Launch of the Willingham Wing

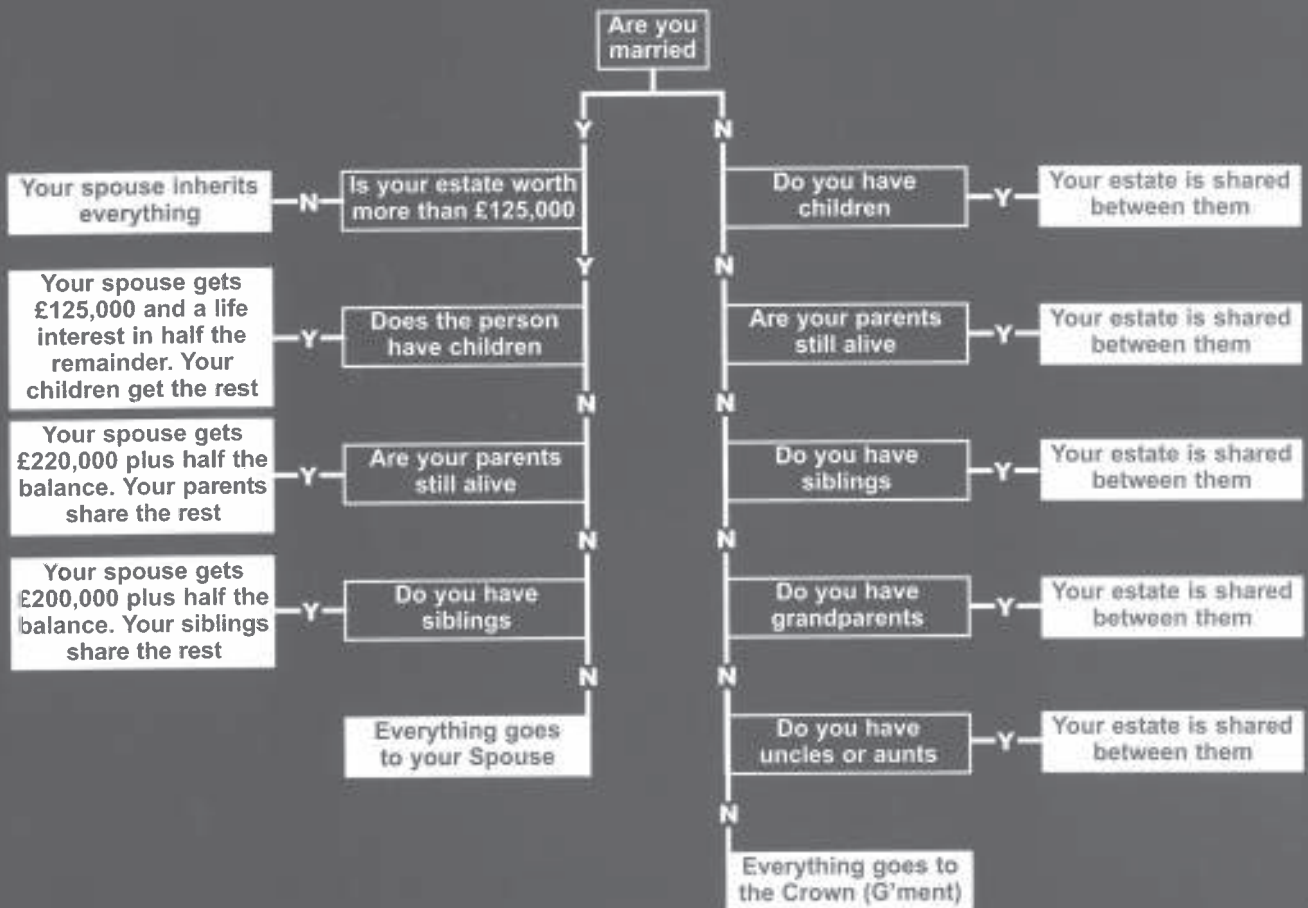
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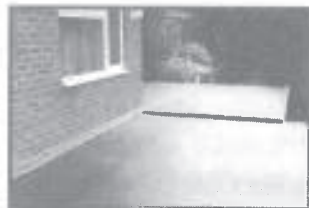
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Pyrethrum Way

The Parish Council has noted concerns expressed by some residents of Pyrethrum Way regarding disturbance to people living near the two small green areas. The disturbance is caused by footballs being kicked towards houses. The green areas are public open spaces, intended for leisure use by the residents, including use as a children's play area. Their size and location, however, mean that they are NOT suitable for use as football pitches. The Council urges parents to make sure that their children do NOT use them in this way and so avoid the necessity of a ban on all ball games on these areas.

Interactive Traffic Sign in Earith Road

Following the protest in May, the interactive signs on the Earith Road are now working. The Parish Council will be now be contacting the Police to do regular speed Police Checks.

Sports Pavilion

The new Sports Pavilion unfortunately has had more setbacks due to vandalism, which is occurring on a regular basis. The completion date has now been set for mid July providing no further set backs are experienced.

Ploughman Hall

Since the Parish Council took over the running of the Ploughman Hall on 1 April, there have been some minor problems due to lack of a Custodian to open and shut the hall at the appropriate times of hire and also a lack of a cleaner. Because of this, the Parish Council have been unable to take new bookings for the hall. However, these issues will be resolved by the end of June and the bookings

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

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Mr J Burnett	01954 270338
Mrs K Cornwell	01954 261530
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Mrs R Mumford (Halls Committee Chair)	01954 260934
Mr G Pake (Cemetery Committee Chair)	01954 260534
Mr C Stephens	01954 260396
Mr T Walkden	01954 201722
Mr J Watson (Leisure & Amenities Committee Chair)	01954 200245

will be able to recommence. The Parish Council apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Scrutiny & Overview Committee – SCDC

South Cambs District Council Scrutiny & Overview Committee are about to set their 2008/09 work programme and ideas are invited from residents. Please let Jackie Sayers the Scrutiny Development Officer at SCDC know of any topics that you would like them to add to the committee's list of potential topics.

The number for SCDC is 01954 713451

Willingham Parish Council Website

Please do look at our new Parish Council Website for items such as contact details, agendas and minutes. Any information relevant to the Village will be posted on the website.

If you have any idea's of any information you would like to see on our Website, please contact the Clerk.

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, July 2 – 7 30 pm at The Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road and is open to the public.

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

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The Office is open on Monday Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10 am to 1 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.*

Parish Plan Update

The task of writing the Plan is now entering its final phase of editing before formatting for publication, and a draft list of actions arising from the Plan is being put onto the website at www.newwillingham.org. The actions range from weighty suggestions with a timescale of several years and a large cost to small ones that could be easily implemented within a matter of months. For example, those related to crime, disorder and disturbance include the obvious one of greater and more frequent police presence, plus better publicity for the regular liaison meeting that the police hold for local residents, encouraging the reporting of crimes, a youth venue, better street lighting in some areas and encouraging pub landlords to display signs requesting patrons to be considerate when leaving.

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Rescued street children sing to us

security here. There is no railway, no postal service and no electricity for much of the time. People lucky enough to get employment can expect a wage of just £15 per month.

For much of the week we have practical work to do, painting and repairing worn out facilities. We renovate a decrepit toilet block at the old people's home and there is plenty of time to talk to the old folk and hear their stories. Each day we visit a different location to learn about the aid work being done and understand their needs.

Too soon it's Monday and time to leave. In ten days we have met wonderful people who devote themselves to living here and helping these warm and friendly people. Ten days is not enough and arriving back in Willingham is a strange feeling. But we know that people here care

too – we were given £680 by Willingham residents before the trip, 100% of which will go to aid the projects we saw. We may not smile so wide, but there are plenty of big hearts in Willingham.

For more information call Jon (01954 205739) or see: www.missiondirect.org and www.unionofpolio.org.

Jon Edney

Walk4Water – Thanks

A big thank you to all who supported in any way the Willingham Walk4Water on 8 June.

Over £400 was raised – of which over £230 came from sponsorship for Joyce Bowen.

Heather



From left; Kathy Hines, Joyce Bowen and Rosemary Woodward

Willingham Gardening Club

Meeting/Presentations and Outings

Monday 7 July Roy Nunn will speak to us on the subject of 'Around the world in our garden.'

The next outing is to St. Albans on Saturday 19th July. We first visit the market and then the historic Roman city. In the afternoon we go to the newly restored 'Gardens of the Rose.' The cost is £15 per person. Non-members are welcome to join us. A booking may be made by contacting Linda on 01954 202072. We endeavour to return to Willingham by no later than 6.30 p.m at the end of each outing. All outings leave from the Green unless otherwise stated.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 19 July Hertfordshire - St. Albans and later to the newly restored Gardens of the Rose. 9 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

The annual Horticultural and Craft Show will be held at the local primary school on Saturday 6 September in the afternoon. Full details of the programme of events and of the show classes will be available shortly from committee members and from various shops and the library shortly. Details will be given in the August issue of this magazine.

This is a local show for local people primarily and it depends for its success on you. Please consider what you might enter for exhibition and judging. Photographs, models, paintings, stitchworks, flowers and vegetables. There are classes for all ages. It is good fun, fulfilling and rewarding especially if you win a prize or a cup. With the summer school holidays about to begin children will have some additional time to devote to creating or growing their entries. Why not have a go?

Begonia Growers - those who have already started to grow begonias for the show please note that you will need to collect a larger pot and compost from Mr Mark Whatley at Willingham Primary School on Friday 3 July. Mr Whatley will let you know at what time you may collect these items on that date.



Willingham Medical Practice

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 Tel: 01954 207600

The National Blood Service Mobile Donor Unit will be visiting Willingham Surgery on Monday 14 July. The day is organised by appointment and appointments can be made by calling 0845 7 711 711 quoting postcode 'CB24 5LB'

The Mobile Donor Unit has been collecting donations in the Cambridgeshire area since the beginning of the year. The National Blood Service needs to collect 7,000 donations daily to meet hospital demand. Only 4% of the eligible population donate. You need to be aged between 17-59 (70 for regular donors), be in good health and weigh over 7 stone 12 lbs (50kg). It is important to have plenty to eat and drink before donating. The Unit has 3 beds, a confidential booth and a refreshment area. Donors can donate up to 3 times a year and each donation can save up to 3 lives. Red cells have a shelf life of 35 days and platelets have a shelf life of only 5 days.

The CAMTAD Van will be visiting Willingham surgery on **Wed 16 July from 2 30-4 30 pm**. If you need to replace your NHS batteries or have any problems or queries regarding your hearing aid, just pop along. No appointment needed.

Support Your Surgery Campaign Thank you to all who signed the 'NHS Birthday Card' petition to support the preservation of your local GP practices. As you know many GP surgeries are under threat of closure to be replaced by private health funded polyclinics and walk-in centres. These may work for the socially mobile and fit population but will not meet the needs of the elderly and more vulnerable of our community, nor are we convinced that they will necessarily deliver a quality service to the population in general after a period of time. If you feel strongly about the future of the NHS we urge you to write to your local MP.

Drinking and You NHS advice on drinking recommends that men should not regularly drink more than 3-4 units of alcohol a day and women should not regularly drink more than 2-3 units a day. Pregnant women or women trying to conceive should avoid drinking alcohol. If they do choose to drink, to minimise the risk to the baby, they should not drink more than 1-2 units once or twice a week and should not get drunk.

Drink Units You may want to keep track of what you drink in a day or an evening, and count your units. Be aware of the health and personal safety risks you face if

you go over the NHS recommended limit. This will help you make an informed choice as to how and when you drink. If you need information on what a unit of alcohol is please ask at our Pharmacy where leaflets are available.

Acknowledgements Our grateful thanks to the family and friends of Sybil Piggott and Vera Wilson for the kind donations to the Equipment Fund in their memory.

Extended Opening Hours We are considering introducing Saturday morning surgery sessions in line with government policy. You may remember that we ceased to provide these in 2004 in line with government policy for out of hours provision at that time! Government policy this time dictates that these sessions should be reserved for 'routine book in advance doctor appointments' and will not be walk-in emergency sessions. Our plan is to open from 8 30 am – 11 45 am each Saturday morning starting from 5 July for three months initially. We regret that it would not be viable at present for us to open the pharmacy and you will not be able to collect your repeat prescriptions on Saturdays. These surgeries are intended for people who work and cannot attend during the week. There are no laboratory facilities available to allow for blood tests on Saturdays. Emergencies will be covered by CAMDOC in the normal way over the weekend. We would welcome your views on whether you feel we should continue with this service after the trial period.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

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

Fen Edge Twinning Association Quiz Night and 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

It probably seems a long way away now, but the weekend of 10-11 May will probably be remembered by most people around Cambridge because of the fantastic weather. However some of the families from the Fen Edge Villages of Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach and Willingham will remember it because it was the weekend that our guests from Avrillé came to stay for the 10th anniversary of the twinning between our two countries.

UK funding for twinning associations only applies while the group is setting up and so we get no funding from the government for our group, which means that everything we do has to be paid for by the members. This year for the 10th anniversary we wanted to do something special and so we started fundraising. We did brilliantly and the group can be very proud of itself for raising enough money to put on a very memorable weekend for our French visitors!

However, as this is an annual exchange we need to start thinking about our next visit to France in May, which initially means more fundraising!

We will be organising another of our very successful and popular quiz nights with our regular quiz master, Andrew Snelson. This will be on Friday 26 September 2008 at Cottenham Village College. The cost, including supper will be £7 per person. You are welcome to bring your own nibbles. There will be a licensed bar, selling wine, beer and soft drinks and because of this, we would ask that you don't bring your own drinks. These quiz nights have become very popular so please contact Anna Vining on 01954 252432 or panda@vining.co.uk to reserve your table (6 people) so that we can plan the catering numbers. Tickets to be paid for on the night.

The Fen Edge Twinning Association (FETA) is a thriving group, but is always keen to welcome new members. If you would like to know more about the association, please contact Anna Vining as above, and below is a brief note of our 10th anniversary weekend held back in May.

The weekend, as always, began with the French families arriving at Cottenham Village College on the Friday evening. After a few words of welcome and catching up with old friends and meeting new ones, everyone dispersed to their own homes for dinner.

The Cottenham Fun Run had been planned for this weekend and most members of the group return to the village college for this event – some to run and some to watch. Prizes had been brought from France and were presented by Danièle Marchand, the chair of the French group.

After a tour of Cambridge in the afternoon came the highlight of the weekend, dinner in the Old Hall at Queens' College in Cambridge. This was extra special as Queens' College had been founded by Queen Margaret who was from the same region of France as Avrillé. The history of this link and of the college was explained to us all at the dinner by one of the fellows of the college.

The following afternoon we held a traditional English cream tea at Landbeach village hall. We had invited members of each of the parish councils to attend to re-sign the Twinning Charter. This year we were delighted that Willingham parish council had agreed to join the other villages and be part of the Twinning Association. Representatives of four of the villages were able to attend the cream tea and sign the new charter. Mr Phil King, the Chairman of Willingham Parish Council, was put on the spot, and ably rose to the occasion by making an amusing speech to thank everyone there for welcoming Willingham officially to the Twinning Association of the Fen Edge Villages and Avrillé.

The weekend finished with smaller groups arranging to get together for supper on Sunday evening before everyone met up on Cottenham Village green early on Monday morning to say goodbye to all the French families. Everyone agreed that we had put on quite a show and that this had been one of the best weekends we had had.

This September a few of the English families travelling to Avrillé to celebrate the 10th anniversary there, along with the 15th anniversary of their twinning with a town in Spain and the 30th anniversary of their twinning with a town in Germany.

Again I would like to thank all the committee and members of FETA for putting on such a good weekend which I am sure the French families will remember for a long time!

Anna Vining

2nd Willingham Brownies - Help Desperately Needed

Three female leaders needed from September to stop the unit from closing.

Due to work commitments the present leaders are unable to keep the unit going and so are hoping to find three ladies who would train to take over the running of the unit. CRB clearance and training is provided by Girlguiding so there would be no financial outlay.

All we ask is that you have 2 hours a week to spare, an outgoing personality and enjoy helping young people fulfil their potential.

Feel you can help?

Tel; Gina Balaam 01954 260126 or Joanne Aldhouse 01954 261894



Cheerful news from the Primary School

From the Headteacher Jo Brearley

I love this time of year. There is always so much happening, the weather is usually warmer and there is a gentle buzz in the air!

Children are working in their classrooms, I can hear musicians playing in the hall and the soft tones of French in the distance, I can hear laughter and exclamations, I can see children carrying their paintings ready to be framed, and a line of excited pupils has just passed my door going on an outing.

Our Year Six pupils have finished their SATs, have recently enjoyed a residential trip to the Isle of Wight and they are now preparing for their Grand Performance of 'The Dracula Rock Show'.

It is always with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to our Year Six pupils. We have watched them grow into confident, well-rounded individuals and we hope they take with them many happy memories of Willingham Primary School. We all wish them Good Luck for the future.

Memories of Year 6

Being in Year Six has been lots of fun!
I've done many things, such as the FUN RUN.
I've looked after our hamster Rocky George
He is so greedy, he loves to gorge.
I'm really looking forward to doing our play,
I've got so many lines to say.
I've performed magic tricks in front of the
school.

Everyone was amazed, yes one and all!
I have just one more thing to say...

I'VE ENJOYED EVERY DAY!!!!!!

by Daniel Shears



Fen Edge Festival of the Arts 18 – 20 July

The tiny village of Rampton is to host the first Fen Edge Festival of the Arts with a packed programme of activities for all ages. On Friday there will be storytelling on the Village Green at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, followed by the opening ceremony with a performance from distinguished local cellist Jonathan Fistein.

Across the weekend the annual summer exhibition will offer a range of contemporary art for sale. The medieval thatched parish church will host a flower festival and local craft exhibition with lunch of home-made breads and cheese. All this plus a brass band, morris dancers, and on the Sunday lunchtime the premier performance of Nick Ellis' 'Fen Sonata' for piano. If you are a local business you may also be interested in the launch of a new initiative by Ramparts offering companies the opportunity to exhibit contemporary art created by local artists.

For a full festival programme contact local arts development manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Thank you!
From Willingham Wives

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Pastoral Letter

That's a bit of Luck!

Holidays on a scorching beach, lounging in the sun sounds idyllic, but in reality I would not enjoy it for more than a day at a time. I choose to have 'out-and-about' days with restful ones in between.

On a recent holiday break one of my 'out-and-about' days included a visit to a windmill way out in the country. It was a hive of activity, plenty of people coming and going, offering a visit to a small farm with interaction with the animals, a working windmill, busy bakery, restaurant, gift shop, cycle hire and children's play area.

The little children loved the 'hand's on' approach with the animals, and quite naturally, the activities in the play area, bigger children wanted to hire cycles and explore the countryside; men seemed fascinated by the mechanics of the mill, and the women (and secretly the men folk) shopped at the bakery having been lured by the aroma of freshly baked bread. All came together with a cuppa or a meal at the restaurant, making for a happy day out.

As I sat by the mill I saw a basket with a sign on which read 'Lucky horseshoes, £1 each'. I took a peek in the basket and saw about a dozen horseshoes there, very worn, shabby and a bit rusty looking. My mind went back to my childhood days, and I recalled the periodic visits of the gypsy women who knocked on the door trying to sell their wares of pegs, lucky charms and lucky heather. Even then in my young mind I couldn't see how charms or heather could be lucky, they couldn't do anything, so how could they bring luck? Horseshoes termed lucky come into the same category in my thinking, and I recall what the Prophet Isaiah said:

'The metal worker takes a piece of metal and works with it over a fire. His strong arm swings the hammer to pound the metal into shape. As he works, he gets hungry, thirsty, and tired. The carpenter measures the wood. He outlines a figure with chalk, carves it out with tools...He prays to it and says, "You are my god - save me!" The Lord says, "remember this...I created you to be my servant. Come back to me; I am the one who saves you."

I am very thankful that the Lord God plans for me in love, and for my good. I don't need to trust to luck!

*Major Marian Lewis
Salvation Army*

Willingham WI



Our June meeting was held at Willingham Windmill, where Richard Cowley made us feel very welcome and gave us the most interesting talk about the windmill, its history, how he and his wife bought it, and their dreams of restoring it to a full working mill again in the not too distant future. To go with the talk those of us that wanted were given a guided tour of the Windmill. Most of us made it to the top of the mill, it was OK going up but not quite so sure about coming down, we did however all reach land again eventually. During the evening we also had a visit from several Cub Scouts and their leader to receive a cheque for £151.22, this was raised when we held a cake stall at their recent Fun Day.

Our next meeting is a members only meeting on Monday 14 July at The Octagon, this will be our Summer Party so please bring a plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoon and glass.



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.

Cakes The July cake stall will take place on Saturday 5 July, at the church, with cakes on sale from about 10 00 am. (It's a good idea to arrive early, before the cakes sell out.) If you would like to join the

team of cake makers, get in touch with Joyce Bowen on 261075.

Bric-a-brac Rene Gould's bric-a-brac stall continues at 19 Fen End and 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 **in term-time only**. All welcome.

Bumps and Babies meets on Thursday mornings from 10 00 to 11 30 am in the rear hall of the Baptist Church during term time. This is a chance for new and expectant parents to meet up for a

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

Salvation Army

Coffee morning Mondays 10 30 am – 12 noon
Craft meeting Mondays 2 pm
Thursday lunch 12 30 pm
Friendship Club Thursdays 2 pm.
 For information, ring Gordon on 260066

Shakespeare in the Secret Garden



King's College gardens, Audley End gardens and Warwick Castle gardens have all done it very successfully, making outdoor performances in famous gardens all over the country as much part of the great British summer as Wimbledon and wondering whether that heatwave will last.

But now you don't even have to leave the village to experience the joy of sitting in beautiful surroundings, enjoying food, drink and entertainment. For the first time the wonderful gardens of Willingham House will host three outdoor performances which will include scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream, songs from West End musicals and short sketches by playwrights such as Alan Ayckbourn.

The gardens provide a really beautiful backdrop and many residents of Willingham probably don't even realise they exist. And to make the event even more special, The Royal Palace Restaurant at Willingham house is offering food to accompany the occasion. Picnic trays are available at £5 per person to include items such as Spare Ribs, Vegetable Spring Rolls, Soya Honey Wings, Sesame Prawn Toasts and Battered Broccoli, or a full 3 course special set meal in the restaurant is being offered for £20.00 per person. A fully licensed bar is also available.

The performances take place on Friday and Saturday 15th and 16th August at 7.30pm and on Sunday 17th August at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £5 per person and are available by emailing wamad@hotmail.co.uk or phoning 07835 805115. Alternatively, come to the Public Hall from 8pm on Wednesdays to buy tickets in person. The meal options from the restaurant should also be ordered in advance using these contact details, or bring your own picnic.

We are encouraging people to bring their own seating so get out your sunloungers, picnic blankets and deckchairs and come along to Willingham's first very own outdoor theatre.



**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET**

www.willinghambaptist.org

6 July

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

13 July

10.00 am Liz Herrington
6 00 pm Liz Herrington

20 July

9 00 am Keith Rawlinson
10 45 am All-Age Service - to be held
at Primary School
6 00 pm Keith Rawlinson - Prayer
Focus

27 July

10 00 am TBA
6 00 pm Richard Sanders (Communion)

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

**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET**

6 July

10 30 am Worship
5 00 pm Worship

13 July

5 00 pm Worship

20 July

5 00 pm Worship

27 July

5 00 pm Worship

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

www.willinghamchurch.org

6 July

11 00 am Parish Communion

13 July

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

20 July

11 00 am Family Communion

27 July

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 July: 3rd).

There is a **prayer meeting** on the **last**
Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In
July: 25th).

Children are welcome at all our 11 am
services. On the 1st, 3rd & 5th
Sundays, there are activities for primary
school age children, and for younger
children there is a crèche. On 2nd and
4th Sundays we have activities in the
Church Service. 'Fidget Bags' are avail-
able 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 Gillian Macnaghten
know (01954 261817).

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
HIGH STREET
RAMPTON**

6 July

9 30 am Parish Communion

13 July

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village
Hall

20 July

9 30 am Parish Communion

27 July

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 July this is
Berrycroft, Elm Way, Thodays Close,
Newington.

Cambridge Water Village Life Fund 2008

This summer, Cambridge Water, in association with the Cambridge Evening News, will again be making available 10 awards of £250 to help towards fundraising for village groups or projects. They are looking to support activities that will benefit the village community and where a grant for £250 can make a positive difference. Whatever the project may be, they are aware that a great deal of fundraising activity goes on in the villages and they would like to help.

The 2007 Awards generated a tremendous response. Projects receiving funds included: the purchase of tents for scouts; supporting a newly refurbished village hall; a campaign to keep a village tidy; printing information leaflets to explain village services and funding interpretation boards on local village wildlife and history.

The closing date for entries is Friday, 11 July 2008 and the judging will take place in the late summer. The Awards will be presented during October.

Copies of the entry form may be obtained from the Parish Council Office and Cambridge Water they are asking that each entrant sends an accompanying letter giving a little more background information. If the fundraising is urgent they will also need to know.

The Good Old Days

We met, we married a long time ago,
 We worked for long hours and wages were low,
 No telly, no radio, no bath, times were hard,
 Just a cold water tap and a walk up the yard.
 We had coal on the fires, we never locked doors.
 Our children arrived, no pill in those days,
 And we brought them up without the State aid.
 No Valium, no drugs, no LSD,
 We cured our pains with a good cup of tea.
 If you were sick, you were treated at once,
 Not 'Fill in this form and come back next month.'
 No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob,
 In fact, you were rich with a couple of bob.
 People were happier in those far off days,
 Kinder and caring in so many ways,
 Milkmen and paperboys would whistle and sing,
 And a night at the flicks was a wonderful thing.
 Oh, we had our share of troubles and strife,
 But we had to face it. That was life!
 But now I'm alone and look back through the years,
 I don't think of bad times, the troubles and tears,
 I remember the blessings, our home and our love,
 We shared them together, and I thank you God.

Fred Thompson, Plaistow (sent in by Milford Jeeps)

Letters to the Editor

A tribute to a dear friend

Our friendship first began when we started to work together in 1972. We enjoyed the job and I relied on Lily more and more.

After her retirement we kept in touch and often went out together – especially enjoying our swimming.

When my father died and my mother moved to Willingham opposite Lily, I had more reason to be grateful. If I was away, I knew Lily would keep a caring eye on her.

We are still good friends, and on her special birthday this July, I just want to tell her how much her friendship has meant to me over all these years.

Hope Brookes

Lost cat

Hi again,

You may recall I sent you an email last month about our missing cat. He is still not back home with us and we have a few possible sightings but alas we've not caught him- if indeed it is him. We still don't think he has been run over. Obviously there is the possibility of him being poisoned by rat bait or something sinister, but no news either way so we are staying positive.

My phone number is 07974673836.

Rhys Tassell (Church Street)



Honey Pot Trundle



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Saturday 12th July
 10.00 - 12.00

Honey Pot Preschool, Thoday's Close,
 Willingham

bouncy castle, face painting,
 balloons, games, tombola,
 cake stall, produce/plant stall,
 refreshments.....and lots more!

All welcome to come and join in the fun!



The Honey Pot Pre-school



The Honey Pot provides pre-school sessions for children from the age of 2 years 9 months. In September we will be moving into a brand new purpose-built building on the site of Willingham Primary School.

Graded as 'GOOD' by OFSTED in December 2007 our sessions allow children to learn through play both indoors and outdoors. We provide a safe and happy environment in which children can make friends and gain confidence, preparing them for the transition to primary school.

For more information, to enquire about session availability and to put your child's name on the waiting list, please contact the Honey Pot Manager, Gillian Wakley-Trick on 01954 201567. Alternatively see our website www.honeypots.org.uk.

**Summer School
Cottenham Village College**

Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August 2008

Our fourteenth Summer School will start on Monday 28th July. This year we are offering 22 courses lasting from one to five days, catering for many tastes, so if you have never been before, now is your chance. Come and enjoy learning a new skill in a relaxed atmosphere with an excellent lunch each day, prepared for you. All the courses are led by excellent tutors and cover topics ranging from Digital Photography, Tapestry Weaving, Silver Jewellery to Pottery, Bridge and Bird Watching.

For more information on places available and to book, please contact the Community Office at Cottenham Village College on 01954 288751
Email: community@cvcweb.nect

Bin collections

- 2 July** Green bin and box
- 9 July** Black bin
- 16 July** Green bin and box
- 23 July** Black bin
- 30 July** Black bin

Leprosy Mission. Thank you for all the stamps you have sent. We also collect obsolete and foreign coins, and picture postcards. They may all be left in the box at the Parish Church. **Glossy magazines** (including *Willingham News*) should be placed in the green box. **Recycle Plastic** bearing the recycling symbol and having the initials PET, HDPE or PVC - recyclable at Willingham Co-op car park, or at Tesco, Bar Hill. **Plastic bags** may also be recycled at Willingham Co-op car park.

Sudoku set by Willow

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Solution on page 18

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

News for younger members!

Famous author, **Ian Whybrow** is coming to visit Willingham Library on Wednesday 6 August. He will be doing two lively sessions, talking about his life as a writer and reading from a selection of his books:

10.00-10.45 am "A Bucketful of Stories" for 4-6 year olds featuring the roaringly good Harry stories;

11.15 -12 noon "A Barrowful of Laughs" for children aged 7+ featuring a range of Ian's popular stories.

Go to Willingham Library now to reserve your free tickets as numbers are limited. Parents/carers must stay with children.

This event is being generously sponsored by Willingham Parish Council.

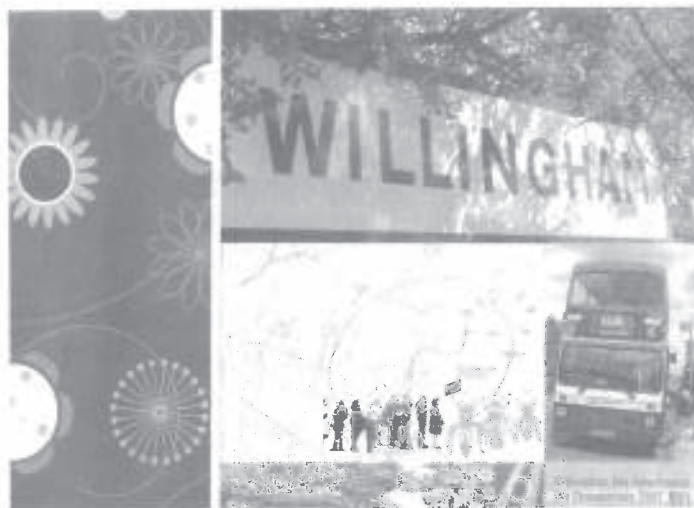
* This summer's children's reading challenge - "Team Read" - with its Olympic and sporting theme will begin as soon as school has finished so come along to the library and sign up to join in the fun. As usual we'll be having craft activities each Tuesday afternoon throughout the holidays.

Village Diary

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

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
July				
1	Parish Council meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Willingham Primary School	7 30 pm
5	Fete	Willingham School Association	Willingham Primary School	1 30 - 5 pm
7	'Around the world in our garden' - a talk by Roy Nunn	Gardening Club		
12	Sponsored Trundle and Leavers Party	Honeypot Preschool	Willingham Primary School	10 00 am - 12 00
19	Willingham Wing opening	Willingham Parish Council Association	Bus Stop High Street	1 30 - 5 pm 10 00 am
August				
4	Members evening out details to be announced at the July meeting.	Gardening Club		
6	Visit by well-known children's author Ian Whybrow	Library/ Parish Council	Library	Free Time TBA

The Willingham Wing



Like worker bees sweeping up pollen from one flower to another, the 15A bus departs Willingham with commuters from just another Cambridgeshire bus stop...or is it?

On closer inspection, this bus stop is definitely no ordinary stop; in fact, it is the product of a creative partnership between regional artist Zoë Chamberlain and Willingham Parish Council. The artist was offered the opportunity of designing a bus stop feature with local relevance for the village. Enchanted by the historical association of Willingham's flower growing and bee

keeping traditions, Zoë focused on the relationship between routes the bees used when moving from village to village and the journeys made by local workers on their way to work.

The design incorporates a sweeping roof inspired by traditional canopy design, giving an element of shelter in the restricted bus stop location. Working in metal for the main structure and polycarbonate for the wing feature, Zoë enlisted the help of co-designer Louise Watson to carry out the detailed technical design. Complimenting the feature is some unusual floor lighting with embedded designs by local teenagers.

The project has relied on an active steering group representing a partnership between Willingham Parish Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council. It has also been made possible thanks to the input and involvement of local residents at every stage, from development of initial design ideas through to installation.

To celebrate the new bus stop Willingham Parish Council invite local residents to the launch on Saturday 19 July, 10 00 am. We will be giving away limited edition Willingham shopping bags filled with goodies. We are also looking for local people to get involved with the Bringing Back the Flowers community planting project which will rejuvenate the verge surrounding the bus stop later in the year. The project hopes to be a catalyst encouraging more residents to bring the flowers back to Willingham! To find out more contact John Burnett on 01954 270338.

Village Directory

Council	Parish Council		01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman	Mr P King	01954 260780
	Planning Committee Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01223 464242
Schools	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club	Mrs R. Tiley	01954 200871
	Cottenham Village College		01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Mrs L Blunt	01954 261309
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Mrs W Leaney	01954 201089
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
	2nd Brownies	Mrs G Balaam	01954 260126
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Geoff Bailey Dancers	Mr G Bailey	01954 260233
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles	Kathryn Wright	01954 261770
	Bumps and Babies Group	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
Halls	Ploughman Hall 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
		Rev Geoffrey Turner	01954 261225
Churches	Anglican Church (Rector)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Mothers Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs Hilary Wyllie	01954 260051
	Baptist Church	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Monsignor Rogers	01223 350787
	Roman Catholic Priest	Major M Lewis	01480 386593
	Salvation Army		

We challenge you to Dance!



This year Cottenham and Impington Village Colleges joined forces to launch a new campaign called Plug into Dance. The idea is to get as many people dancing as possible. Why? Because as well as being a great way to exercise, dance is also social and fun. Local people of all ages took up the challenge at the Festival of Sport, Fitness and Dance in Histon earlier in June.

If you want to start dancing there are a wide range of clubs and classes on offer in South Cambridgeshire. And if there isn't something to suit your taste then why not start up your own group? For more information contact your local arts development manager Amy Wormald on 01943 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk, or visit www.myspace.com/PLUGINTODANCE



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1	2	3	5	9	6	7	4	8

Solution to Sudoku puzzle on page 15

CLUB "60" Holidays

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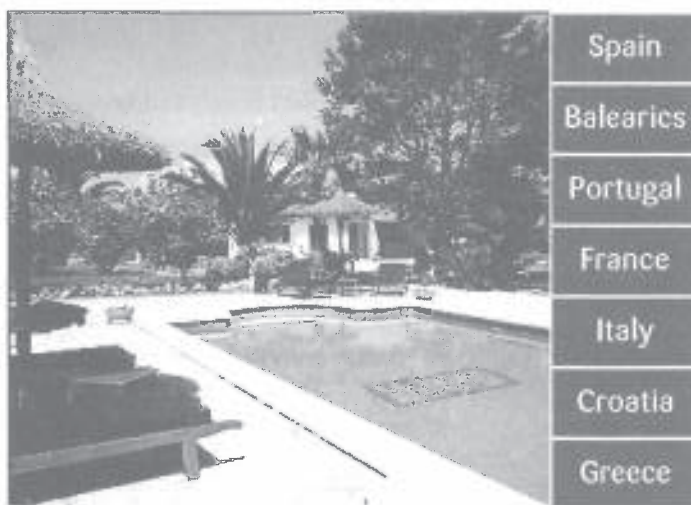
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WILLINGHAM CRICKET CLUB FIXTURE LIST

Sat 5 July	Needlingworth (home)	Needlingworth 2nds (away)
Sat 12 July	Littleport (away)	Cambourne 2nds (home)
Sat 19 July	Bottisham/Lode (home)	Waterbeach 2nds (away)
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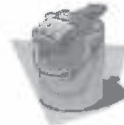
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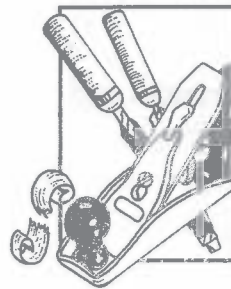
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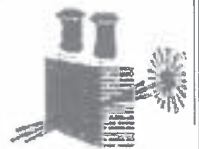
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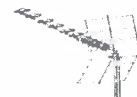
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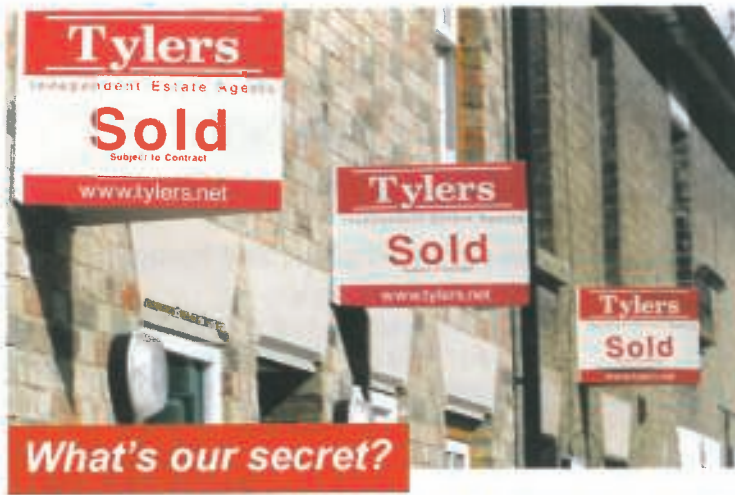
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