

WILLINGHAM NEWS



September 2008

A window to a very different world...

A yellowing press cutting turned up in some papers belonging to Phil Brown's grandmother. It came from *The Press and News* dated 13 August 1937 and covered the hundredth birthday of George Barton. It began:

'100 YEARS OLD TO-DAY Willingham Man's Memories

Willingham will today have the distinction of numbering a centenarian among its inhabitants. Mr George Barton was asked "What do you think it is that has enabled you to live to a hundred?" "I think it was because I was a good boy". He chuckled as he gave this reply, but the next moment, he became serious. "Honestly," he said, and his tone of voice betokened his sincerity, "I do really think that the worry I have had throughout my life has made Him spare me."

Mr Barton was sitting up in his bed in a room over the little shop in Silver Street, Willingham, kept by his son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs C Barton {where the Salvation Army citadel is now} where he has been living for the past thirty years. Though he is "a bit shaky on his legs" as he puts it – for that reason he has been in bed since January – he nevertheless has sound hearing and an excellent memory. Mr Barton, who has lived in Willingham all his life, is not one of those who thinks of the old days as "good". "When I began work at twelve we were treated worse than slaves. I was 'let out' by my parents to a farmer and my wages were a pound a YEAR. It wasn't enough money even to buy my clothes with. During the second year, I was paid 30s (£1.50) for the year's work. I had to get up at between four and five in the morning and I didn't finish till late. There were no holidays and no Saturday afternoons off then.'

In 1851, George lived in Over Road with his parents John and Mary and brother Charles. According to the census, his father was Parish Clerk. By 1861 Mary was now head of the family working as a huckster or pedlar. George and Charles worked on the land.



Telegram from family on 100th birthday

George went on to say "When I was 22 I was earning 8s (40p) a week. I married at 24, on a wage of 9s (45p) a week and on that we brought up a family of

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.....and seen in today's Willingham



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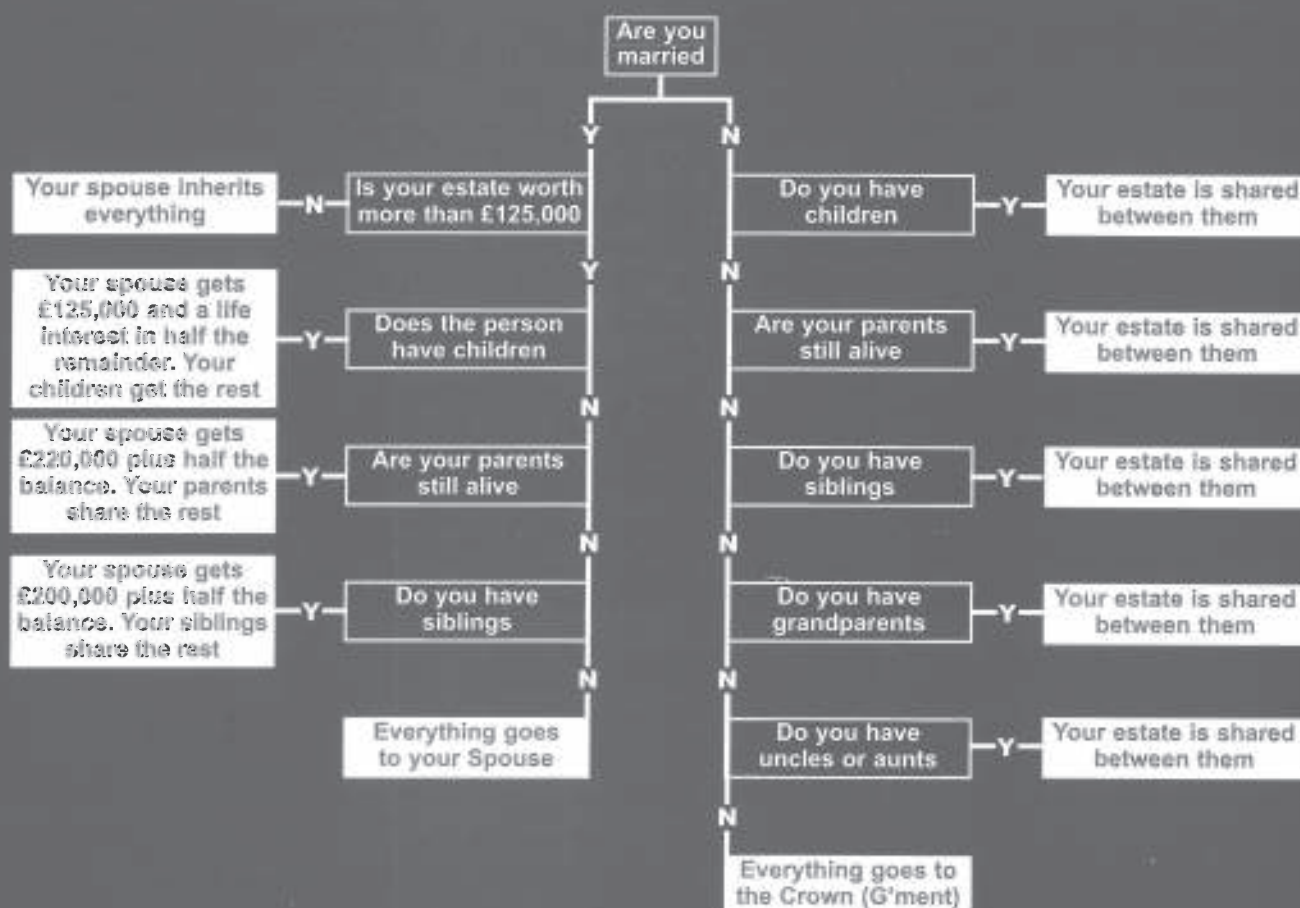
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From the Parish Council

Pyrethrum Way

It should be noted that the Parish Council has most definitely not banned ball games on the public open spaces in Pyrethrum Way. The Council welcomes the proposal by a member of the public at a recent Parish Council meeting that the issues raised be resolved amicably amongst the residents, so that all can enjoy the open space provided.

Feast Weekend

The Parish Council is pleased to be associated with plans to extend the activities during Feast Weekend (4 and 5 October).

New Litter-picker

Many people noticed that after Angele Cernauskiene resigned from her job of litter-picker, Willingham's central roads began to look messy. We are pleased to be able to announce that we have appointed a new litter-picker. He is Mark Mumford, and he has already begun work – and the results are visible.

This is a good moment to remind everyone that dropping litter, or throwing it out of car windows, is anti-social behaviour. There are plenty of litter bins in Willingham. Please use them.

Team Read Challenge

Medals will be given out on 11 September to children who have taken part in this year's reading challenge. The Council has once again supported this very popular initiative by the County Library service.

Council communications

The Parish Council wants to ensure that everyone knows about its actions and decisions. The Council's role is to work for the village.

Meetings of the Council, and its committees, are open to members of the public, and there is a period near the beginning of each meeting when members of the public are able to raise issues. Minutes of meetings – full Council, and committees – are posted on the notice board at the Public Hall, and are also available in the Library. As readers of *Willingham News* will know, each month there is a Parish Council report.

At its August meeting, the Council decided to appoint Councillor Bill Kirkman as communications officer, for a trial period of six months. He will be glad to hear from any parishioners what they think about the way in which the Council communicates to the village.

New bus timetable

On 24 August Stagecoach introduced a new timetable for buses from and to Willingham. The timetable is given on page 18.

Dates of meetings

Dates of meetings are posted on the Parish Council website (www.willingham-pc.org.uk) and on the Parish notice board at the Public Hall, and at the Library. Committee meetings are held at the Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, and full Council meetings take place in the Ploughman Hall itself.

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 3 September.

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

Jottings from your county councillor

Many thanks to all of you who contacted me after last month's article about the traffic lights at Berrycroft. I had a very large number of responses and nobody was in favour of making the change. So I have advised the Parish Council (where the request was first made) that I will not be pursuing the idea further. One thing that was clear was the problem with parking in Over Road near the junction. There are some yellow lines, but they are not sufficient and I will see whether there is any possibility of getting them extended. This might help to reduce the congestion along Over Road.

I have some good news to report this month. There was a huge outcry when Stagecoach last changed their services and the direct link between Willingham and

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

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Mr T Walkden	01954 201722
Mr J Watson (Leisure & Amenities Committee Chair)	01954 200245

Longstanton was lost. I am really glad to report that after years of lobbying, a new service 15 was introduced at the end of August which will restore the link. I had always thought that the advent of the guided busway would encourage Stagecoach to change their route to allow a direct link into the Longstanton Park and Ride, but I didn't think it would happen before the end of the year. I know that the new route will be a real benefit to those living along Station Road who have had no bus for a number of years and am glad that common sense has finally prevailed. Service 15 will now take a different route from Cambridge to St Ives, calling instead at Bar Hill, Longstanton, Willingham, Over and Swavesey, before heading to Fen Drayton and St Ives. But I guess I should wait for the howls of dismay from those who liked going via Earith!

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

Shona Johnstone

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Rampton Parish Council has a new Clerk. He is: Mr Terry Harding, 37 High Street, Rampton, Cambridge, CB24 8QE, Tel: 01954 251310 Mobile: 07801 669910. E: mail: clerk.rpc@googlemail.com

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eight children. Seven of them I've buried; only one's alive now. It was easier when the younger children grew up, then they gave some of their earnings to the house and my wife had about 15s (75p) a week. Neighbours thought then that she was lucky to have so much.

"We used to grow our own vegetables – I had ten poles of land when we were married. And we used to get corn which we took to the mill and had ground. Then from the flour, womenfolk used to make bread – three loaves out of a stone of flour (6.3 kg). But it was a hard struggle. I've known men who've had to steal to live. One farmer I used to work for was talking to me about the wages he paid me, and said, "I call it dead robbery." "If you call 1s 6d (7½p) a day dead robbery," I said, "I'm not going to work for you anymore." And I never did. I used to work till I was over 80. I used to sow crops then."

By 1871, George had moved to Rampton End where he lived with his wife Hepzibah and children Harry and Jane (twins), Charlotte, Ebenezer and Charles. A daughter, Lily, was born in 1875, a son, John W, in 1878 and another daughter, Edith, in 1885.

Other memories included the arrival of the railway around 1850, an earlier visit to Cambridge by Queen Victoria, and the local celebrations of her Golden Jubilee in 1887 where he won the foot race for the over fifties and came third in that for the over forties. He was also a good batsman in his day. "Chatteris used to be Willingham's great rivals. Once – I wasn't playing then, but I saw the match – we beat 'em by one run. When they were getting near winning I heard the Chatteris fellows saying 'We'll put the ball in a glass case.' But even then they didn't win!"

He remembered the time before Willingham Fen was enclosed by "men from Cambridge" when all the farmers grazed cows on it, with three men deputed to bring all the cows back to the village for milking. He also recollected the building of the bridge over the 'Hundred Foot Drain' at Earith. He never went to the cinema, but liked the wireless - but could not work or understand it. He had

ridden in cars but was afraid of being hit. He still enjoyed his pipe and a glass of beer until about two years previously. He recalled farmers brewing their own beer in March; enough to last for a year.

His wife died in 1907. He had 13 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. He always thought that he was born on 12 August and celebrated on that day until 1937 when the local doctor obtained his birth certificate showing the true date. Sadly, George passed away early in 1939 and was buried in Willingham cemetery.



George on his 90th birthday, with his son Charles to left in centre row and Charles's wife Fanny to George's right in back row. Charles and Fanny kept a shop in Silver Street.

The Barton family has been described as being 'a third strand of stability of service to Willingham Baptist Church', (where George himself was baptised in 1873). In 1874, he contributed 3s (15p) towards the cost of the then Willingham Tabernacle opened on 26 May 1875 (a not inconsiderable sum bearing in mind his income and family responsibilities). This tradition was carried on by his granddaughter Miriam, and her daughter Mrs Hope Brookes who currently serves on the Tabernacle flower rota.



Willingham Medical Practice

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Saturday morning surgeries As mentioned in last month's newsletter we are currently trialling a Saturday morning surgery session for three months during July, August and September to gauge demand. We will be **open from 8 30 am – 11 45 am each Saturday morning**. Government policy dictates that these sessions should be **reserved for 'routine book in advance doctor appointments' and will not be walk-in emergency sessions**. These surgeries are intended for people who work and cannot attend during the week. Unfortunately there are no laboratory facilities available to allow for blood tests on Saturdays so if these are required we can offer appointments from 8 30 am during the week. 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. Please fill out our questionnaire available in reception or pharmacy.**

Collection of repeat prescriptions

We regret that it would not be viable at present for us to open the pharmacy on Saturdays and you will not be able to collect your repeat prescriptions then. **However the pharmacy will be open until 6 30 pm on Monday and Friday, 6 00 pm on Tuesday, and 7 00 pm on Wednesday evenings.**

Acknowledgements Our grateful thanks to family and friends and to the Longstanton Sports and Social Club for their kind donations to the Longstanton Surgery Equipment Fund in memory of Gerald Wright. Our thanks also to friends and family of Michael John Lowe who sent donations in his memory. Both these donations have contributed to the purchase of auroscopes and privacy screens for the consulting rooms at Longstanton. The Willingham Surgery Equipment Fund has received donations in memory of Joan Chapman and our thanks go to her family and friends. We have invested in additional equipment for Dr Kuruvuilla's sigmoidoscopy service and an additional hearing loop for the consulting rooms.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

Message from Sally, formerly Nurse Practitioner to Willingham and Longstanton surgery:

I would like to say a huge thank you to all my friends, whether staff or patients, for the wonderful messages, cards and presents I have received over the past couple of

weeks. It was a difficult decision to leave the place and the people I have known and cared about for so long, and I know I will miss so many of you. 22 years is a long time to work in one place, and the fact that it is such a good place to be, made it very hard to leave.

However, I feel the time is right for me to have a total change, and will now be working in travel medicine, at The Travel Clinic Ltd in Hills Road Cambridge. I will be advising people and protecting them against some of the health risks involved in foreign travel - malaria, rabies, encephalitis, etc, so will be working in quite a specialised area of medicine. It will be very different from the practice, but I will be keeping in touch with my colleagues there, and may on occasion return to provide holiday cover if they will have me!

I wish you all a healthy happy future, and look forward to seeing many of you around the village. Very best wishes, and thank you again.

Sally.

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Reception Hours

In response to requests the phones are now manned for enquiries and to make appointments from 8.00am.

Willingham Ladies Hockey Club



Willingham Ladies Hockey Club is open to any ladies over the age of 18 who would like to play hockey on a fun basis.

Players meet at Willingham Recreation Ground at 10 00 every Saturday from September to June. The new season starts on Saturday 6 September 2008.

For further details telephone Kris on 01954 202082

- a chance to sponsor

Five players from the Willingham Ladies Hockey Club have taken up the challenge of running the Great Eastern Run in Peterborough on Sunday 12 October 2008. The race is one of the Regional Grand Prix Series, starting at 11 00 at Cathedral Square in Peterborough and is expected to attract over 4,000 runners.

The ladies are hoping to raise £1,000 for Cancer Research UK who have research laboratories in Cambridge. Cancer Research UK are the world's leading independent organisation dedicated to cancer research and are leading the world in finding new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat the disease.

Helen Bardwell, Julie Peck, Marion Rose, Naomi Sharma and Hayley Thirkettle have been training since July in order to build up to the distance of 13.1 miles (20km) and hope to finish in times of between 2 hrs and 2hrs 30 mins.

If you would like to sponsor Helen, Julie, Marion, Naomi and Hayley please visit www.justgiving.com/willinghamhockey

Thank you for your support!

Sudoku set by Willow

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Willingham Sheltered Housing

Thank you...

The residents and friends of Willingham Sheltered Housing would like to thank the Billavincea Lodge R.A.O.B for their generous donation for a new dishwasher.

...and help us

There will be a Fundraiser for Macmillan Nurses at Wilford Furlong Centre on **27 September** from **10 30 am** onwards

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to book a Stall or Pitch

Willingham WEA

Our next course of ten sessions will commence on Monday, 22 September 2008 at 10 00 am in the Baptist Church Hall, George Street, Willingham. The title is *The Wartime Garden 1939-44* and includes the dig for victory campaign as roses make way for Anderson shelters, flowers are replaced by cabbages and pigs join the pinks. Allotments, propaganda and humour! **Tutor:** Twigs Way. **Fees** are £43 (no charge to those in receipt of certain benefits). Come along to the first session or contact Rosemary Mumford (01954 260934) or Jacqueline Hodgkinson (01954 201816) for further information.

Official Opening of Willingham Sports Pavilion

Sunday 7 September, 12 noon

It is with great pleasure that Willingham Sports Council is able to welcome you all to the official opening of the new Sports Pavilion.

Just to give some background to this project, Willingham Sports Council is a voluntary organisation that represents the user groups of Willingham Recreation Ground. It was formed over five years ago with the intention of raising money for projects that would improve the facilities on the recreation ground for the benefit of the clubs using it.

Originally the idea was to raise funds for an all-weather multi-use games area. However, when key potential funders were approached, they all commented that our Sports Pavilion was not up to the required standard and would need a significant up-grade before they would even consider an all-weather multi-use games area.

That is what set the ball rolling. We now had a bigger challenge, not just an all-weather games area but a new pavilion.

Achieving this proved a much bigger task than expected, bearing in mind we started out with absolutely no money. We started off by organising various fund-raising events to help pay for some designs. Willingham Parish Council gave us their backing and helped with the funding for the architect designs and the building.

This was only the beginning. When we approached the major funders of the project, they required certain specifications: four unisex changing rooms, two officials' rooms with showers, disabled toilets and shower facilities, club room, kitchen etc. This meant we had to raise even more money if this project was going to happen.



We had to obtain tenders from numerous builders to confirm costs before we even had the money to pay for the project.

Eventually we managed to gain enough grants and backing to get the Pavilion built.

We would therefore like to thank our funders, who are:

The Football Foundation	Willingham Wolves F C
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South Cambridgeshire District Council	Willingham WI
Donarborn and Monde Green	Willingham Bowls Club
Willingham Sports Council	Willingham parishioners

So after five plus years we finally made it.

Willingham Sports Council would like to invite you to the official opening on Sunday 7 September at 12 noon. I am also pleased to say, this will coincide with the Willingham Wolves F C colts, five a side tournament that commences around 10 00 am.

I would like to thank all the members of Willingham Sports Council for their years of hard work and for making this a success. Let's hope they can keep going and eventually provide an all-weather multi-use games area.

Finally, please remember these facilities are here for the whole community, so let's all enjoy the benefit by joining in and using them and at the same time looking after them. Let's make Willingham known for its sporting participation.

Simon Nunn
Chairman
Willingham Sports Council

Brownies unit suspended until further notice

Two Female leaders needed.

Due to work commitments the present leaders are unable to keep the unit going and have found one volunteer but still need to find two ladies who would train to help 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 two hours a week to spare an outgoing personality and enjoy helping young people fulfil their potential.

Feel you can help? Please contact us as soon as possible.

Tel; Gina Balaam 01954 260126 or Joanne Aldhouse 01954 261894

Pastoral Letter

A far-away place?

China fascinates. Those of us who have never been there hold on to the stereotypes picked up from books, films and news reports. Huge, distant, inscrutable. Silk and tea. Communism and table-tennis. Pollution. Tiananmen Square. As this letter was being written, however, many thousands of Europeans were tasting China for the first time, discovering (like Marco Polo centuries ago) a country that exceeds dreams. As you read this, these visitors will have come home, with millions of digital photos, hours of videotape and acres of travellers' tales, all testifying to the sophistication, skill and momentum of this enormous country, and its astonishing pace of change. Few will return to tell us it was not worth going to Beijing.

Some readers of this Pastoral Letter will know of another Marco Polo experience, that also challenges preconceptions, disintegrates stereotypes and opens up ideas beyond imagination. Discovering Jesus Christ has all these qualities. Most of us have the vaguest ideas about who God is, what He is like, whether there is really anyone there at all, or whether what we call God is merely a reflection of the mental processes that certain religious people have....but Jesus sweeps all these away. He reveals all that God is: loving, truthful, pro-active, righteous, powerful, fair. He brings forgiveness. He welcomes people of all sorts. He requires only that we are humble enough to recognise we need him, and trusting enough to take the step of faith we call belief. He changes our view of what life is about. In particular, he gives hope for the future.

I wonder if you are into this Marco Polo experience? If not, there is no need to pay a hefty fare to get there. A good way to find out about it - just like the Beijing Olympics - is to talk to someone who has been there. Or come with them to a church service, and see if you return to say it was worthwhile? It's not such a far-away place.

Andrew Wyllie
Baptist Church

Willingham Gardening Club

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

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 1 September - Dennis Gifford will attend our meeting to speak to us about 'Geraniums'.

Our programme of outings continues. The next is on **Saturday 20 September**. We first visit historic Windsor for lunch and sightseeing. In the afternoon we go to Osterley Park House and Gardens. The cost is £20 per person (£13 for RHS members). Non-members of the Club 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 pm at the end of each outing. All outings leave from the Green unless otherwise stated.

Monday 6 October - Joe Sharman will attend our meeting to speak to us about 'Hellebores'.

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

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 from 1 30 pm. 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. Why not have a go? There is still time to enter.

Entry forms are available from the Library, Rainbow Crafts, Berrycroft Stores and the Post Office. Come along anyway and have a look at local produce and crafts.



Baptist Matters

Open Door will re-open on Thursday, 11 September. 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 will recommence on Thursday 11 September and will meet on every Thursday morning 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 will recommence on Tuesday 9 September and will meet 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.

Parish Church

Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time, so has had a break during August, but will re-start on 5 September.

Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers time to meet others and be creative. It is held in the Octagon from 10 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 cake stall, at the church, takes place on the first Saturday of the month: this month on 6 September. Cakes are on sale from about 10 00 am – and they go quickly!

Bric-a-brac Rene Gould's stall is at 19 Fen End, and is a good place to buy. Rene is always pleased to receive goods for sale. Proceeds from the cake stall and the bric-a-brac stall go to the Restoration Fund.

Mothers' Union We open our autumn meeting with a service in the church, with communion led by the Revd Paul Duffett, on Monday 29 September at 2 30 pm. We are hoping to have the Literature Stall. All are welcome to come and join us. Transport can be arranged. Ring 260688.

Salvation Army

Every Monday Coffee morning at 10 30 am. Craft at 2 00 pm

On Thursdays lunch at 12 30 pm and Friendship Club at 2 00 pm.

Date for your diary Feast Sunday 5 October. Letchworth Band for the day.

For information call 260066

CONCERT 6 September

7 30 pm
Willingham Church

Jennifer Thompson, Paul Ingle,
Gordon Hewlett & friends

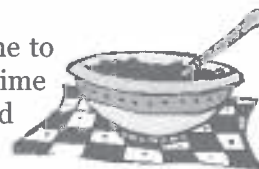
A programme of Popular Classics
and Songs from the Shows

Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's Charity Lunch will be held at 1 00 pm on Saturday 13 September, at 168 Station Road, co-hosted by Rhoda Yates, Joyce Bowen and David Scott.

The lunch, which costs £3, consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea or coffee etc. This year's charity which we are supporting is the local Over Day Care Centre, which was established in 1989 to provide care for the frail and elderly in Over and the surrounding vilages, reaching as far as Cottenham and Elsworth and including Bar Hill, Longstanton, Willingham, Swavesey and Rampton. It is a self-funded organisation and although it is in receipt of some grants etc, is continually looking for funds. It also continues to look for volunteers to become involved in all aspects of the Day Centre. Visitors to the Centre are always welcome.

These lunches are social occasions, a good time to meet both old and new friends and at the same time raise money for needy causes, so why not come and join us.





**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET**

www.willinghambaptist.org

7 September

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie
(Communion)

6 00 pm Richard Sanders

14 September

10 00 am Keith Rawlinson
6 00 pm Geoff Pake

21 September

9 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
10 45 am All - Age Service at Primary
School
6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe
(Communion)

28 September

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
6 00 pm Liz Herrington

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

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

www.willinghamchurch.org

7 September

11 00 am Parish Communion

14 September

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11 00 am All Age Worship
6 00 pm Evensong

21 September

11 00 am Family Communion

28 September

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

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 September: 4th).

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

Children are welcome at all our
11 00 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
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 Gillian Macnaghten
know (01954 261817).

**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET**

7 September

10 30 am Worship
5 00 pm Worship

14 September

5 00 pm Worship

21 September

5 00 pm Harvest Festival

28 September

5 00 pm Worship

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
HIGH STREET
RAMPTON**

7 September

9 30 am Parish Communion

14 September

9 30 am Church Lite in the
Village Hall

21 September

9 30 am Parish Communion

28 September

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 September this is
Balland Field, MillField, Mill Road.

**New Minister for
Willingham Baptist Church**

We are very pleased that Revd Trevor
Rowe has accepted the invitation to
the Pastorate at Willingham
Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Trevor studied at Regents Park
College, Oxford, graduating in 1989.
At present, he is Missioner with the
North Western Baptist Association,
where he was based initially at
Coverdale, Manchester, and then
more recently at Radcliffe. He states:
'The driving force in my life is to
make Jesus known and to make the
church relevant in the 21st century.'

Trevor has a special affinity with
children, and in his current role he
has visited over 400 schools in the
North West and beyond with
'Coverdale Puppets'. He has also led
many holiday clubs, and recently we
benefited from his experience when
he came to help with the club here in
Willingham.

Trevor and his wife Catherine will
be moving to Willingham in mid-
September. They have a son, two
daughters, and five grandchildren.

The induction will be held at
Willingham Tabernacle Baptist
Church, George Street, at 2 00 pm on
20 September. All are welcome to
join us on this occasion in celebrating
God's goodness.

Hilary Wyllie (Church Secretary)

Letters to the Editor

Willingham Wing bus stop

Am I alone in this village thinking the latest installation in the High Street is not only useless but a complete waste of money and that it serves no purpose, let alone the purpose for which it was intended? I could go on!

All I ask is, please don't describe it as a 'Bus Shelter' as that would be a complete travesty of the word Shelter. I can only suggest the persons responsible have never waited for a bus in their lives.

Could a promise be made that a similar one will never be built opposite our lovely church?

Lyn Curtis

Rampton End

I am sure I am not alone when airing my disappointment at the new bus stop, the Willingham Wing.

As a regular user of the bus service and an active member of the artistic community I was sorely dismayed by the latest addition to the village. I have recently stood under the wing whilst it was raining and found that the 'roof' is too high and at such an angle that it doesn't protect you from any of the prevailing weather. I am assuming that the artist did not speak with local residents and especially those who use the bus stop to find out what was needed, otherwise she would have been told how exposed that spot can be especially in the winter time. At least the old bus stop protected from icy wintry winds and rain.

Although initially I was in favour of combining something artistic and functional, my deepest fears have been realised with this project. Not only does the bus stop not function as any kind of shelter, (I presume that is its intention?) it also calls into question art as functional object. This new addition will, I am afraid, get art and artists a bad name. There are plenty of examples of inspiring architectural projects in this country that are both functional and aesthetically beautiful; unfortunately this is not one of them.

Siobhan Martin

Millfield

Reply

We are sorry these readers do not like the new bus stop. We think it is an attractive and unique feature of which the village can be proud and we can confirm from personal experience that it does provide shelter from the rain.



When money was made available from the Bournays Manor development for an Arts Project the Parish Council tried to consult as widely as possible on the best use of the funds. Disappointingly, there was little input from parishioners but a sub-committee of the Council gave freely many hours of their time in trying to devise a scheme that met the funding criteria and provided some practical purpose. The way the money could be spent was conditional on very strict rules. The Parish Council pushed as hard as it could to maximise the practical purpose and was reminded on more than one occasion that the money was ring-fenced for the Arts. A statue or a painting would have been fine but a bus stop was pushing at the edge of what might be allowed. That is why the structure could not be designed as a conventional Bus Shelter.

Thanks to some great help from the District Council and a very talented artist a compromise was reached, which although we know not everyone in the village will like is surely better than an Angel of the Fens or, perish the thought, an oil painting of the Parish Council. There is no possibility that a similar bus stop will be put up anywhere else in the village – it would not be Art if it was just a copy of the Willingham Wing.

We ask those readers who are still unhappy to come and participate in any of our many Parish Council meetings, all of which are advertised and open to the public. Better still, volunteer to serve on the council in the future and help us take the decisions we are asked to make.

Councillors Phil King and John Burnett



Christmas Greetings in Willingham News

Last year we invited readers to publish their local Christmas greetings in the December issue, instead of sending cards. We are offering the opportunity again this year.

For just £6, take a 'box' (one-sixteenth of a page). The proceeds will go to a local charity.

Send your greeting as soon as possible (to willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk, or in an envelope addressed to *Willingham News* and delivered to the Library.

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

Wednesday 24 September at 7 30 pm in the Library
Friends of Willingham Library present

Oliver Cromwell - Myth and Reality

An informal illustrated look at what the great man was really like by local author Roy Sherwood, whose books include

Oliver Cromwell: King in All but Name, 1653-1658; The Civil War in the Midlands 1642-51; and The Court of Oliver Cromwell.

Tickets are now available from the library free of charge.

Wednesday 1 October 2 00 - 4 00 pm Engage in the Afternoon

A gathering in Willingham Library for adults. There will be a short talk by Sue Williamson, Manager of Cambridge

Central Library about books and reading, an opportunity to change books or use the computers, and tea/coffee will be available. This is the first of a regular meeting on the first Wednesday of alternate months and will be free of charge

'Meet the author' success

An exciting time was had by all who came to Willingham Library to meet famous children's author Ian Whybrow on Wednesday 6 August.



Nearly 50 children and their carers enjoyed listening to Ian talk about what it is like to be a writer, and tell funny and moving stories about where some of his ideas have come from. He read extracts from his books and invited willing volunteers to act out scenes from *Harry and the Robots*. We found out why Harry has to wear a hat in the Australian edition (all Australian children have to wear hats to be allowed to play outside at school) and heard about the demands of preparing a book to be made into a television series in America.

Heffers Book Shop brought a selection of his books for sale and the children were able to chat to Ian while he signed their copies.

We would like to thank the Parish Council whose generous support made this event possible. Phil King, Parish Council Chairman, came along to join in the fun.

Percheron success stories

This has been another successful season for Willingham's Percheron horses.

Gordon Bailey's Willingham Crystal was champion Percheron and supreme champion Heavy Horse at the Newark and Nottinghamshire Show, and champion Percheron and supreme champion (all breeds) at the Soham Carnival. In the Royal Norfolk show it was champion Percheron.

Willingham Marie and foal were champion Percheron and best foal in the Suffolk County show, and the same in the East of England show. In the Royal Show Willingham Marie was champion Percheron, and supreme champion Heavy Horse.

For the second time in three years Gordon Bailey's horse was supreme champion horse or pony, and the foal was unbeaten during the whole season.

The Garner family's Hales Percherons were also successful, in the turnout classes which is their speciality. At the Royal Show in Warwickshire they won the single class and the pair class, and were also second in the team event.

Their mare has recently had a foal, and has therefore been working only in pair and team classes.

Early in the season they were fifth and sixth in the Suffolk and East of England show, and achieved two thirds in the New Forest show. They will be taking part in the musical drive at the Horse of the Year show in Birmingham in October.

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
September				
1	'Growing Geraniums' talk by Dennis Gifford	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	Celia 01954 261394
6	Concert		Willingham Parish Church	7 30 pm
6	Horticultural and Craft Show	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham School	Tony Halsey 201910
6	Autumn Show	Fen Edge Community Association	Cottenham Village College	
7	Sports Pavilion Opening	Willingham Sports Council	Recreation Ground	12 noon
8	Talk 'Personal shopper/stylist'	Womens Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
13	Charity Lunch		168 Station Road	1 00 pm
20	Induction of Minister	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	2 00 pm
20	Middlesex-Windsor outing	Willingham Gardening Club		Depart the Green 8 30 am
22	'the Wartime Garden'	WEA	Baptist Church	10 00 am
24	'Oliver Cromwell - Myth and Reality' talk, Roy Sherwood	Friends of Willingham Library	Library	7 30 pm
27	Fundraiser event	Willingham Sheltered Housing	Wilford Furlong Centre	10 30 am
October				
1	'Engage in the Afternoon': tea/coffee and a speaker (for adults)	Library Service	Library	2 00 pm - 4 00 pm
4,5	Willingham Feast			
6	'Hellebores' talk by Joe Sharman	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	Celia 01954 261394



Poppy Appeal 2008

We are in need of street collectors for this year's poppy appeal. If you can help please contact organiser Mrs M Few on 260124.

Willingham WI

As autumn approaches we are back indoors for our September meeting. This will be on Monday 8 September at 7 30 at The Social Club, Fen End. The speaker will be Bev Briggs - with a talk entitled 'Personal Shopper / Stylist'.

If you think you would like an evening out once a month to enjoy a varied programme of speakers and meet a group of very friendly ladies then why not come along on 8 September; you will be most welcome.



Village Diary

PLEASE tell *Willingham News* about any events your organisation has planned.

Parish Plan update

For those of you who are wondering whether the Parish Plan questionnaire that you filled in last autumn was worth the effort, there is good news. The wait for the Plan is almost over. The summary to be delivered to every household is nearing its final production phase, and for the really dedicated the full Plan, amounting to some 100 pages, will be available on CD in the autumn, when there will be a public meeting to present it to the village and talk about the next phase of ensuring that the actions listed are followed up. The Plan will also be formally presented to the Parish, District and County Councils.

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
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	Mr J Sibley	01954 260436
	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	Mother's 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
	Parish Church	Mrs Gillian Macnaghten	01954 261817

CLUB "60" Holidays

CROMER End of Pier Summer Seaside Special Show

Tuesday 8th July – 5th & 19th August £27

BURE VALLEY Steam Train & MISSISSIPI Steam Boat

£29.75 inc Sandwich lunch 14th July

YARMOUTH – Hippodrome SUMMER SPECTACULAR

Matinee Only £24

Wednesdays 23rd July & 27th August

NOTTINGHAM PRINCESS River Boat Trip

£29 inc Roast Lunch 9th September

4 Days EASTBOURNE £169 inc 5th September

5 Days BLACKPOOL Illuminations

£185 inc 6th to 10th October

NORWICH Christmas Shopping - Sat 15th November £15

WISBECH Christmas Market - Mon 15th December £14

BOOK 5 Days Tinsel & Turkey 2008 NOW

Scarborough – Bournemouth

Llandudno - Weston Super Mare

TWIXMAS – CROMER & NORWICH

27th to 28th December £72

3 Days HOLIDAY on ICE in BRIGHTON

Staying in Eastbourne January 2009 £99

LOCAL VILLAGE PICK UP "WILLINGHAM"

Telephone 01954 200221

Bin collections

3 September	Black Bin
10 September	Green Bin and Box
17 September	Black Bin
24 September	Green Bin and Box

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

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

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

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

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Solution to Sudoku puzzle on page 9

this timetable starts 24th August 2008

Cambridge • Willingham • Swavesey • Fenstanton • St Ives

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WAYS TO SATURDAY STREET PUBLIC ROAD														
route number	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80
Cambridge Street St. Mary's	M-F												A	A
Cambridge Street St. Mary's	0740		0820		20		1630	1650	1720	1750	1820	1850	2100	2300
Gorton Canal	0750		0930		30		1630	1700	1730	1800	1830	1910	2110	2310
East Hill Road	0750	0830	0910		30		1630	1700	1730	1800	1830	1910	2110	2310
Longhampton Church	0805	0845	0915		40		1645	1715	1745	1815	1845	1920	2120	2320
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Over Green	0825	0905	1005		05		1655	1735	1805	1835	1905	1935	2135	2335
Swavesey High Street	0832	0912	1012		12		1712	1742	1812	1842	1912	2005	2205	0005
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St Ives • Fenstanton • Swavesey • Willingham • Cambridge

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AB-E These items run alongside the findings info

A. These evening journeys start from Gorton, Chelmsford and Box Hill village (see 10.5.8 & 10.5.9 for full details).

Pidley • Earith • Willingham • Cambridge

15A/15B

100 DAYS TO PRIMARY/LEFT PUBLIC HOUSES				
route number	73	75A	route number	150
Pidley Road Club	0705		Cambridge Avenue St. Mary's	1653
Somershams The Triangle	0712		Manstead Close	1702
Somershams The Cross	0715		Extondown Green	1715
Cotter East Corner	0722		Rampton Green	1713
Readingworths Queens Head		0725	Willingham Church	1725
Bluntishams White Swan	0730		Earsh North Street	1730
Earsh North Street	0735	0735	Bluntishams East Street	1735
Willingham Church	0741		Cotter High Street	1737
Longcoteham Church	0751		Somershams The Triangle	1741
Ear Hill Farm	0758		Somershams The Cross	1747
Green Church		0805	Pidley Road Club	1753
Cambridge Avenue St.		0819		

This direct bus runs to & from Cambridge Mondays to Fridays. You can change at Farnth from service 35. At all other times, use service 35 to St Ives and change onto service 55 for Cambridge, or 45 for Bar Hill.

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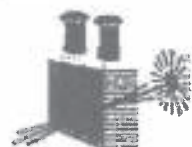
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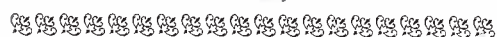
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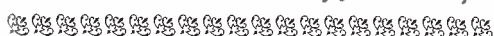
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