

WILLINGHAM NEWS



October 2008

New Sports Pavilion Opens

On Sunday 7 September, retired custodian Jack Few officially opened the new Sports Pavilion on Willingham Recreation Ground, having looked after the previous pavilion for the last 17 years. The idea to build a new pavilion was put forward in 2002 by Willingham Sports Council, a voluntary organisation representing the sports clubs in the village.

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*Above: Retired custodian Jack Few cuts the ribbon.
Left: Willingham's new Sports Pavilion.*

Prizewinners from the 2008 Horticultural and Craft Show

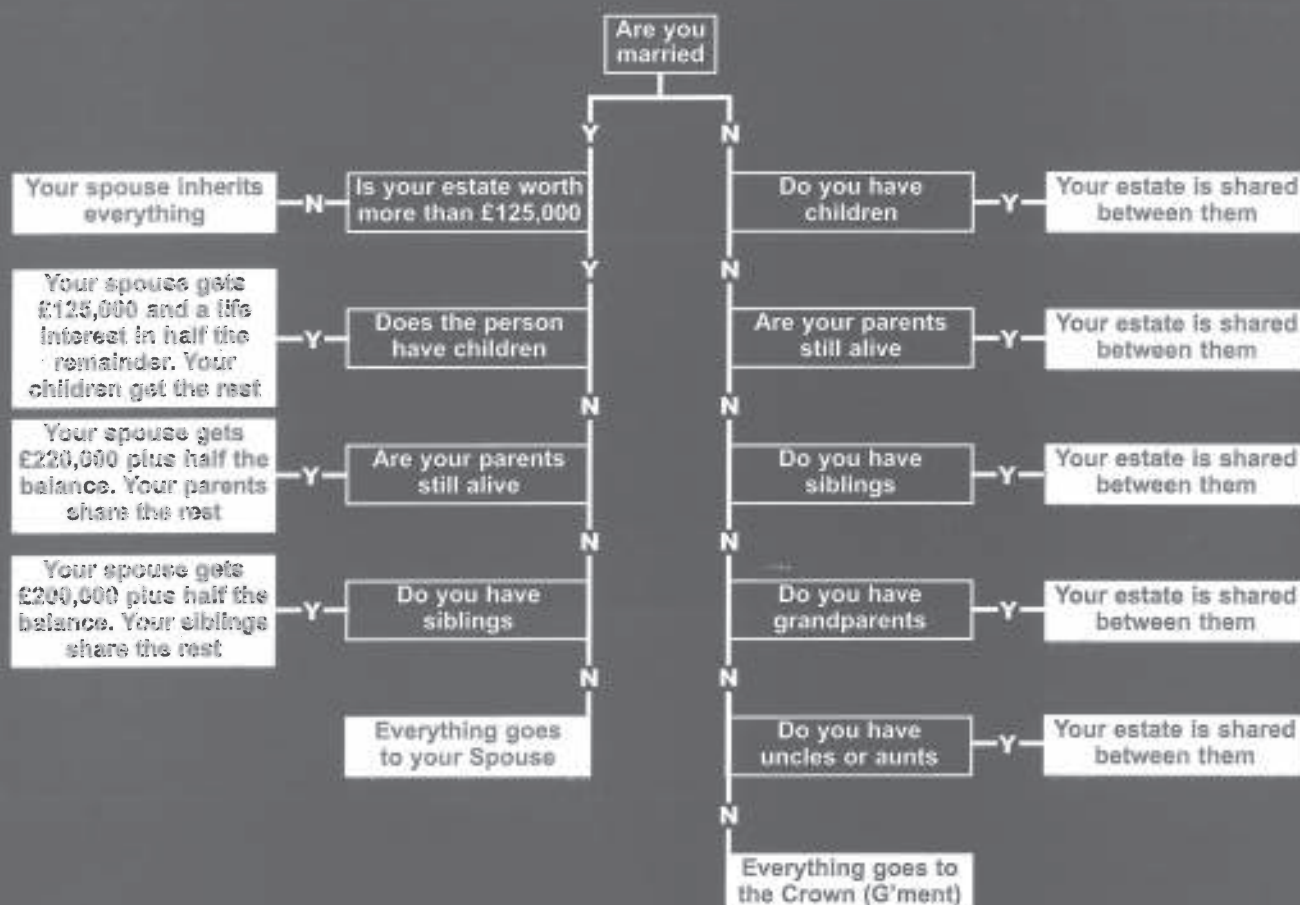
See page 7 for Keith Thomson's report of the show.



From left: David Smith receiving the Marriott's Shield from Jacqueline Hodkinson, Lauren Rowney – winner of Best Entry by a Junior, Tony Halsey – winner of the award for Best Plant, Lyn Curtis – winner of Best in Show (Crafts)

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From the Parish Council

The Sports Pavilion

The official opening took place of the Willingham Sports Pavilion on Saturday 7 September. Mr Jack Few, who has given long standing commitment to the Sports Pavilion and the Recreation Ground in Willingham was presented with a cheque. It was an enjoyable event and everyone had a good time, despite the weather.

Willingham Green Alternations

Progress is being made on the alterations to the Green. Quotes have been sought, both from archaeologists due to the historical nature of the site and also from subcontractors for the work to be carried out. The Green & Boundaries Committee met to discuss the quotes and the next step forward at their September Committee meeting. There will be more information on progress in the next newsletter.

Willingham Feast Celebrations

Plans for the celebratory activities are under way and the Ploughman Hall has been booked on October 4 for these to take place. This will be an enjoyable event for the whole community. Please look out for the posters of information on all the activities.

Willingham Parish Council Website

Please do look at our 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.

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 1 October.

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

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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.*

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

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Mr R Manning (also Leader of the District Council)	01954 261235
Mr S Mellows	01954 270063
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

Parish Plan update

A Public Meeting
for the presentation of the
Parish Plan

will be held at 7 30 pm
on Tuesday 11 November

at Willingham Primary School

SEE WILLINGHAM'S PAST PHOTO SHOWS ON SAT OCT 18TH, OCTAGON (BEHIND THE CHURCH)

Due to huge demand in previous years, we are holding two events in one day. The afternoon will focus on people and the evening on streets and buildings

AFTERNOON: 2:30, EVENING: 7:30

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Willingham Horticultural and Craft show 2008



The annual show was held on Saturday 6 September at Willingham School. There were an unusually high number of entries and the verdict of the judges was that the standard of exhibits overall was exceptionally high. The committee of the club would like to thank all those who took the time and trouble to prepare and submit an exhibit because without your exhibit the show would be the poorer and without the support of the large number of people who came to the viewing in the afternoon we would be unable to support our chosen cause (Cancer Research) as well as we do. Whilst village shows such as ours may be on the decline we hear, ours seems to go from strength to strength and long may it remain so. It is a long standing village tradition.

A special mention must be made of the children of the Willingham School who entered the begonia growing competition. The Club provided the small plants, pots and compost earlier in the year together with larger pots and more compost later in the year but it was down to the children to grow the begonias at home. What a splendid array of entries we had and what a splash of colour to the school hall on show day they provided. Jessica Clark was awarded a first in this class for her splendid begonia. Well done to all who took part and we hope that they and others will take part next year too.

We are always amazed by the quality of some of the craft exhibits such as woodwork, stitchcraft and paintings. It always gives us special pleasure too to see the proud looks on the faces of the young exhibitors when they make their way through the throng of people present to accept their trophies or simply when they see the rosettes on their exhibits. The award for the best entry by a junior was won this year by Lauren Rowney.

This year we awarded two new trophies in addition to the usual ones:

1. The Keith Hodkinson trophy was awarded for the Art category and was won by Richard Lingham
2. The Auctioneer's trophy - a discretionary award in the sole gift of the auctioneer at our show to be given to the exhibitor whose work most inspired the auctioneer whether or not the exhibit had been singled out for any other award. This award which was commended by the judge was won by John Blunt.

This year was no exception when it comes to major successes. David Smith won the Marriott's Newsagents shield for collecting the most points on show. He won total of six trophies or awards, a truly magnificent performance.

Lynn Curtis too had been busy over the summer months creating another exquisite craft entry. She won the Best in Show (Crafts) for her elegant and beautifully crafted umbrella.

Our chairman Tony Halsey won the Best Plant award - the Mary Sharp trophy

Other winners were Callum Wilding - the Junior Photographer Shield, Emma Leaney - The Primary School Trophy for most points in show under 9's. Laura Fuller won the Junior Artist Shield and Jack Sacre won the Williams Junior Trophy for most points in show for the under 12's. James Hutchcraft won the Franz Koj Memorial Shield for most points in show for under 6's.

Congratulations to all the winners.

After the prize giving Roger Denson, our trusty auctioneer, auctioned the exhibits left over. He manages to persuade us to part with our money in ever increasing amounts year after year it seems. Thank you to all who did so for such a good cause.

The Grand Raffle was supported well again this year. R. Ellwood won the £50 first prize.

The committee of the Club would like to thank all those who made the show work so well including those who so generously donated prizes for our grand draw.

We look forward to next year when we hope that you will support us again and if you didn't exhibit this year have a go next year!

Keith Thomson - Committee Member



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Flu vaccinations These will be available from the second week in October. Please ring reception to book your appointment and remember to tell the receptionist that the appointment is for a flu vaccination. Due to the large number of people needing this protection we plan to hold some flu vaccine only sessions and ask that people wear short-sleeved clothing for easy access to arms! Many thanks. **Flu vaccination** is recommended and is free under the NHS to all people of 65 years and over, and to those of any age with a long term medical condition, for example diabetes, heart disease, kidney or liver disease, asthma or any breathing disorder. Carers (in receipt of Carers Allowance) are also eligible. Please enquire if unsure.

Private flu vaccinations Patients registered with this surgery wishing to have a flu vaccine privately (i.e. those not eligible under the NHS 'at risk' groups) can do so while stocks last. You will not be charged for the private prescription but you will have to pay for the vaccine. Please ask at reception or pharmacy for details.

Acknowledgements Our grateful thanks to the family and friends of Ada Harrision who donated towards the Longstanton Surgery Equipment Fund in her memory.

Cynthia Bidwell - Practice Manager

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Friday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 6 30pm

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Neil Rowland-Hall - Pharmacist

Advice from the police - Autumn/Winter burglary advice

Normally when the clocks change and the darker nights arrive there is an upturn in dwelling burglaries. Thieves tend to use the darker nights to commit offences as they know the darkness will provide them with increased opportunities to offend.

- * Residents should consider outside lighting that is triggered by movement and always place a security chain on when answering the door.
- * Burglars do tend to knock doors to see if they get any answer before breaking in.
- * Remember to keep sheds and garages locked as burglars will use tools from these locations to force doors and windows.
- * Burglars can also be quite brazen and will try doors to properties at night time hoping to find the door unlocked so remember to lock downstairs windows and doors.
- * If you are going to be out consider leaving a light on or having lights on a timer.

Winter time also sees a rise in distraction burglary offences. Last autumn and winter time saw a change in the methods being used by these distraction burglars to gain entry into addresses. Usually these offenders claim to be from the Waterboard or claim that there is a water-related problem at the address. However increasingly on a national basis these burglars are now claiming to be Police Officers.

Their plan is always to disconcert the home owner by claiming that there is an emergency. Always remember to ask for identification before letting anyone into your home. **NO ID NO ENTRY.**

Other common tricks used by distraction burglars are building or gardening work. One offender will keep the householder talking while a second searches the property or they use a youngster who claims their ball has gone in the rear garden. The youngster goes through the house leaving the door open for an accomplice to slip into the property. The younger offender keeps the householder talking while an accomplice searches the property.

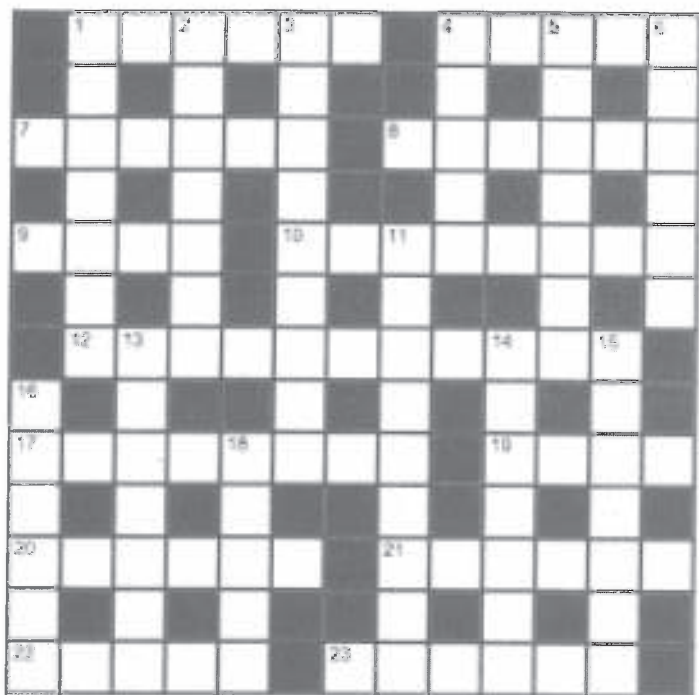
REMEMBER CLOSE THE DOOR ON STRANGE CALLERS

In the run up to Christmas be careful about leaving presents etc on show and post Christmas if throwing boxes and packaging away that presents have arrived in make sure the packaging is not left on show. A computer or Playstation box left by the bin is an advertisement to a burglar that new items are most likely in the property.

Visit www.immobilise.com to register and protect your property for free.

The Police non-emergency number is **0845 456 456 4**. If the problem is an emergency and there is a direct threat to life or property you should always call 999.

Crossword set by Willow



Across

- 1 Might boy be coming in with complaint? (6)
- 4 Harass live band (5)
- 7 Attack when siege's beginning to weaken (6)
- 8 Treat a vicar with delicacy (6)
- 9 Principal sea (4)
- 10 Environmentally friendly beverage? (5,3)
- 12 Risking death on a new horse having broken rein (11)
- 17 Got nurse to find source of 8 (8)
- 19 Hate naughty gossip magazine (4)
- 20 Horrible having bills after party's over (6)
- 21 Play by popular poet (6)
- 22 Surprisingly hostel has no end of atmosphere (5)
- 23 Enjoys teriyaki containing shellfish (6)

Down

- 1 Chaos with time will make sense (7)
- 2 Student deserved to be academic (7)
- 3 Dedication is good in running nice deli (9)
- 4 Courageous supporter has day of victory (5)
- 5 List ingredients by weight for blue cheese (7)
- 6 Mad hatter is a menace (6)
- 11 Oriental bird has mate forever (9)
- 13 Feed number at Mr Geller's hotel (7)
- 14 Receive odd hint about rising anger (7)
- 15 Ice field sounds more like crystal (7)
- 16 Volcanic dust and mineral deposit found on land (6)
- 18 Sticks up note left by careless Sue (5)

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The money for the £300,000+ project was raised through local events and the following funders: Football Foundation, Willingham Parish Council, Section 106 money, South Cambs District Council, Donarborn (Mondegreen), Willingham Sports Council, Willingham Wolves F.C., Jamie Aspinall Golf Society, Women's Institute, Willingham Community.



On the opening day we had representation from local councillors Shona Johnson and Brian Burling, Jim Hill from Cambs F.A. along with Willingham Parish Council, Willingham Sports Council and many parishioners. It was also very pleasing to see Willingham Wolves F.C. running their annual mini league 5-a-side tournament at

the same time. The only thing we needed was the weather. True to form, just as we were about to make the opening ceremony, the heavens opened and we had approximately 80 people standing under the veranda.



The new pavilion has been welcomed by Willingham Football Club, Willingham Wolves F.C., Willingham Cricket Club and the other youth groups within the village. It has four unisex changing rooms, two official rooms, a clubroom, kitchen and disabled facilities. The building has been in constant use since it was completed and handed over by the builders.

Willingham Sports Council would like to thank all of the above groups for their support for this project and hope that it will inspire even more children and adults to participate in sport in Willingham.



Simon Nunn,
Willingham Sports Council Chairman.

Bonfire & Firework Party

by the

1st Willingham Scout Group

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Wednesday 5th November

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Presidential coincidences - in US election year

Abraham Lincoln was elected to the US Congress in 1846. John F Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860. John F Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both were shot in the head.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson. Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Lincoln was shot at the theatre named 'Ford'. Kennedy was shot in a car called 'Lincoln', made by Ford. Lincoln was shot in a theatre and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse. Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theatre.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

(Sent to Willingham News by Milford Jeeps.)

WAMADS Prize Draw

Thank you to those of you who came to see the WAMADS picnic performance in the grounds of Willingham House. We had a good turnout for all three days and were blessed with the weather. We hope that all the audience enjoyed the entertainment.

The winners of the prize draw are as follows:

- 1st prize: Mrs Jackson, Over
- 2nd prize: Mr Ingrey, Hatfield
- 3rd prize: Ms Horne, Willingham
- 4th prize: Mr McGuinness, Willingham

Thank you for your support.

Pastoral Letter

The Greater Splendour

One of the most beautiful times of the year must surely be autumn, when the leaves of the deciduous trees change colour before falling from the trees, displaying a rich variety of reds, golds and russets.

Some people want to travel to Canada or New England to enjoy the vibrant colours of 'the fall', spending two weeks on holiday to drink-in and absorb the splendour.

My travels have taken me to a much nearer venue to view the autumn leaves. That place is far more accessible to many more of us, and is pictured with Canada and New England on a website. It is called Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire. My day visit there was wonderful, the sights spectacular, leaving a lasting memory to treasure.

But as I was checking information about 'the fall', I came across articles about another 'fall' which was considerably further from my mind at that moment! That is 'the fall of man', Adam's sin and its result.

I can see some similarities: There is an attractiveness we are drawn to in the exquisite colours of the leaves before they fall from the trees; this phase is followed by bare trees, wet, messy and decomposing leaves on the ground, cold, wet, dark days, and the winter months which a number of people find somewhat challenging.

Adam recognised the attractiveness of beautiful fruit in the Garden of Eden. He and Eve ate the fruit from the forbidden tree, going against the command of God. That act of disobedience to God's law is 'the fall'. What follows is rather like degeneration and the gloom of winter; it is separation from our Maker.

I like to encourage myself as autumn 'fall' leads to winter, that in due time there will be spring. New life will emerge again, new leaves will grow and the thrill of the awaking of nature will uplift us again.

Yet also in 'the fall of mankind', disobedience and wrong doing is not the end of life, for in due time the Lord God sent His Son Jesus into the world to show us how to live life to the full. He became the sacrifice for all sin whereby we can be forgiven for all our wrong decisions and actions. New life follows 'the fall', hope springs eternal. That is the greater splendour!

Major Marian Lewis
Salvation Army

Job Vacancy

The Salvation Army is looking to recruit a cook for their Thursday lunch club in Willingham. The position would be for 5 hours per week, at £6 per hour. Applicants should have or be willing to train towards a food handling qualification. Previous experience is an advantage although not essential. Duties will include menu planning, shopping for ingredients, preparing and cooking for 30 people, keeping the kitchen area clean and tidy. The job involves working alongside volunteers and elderly people. The vacancy is also open to volunteers who would rather serve without payment and all its financial implications.

For further details or an application form, please phone Major Marian Lewis on 01480 386593 or 07917811468.



Baptist Matters

Open Door Come for coffee (or tea) and a chat on Thursday mornings in the Baptist Church from 10 00 to 11 30 am. All welcome.

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

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 October cake stall will take place on Saturday 4 October - the first Saturday of the month - at the church, with cakes on sale from about 10 00 am. (The cakes sell out quite quickly.) 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.

Proceeds from the cake stall and the bric-a-brac stall are for the Restoration Fund.

Christmas Fayre A date for your diary. The St Mary and All Saints Christmas Fayre is to be on Saturday 29 Nov 10 00 am - 3 30 pm in the Octagon, with seasonal stalls, competitions and

raffle. There will be a display of Arts and Crafts organised by the Octagon Art Group in the church. All welcome. Refreshments all day.

Enquiries and offers to help, call 261076.

Salvation Army

Every Monday Coffee morning at 10 30 am.

On Thursdays Friendship Club at 2 00 pm.

No lunch until further notice as no cook available.

Baptist Church Holiday Club

Climb up, climb up high!

The challenge that primary school children from Willingham and Longstanton accepted when they joined the Xpedition Force held in Willingham in August. Our Xplorers trekked up the mountain following Jesus' journey from Matthew's gospel account using their hearing, smelling, tasting, touch, and seeing senses to join the experience.

Did it make sense to the children? One of our 'smile of the day' reporters, Georgia (pictured with her camera on the set below) asked some of the children for their feedback. It gives us our opportunity to 'hear' for ourselves as we try to 'picture' their sound bites. I'm sure you will agree the comments seem to be very representative of everyone's thoughts of what was an exceptionally 'awesome' week.

Lewis: Entertaining/Awesome
Nicola: It's really good
Hannah V: Fantastic
Thomas: Pfff brilliant
Guiliana: it's okay, I like it
Oliver: Very Good!
Dale: Excellent, definitely fun
Fraser: Fun
Kester: More stuff to do

*Pam Buckridge
For Willingham Tabernacle
Baptist Church*





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5 October

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
(Communion)

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

12 October

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Keith Rawlinson

19 October

9 00 am Andrew Wyllie

10 45 am All - Age Service at Primary
School

6 00 pm Rev. Trevor Rowe

26 October

10 00 am Rev. Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe
(Communion)

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

www.willinghamchurch.org

5 October

11 00 am Parish Communion

12 October

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Worship

6 00 pm Evensong

19 October

11 00 am Family Communion

26 October

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Worship and
Baptism

Thursday Praise is a service for those who prefer a less traditional service. It will take place on the first Thursday of the month at the Parish Church at 8 00 pm. (**In October: 2nd**).

There is a **prayer meeting** on the last Friday of each month at 8 00 am (**In October: 31st**).

Children are welcome at all our 11am 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**

5 October

Feast Sunday

10 30 am The Hall, Silver St, with
Letchworth Band.

2 45 pm On the Green, if wet in the
church

6 00 pm United Songs of Praise with
the Band in the church. All
welcome.

12 October

5 00 pm Worship

19 October

5 00 pm Worship

26 October

5 00 pm Worship

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
HIGH STREET
RAMPTON**

5 October

9 30 am Parish Communion

12 October

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village
Hall

19 October

9 30 am Parish Communion

26 October

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village
Hall

**Churches Together praying
for the people of Willingham
and Rampton**

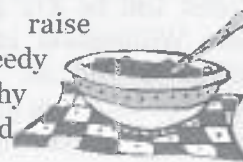
In the second full week in each month the Churches in Willingham and Rampton will be praying for the people who live in a particular area of the village. In October this is Station Road and Westfield.

**Willingham Charity
Lunch**

This month's Charity Lunch will be held at 1 00 pm on Saturday 11 October, at 37 Rampton End, hosted by Jean and Ken Taylor.

The lunch, which costs £3, consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea or coffee etc. This year's nominated charity is the local Over Day Care Centre, which collects and supports elderly residents in Over, Willingham, Bar Hill, Longstanton and other areas, taking them to the centre for activities including singing, crafts, quizzes, bingo etc. Regular outings are also organised. The centre is a self-funded organisation and like many other charities it is always in need of funds to keep up the good work.

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.



Letters to the Editor



I felt absolutely compelled to write in following the September issue of the newsletter, and specifically the issue of the Willingham Wing bus stop.

I am in complete agreement with the two letters expressing their disappointment at this new feature. I haven't yet used this bus stop but also can't understand how this would provide adequate rain and wind shelter.

But what bothers me more is the amount of money that was spent on this, and surely we could have better utilised the money with one of those interactive bus stop signs that actually tells you when the bus is due? Or how about more bus services? £35k could surely provide a limited Sunday service? After all, that's the reason I don't use the bus at present.

And to top it off the Councillour's response was so humourous, asking us to participate in the Parish Council meetings - do they not realise that people have their own busy lives to be getting on with without having to take time out to attend what will surely be a dreary meeting full of disgruntled people all saying the same thing?

E. Jenkins

A response from Parish Councillors Phil King and John Burnett:

As we explained last month, government legislation meant that this money from the Bourneys Manor development (closer to £20K than £35K), could only be spent on an arts project. It could not be used for any of the alternative ideas suggested.

Given how strongly your reader feels it is a shame that they could not spare an hour to attend one of the public meetings on this project. Many of our councillors are also very busy people with full time jobs who freely give countless hours of their time to improve the amenities in Willingham, including lobbying Stagecoach and the County Council to improve the bus service.

We welcome letters and contributions from readers. Please make sure you include your name and contact details. Names may be withheld if requested.



Willingham Gardening Club

Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End, starting at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers. Meetings last on average about one and a half hours and there is a plant raffle.

The club welcomes new members at any of our monthly meetings. We are a group of people with an interest in plants and gardening. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us to see whether you want to join at a very modest annual subscription. In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and places of interest and there is usually an annual Club holiday too in May.

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

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Our programme of outings continues. The next outing is on **Wednesday 5 November** when we shall be going to Ipswich on our annual and popular Xmas shopping trip. The cost will be £12 per person. We leave from the Green, Willingham at 8 30 am. 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 pm at the end of each outing.

The programme of outings for 2009 will be published in these pages when the arrangements are finalised in the new year.

Reminders

Some places are still available on the annual Club holiday which in 2009 is to the Isle of Wight. There are some double rooms still available but no single rooms are left. Anyone wishing to know more or to go should contact Linda on 01954 202072

WILLINGHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

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

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

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

We shall look forward to seeing you

CHURCH FAYRE & ART EXHIBITION



To be held in Willingham Church and the Octagon

Saturday 29 November 2008
10 00 am-3 00 pm

Displaying the talents of the Octagon Art Group,
together with other Local Artists and Craftsmen.

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Doreen 200561 or Mo 260249

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Library Opening Times

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

A date for the diary: Wednesday 3 December
2 00 - 4 00 pm

Engage in the Afternoon – the second in the regular series of gatherings in Willingham Library for adults. This will be an informal 'Down Memory Lane' session. Bring along a photo, object or a memory about Christmas past. There will also be an opportunity to change books or use the computers and tea/coffee will be available.

Team Read Gold Medal winners at the closing ceremony in Willingham Library.

This year's summer reading game had a sporting theme in this Olympic year and 38 children completed the challenge. Thanks to generous funding from Willingham Parish Council we were able to have weekly craft afternoons and a visit by famous author, Ian Whybrow. Well done to all!



Want to play netball?

Over the summer South Cambs District Council has been running a very well attended 'Back to Netball' course for ladies at Willingham Primary School. We've all rediscovered our enthusiasm for team sports and had so much fun that we've decided to carry on into the winter and might even start playing some friendly matches!

We would really like to encourage more ladies of all abilities to join us. If you'd like to give it a go, even if you've never played before, then please contact **Angie Bray** on 01954 205996 or simply come to a training session: **Tuesdays 7 15 – 8 15 pm at Swavesey Village College outdoor courts.** See you there!

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
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			
4	Comedian Rudi Lickwood On Tour		Over Community Centre	
6	'Hellebores' talk by Joe Sharman	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	Celia 01954 261394
11	Charity Lunch	37 Rampton End	1 00 pm	
13	London Mozart Players		Over Community Centre	(to be confirmed)
18	Willingham's Past	Old Willingham	Octagon	2 30 m & 7 30 pm
18	1940's Charity Dance	Day Centre	Over Community Centre	8-midnight
24	Quiz Night	Social Club	Social Club	£7 per team
November				
5	Fireworks and Bonfire	Willingham Scout Group	Mannings Fruit Farm	6 30 pm
1 & 2	Shutter painting weekend	Cattells Mill Restoration and Preservation Trust	Cattells Mill, Mill Road	261168
8	Andy Fraser & the Sugar Daddies	Over Jazz	Over Community Centre	8 00 pm
11	Presentation of the Parish Plan	Parish Plan Committee	Willingham Primary School	7 30 pm
29	Art Exhibition & Fayre	Octagon Art Group	Church	10 00 am - 3 00 pm
December				
1	Members' Xmas party	Gardening club	Social Club	
20	Xmas Band	Social Club	Social Club	Members Free £3 guests
31	Disco	Social Club	Social Club	Members Free £3 guests

Cattells Mill, Mill Road, Willingham

SHUTTER PAINTING WEEKEND – VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED! Saturday and Sunday 1 and 2 November – 9 00 am to 5 00 pm

No, this is not an art class! Visitors often ask if there is any way to help with the restoration of Willingham windmill. There is now a safe and secure opportunity for volunteers to contribute to the preservation of Cattells Mill.



Due to the elements and the passage of time the shutters on the sails require repainting. All 112 shutters (approx 1 ft x 3 ft) have been removed, stored under cover and require two coats of paint on either side. Gloves, paint, brushes and some refreshment will be provided. Old clothes are definitely recommended.

If you would like to help preserve the windmill and have some time to spare just turn up on the day or call 261168 if you require further details.

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
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	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic Priest	Monsignor Rogers	01223 350787
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**OVER AND WILLINGHAM INTERNAL
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the day of the poll for the election of members of the Drainage Board for the above named Drainage District, will be, if a poll shall be necessary, Thursday 27th November 2008.
2. The number of members of the Drainage Board is 10.
3. Each candidate for election must be nominated in writing and the nomination paper be sent to me, so that it shall be received at Highland House, 80 Aldreth Road, Haddenham, Ely, Cambs, CB6 3PN, not later than 12 noon on Thursday 30th October 2008.
4. An elector may not sign more nomination papers than there are members to be elected for the Over & Willingham Drainage District.
5. Forms of Nomination may be obtained free of charge from me at Highland House, 80 Aldreth Road, Haddenham, Ely, Cambs, CB6 3PN.

Tel: 01353 741460

Dated this 1st day of October 2008

M Church

Clerk to the Drainage Board & Returning Officer

Bin collections

1 October Black Bin

8 October Green Bin and Box.

Plastic bottle collection starts.*

15 October Black Bin

22 October Green Bin and Box. Plastic bottles.

29 October Black Bin

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Solution to puzzle on page 9

Answers

Across: 1 Malady, 4 Beset, 7 Assail, 8 Caviar, 9 Main, 10 Green tea, 12 Endangering, 17 Sturgeon, 19 Heat, 20 Odious, 21 Larkin, 22 Ethos, 23 Oyster.

Down: 1 Message, 2 Learned, 3 Diligence, 4 Brave, 5 Stilton, 6 Threat, 11 Eternally, 13 Nourish, 14 Inherit, 15 Glacier, 16 Ashore, 18 Glues.

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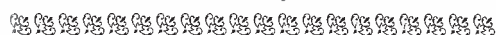
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