

# WILLINGHAM NEWS



November 2008

## Willingham Feast Weekend 2008



### A BIG THANK YOU to all who supported our Feast Weekend.

Feedback from the Parish Plan Questionnaire highlighted an interest in Farmers' Markets and other community events for the village and this year's Feast Weekend organised by the Parish Council and Churches Together tried to respond to this challenge.

In the past, Feast events included an Agricultural Show down West Fen Road and a football match against Cambridge Police as well as the more familiar concerts and services by the Salvation Army Band. The [oldwillingham.com](http://oldwillingham.com) website includes a

photo from 1920 of local children dressed for a feast parade.

Longstanding members of the Willingham village community will recall that the village Feast coincided with Hospital Sunday and money was also raised for Addenbrooke's Hospital so that local people could be treated there. This year the fundraising supported Willingham Community First Responders. A total of £156.25 was raised, thanks to £38.67 donated directly at the Farmers' Market and a further £117.68 raised from

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**Launch of the Parish Plan**

**Tuesday 11 November.**

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## Willingham Parish Plan

### Public Meeting

**Tuesday 11 November 7 30 pm**  
**Willingham Primary School**

**Want to know what is in the Parish Plan and where we go from here? Come along to this meeting to find out and put your views.**

The evening will be informal – short presentations, wine and a quiz and plenty of opportunity to talk or just to listen.

Some of the actions will need to be taken up by the Parish, District and County Councils, and councillors will be present, but many just need willing volunteers.

If you want to help in getting action on the Plan and setting priorities then this meeting is your chance to be involved.

There will also be a display about the Parish Plan, and coffee, in the

**Three Tuns from 9 00 to 11 30 am**  
**on 11 November**

with members of the Plan Committee on hand to answer questions and listen to opinions.

A summary of the Plan will be delivered to every household by early November.

## Police Contacts: 08454 564564

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## From the Parish Council

### Dog fouling problem

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If you walk along the path behind the Recreation Ground from Pound Lane you may feel the quality of the cut is less good than it should be. You will be right – and the reason is simple. The cutting was severely compromised by the amount of dog fouling left by thoughtless dog owners along the path.

Please note: Dog owners have a duty to clear up after their dogs. Those who fail to do so could attract a £50 fixed penalty imposed by the District Council. Anyone who wants to report suspected dog fouling should call 0845 0450063.

### Willingham Green Alternations

The Green & Boundaries Committee recommended to the full Parish Council that the alterations on the Village Green go ahead. This was voted on and agreed at the 1 October meeting. Work is due to start on 27 October.

### Willingham Feast Celebrations

These took place on Saturday 4 October and were highly successful. There was a Farmers' Market and various activities occurring in the Ploughman Hall all day. In the evening there was a disco for 11-18 year olds in the Ploughman Hall and a Ceilidh in the Primary School.

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

<b>Mr J Anderson</b> (Planning Committee Chair)	01954 203344
<b>Mr M Borland</b>	01954 203347
<b>Mr J Burnett</b>	01954 270338
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<b>Mr R Manning</b> (also Leader of the District Council)	01954 261235
<b>Mr S Mellows</b>	01954 270063
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<b>Mr C Stephens</b>	01954 260396
<b>Mr T Walkden</b>	01954 201722
<b>Mr J Watson</b> (Leisure & Amenities Committee Chair)	01954 200245

There was a large church service with the Salvation Army and Churches Together on Sunday 5 October.

### The Guided Bus Project

Reports from Cambridgeshire County Council suggest that the guided bus project is three months ahead of schedule.

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

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

### Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 5 November – 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.*

*Tel. 01954 261027*

*email@willinghampc.org.uk*

*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*

## The Royal British Legion Women's Section

### Remembrance Sunday

As our membership gets smaller, it would be encouraging to see members of the public, parish councillors and uniformed groups meet with us at the laying of the Poppy Wreath at the War Memorial at 10 15 am on Sunday 9 November.

## A Message from Willingham Primary School Headteacher

*'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness  
Close bosomed friend of the maturing sun'.*

These opening lines from the poem, To Autumn by John Keats, for me will always capture beautifully the onset of Autumn and the amazing changes taking place all around us.

Just as the seasons change, so do our children and our school community.

This term we welcomed our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr James Singleterry who is settling in well and is already making an impact. We all hope he will be very happy here.

Our on-site pre-school setting Honeypots, and the After School Care Club are now happily established in their new building. The building is wonderful and will provide care for the growing population of children in the village during and after school hours. I am sure we will be having a grand opening soon!

Our 'Learning Landscape' (outdoor learning environment) is taking shape. We want our outdoor space to be as beautiful and interesting as the learning environment inside. A committed group of parents and carers is working hard to ensure this happens. Thank you to them. A wonderful pavilion, a story corner and painted games on the playground are some of our new additions. Watch this space!

As I write this, children are playing outside in the Autumn sun, picking up the burnished leaves from the damp grass and enjoying the last of the warm (ish) weather before the cold biting wind and rain interrupts their pleasure and freedom.

*'Until they think warm days will never cease'*

Jo Brearley

## Jottings from your County Councillor

The Willingham Parish Plan is due to be published at the beginning of November and I know that a huge amount of work has gone into its preparation. It is a detailed and very well researched document and I am grateful to those who have spent so much time putting it together. I was able spend some time with the committee chairman earlier in October to discuss the recommendations that are relevant for the County Council. Many relate to traffic and the need for better public transport. Over the coming months I will be working with officers in the County Council to see how we can address the concerns raised in the parish plan. I have already asked officers to investigate a weight restriction on the B1050 to try to limit the damage to the bank on Shelfords Road and plan to ask a question at the next full council meeting about

the cost in maintaining this road – and how these costs compare to the rest of the B1050. I am also investigating what monies might be available to improve the cycle network, particularly between Willingham and Rampton; some work has been done, but more is needed.

Finally, as some of you may know, I am about to embark on an enforced period of intermittent sick leave for treatment for breast cancer. I will still be working and doing my best to represent you and your interests, but may not always be quite so readily available as previously. Hopefully I shall be back to full health in about six months.

I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

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### willinghambaptist Christmas Fayre

**Saturday 6th December**  
**10am – 12noon**  
**In the Baptist Church.**

**Stalls** ★ **Crafts**  
**Games** ★ **Puppets**  
**Refreshments**

### Remember, remember...

#### "Bubbles" & "TOPS" Fireworks Party

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**Private flu vaccinations** Patients registered with this surgery wishing to have a flu vaccine privately (ie 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.

**Repeat prescriptions** Patients ordering repeat prescriptions late November/early December will be offered 2 months' supply to cover Christmas and New Year. **To prevent wastage please only order those items you need from your repeat medication list.**

**MMR Catch-up** There has been a recent national increase in the number of measles cases. Two doses of MMR are required to ensure immunity against measles. The government is keen to ensure that all those under 17 years of age have had these two vaccinations. If you are unsure about your child's vaccination status please contact the surgery and the

records can be checked. If you know that your child has not had these vaccinations please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

**Support NHS General Practice** Our thanks to all of you who signed the petition which was presented to the Prime Minister in June 2008. However the threat to general practice has not gone away. If you are concerned please call into the surgery and pick up a leaflet from reception which will explain why it is important to make your individual views known and how to do this.

**Acknowledgements** Our thanks to family and friends for donations received in memory of Dorothy Ravenscroft.

*Cynthia Bidwell - Practice Manager*

### Willingham Pharmacy Opening hours

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### Swavesey Community Choir

Following last term's successful performance of Mozart's Requiem with the London Mozart Players, choir rehearsals are running again during term time Wednesdays, 7 30 – 9 pm, music department, Swavesey Village College.

Christmas Concert:  
 7 30 pm, 10 December  
 St. Andrew's Church, Swavesey

(featuring extracts from Handel's Messiah, Vivaldi's Gloria and music of a festive nature)

To find out more about the choir and rehearsal dates, please look at our website <http://www.swaveseychoir.co.uk>

If you would like to join, please come along to one of the Wednesday rehearsals. We are a non-auditioned group and everyone is welcome regardless of experience or ability – especially tenors and basses!





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the disco, ceilidh and Feast Sunday services. This money will help support the continued training of the First Responders, who work voluntarily on behalf of the ambulance service, to respond quickly to emergencies such as heart attacks, breathing problems and other serious medical incidents in the local community. If you wish

learn more, please contact Rohan on 01954 261055 or the Magpas office on 01480 371060.

Feasts of old turned out 'enough people on a cold night to keep you warm' according to one local and Feast Tuesday even merited a half day off school – which I am sure was very popular.

This year's Feast aimed to have something for everyone and started off with a Farmers' Market and Car Boot at the Ploughman Hall on the Saturday morning. Thank you to the Parish Council for the use of the hall. Local produce for sale included cakes, honey, eggs and preserves. Geoff Pakes' big green tractor and Trevor Rowe and Coverdale puppets were a huge hit with children. Saturday's weather was cold but bright and the WI ladies were in demand supplying scones and teas.

There were then several events for young people at the Ploughman Hall - co-ordinated by Jean Langford, Jim Watson, Chris Stephens and team - including the Connections Youth Bus, a talent show and disco while at the Primary School there was an excellent ceilidh for young and old. Thank you to Willingham Primary School for supporting this event. All who came along had a great time.

Sunday's weather wasn't so kind so Letchworth Salvation Army's concert moved from the Green to the Parish Church for an afternoon concert before the weekend's finale of the Feast Sunday Songs of Praise. Over 100 folk came along to the 6 o'clock service to hear the superb music of Letchworth Salvation Army Band who also led us for a Songs of Praise. The evening included old favourites such as Silver Hill, a local march – Histon, as well as more modern songs such as Shine Jesus Shine.

A lot of work went on behind the scenes to make this weekend a success – including those who visited Farmers' Markets looking for possible stalls, and those who helped set up, run and clear up from the events over the weekend, families who hosted the bandsmen to Sunday lunch and the ladies who provided the bandsmen's tea and Letchworth Salvation Army Band for travelling and playing for us. Thank you to all who helped with this weekend.

It is hoped that next year's Feast will build on from this year - if you would like to be involved with next year's Feast please contact Gillian 01954 261817

*Gillian Macnaghten (Churches Together)*

## **Willingham Gardening Club**

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End and start at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers. Meetings on average last about one and a half hours. There is a plant raffle. The Club welcomes new members at any of our monthly meetings.

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 Christmas shopping trip. The cost will be £12 per person. We leave from the Green, Willingham at 8 30 am. 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.

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. Anyone wishing to know more or to go should contact Linda on 01954 202072

The Members' Christmas Party will be held at the Willingham Social Club premises, Fen End, Willingham on Monday 1 December at 7 30 pm. There is no charge for members but a £5 charge for guests. We usually enjoy a jolly time so come and join us. To do so contact Celia on the above number.

### **Update**

We are pleased to report that the amount raised at our Horticultural and Craft Show this year which will be donated to our chosen cancer charity was £1000. What a splendid effort. Thank you to all who made that possible. A particular thank you to Mr R Ellwood who, you may remember, won the £50 first prize in our Grand Raffle Draw. He generously donated that first prize to the charity collection.

Father Christmas is coming to  
Willingham.....

## Honeypot Pre-School Christmas Fayre

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
10.30 - 12.30

at

Willingham Primary School



Come and join in with the festivities!

### Parish Church Christmas Fayre, and Arts and Crafts Exhibition



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## A Week Behind The News

I have always wanted to train as a journalist and so, I was delighted to be offered a work experience placement at the *Cambridge Evening News* in Milton. I was there for a week, and here is an account of what I did.

I arrived with mixed emotions on the first day. On the one hand I was excited about the prospect of working behind the scenes. On the other, I was also very apprehensive, as I didn't know what to expect of the people who worked there. I met my two mentors who worked in Newspaper Sales. We basically spent the whole morning opening envelopes with competition winners inside. Next, I went out with a sales executive to visit local stores to ensure correct deliveries were made.

Advertising was my next port of call. I worked in Retail in the morning selling commercial advertising space. Afterwards, I went into Motor Sales and helped place an advert to sell a car. Finally I found myself in Recruitment, selling Job Vacancy space.

Wednesday was the day I had been waiting for since I started work experience - the Editorial Newsdesk. I came in feeling the most excited I had since I started. I wasn't disappointed. I was invited to attend the Editor's Conference to decide what news would appear

on every page. I started off by writing some News In Brief (NIBs) for the paper. These are the little sideline pieces of news seen at the edge of the page. In the afternoon, I actually experienced life as a journalist and went out with a reporter to Arbury Park to see what was happening about the lack of building work there. This was the best day by far!

I wasn't particularly sure if I'd enjoy this next activity - Photography. I need not have worried. I kicked off the action by going out with a photographer to a local primary school. This was predominantly to take pictures of the Reception Class. What happened next completely astonished me. I was told that I was going to meet a Paralympics Bronze/Silver Medalist. We went along to Anglia Ruskin University to take pictures of the local hero as she came home for her celebratory party.

Accounts were my last stop. I predicted that this would be particularly boring. I was pleasantly surprised as it was actually a lot of fun. This was generally because of the staff who worked there, as they were extremely welcoming.

To summarise, I had a very pleasant week and it really opened my eyes to what life as a journalist could be like. I am absolutely sure that I now want to pursue this career.

*Ben Shimmens*



## Pastoral Letter

*I was thinking about the month of November, 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' (John Keats), shorter days, cosy evenings by the fire, Bonfire Night, when we ooh! and aah! as we enjoy the colours and sparkle of the fireworks. Bonfires burning across the country, as we recall that attempted treason centuries ago, that could have destroyed the Houses of Parliament, and all those members present.*

*Remembrance Sunday; as we remember those who gave their lives for our freedom in two World Wars. Not just those, but also the many sacrifices of fathers, sons, husbands, wives, mothers, daughters in the many conflicts since 1945, and indeed at this moment in Iraq and Afghanistan. So for many, Remembrance Sunday is particularly poignant. We are not only remembering the past, but the present. Let us not forget those who have given their lives for others. Jesus once said "Greater love has no-one than this that he lay down his life down for his friends" St. John 15 v 13. When Jesus died on the cross, he sacrificed his life for all of us, that we might be forgiven.*

*Also, November brings the beginning of Advent, with Nativity rehearsals at school and church, as we start to prepare for Christmas, although many shops would have us thinking about Christmas as early as the beginning of September. In the 5th Century, Advent began on 11 November (St Martin's Day) and took the form of a six week fast leading to Christmas, but during the 6th century, Advent was reduced to its current length of 4 Sundays leading up to Christmas, and later the fasting was dropped. During the season of Advent, Christians across the world prepare for the celebration of the arrival of the Lord into the world through the birth of his Son Jesus Christ. Advent is a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness. It is also a time to look forward to when Jesus will come a second time.*

Steve Mellows

Churchwarden

**Sue Ryder Care, The Old Palace, Palace Green, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4EW**

**Tel: 01353 663357 [www.suerydercare.org](http://www.suerydercare.org)**

### Help us help more

At Sue Ryder Care, we provide expert care for people living with conditions such as cancer, multiple sclerosis and brain injury. In the UK, approximately 11 million people are affected by these complex neurological conditions and one in three people will be affected by cancer at some stage in their lives. They may have many years of life ahead – and they are desperate need of expert, thoughtful, generous care. They and their families can turn to us, one of the few UK charities able to help. We're here to make sure someone who is living with a serious life-changing condition gets the very best care possible.

### Imminent fund raising activities include:

Body Shop Party at the Old Palace, 6 November, 7.30 pm, entrance £2

Art Liberating Lives Exhibition at the Old Palace, 12 November 2 – 8 pm

Coffee Morning in the Long Gallery, Old Palace, 22 November, 10 – noon

Christmas Extravaganza at the Cathedral Centre (opposite the Old Palace), 13 December 11 – 5 pm.

For further information on these activities please either ring Hayley Newton on 01353 663357 or email her at [hayley.newton@suerydercare.org](mailto:hayley.newton@suerydercare.org)

For further general information regarding the charity itself please either ring Suzanne Ellington on 01353 663357 or email her on [suzanne.ellington@suerydercare.org](mailto:suzanne.ellington@suerydercare.org)





## 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 1130 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.

### Bubbles and Family

**Fireworks Party** Friday 7 November at 6 pm 31 High Street for families with pre-teen children.

**Christmas Craft** Saturday 22 November at St Mary and All Saints Church 10am – 12 noon. A morning of craft for primary school age children. Contact Gillian Macnaghten for more information 261817

**Christmas Fayre** A date for your diary... The St Mary and All Saints Christmas Fayre is to be on Saturday 29 Nov 10 am - 3 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. Inquiries and offers to help 261076.

**Cakes** The November cake stall will take place on Saturday 1 November - the first Saturday of the month - at the church as usual, 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.

## Salvation Army

**Christmas Sale** at the Citadel 22 November 10 am – 2 pm

**Coffee mornings** every Monday 10 30 am – noon

**Friendship Club** every Thursday 2 – 3 pm

For further information please ring Gordon on 01954 260066

## Friends of All Saints' Church, Rampton

**A concert** by the Salvation Army Songsters will be held in All Saints' Church at 7 30 pm on Saturday 22 November. Tickets £3.00 at the door.

**A Coffee Morning** will be held on Saturday 29 November in Rampton Village Hall between 10 00 and 12 00 and will include sale of Christmas decorations (wreaths and table centres) and candles.

## Mothers' Union



Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 24 November at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Our speaker will be Bill Kirkman talking on Community Relations. Don't forget the Bring and Buy stall. We welcome anyone who would like to come along. Transport can be arranged – ring 280688.



**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
GEORGE STREET**

[www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org)

**2 November**

10 00 am Keith Rawlinson  
(Communion)

6 00 pm Bob Earl

**9 November**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Liz Herrington

**16 November**

9 00 am Geoff Pake

10 45 am All - Age Service at Primary  
School

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

**23 November**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie  
(Communion)

**30 November**

10 00 am Richard Sanders

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

Any enquiries please contact: Rev  
Trevor Rowe (01954 261193) or  
Hilary Wyllie (Church Secretary)  
(01954 260051)

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

[www.willinghamchurch.org](http://www.willinghamchurch.org)

**2 November**

11 00 am Parish Communion

**9 November**

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10 45 am Remembrance Service

TBA Evensong

**16 November**

11 00 am Parish Communion

**23 November**

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Worship

**30 November**

11 00 am Christingle Service

**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 **November: 6th**). There is a **prayer meeting** on the last Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In **November: 28th**).

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**

**2 November**

5 00 pm Worship

**9 November**

5 00 pm Worship

**16 November**

5 00 pm Worship

**23 November**

5 00 pm Worship

**30 November**

5 00 pm Worship

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
HIGH STREET  
RAMPTON**

**2 November**

9 30 am Parish Communion

**9 November**

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village  
Hall

**16 November**

9 30 am Parish Communion

**23 November**

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village  
Hall

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED  
HEART**

**19 Needingworth Road, St Ives**  
[www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

**Saturday**

17 00 (Anticipatory)

**Sunday**

08 00 and 11 00

**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 November this is Rampton Village.

**Christmas Concert  
with Carols**

Saturday 6 December,  
7 30 pm

Jennifer Thompson,  
Paul Ingle, Gordon Hewlett  
and Jacky Kirby  
invite you to a  
concert in  
St Mary & All Saints Church

Entrance £5

In aid of Cancer Research

## Letters to the Editor

### Willingham Wing

*This matter continues to generate letters to Willingham News, and not only from those living in the village. Whilst we are always happy to receive and publish appropriate letters, details of adverse comments on and the responses to these have been included in the previous two issues of the magazine. In the interests of impartiality, here is the one favourable letter:*

I have observed that one of the characteristics of all great public art projects is the loud shouts of condemnation and derision that arise as soon as they are erected. By this measure, the Willingham Wing is well on its way to greatness. It may not keep the wind out but, has anyone else noticed the beautiful insect wing shadow that falls the adjacent wall as the sun sets?

Jon Edney

*Any further comments should please be addressed to either the Parish Council or Amy Wormald, Arts Development Manager, Cambridge and Impington – email: amy@starts-arts.org.uk*



## Tigger Toddlers



Wendy Leaney

Everyone at Tigger Toddlers would like to thank Wendy Leaney and Christine Rogers for all their hard work over the years. Due to work commitments, they have both decided it is time to step down. However, they will still pop in from time to time.

Wendy took over the running of Tiggers from Anne Clews in January 2002 and formed a team of mums to set up the sessions which included Christine and Jacki

Dixon. Over the years the teams have gone from strength to strength and become more formal. Many mums helped run the sessions. Christine stayed with the team to help Wendy over the past six and a half years. It surprised them both when they realised how long they had been doing it! Both their children have long gone from Tiggers, who they have now gone on to help in their roles as Teaching Assistants at the school.

Tigger Toddlers is a friendly, welcoming group who meet every Wednesday morning, in term time, at the Salvation Army Hall from 10 00 – 11 30 am.



Chris Rogers

## Cottenham Young Farmers' Club

### Chocolates for Christmas

On Wednesday 19 November at 7 30 pm, Cottenham Young Farmers' Club will be holding a chocoholic party at 34 High Street, Willingham, home of the Blunts.

There will be the opportunity to sample and buy from a huge range from 'chocoholics' with prices starting as low as 20p. Choose from tree decorations, table settings, luxury boxes and childrens novelties

Cottenham Young Farmers meet weekly with most of the members living in Willingham. This event is open to everyone to raise funds for the club.

If you are unable to come but would like to see a catalogue, please ring Lynda on 01954 261309. There is also a website, [www.chocolate-parties.com](http://www.chocolate-parties.com) and I can take your orders over the phone.

### 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. Please make cheques payable to Willingham Parish Magazine and deliver them to Jennifer Hulford, 42 Millfield, Willingham.

Send your greeting as soon as possible (to [willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk), or in an envelope addressed to Willingham News and delivered to the library.

## The Great Flood 1947 - when it all went wrong

A talk will be given on Saturday 29 November at 7 30 pm in Rampton Village Hall by local historian Mike Petty. Entrance costs £3 50 and includes light refreshments

The 1947 flood is the flood by which modern floods are measured. In March 1947, exceptionally heavy snowfall lying up to 1.5 metres deep across much of England and Wales was rapidly melted by a sudden thaw. This was followed by very high winds and some of the heaviest rain ever recorded. Most of the rivers in the south, Midlands, East Anglia and North Yorkshire broke their banks. Weeks of frost had left the ground frozen hard, meaning rain and meltwater could not soak into it. By the evening of 11 March 1947, vast areas of southern England were under water. An area of almost 300,000 hectares was damaged, at a cost estimated at £12m, equal to around £300m today. Valleys turned into lakes in 40 counties and East Anglia's fens were a sandbagged inland sea. More than 100,000 properties were damaged.

All are welcome to come along and find out how it affected our area.





## Willingham Out Of School Club Needs You!

### Play Workers Required

Due to an expansion in our numbers Willingham Out Of School Club has a vacancies for two additional play workers.

We are looking for highly motivated individuals to be part of a friendly and hard working team dedicated to providing a safe and stimulating environment for the children in our care.

Holding, working towards or being prepared to work towards an NVQ Level 2 or equivalent childcare qualification is essential, as is experience of working with young children.

All applicants will need to be CRB checked.

The club is open in term time only from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm Monday - Friday. However, consideration will be given to applicants interested in only working part sessions e.g. 3.00 pm to 4.30 pm or those interested in only working 2 or 3 sessions per week.

The successful applicants can expect to receive a highly competitive hourly rate of pay.

If you are interested in these positions please contact Lynda Maris on 01954 261665 or 07831 482516 for a detailed job description and application form.

## Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's charity lunch, in aid of the Over Day Centre, will be held at 1 pm on Saturday 15 November at the home of Amy and Alan Robinson, 15A High Street, co-hosted by Ursula. The lunch, which costs £3, consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheese, tea and coffee, etc.

This is the final lunch to be held this year and will therefore conclude our donations to the Over Day Centre. We would ask you consider and propose at this lunch which charity you would wish to support in 2009. As this year's charity is locally based, we would also ask that any nominations for 2009 are for a more widespread charity as per the policy we have adopted. So, please come along and make your views known.

Over the past five years, we have been able to give over £3200 to different charities. Why not come along and join us.



## Willingham Library

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

0845 0455225



### Library Opening Times

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

### Another successful author visit



Willingham is lucky to include among its residents an expert on local hero/villain Oliver Cromwell, and the aim of Roy Sherwood's fascinating talk last month was to dispel some of the myths. The event was organised by the Friends of Willingham Library and the audience filled every corner of the library to listen to Roy's description of this man, who was King in all but name, right down to the coat of arms. We also heard about the very jolly marriage celebrations for Cromwell's daughter, at which the dourness and austerity normally associated with that period were nowhere to be found. There was a lively question and answer session afterwards, which continued informally over a glass of wine, with Roy signing copies of his latest book.

### Engage in the Afternoon

This new social gathering for adults got underway at Willingham Library on Wednesday 1 October. Sue Williamson from Cambridge Central Library gave an informative talk on books and reading, and updated us on what will be available when the new central library in Cambridge re-opens. Tea and biscuits were served, and participants could change their books and use the computers.

The next meeting in this series will be a 'Down Memory Lane' session on **Wednesday 3 December 2 - 4 pm**. If you can, bring along an old photo, present or a memory about Christmas past.

# Village Diary

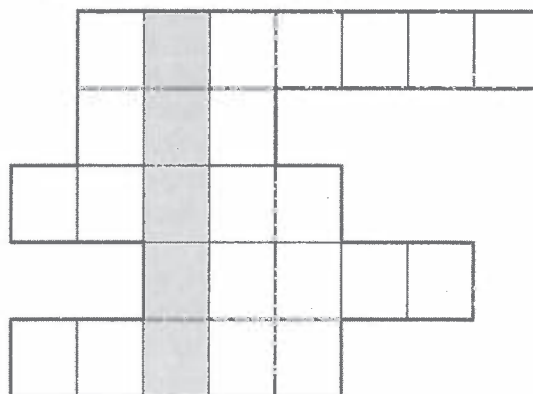
MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>November</b>				
1 and 2	Shutter Painting Weekend	Cattells Mill Restoration and Preservation Trust	Cattells Mill, Mill Road	261168
3	AGM	Willingham WEA	Baptist Church	11 45 am
3	Pickwick Cambridge 1838 Scrapbook talk	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	7 30 pm
5	Parish Council Meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
5	Fireworks and Bonfire	Willingham Scout Group	Mannings Fruit Farm	6 30 pm
7	Bubbles and Tops Fireworks Party	Bubbles and Tops	31 High Street	Voluntary donations
8	Andy Fraser & the Sugar Daddies	Over Jazz	Over Community Centre	8 30 pm
9	Laying of Poppy Wreath	Royal British Legion Women's Section	War Memorial, Willingham Cemetery	10 15 am
10	Chocolates for Christmas	Cottenham Young Farmers' Club	34 High Street	Lynda 261309
11	Presentation of the Parish Plan	Parish Plan Committee	Three Tuns	9 - 11 30 am
15	Charity Lunch	The Lunchers	15A High Street	£3
22	Christmas Sale	Salvation Army	The Citadel	10 am - 2 pm
24	Talk on <i>Community Relations</i>	Mothers' Union	The Octagon	2 30 pm
29	Christmas Fayre	Honeypot Preschool	Willingham School	10 30 - 12 30 am
29	Art Exhibition & Christmas Fayre	Octagon Art Group & Parish Church	Parish Church	10 am - 3 pm
<b>December</b>				
1	Members' Christmas party	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
3	Down Memory Lane	Engage in the afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 4 pm
6	Christmas Concert with Carols	In aid of cancer research	Parish Church	7 30 pm £5
6	Christmas Fayre	Willingham Baptist Church	Baptist Church	10 am - noon
20	Christmas Band	Social Club	Social Club	Members Free £3 guests
31	Disco	Social Club	Social Club	Members Free £3 guests

## Sudoku set by Willow

6	5		1	7			3	4
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## ANIMAL PUZZLE

Identify the animals from their pictures to make an extra word. It's something that you and all the animals need!



Solutions to puzzles on page 16

# Village Directory

<b>Council</b>	Parish Council		01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman	Mr P King	01954 260780
	Planning Committee Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
<b>Services</b>	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01223 464242
<b>Schools</b>	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club	Mrs R. Tiley	01954 200871
	Cottenham Village College		01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Mrs L Blunt	01954 261309
<b>Children</b>	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Mrs C Custance	01954 202005
	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
<b>Halls</b>	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
<b>Local Representatives</b>	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr G Redhead	01954 288944
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs J Hodgkinson	01954 201816
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
<b>Clubs</b>	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	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
<b>Sport</b>	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Football Club	Mr Alex Howard	01954 260734
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 202082
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261526
<b>Churches</b>	Mother's Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic Priest	Rev Paul Maddison	01480 462192
	Salvation Army	Major M Lewis	01480 386593
	Parish Church	Mrs Gillian Macnaghten	01954 261817



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## Bin collections

- 5 November** Green bin and box. Plastic bottles.  
**12 November** Black Bin  
**19 November** Green bin and box. Plastic bottles.  
**26 November** 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.

## CLUB "60" Holidays

**NORWICH** Christmas Shopping - Sat 15<sup>th</sup> November £15

**CROMER** End of Pier Christmas Seaside Special Show

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December £29

**BOOK 5 Days Tinsel & Turkey 2008 NOW**

**Bournemouth** 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> November £199 2 seats

**TWIXMAS - CROMER & NORWICH** 1 seat

27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December £72

**YARMOUTH - Hippodrome Christmas SPECTACULAR**

Matinee Only £26 Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**HOLIDAY on ICE - Peterborough** £35

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February

**HODSOCKS SNOWDROPS** £19.50

**3 days WW2 Themed Break GT YARMOUTH** £85

27<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March

**5 Days ISLE of WIGHT** £179

9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March

**5 Days WEYMOUTH** £219 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April

**5 Days WEYMOUTH** £219 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May

**5 Days TORQUAY** £225 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April

**5 Days The LAKE District** £219 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> September

**ROYAL ASCOT** £39.50 17<sup>th</sup> June

**LOCAL VILLAGE PICK UP "WILLINGHAM"**

Telephone 01954 200221

## Willingham WEA

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 3 November at 11 45 am in the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

## Harmonica & Vocal Tuition

**All Enquiries**

**07786-256178**

**lockwood\_steve@hotmail.com**

**www.steve.ms**

*"Steve's one of the very best harmonica players around - his infectious energy is apparently endless, and the man's chops are just jaw-dropping."*

**The following information has been received from the police:**

With satellite navigation equipment becoming more popular with motorists, it's also becoming more popular with criminals.

You can help prevent this crime by following these tips:

1. Do not leave your sat nav in the vehicle on display
2. Do not leave the sat nav inside the vehicle ie, in the glovebox or under a seat
3. If possible take the sat nav cradle out of the vehicle and if the cradle is connected by suction to the window then clean this area after use.
4. Register the sat nav equipment on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) - ie, serial name, make model etc
5. Generally do not leave items of value, handbags, rucksacks, briefcases etc in your vehicle, not even the boot as thieves know items are often stored there.

### Try the *Bowen Technique*

Indian Head Massage also available

Contact Kim: 01954 204142  
or [kim@bowenhealing.com](mailto:kim@bowenhealing.com)

Gentle, *effective* treatment for work or sports related injuries, muscular / skeletal disorders, stress, bronchial problems and general relaxation



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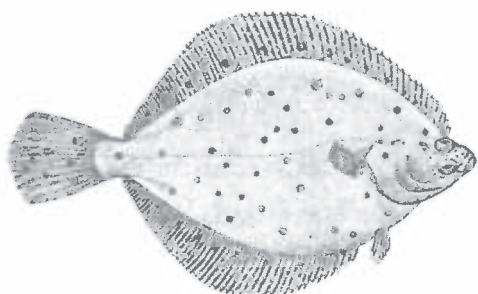
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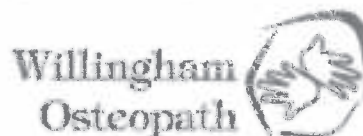
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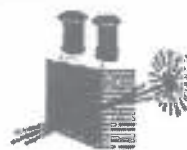
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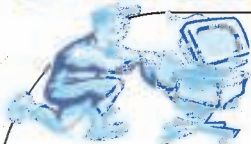
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