

WILLINGHAM NEWS



December 2008

We wish all our readers a Merry Christmas

Monthly music...

On the last Monday in each month a varied group of musicians meets at the Social Club for Willingham Jam Night. They represent many styles of music. In December, when the date is 29th, the Jam Night will have been running for a year.



Photograph by Judith Eales

It was started on the initiative of Steve Lockwood and Andy Fraser, with a simple aim; to facilitate and promote music among local professional and amateur musicians. Steve explains: 'We both liked the idea of bringing young people together to perform'.

The monthly Jam Nights have been attracting 50 or 60 people, most of them performers. They would welcome more people who are keen on listening to live

music and seeing the performers, without any obligation to perform themselves. The nights have succeeded in attracting performers with a wide range of experience, not all of them young. Their ages range, in Steve's words 'from 16 to 60'. Most are from Willingham, but people come from Baldock, Saffron Walden, Huntingdon and Cambridge as well.

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'Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial'



Note: Deadline for January copy is 8 December

...and dance success



In October two troupes of young Willingham dancers won silver medals at the European Festival of Dance and the Performing Arts - an international competition at EuroDisney, Paris. They were from Ladybird Borland and Sarah J's School of Dance.

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From the Parish Council

Willingham Green Alternations

Work has begun on the Village Green and is going very well. It is expected to be completed by 22 December.

Parish Plan

The Parish Plan was presented to the Parish Council at the November Full Parish Council Meeting. The Chairman, Councillor P King thanked the Committee for all the hard work they have put in, resulting in a thorough and informative plan. The Parish Plan Committee will now be looking for volunteers to assist in the implementation of the Plan.

Trees on the Recreation Ground

Councillors have met with Parishioners to discuss the tree works that need to be done on the Recreation Ground. There will be a short window in Spring 2009 in which to do the works and all parties will have agreed what needs to be done by that date.

Willingham By-Pass Study

The Willingham By-Pass study is in its final stages and a report is imminent. Further news will be in the January edition of *Willingham News*.

Police Matters

Paul Rogerson is the new Neighbourhood Police Sergeant and will be aided by Sergeant Rebecca Williams.

Youth Matters

Meetings have taken place in the Ploughman Hall on Thursday evenings to organise and set up a youth club

facility in the Ploughman Hall in the new year. It is hoped that the youth club will meet on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of every month. Further news will be in the next edition of *Willingham News*.

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), 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, 3 December – 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: Mr Colin Brown Deputy Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge The Office is open on Monday Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10 00 am to 1 00 pm, except Bank Holidays. Appointments can be made by calling the Office. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.

Parish Plan: the end of the beginning!

Aptly for Remembrance Day, Churchill's well-known words from 1942 set the tone of the public meeting on 11 November at which the Parish Plan was presented to the residents of Willingham in a packed school hall. The evening was a celebration of the completion of the Plan, representing the views of over 60% of the village, but also a first step towards its implementation. Following a short presentation by members of the Plan committee there was a brief discussion on the list of actions in the Plan, the main focus being on traffic problems, including the need for a bypass, weight restrictions on the B1050 to Earith and safer cycling. The lack of a youth club and the impact of Northstowe were also raised. Parish and District Councillors were present to listen to the comments and answer questions, and so was Andy Campbell, the Managing Director of Stagecoach in

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

Mr J Anderson (Planning Committee Chair)	01954 203344
Mr M Borland	01954 203347
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Cambridge. Also present were representatives from the primary school, medical practice, library, churches and many of the village clubs and organisations. Lively discussion continued informally, aided by wine provided by Willingham Co-op, and a superb cake, made by Julie Ferguson.

Earlier in the day a steady stream of people had visited a display at the Three Tuns and indicated their priorities for the action plan – see next month's *Willingham News* for more details. The public meeting marked the end of the task that the original Parish Plan committee had set itself, and the members stood down. A new committee will be set up to oversee the implementation of the actions, and several people put their names forward at the meeting. It has a very important job to do: all the work put into the production of the Plan will have been in vain if it just gathers dust on shelves.

The actions can be split into two categories: those that must be done by the relevant local authority where the main role of the committee is to press for action and monitor progress, and those that villagers can do themselves, such as putting on community events. Many volunteers agreed to help. The Plan was presented to the Parish Council on 5 November, to South Cambridgeshire District Council on 14 November and Cambridgeshire County Council on 21 November. They will all have a key role to play. The members of the original Plan committee, and the 100 or so volunteers who had contributed to the Plan through delivering questionnaires, inputting data and drafting chapters,



Mike Tidball welcomes people

were thanked, and it was agreed that the final Plan was a document to be proud of. A summary version had been delivered to every household and the complete version, which, including annexes and a full data analysis, runs to about 200 pages, is available in Willingham Library. It is also available on a CD which can be purchased for £1 from Mike Tidball (m.tidball@btinternet.com, 01954 260647) or the Post Office, or can be downloaded free from www.newwillingham.org. More volunteers are needed, so if you missed the meeting but would like to be involved with the implementation of the Plan, whether as a committee member or by helping with local events, you can volunteer via the website or contact Mike Tidball, details above.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Wishing you all a
Very Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year

From Jo Bonar

*Polly and Alan Fawcett
wish all their Willingham friends
a very happy Christmas,
and good health in the New Year*

Liz Saxton

wishes all her
Willingham friends
and neighbours a

**Merry Christmas
and a
Happy 2009**

Bruce and
Sue Kent send
best wishes
for the
Christmas
season
to all their
friends and
neighbours
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Anne and Bill Kirkman wish all our Willingham friends
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Thank You all for your patience during our changeover to a new clinical computer system. We hope this will solve the problems we have experienced in the past with slowness and crashing of the system.

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

WILLINGHAM SURGERY OPENING HOURS CHRISTMAS 2008

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Wed 24 Dec	Xmas Eve	8 30 am-1 00 pm 2 00-6 00 pm
Thurs 25 Dec	Christmas Day	CLOSED
Fri 26 Dec	Boxing Day	CLOSED
Sat 27 Dec	No Saturday surgery	CLOSED
Sun 28 Dec		CLOSED
Mon 29 Dec	Normal hours	8 30 am-1 00 pm 2 30-6 00 pm
Tues 30 Dec	Normal hours	8 30 am-1 00 pm 2 00-6 00 pm
Wed 31 Dec	New Year's Eve	8 30 am-1 00 pm 2 00-6 00 pm
Thurs 1 Jan	New Year's Day	CLOSED
Fri 2 Jan	Normal hours	8 30 am-1 00 pm 2 00-6 00 pm
Sat 3 Jan	No Saturday surgery	CLOSED

Acknowledgement Our thanks to family and friends of Marian West for their donations to the Equipment Fund in her memory.

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'Ian at the controls'

Steve is a professional musician, with wide international experience. He began his professional career as a vocalist, then learnt to play harmonica at what is now Anglia Ruskin University – taught by the great harmonica player, Larry Adler. He lectures, and teaches privately, as well as performing. He has toured the world with his own band.

Andy was a keen amateur keyboard player, running a computer business – until, on New Year's Eve 2000 he suffered strokes, and then, three years ago, lost his sight. He asked Steve to teach him to play the harmonica, and then formed his own jazz band. This meets on the first Sunday of the month, and, like the Jam Night, is raising money for equipment.

They collaborate in running the Jam Nights. Steve is the musical director, who meets and greets people as they come in, discusses their particular interests –

People attending are invited to make a donation of £2, which goes towards equipment. They have raised nearly £500 in the first year, and are planning to buy a music system for the Social Club, which will simplify the complex process of setting things up each month.

and makes sure everyone has a chance to play. His aim is to make sure the evening is one of contrasts, for example with jazz alongside Irish folk music. Andy looks after the financial side, and acts as the 'doorman' for the events. Lindy, Andy's wife, serves as the company secretary, and John Sibley, the president of the Social Club, is a 'silent partner' in the group.

How do Steve and Andy sum up the first year of the Jam Nights? They have done well at providing opportunities for disabled people. They have encouraged at least a dozen performance debutants. They have brought together professional musicians, teachers and complete beginners.

Their long-term goal is to 'provide more of the same'. They are providing music for the Club and for village functions, and they hope to be able to direct performers to other possible outlets, such as churches and the school. Mick Venning, of the Orchard Cottage recording studio, will be offering a prize for a recording in January 2009.

They currently have a mailing list of 100, and have a website:

<http://www.myspace.com/willinghamjamclub> and are planning to create, through My Space, an on-line community of musicians. Steve, who has two young children, is thinking of starting a music club for under four-year-olds.

Meanwhile, he says: 'We'd like more musicians and more audience. And we need more volunteers to help. Oh, and we could do with a keyboard and a drum kit'.

Contact: Julian Eales: julian_eales@hotmail.com

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The intermediate troupe (aged 8-13 years) performed a five minute dance routine choreographed by Sara Johnson. The seniors (aged 14-17 years) did a staggering seven minute performance – a real test of stamina - choreographed by Ashley Borland and Sara Johnson. Several of the young dancers performed solos or duets and Emma Maris and Jamie Foster won a bronze medal for their Modern Dance duet.

The event took place at the Disney Dome. It takes real guts to perform in front of professional judges on a stage bigger than the hall they rehearse in! Ladybird said: 'we hear a lot of negativity about children and teenagers, but these young people have given up much of their summer holiday and every Saturday morning to rehearse. Every child has brought home a medal! They have worked really hard and I am very, very proud of them'.

The coach driver who spent the full four days with the party praised the teenagers for being the most polite and well mannered group he had spent time with and he believed they represented the dance school and Willingham impeccably.

Intermediate Troupe

Jamie Foster, Holly Jacklin, Maya Levy, Zoe Letellier, Becky Macy, Emma Maris, Chloe Patterson, Rachel Patterson, Stacey Pearson and Val Smith,

Senior Troupe

Nina Andrews, Ashley Borland, Robin Borland, Alex Coe, Robin Foster, Bethany Freer, Ryan Goodrum, Fran Hazel, Elspeth Hunt, Sara Johnson, Charlotte Jones, Albert Linsdale, Heidi Morgan, Jade Nicholson-Lamb, Dom Owen, Vicky Passey, Freya Roberts, Genna Silk and Emma Turner,

For more information contact Ladybird Borland 01954 203347

Fen Edge Community Association

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Willingham Gardening Club

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the
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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. We are a group of people with an interest in
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In addition to the meetings we have an annual
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and there is an annual Club holiday too in May usually.
Contact Celia on 01954 261394 or just turn up to
a meeting to view or join.

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 1 December - Members' Xmas Party at the
Willingham Social Club, Fen End at 7 30 pm. There
will be a speaker and the usual games as well as
sumptuous Xmas fayre. The party is free for members;

there is a charge of £5 per head for guests. Monday 5
January, 2009 is the first Club meeting of the New
Year. Our speaker will be George Thorpe who will
speak about 'Gardens in China'. Monday 2 February -
Margaret Waddy will speak to us about 'Growing from
seeds, cuttings and grafting'. This should be of interest
to experienced and novice gardeners alike. The
programme of outings for 2009 will be published in
these pages in the New Year when the arrangements
are finalised.

REMINDERS

**The Xmas Party on 1 December. Any member
who has not yet picked up a party ticket may do
so on the night.**

Club Holiday 2009

Some places are still available on the annual Club
holiday which in 2009 is to the Isle of Wight. There are
some twin rooms still available. Anyone wishing to go
or to know more should contact Linda on 01954
202072

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The Chairman and committee members would like to
wish all members and those who have helped us during
2008 a very merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

Pastoral Letter

There's an air of excitement, expectation even. Something is about to happen. The world watches and waits. We should have known; we had been told about it often enough, but when it happens it is not quite what was expected.

It's Christmas! So what is all the fuss about? For months we have been planning and preparing - and spending as though money was going out of fashion! For what? What is the point of it all? Sadly, we often miss the point and, well, after all, didn't the people of Israel miss the point on that first Christmas? They were expecting a great champion of the people to come riding in on a white stallion to set them free from the Romans.

God had never promised that. He was constantly sending messages through the prophets to warn Israel of their waywardness. They had turned their backs on the God who created them and continued to love them despite the fact that were constantly ignoring him and living a life far from him. When the 'Promised One' finally came, he came into such a humble situation. Imagine, God's own people could find no room for him to be born as a human! Instead he had to make do with a dirty shed used to shelter the animals. There was no great fanfare, no street parties, no bank holiday, just a visit from a few local shepherds startled by an angelic choir and a few oriental scholars some months later.

So, what has changed? Life in the 21st century seems often to exclude God. We simply can't find time for him. It's as if it never happened, except, of course, we are about to celebrate the event. It is comforting to know that at Christmas more people attend a church service than at any other time of the year. We also spend more on presents and food and the rest to celebrate the birth of the God who would be man while often forgetting all about him. You will find details of all the church carol services elsewhere in this magazine. Enjoy a wonderful Christmas, but don't forget the reason for the season - Jesus Christ, born to give us a better life.

*Trevor Rowe, Minister,
Willingham Baptist Church*

(We are glad to welcome the Rev. Trevor Rowe to the team of writers of the Pastoral Letters.)

Swavesey & Over Tennis Club

Andrew Papworth confirmed his position as No 1 player at Swavesey & Over Tennis Club when he won its autumn tournament in October. However, playing in his first event since joining the club, Willingham's Mark Turvill pushed him all the way.

The tournament was staged as a 'changing partners' event, where each pair played four games against another pair, with first point after a deuce winning that game, and then one player from each pair changed sides for another four games to be played.

Each player's total games for and against were totted up to find the winners.

In the men's section Mark was unbeaten, to finish with 35 points for and only five against. Mark was not far behind on 31 - 9, with Roger Miller third on 26 - 14.

In the ladies section Fay Turner had the best result with an even 20 - 20, whilst Jenni Veale and Sarah Tolliday were joint second on 17 - 23.

The club plays at Swavesey Village College, club nights being on Mondays from 7.30. More information from Naunton Pugh, Secretary, on 01954 230393, email: naunton.pugh@ntlworld.com



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 Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time. Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers time to meet others and be creative. It is held in the Octagon from 10 00 to 11 15 am.

Coffee Stop Every Tuesday morning from 10 00 to 11 30 am you are welcome to drop in to the Octagon for coffee or tea and a chat. There is no formality: just walk in.

Cake Stall The December cake stall will take place on Saturday 6

December - 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.

An Attractive Christmas Present: *The Wallpaintings of Willingham.* The book describes, with full colour plates, the unique range of 34 medieval wallpaintings in Willingham Church. It explains in detail why, how and when they came to be painted between the 13th and 17th centuries, then preserved under limewash for 350 years, before their subsequent discovery and conservation over the past century. It includes details of the recent conservation work on them. Copies are available at £4.99 from Alan Fawcitt, tel. 204024. All proceeds go towards further conservation work.

Salvation Army

Coffee and Fellowship Morning every Monday 10 30 am to 12 noon. Come along and enjoy a time of friendship and fellowship over a cup of coffee. All welcome.

Craft Club Monday every Monday 2 00 to 4 00 pm. Come and share your craft interest with others and enjoy a cup of tea and friendship.

Luncheon Club takes place every week on Thursday at 12 30 pm. We have vacancies from January 2009. To book a place, telephone Daphne on 01954 260568.

Over 60s Friendship Club every Thursday 2 00 to 3 00 pm. Each week we share items of topical interest and have a cup of tea. All welcome.

For further information please contact Major Marian Lewis on 10480 386593, email Marian.Lewis@salvationarmy.org.uk, or Gordon 01954 260066.

Jimmy's Night Shelter is very concerned that they are running out of blankets. When the shelter is full, all they can do to help homeless people who they cannot take into the Shelter, is to give them a hot meal and a blanket. However, with most people now using duvets, they get very few donations of blankets. Please would you see if you have any you could donate? Hilary Wyllie (01954 260051) would be happy to collect them from you and take them to the Shelter.



**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET**

www.willinghambaptist.org

7 December

10 00 am Pastor Paolo, Venice
(Communion)

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

14 December

10 00 am Sunday School Nativity

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

21 December

9 00 am Keith Rawlinson

10 45 am All-age Carol service at
Primary School

5 00 pm Carol Service at Earith
Primary School

6 00 pm Family Carol Concert

25 December

10 00am Christmas Day celebration

28 December

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Liz Herrington

Enquiries to Trevor Rowe (minister)
01954 261193 or Hilary Wyllie
(secretary) 01954 260051

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

www.willinghamchurch.org

7 December

11 00 am Parish Communion

14 December

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am Nativity

6 00 pm Evensong

Thursday 18 December

7 00 pm Carol Service

21 December

11 00 am Parish Communion

24 December

3 00 pm Crib Service

11 30 pm Midnight Communion

25 December

10 00 am Family Communion

28 December

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Service -joint with
Rampton

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 **December: 4th**).

There is a **prayer meeting** on the **last** Friday of each month at 8 00 am (No meeting in December. Next meeting - **January: 30th**).

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).

**Christmas Concert with
Carols**

**Saturday 6 December,
7 30 pm**

Jennifer Thompson, Paul Ingle,
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Entrance £5

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**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET**

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/willingham

7 December

5 00 pm Sunday Worship

14 December

5 00 pm Sunday Worship

21 December

3 00 pm Carol Service in Silver Street Hall

25 December

10 30 am Christmas Day Service

28 December

5 00 pm Sunday Worship. Pam
Buckridge

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
HIGH STREET RAMPTON**

7 December

9 30 am Parish Communion

14 December

9 30 am Church Lite in the Village Hall

21 December

9 30 am Parish Communion

4 00 pm Carol Service

28 December

11 00 am All Age Service -joint at
Willingham

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED
HEART**

19 Needingworth Road, St Ives
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 December this is Pyrethrum Way and Covent Garden.

Cottenham Village College Dance

This year Cottenham Village College has been supporting a local campaign called 'Plug into Dance'. It is all about getting more people, of all ages and abilities, dancing for health reasons as well as because it's creative, social and fun. The campaign is to culminate in a Festival of Dance across the Cottenham and Impington area in February 2009. The key aim is to offer something for all ages, all abilities and all backgrounds.

Amy Wormald, local Arts Development Manager, writes: 'We are planning a residency project in school with a professional dance company, and there are other activities planned for the wider community including a Tea Dance (hosted by Cottenham Seniors Club) and a Salsa Dance Party (hosted by the Cottenham Disability Youth Group). As part of the Festival programme it would be great to see more community-led activities - and in particular activities in Willingham.

Are you part of a local club or organisation who would like to host a dance event in February as part of the Festival?

Event ideas could include:

- dance displays by local clubs
- a Ceilidh
- taster workshops (anything from bellydancing to breakdancing)
- or simply a village dance or disco

Or are you already running dance activities that we could promote in the Festival programme?

Your activity could be for any age group. As the local Arts Development Manager I can advise on funding and find practitioners to run sessions. All groups hosting an event will benefit from free promotion for their activity in the Festival programme (print run of 10,000). Please note: All event details must be confirmed by **Friday 5 December** in order to be included in the Festival programme.

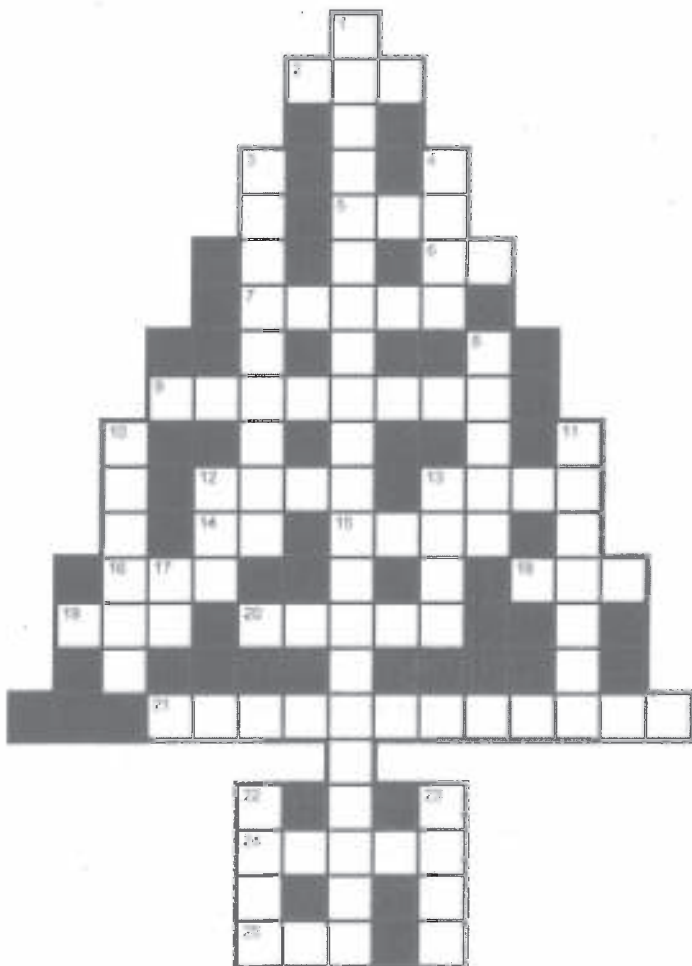
If your club or organisation would like to be involved in the community Dance Festival please get in touch.'

Amy Wormald

Arts Development Manager for Cottenham and Impington area

01954 288748

Crossword set by Willow



Across

- 2 No room here for Mary and Joseph (3)
 5 Part of a white Christmas (3)
 6 "And, __ ! the angel of the Lord came down" (2)
 7 Christmas song (5)
 9/13 Seasonal greeting (5,3,4)
 12 Zest for 12d ingredient (4)
 13 See 9
 14 "Oh come let __ adore him" (2)
 15 Post Christmas belt-tightening? (4)
 16 Child's joke (3)
 18 Kind of donkey (3)
 19 "As with gladness __ of old" (3)
 20 Toymakers to Santa (5)
 21 Sauce for 12d (6,6)
 24 Do this early on Christmas morning? (5)
 25 Ilex's partner in 7 (3)

Down

- 1 Famous 7 by Mrs C F Alexander (4,2,5,5,1,4)
 3 Quintessential Christmas tarts (5,4)
 4 Ding dong's merrily on high? (4)
 8 Child's treat (5)
 10 Country Christmas bird (6)
 11 Here is a gift (7)
 12 Little dessert (3)
 13 Churchyard trees (4)
 17 " __ the deep midwinter" (2)
 22 Wise men (4)
 23 " __ the halls with boughs of holly" (4)

solution on page 18

Ramper Road, Longstanton. The northern section has been successfully opened, followed by the closure of Over Road between Ramper Road and the interim bypass roundabout. The final opening of the Lonstanton Bypass is expected during the first week of December.

Willingham Hockey Club Players compete in half marathon

Four ladies from the Willingham Hockey Club completed the Great Eastern run in Peterborough on Sunday 12 October. It was a beautiful sunny day, which although was a little too hot for running the 13.1 mile distance, it made for a great day out and relaxing after the event. From L to R: Julie Peck (2:13:02), Marion Barber (1:53:29) Helen Bardwell (1:46:03) and Hayley Thirkettle (2:06:03)



Almost 3,000 participants finished the event raising money for various charities. The hockey players raised in excess of £1,000 for Cancer Research UK with generous support from friends, family and Willingham residents. Thank you!

It's not too late to donate at <http://www.justgiving.com/willinghamhockey>

If you would like to play hockey on a casual and very friendly basis join us at the Recreation Ground, Willingham 10 00 am every Saturday. Running half marathons is not compulsory!!

Women's Institute

December being the season of festivities the ladies of Willingham WI don't like to miss out. For our meeting this month we are having our usual Christmas Party. This is for members only, members please make sure that we know if you are unable to attend, this is purely for catering purposes. Would members please remember to bring a plate, bowl, glass and cutlery.

In the New Year our January meeting starts with our Annual General Meeting. As we have two members of our committee resigning this year, we shall be looking for at least two members to stand for the committee. Would any members who feel they would like to join the committee please collect a nomination form at the party.



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

Family Story-Making Workshop

This event was held in the library as part of October's Family Learning Week. The three families who came were inspired by Creative Writing tutor Jenny O'Brien to make up some wonderful stories of aliens and magicians and had lots of fun. In the space of 90 minutes they became authors, illustrators and storytellers.

Histon FC

On Saturday 4 October, children who completed Team Read at Willingham Library used free tickets donated by Histon FC to see the team beat Salisbury City 2-0. Harry Smith was a team mascot for the day.

Future Events - Engage in the Afternoon

From January 2009, this social event in the library will be held on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 30 pm. Come and join us! There will be a speaker, plus tea or coffee and an opportunity chat, change books and use the computers.

3 December 'Down Memory Lane' - Reminiscence session with a Christmas theme.

7 January 'Your Library On-Line' - A demonstration of the fantastic range of reference material available on-line both in the library and from home.

4 February Chris Lacey - Willingham's very own poet will be speaking and reading a selection of her work.

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
December				
1	Members' Christmas Party	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
3	Down Memory Lane	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 4 pm
3	Parish Council Meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
4	Shopping & Pamper Evening	WSA	Willingham School	7 - 9 30 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
January				
5	Club Meeting George Thorpe on 'Gardens in China'	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
7	Your Library on line	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
12	'The Wars of the Roses'	WEA Willingham	Baptist Church	10 - 11 45 am
31	Willingham Winter Ball	1st Responder Team	Ploughman Hall	7 00 for 7 30 pm
February				
2	Club Meeting Margaret Waddy 'Growing from seeds, cuttings and grafting'	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
4	Chris Lacey - poetry reading	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm

All is peaceful in the kingdom of Highgrovia. King Charles and Queen Camilla have proudly announced the birth of their baby daughter, the Princess Briar-Rose and everyone is busy celebrating the news. Or are they?

Unfortunately, the Lord Chamberlain has omitted to invite one person to the party - the thoroughly mad and bad fairy Carabosse. And boy, is she mad! When Carabosse discovers that the celebrations are going on without her, she vows to exact her revenge by placing a curse upon the baby Princess's head which promises that before her 18th birthday, the Princess will prick her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel and die!

Luckily, this being pantomime, help is at hand in the form of the Princess's three fairy godmothers, but will they be able to come up with a spell good enough to counter Carabosse's curse?

Or will Carabosse's henchmen, the thoroughly stupid Wally and Willy, be able to ensure the curse is carried out?

Sleeping Beauty features all the usual panto elements of dazzling Dame, joking Jester, silly skeletons, thigh-slapping Prince, song and dance, music and laughter, and the messiest icing-of-the-cake scene you'll ever see. With a new script by Sean Baker and Rod Dundee, it is classic family entertainment for Christmas and a show not to be missed. The cast includes plenty of local talent: Stephanie Swan as Princess Briar-Rose, Melissa Cray as Prince Charming, Helen Foster as Carabosse, Elspeth Hunt as Fairy Goody-jade, Andrew Jordan as Nurse Molly Coddle, with Sean Abbs and Matt Sweeney as Wally & Willy.

Sleeping Beauty

Over Community Centre
Wed Dec. 10 - 7.15pm
Thu & Fri Dec 11 & 12 - 7.45pm
Sat Dec 13 - 2.30pm & 7.45pm

Tickets:

Wed Adults £7, Children & OAPs £4,
Family (2 adult/2 child) £20
Thu-Sat Adults £8, Children & OAPs £5,
Family (2 adult/2 child) £22

Box Office: 230056 (opens October 20th)
www.overplayers.org.uk

Village Directory

Council	Parish Council		01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman	Mr P King	01954 260780
	Planning Committee Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
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	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 S 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
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
Halls	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
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	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	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

Solution to puzzle on page 14

Answers

Across: 2 Inn, 5 Ice, 6 Lo, 7 Carol, 9/13 Happy new year, 12 Peel, 14 Us, 15 Diet, 16 Kid, 18 Ass, 19 Men, 20 Elves, 21 Brandy butter, 24 Arise, 25 Ivy.

Down: 1 Once in royal david's city, 3 Mince pies, 4 Bell, 8 Sweet, 10 Turkey, 11 Present, 12 Pud, 13 Yews, 17 In, 22 Magi, 23 Deck.

Bin collections

3 December Green bin and box. Plastic bottles.

10 December Black Bin

17 December Green bin and box. Plastic bottles.

24 December 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.

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WEA Willingham

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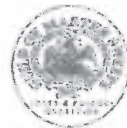
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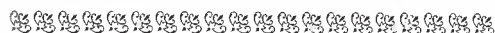
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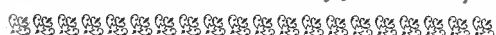
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