

January 2009

A Very Happy New Year to all our readers

Conversation with the Kings

'I am the oldest person born in Willingham who is still living in the village.' So says John King, with pride. Born in 1915, he has spent the whole of his 93 years here. His wife Win, a year younger, was also born in Willingham, but before the second world war was in domestic service in Cambridge, working for the Master of Sidney Sussex College.

John was born in 'Cutter End' (now Rose and Crown Yard) and lived there until he was ten. Win was born in Rockmill End.

John attended Willingham School, in Fen End, until 1929. In that year, he went to work for the Askew family as a 'horse and cow man', and stayed until the end of the war. From the age of ten, however, he had worked,





Recently painted portraits of John and Win King.

milking cows and looking after horses, to earn money, using it to buy his first bicycle when he was 11. At 18, he bought a motor bike, and, as he puts it 'I have had wheels ever since, except during the war'.

At Willingham School John became school captain, in 1928, and still has a small disc to prove it! He served as the attendance officer for the school.

Win's family lived at Iram Farm, at the end of Priest Lane, and because of the distance from the centre of

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following email address:

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The email of our PCSO Domenic Pingerna is domenic.pingerna@cambs.pnn.police.uk





From the Parish Council

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM WILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Willingham Green Alternations

Work has now been completed on the Village Green and the Parish Council are very pleased with the new look. The Parish Council will be erecting a map on the Green showing points of local interest.

Parish Plan

Willingham Parish Council would like to express deep appreciation of the considerable efforts of all concerned with the construction of the Plan and of the professional way in which it had been produced. A representative from the Parish Council will liaise and work with the Parish Plan Committee for the future benefit of the Parish.

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

Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
(Planning Committee Chair)	
Mr M Borland	01954 203347
Mr J Burnett	01954 270338
Mrs K Cornwell	01954 261530
Mrs P Daniels	01954 260505
(Council Vice Chair)	
Mr P King	01954 260780
(Council Chair)	
Ms S King	01954 202045
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(Green & Boundaries Committee Chair)	
Mr R Manning	01954 261235
(also Leader of the District Council)	
Mr S Mellows	01954 270063
Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
(Halls Committee Chair)	
Mr G Pake	01954 260534
(Cemetery Committee Chair)	
Mr C Stephens	01954 260396
Mr J Watson	01954 200245
(Leisure & Amenities Committee Chair)	

Willingham By-Pass Study

The money allocated to the investigation into the need for a Willingham by-pass has been spent and the completed report will be issued within days.

Changes to Stagecoach 15 evening service

5 January 2009 Cambridge – Willingham – St Ives Mon – Sat

Current 9 05 pm journey from Cambridge will terminate at Swavesey instead of St Ives.

Current 9 40 pm journey from St Ives will start from Swavesey at 10 06 pm.

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 about information you would like to see on our website, please contact the Clerk.

Committee Meeting dates

Go to the Parish Council website (www.willinghampc.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, 7 January, 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.

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Willingham, she attended Rampton School, and had to walk there. Sometimes the track was too muddy for her to go - and when the attendance officer came to check her absence, he decided it was too muddy for him to carry out the task.

In 1926, aged ten, she moved to Willingham School, and was there until 1930. It was much bigger than Rampton (which had only 29 pupils), and, she thought, much better.

While in service, Win earned one pound a week, but had accommodation and food provided. When war came, she was of an age to be called to war work, and joined Chivers, where, though her pay was slightly higher, she was not fed or housed, and was much worse off.

In 1939 John married Irene, from St Ives. They were together for 51 years until her death in 1990. From 1976, they lived in Newington, in a house whose building John sub-contracted, doing much of the work himself.

Meanwhile, in 1946 Win married Ted Williams, who died in 1986, soon after their 40th wedding anniversary. For 29 years, from 1947, Win and Ted ran the Milkmaid, in Green Street, (now no longer a pub), first as tenants of Tolleys, then, from 1968, as owners, after buying the pub, and adding a large room to it. Win provided lunches, and was eventually feeding up to 30 customers each day.

When they retired in 1976, Win and Ted moved to Newington, to a house opposite John and Irene's. After Ted's death, she lived there alone. Then, in 1991, after Irene's death, she and John married – and John moved across the road to Win's house, where they have lived for 17 years.

As they talk, with matter-of-fact good humour, about their lives, John and Win provide great insights

into how life has changed over the past 70 plus years. Like most Willingham people at the time, John did two jobs. After leaving Askews in 1945, he worked as a lorry driver for 15 years -11 of them for the Berrycroft Stores. He also owned some land, and had two acres of fruit trees. Over the years, that work became his full-time occupation, and he gradually changed and developed what he grew. When he retired in 1980, it was mainly soft fruit and flowers, and there were no trees.

When asked what led her and Ted to take on the pub, Win replies simply: 'We wanted somewhere to live'. Did she enjoy it? Yes, most certainly: 'I liked the company. You knew everyone'. They had a group of regulars who lunched there, including a number of widowers who were glad to have lunch cooked for them. And they took lodgers, charging 7s 6d a night. One of them, Win records with a smile, came for a week – and stayed for 17 years.

John and Win speak of the changes in Willingham in their lifetime. 'It's a town now, and you couldn't know everyone', John remarks. He comments that people now have to move out of Willingham to work, which must limit the time they have for social life in the village; but as he adds: 'We didn't have the time or the money for much social life'.

That said, they have played their part in village life. Before the war, John was active in the football club. They both played bowls, and Win helped to run the over-60s club. They still attend the parish church, in which they were married ('in my case, twice' as Win remarks with a smile).

Would they like to put the clock back to re-create Willingham as it was? Their answer is 'definitely not' – reflecting their cheerful and positive approach to life.

Thank you...

The Honeypot Preschool Committee would like to thank all the children, parents, carers and their families and friends for their help and support for our Annual Christmas Fayre which was held at the Primary School on Saturday 29 November. We would also like to thank the following local businesses for their donations of some fantastic raffle prizes:

Berrycroft Stores, Co-Op, Cooks Funeral Service, Foreman's Garage, Lee and Associates, Maison Condor, R&K Barbers, Rappaports' Delicatessen, Royal Palace Restaurant, The Three Tuns, Tesco Bar Hill, Willingham Barbers.

We also gratefully received generous donations from businesses further afield and of course we thank the School for the use of their facilities. With everyone's help and support we have been able to raise over £350 which

will be put towards further developing the new Honeypot play and learning environment. Everyone had an enjoyable morning: a bit of shopping, playing games, and of course meeting Father Christmas.

Many thanks once again for all your help and support, we could not have done it without you all. See you next year!

The Honeypot Committee



Willingham Medical Practice

52 Long Lane, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LB Reception Tel: 01954 260230 Dispensary Tel: 01954 260073

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Willingham Pharmacy Opening hours

Monday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 30pm – 6 30pm
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		1 00pm
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Thinking about Quitting Smoking?

For information about giving up for good go to: www.givingupsmoking.co.uk, Call the Quit Line 0800 00 22 00 or the NHS Smoking Helpline 0800 169 0 169

Willingham Pharmacy can provide a confidential service for those patients who are serious about quitting. This service is funded by the Cambridge PCT and you may be supplied patches or gum on an NHS prescription.

Alternatively you can make an appointment with a doctor or nurse if you prefer.

Make 2009 the year you finally give up smoking and have a healthier lifestyle.

Women's Institute

Our January meeting on Monday 12 January at 7 30 pm at the Social Club, Fen End, will commence with our AGM. It will be followed by our speaker, a retired Police Officer who will be giving us advice on 'Crime Prevention'. Everyone welcome.

A note for your diaries – Friday 30 January is our Annual Quiz night, again at the Social Club where a

bar will be available. The cost of the tickets is £6.50 per person to include a Fish & Chip or Chicken & Chip supper. Teams of 4 - 6 players, tickets for this event sell out very quickly, so if you are interested contact Gill on 201989 or Doreen on 200561.



Flu vaccinations It is not too late to protect yourself against flu in the coming winter months. Just ring to make an appointment with a doctor or nurse. Private flu vaccinations are available for those who do not qualify for a free NHS vaccination.

New computer system We thank you all for your patience and understanding while we have been learning to use our new clinical computer system.

MAGPAS Lucky Squares Thank you to all you donated prizes and bought our lucky squares. A list of prizewinners will be available in reception. We will let you know the grand total collected for MAGPAS in the next newsletter.

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Sudoku set by Willow



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Join the Dance



This February Cottenham Village College and Impington Village College are to host a festival of dance for the whole community. The Plug into Dance Celebration is all about excellence, integration and participation – aiming to offer something for all ages, interests and abilities.

Acclaimed dance company New Art Club will be working with students at Cottenham Village College towards a public performance. Other activities taking place at CVC include a



Tea Dance on Friday 27 February, 2.30pm – 4.30pm, and an integrated salsa party with Cottenham Disability Youth Group.

Please get in touch if you are:



a local club or group interested in hosting a dance event in February as part of the festival. Event ideas could include a Ceilidh, dance displays by local clubs or simply a village dance or disco. All events will benefit from free

promotion in the Festival programme.

Interested in lending a hand during the festival. Perhaps you can spare a couple of hours to steward an event or help distribute programmes in the village.

To find out more pick up a full festival programme in January from Cottenham Village College or contact local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Mothers Union

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 26 January at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Our speaker will be the Reverend Trevor Rowe from the Baptist Church talking about The Cost of Relationships. Don't forget the Bring & Buy stall. We welcome anyone who would like to come and join us.

Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held on at 1 00 pm on Saturday 17 January at the home of Jacqueline Hodkinson (49 Rampton Road), co-hosted with Val Brown. The lunch consists of a choice of soups, bread, cheeses, tea and coffee etc.

The lunch is a social occasion, a good time to meet old and new friends, at the same time raising money for needy causes. This year we will be supporting Mercy Ships. These are fully-equipped hospital ships which go to Africa and carry out, free of charge to local people,



operations for conditions such as facial disfigurements, cataracts etc. These are carried out by British doctors and other nationals who donate their services free of charge.

WEA Willingham



Our next course is 'The Wars of the Roses' and the tutor will be Mary Dicken. This ten week course will cover the reasons why the wars began, why they lasted so long, why they ended and was Richard III guilty? The course will commence on Monday, 12 January 2009 from 10 00 am. to 11 45 am (approx.) and will be held in the rear hall of the Baptist Church, George Street, Willingham. Fee: £43 and free to those in receipt of certain benefits. For further information contact Jacqueline Hodkinson (01954 201816) or come along to the first meeting.

News from the Tigger Toddlers!



On Wednesday 28 January 2009 the Tigger Toddlers will be having a morning of soft play fun with the Ragged Rascals and everyone under 5 is welcome to come and join in the fun!!

Ragged Rascals will be bringing their colourful soft play equipment to the Salvation Army Hall in Silver Street and will be open for 3 one hour long sessions from 9 30 am - 12 30 pm. Refreshments will be served throughout the morning.

Prices are £2.50 for the first child and £1.50 for any younger siblings. Babies under 6 months are £1 unless with an older child when entry is free.

As space is limited, please call Caroline on 01954 260769 to book your places. Parents/carers must stay with, and are responsible for, their children at all times.

Come and enjoy the ball pit, caterpillar tunnel, labyrinth, rockers and lots, lots more.

For a sneak preview of what's coming visit the Ragged Rascals website at www.raggedrascals.co.uk.

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Little Notes

'Little Notes' is a new music group for toddlers and carers (younger siblings welcome). It runs on
Thursdays at 10:15 in The Octagon.
For further details contact Naomi Lockwood on 01954-261248

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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. 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

Monday 5 January 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 made.

Reminders Club Holiday 2009

Some places are still available on the annual Club holiday which 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

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Pastoral Letter

After the party's over...

January follows the hype and busyness of the Christmas period – the crowded shops, financial considerations, the cooking and catering, and visiting friends and family.

Christmas has come and gone for another year. Now it is January, a new year – back to the old routines, back to 'very little to look forward to'. What happens 'after the party's over'?

For many the party means having a good time, meeting friends, having plenty to eat and drink. The after effect can be unpleasant: a hangover!

But a real celebration leaves us with something good. After a wedding comes the honeymoon, then comes the challenge of sharing life together, building a good sound relationship, one which (hopefully) will stand the test of time.



When Sir Edmund Hillary climbed to the top of Mount Everest, or Roger Bannister attained the 4 minute mile, or Isambard Kingdom Brunel completed one of his great engineering projects it was not an anti-climax and the start of gloom and despondency, as some people feel in January. It was the beginning of life in the light of such achievement. There is always another challenge ahead, another celebration on the

horizon, a new relationship to explore, more kindness to demonstrate, and more love and care to give.

6 January is Epiphany, when we remember the visit of the Magi (Wise Men) to the infant Jesus. They took a long challenging journey to see Him, and presented Him with gifts fit for a King – Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh; they knelt in worship.

What was life like for them 'after the party was over'? They returned to their own country, but their lives were changed forever. Two thousand years on and they are

remembered each year, their actions and gifts are still spoken about today. But their lives had been touched by the Almighty God, God incarnate, Jesus Christ; they could never be the same. A real encounter with Jesus Christ will transform us even today. There is no gloom and despondency after that kind of party!



Major Marian Lewis, The Salvation Army

January 2009



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 There will NOT be a cake stall in January – but 'normal service' will resume in February.

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

Coffee and Fellowship Morning every Monday 10 30 – 12 noon Come along

and enjoy a

friendship and

fellowship over

a cup of coffee.

All welcome.

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

Luncheon Club recommenced

on 27 November 2008 and meets every week on Thursday at 12 30 pm We have vacancies from January



2009. To book a place: Tel. Daphne on 01954 260568

Over 60's Friendship Club

every Thursday 2 00 – 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 01480 386593, email Marian.Lewis@salvationarmy.org.uk or Gordon 01954 **26**0066.

A very big thankyou to all who have donated blankets for Jimmy's Night Shelter. A blanket can make all the difference to someone who has to sleep rough in very low temperatures. Jimmy's are very grateful for all the support - I have taken one car load of blankets and thick jumpers, and there is another load almost ready! If you find any more - don't hesitate to let me know! Many Thanks! Hilary Wyllie (01954 260051)

January 2009



WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org

4 January

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

11 January 10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe 6 00 pm Bob Earl

18 January

9 00 am	Prof Andrew Wyllie
10 45am	All age service at the
	Primary School
6 00 pm	United Service for Week of
	Prayer for Christian Unity

25 January

10 00 amRev Trevor Rowe6 00 pmKeith Rawlinson

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This is an opportunity for Christians living in Willingham, from whatever church to come together for prayer. The week begins on Sunday 18 January with a united service at the Baptist church and short prayer meetings each evening of the week at 7 00 pm as follows:

Monday, Baptist Church Tuesday, Salvation Army Wednesday, Baptist church, led by Sacred Heart RC church Thursday, St Mary's CE church Friday, Willingham House, led by the Society of Friends.



There will also be an opportunity to meet together through Lent with a village-wide Lent course held at different venues.



ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

4 January
11 00 am Parish Communion
11 January
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
11 00 am All Age Service
6 00 pm Evensong
18 January
11 00 am Parish Communion
25 January

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)11 00 am All Age Service withBaptism

There is a prayer meeting on the last Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In January: 30th). During the interregnum there is a special time for prayer in the sacristy on the first Saturday morning of each month. (In January: 3rd). 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

4 January
5 pm Sunday Worship
11 January
5 pm Sunday Worship
18 January
5 pm Sunday Worship
25 January
5 pm Sunday Worship

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART 19 Needingworth Road, St Ives

www.sacredheart-stives.org

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 January this is Balland Field, Belsars Close, Berrycroft, Bourneys Manor Close and Brickhills.

Letters to the Editor



Thank you to Willingham Scout Group, all the Leaders and their helpers, who gave up their time to organise this year's Firework Display.

It was very well run, the display was enjoyed by many, good value for money

and a wonderful village event. Thank you.

Thank you also to all the villagers who sell produce at the end of their drives, whether apples and pears, flowers and plants - always seasonal and fresh.

Walking the dog on a nice day really is a pleasure when on your journey you can buy something for 50p too! Thank you.

Unfortunately on our travels around the village with our dog, we seem to 'encounter' many dog owners who think that people shouldn't be able to walk around the village without having to spend most of the time looking on the ground for fear of treading in something unpleasant! I have yet to actually see one of these mysterious humans with their dogs or any stray dogs roaming who may not be able to clear up after themselves! However they must exist, judging by the unpleasant mounds on the streets, down Pound Lane to the field and along the edge of Mill Field. I'm sure they know who they are!

Wendy, Becki and Emma Leaney

Santa Attack!

Yet again the 8ft inflatable Santa at 41 High St (by the traffic lights) has been attacked. This time, within 6 hours of being switched on 7 December 2008.

Hopefully by the time you read this we have been able to fix him and he's back in place in our garden bringing a smile to people's faces, probably with a wall of rope lights around him again to keep him safe!

It's a shame that a couple of 'lads' idea of fun is to spoil things for others.

Howard & Sue Berry

Poppy Appeal 2008



Many thanks to all the street collectors, business premises, pubs and church collections. With your generosity we are able to send £1441.67 to the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you.

Marjorie Few



Message from our Police Team

Hello, I am Sergeant Paul Rogerson from the Histon Neighbourhood Police Team. I have asked the Magazine Editors from our beats to talk to you about reporting Crimes and incidents to the Police.

This is a matter that has caused some confusion in the past. In our attempts to make sure we answer your calls and allow officers to be out of the Police Station patrolling we have moved away from providing direct numbers to Police Stations. The operators who take your call can often deal with your enquiry direct, update you on a crime or incident or record your crime. They will also be able to pass your call through direct to officers at the Station or on their mobile phones. Below is a general guide to reporting.

Emergencies

Dial 999 when: Lives are at risk / violence / serious injury Serious crime is happening Criminal still at the scene or nearby

The police operator will need to take your name, address and details of what has happened. This will

take time, but it is important to get all of the information from you so that we can send the appropriate resources to you if necessary.

Otherwise, always call:

0845 456 456 4

24 hours a day, for all non-emergency calls. - Your call will be answered by a trained operator. Please note, calls may be recorded for quality monitoring, training and evidential purposes.

General Phone Enquires

For all non-emergencies, call 24 hours a day: 0845 456 456 4

MINICOM helpline for the deaf and hard of hearing, anywhere in the force area: 01480 422493

RNID TypeTalk is a national telephone relay service which enables, deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing and speech impaired people to communicate, to access the service dial: 0800 515152

Contact online. www.cambs.police.uk

Via Email Firstname.surname@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library 0845 0455225



New Opening Hours for Willingham Library in the New Year

Following a review of our busiest times, and taking into account feedback from both customers and staff, the opening hours at the library will change from Monday 19 January. Overall we will be gaining half an hour's opening time.

Monday			5pm – 7pm			
Tuesday		2.30pm – 7pm				
Wednesday		Closed				
Thursday	10.00am – 12.30pm 2.30pm – 7pm					
Friday	10.00am – 12.30pm					
Saturday	10.00am – 12.30pm					

New Library Opening Times

Other Library News

Engage in the Afternoon - first Wednesday of the month, 2 00 - 3 30 pm

These free social occasions for adults include a speaker, tea/coffee/biscuits and an opportunity to change books, use the computers and have a chat during a library closed time.

We had a very enjoyable reminiscence session on Wednesday 3 December, which centred on Christmas past, and included decorations and books dating back to the 1930s. Pictures and advertisements from the early post-war years also prompted a lively discussion.

Upcoming meetings:

Wednesday 7 January – Your Library On-line. In contrast to December's session this is right up to date, with a demonstration of all the reference materials now available on-line at the library and from home.

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

Willingham Primary School Class Visits

On 26 November, three classes from years 2 and 3 visited the library. Children's Librarian, Anne Worthington, told them about the library and read jokes and extracts from Horrid Henry. The visit was a great success, with 21 children joining the library.

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
January 5	Club Meeting George Thorpe on ' <i>Gardens in China</i> '	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
7	Your Library on line	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
7	Parish Council meeting	Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
12	'The Wars of the Roses'	WEA Willingham	Baptist Church	10 - 11 45 am
12	AGM	Womans Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
17	Charity Lunch		49 Rampton Road	The second
26	Rev Trever Rowe talk <i>The Cost of Relationships</i> '	Mothers Union	The Octaagon	2 30 pm
28	Ragged Rascals	Tigger Toddlers	Salvation Army Hall	9 30 - 12 30 pm
30	Willlingham Jam Night		Social Club	7 00 for 7 30 pm
30	Quiz Night	Womans Institute	Social Club	Gill 201989 Doreen 200561.
31 February	Willlingham Winter Ball	Ist Responder Team	Ploughman Hall	7 00 for 7 30 pm
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

Bin collections

7 January	Black Bin
14 January	Green bin and box. Plastic bottles.
21 January	Black Bin
28 January	Green bin and box. Plastic bottles.

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

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

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

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

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	Cottenham Village College		01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Mrs L Blunt	01954 261309
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Mrs W Leaney	01954 201089
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
	2nd Brownies	Mrs G Balaam	01954 260126
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Geoff Bailey Dancers	Mr G Bailey	01954 260233
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles	Kathryn Wright	01954 261770
	Bumps and Babies Group	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	Little Notes Music group	Naomi Lockwood	01954-261248
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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Representatives	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr G Redhead	01954 288944
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	Social Club	Mr J Sibley	01954 260436
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	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
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Some suggestions: Driving the bus; Writing press releases; Youth worker (experience or training would be required); Trustee.

Contact Alan Webb (Project Manager) of The Connections Bus Project on 01223 232978 or admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk

Village Diary

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

A SENIOR CITIZEN DEFINED.

A senior citizen is one who was here before the pill, frozen foods, television, credit cards and ball point pens. For us time-sharing meant being together, not computers, and chip meant a piece of wood. Hardware meant hard ware, and software wasn't a word. Teenagers never wore slacks. We were before panty hose, drip dry clothes, dishwashers, tumble dryers and electric blankets. We got married first and then lived

We got married first and then uved together (how quaint can you be). Girls wore Peter Pan collars, and thought cleavage was some-thing butchers did:

We were before Batman, vitamin pills, disposable nappies, pizzas, instant coffee, teabags and Chinese takeaways. In our day smoking was 'fashionable'. Grass was formowing, and pot was something you cooked in. A gay person was the life and soul of a party and nothing more, while aids meant beauty lotions or help for someone in trouble.

We are to-days senior citizens, a hardy bunch, when you think how the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make.

Submitted by Millford Jeeps

The Community First Responder Team present

The Second Willingham Winter Ball

The Ploughman Hall Saturday 31st January, 2009

> 7.00pm for 7.30pm Black Tie

Tickets £25.00, available from the Willingham First Responder Team

Solution to puzzle on page 8

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SHEDUCATE

The value of property in sheds and garages is more than people think. Thieves may target them for power tools, cycles and sports equipment. Hand tools stolen from sheds and garages can be used to break into homes.

Secure the access to your shed or garage by locking gates and using thorny bushes next to walls and fences

Have you visibly marked the contents of your shed? Make a note of serial numbers and photograph valuable plants, ornaments, machinery and equipment

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Doors of sheds require attention. Use strong padbars and close shackle padlocks. Up-and-over garage doors supplied with standard lock fittings should also be fitted with a padlock. Windows should be secured with locks or grilles. Extra care should be taken with garages where access can be gained to the home.

Use coach bolts or non-return screws to secure door hinges and locks

Chain cycles, mowers, ladders and tools to a strong anchorage point

Alarms for sheds and garages are available for under £20 at most DIY stores, catalogue shops and builders merchants

Together we'll crack crime. Join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

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Wednesday 21 January 7.45 Weekly rehearsals commence.

If you would like further information, please contact Wendy Lowe (01832 293422), Christine Turner (01954 201218) or Olive Swain (01954 232985). We shall look forward to seeing you.

> For show information, check out http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hello_Dolly. Click on the first bullet, Hello, Dolly (Musical) by Jerry Herman

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