

# WILLINGHAM NEWS



February 2009

## Winter Warmer

In the middle of November, we flew a long way south, eventually reaching Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, to embark on a holiday tasting some of the varied wildlife and scenery of this large and sparsely populated country.

We met our excellent guide and driver, Lombard, at the airport and

then drove north for several hours along the B1 which turned out to be the only surfaced road used during the entire trip. We left behind the huge abattoirs around Windhoek – beef exports form a large part of the economy – passing mile upon mile of cattle farms comprising the huge areas needed to support the livestock. Some farmers had switched to producing game animals for hunting – these farms could be identified by their higher fencing.

Eventually we turned off the B1 onto one of the gravel roads that we were now to follow and came to Okonjima, home of the Africat Foundation, where they look after orphaned leopards and cheetahs with the hope of introducing them into the wild. The animals are free to roam within huge fenced areas; some have radio collars, but are still very hard to track down. This was a superb place, excellent accommodation and food, and with a wide variety of bird life outside the door and on the roof. Here, we were lucky to eventually get



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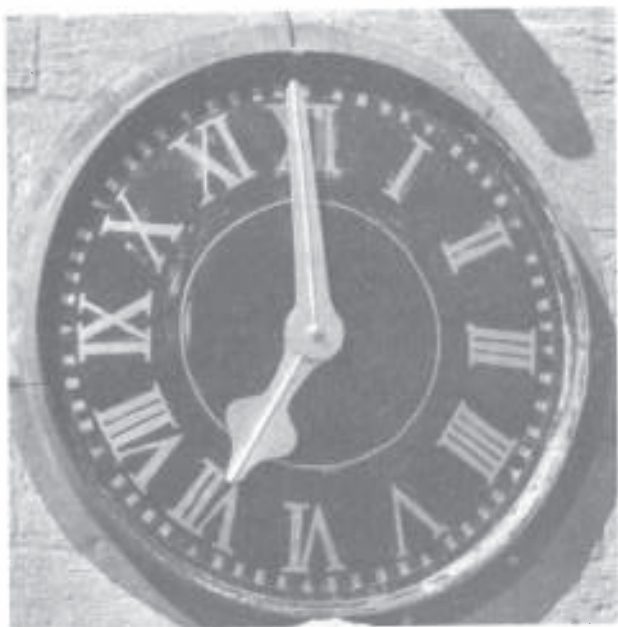




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The cold weather has inflicted another casualty. The parish clock has gone on a Go Slow. Rather than have it misleadingly wrong we have stopped it at eleven. Engineers are on their way to repair it. Hopefully it will have been repaired by the time the February edition of Willingham News is issued.



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### Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, details are posted on the Village Notice Board, outside the Public Hall.

### Willingham Green Alternations

The work on the Village Green has now been completed. The project was finished well ahead of time and came in below budget. The result is complete satisfaction and a benefit to the community as a whole.

### Trees on the Recreation Ground

An aerial tree survey is awaited before the next stage can commence. A further update will appear in the next issue of the *Willingham News*.

### Police Matters

There will be a meeting of the Police Panel in Willingham School on 17 February

### Youth Matters

The use of the Ploughman Hall as a possible venue for a regular Youth Club is still under consideration by the Youth Worker. Further information will appear in the next edition of the *Willingham News*.

### 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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### 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, 4 February 2009 – 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 E-mail [email@willinghampc.org.uk](mailto: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 may 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. In the case of emergencies when the office is closed, please contact any of the councillors listed above.*

### Bin collections

<b>4 February</b>	<b>Black bin</b>
<b>11 February</b>	<b>Green bin and box. Plastic bottles</b>
<b>18 February</b>	<b>Black bin</b>
<b>25 February</b>	<b>Green bin and box. Plastic bottles</b>

**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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*Monteiro's Hornbill – endemic to Namibia*

park, concentrating on various waterholes where animals congregated. At the first, we were lucky enough to watch two unconcerned male lions and the drama of the effect they had on zebras, jackals and a giraffe also wanting a drink. There were also a couple of elephants nearby, who ignored everything as befits their size and presence.

We later returned to the first waterhole, having seen on the way a Kori Bustard which is the heaviest bird in the world capable of flight, to spot a Secretary Bird and a family of Ostriches including six chicks – some chicks!

We then travelled west and south towards the Brandberg Mountains stopping to look at petrified trees and a 200 year old plant *Welwitschia mirabilis* en route, until reaching Twyfelfontein where we saw impressive depictions of animals scratched into the soft stone; thought to be thousands of years old. Next, it was south to Swakopmund along the Skeleton Coast, so-called as many ships had been driven aground onto the shallow shore by Atlantic gales and high seas – we saw a fine example of a recently stranded ship. The road surface here was no longer gravel but smooth sand,

very good sightings of a leopard; and, after a wet afternoon, close-ups of a somewhat drenched cheetah. We also saw some rescued African wild dogs.

After two nights, we travelled further north to Etosha National Park, supposedly larger than Wales. We covered some of the eastern section of the



*Leopard*



*Southern Masked Weaver bathing*

moistened and covered with salt – fine until it rains; as it very rarely does. Swakopmund was extremely smart with a very Germanic feel to it. With very little rain, there was no road drainage – sorely missed during a recent rainstorm when the town was flooded. Here, we spent two nights in the smart hotel that used to be the somewhat grandiose railway station.

Next morning, we drove to Walvis Bay for a boat trip to see pelicans, porpoises, Cape fur seals, flamingos and other delights. The pelicans flew alongside looking for handouts; and a large and smelly bull seal clambered into the boat for a fish snack. This trip ended with an oysters and champagne picnic aboard.

In the afternoon, we took a drive in a dune buggy to learn about the desert animals and ecology that relies upon moisture from the persistent coastal fogs. We saw lizards, geckos, a sidewinder snake, a Namaqua chameleon demonstrating how to catch a beetle with your tongue; and an eight inch long black scorpion caught by the tail using kitchen tongs covered with sponge. We capped it off with a hair-raising drive down the steep side of one of the dunes.

Then a long ride south via Solitaire, aptly named, comprising a 1930's combination of hardware store, greasy spoon and souvenir shop, where it poured and poured. Once the rain stopped, we inspected the somewhat odd theme surrounding the complex – artistically arranged scrap cars and farm machinery. We eventually came to our final accommodation at Sossuvlei which was super, as was the food. Wherever we had stayed, we had had the option of roast meat from various game animals, but could not face zebra. Here, we were also offered crocodile tail, but declined. The next morning, we left early to get out into the famous red sand dunes in time for sunrise and Kodak moments – pretty amazing. Later, we travelled further south and walked out into the desert, learning more about the fragile ecology. By then, it was very hot and we were glad to get back to our digs to think about packing for our flight home tomorrow.

Another long drive in the morning, via Solitaire for a packed sandwich, until we eventually came back to the B1 and Windhoek airport. All in all, it was more of an experience rather than a holiday, but one we enjoyed hugely.

When we arrived at Heathrow, it was 30°C colder than when we emplaned!

Colin Brown



*Oryx – the national animal of Namibia*



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**Lucky Squares** raised a grand total of **£330 for MAGPAS**. Thank you to all who donated prizes or bought squares. There is a list of prizewinners in reception.

**Still not had a flu vaccination?** If you are aged over 65 or are in an at risk group due to a medical condition we urge you to **contact the surgery. It is not too late to protect yourself against a serious bout of flu.** If you are housebound and need a visit for your flu injection please ring reception to arrange this.

We are currently experiencing a huge demand for **emergency appointments** at the end of the morning surgery. We do try to see everybody who needs to be seen but with the flu epidemic we are struggling to cope. Many of these requests are for ailments such as colds and flu, vomiting and diarrhoea which are often self-limiting viral illnesses. Although these conditions can make you feel very rough they are usually best treated at home with remedies that can be bought in the pharmacy. Sitting in the waiting room spreads the germs through the community and puts our more vulnerable and elderly patients at risk. If in doubt please ask for a telephone appointment or ring our pharmacist on 01954 261787 for advice.

**Medicines Waste Campaign** The NHS and Cambridgeshire PCT are currently running a campaign to inform patients how much money is wasted by unused medicines. For instance did you know that **the cost of unused medicines returned in Cambridgeshire alone is at least £4 million every year** which would pay for 766 more hip replacements, 523 heart by-pass ops, 706 knee replacements or 5333 cataract operations. **Returned medicines cannot be reused and have to be destroyed even if the packet is unopened.**

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Remember to **order at least 2-3 working days before you run out** to allow time for important safety checks to be made. **We thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure that limited NHS resources are used to best advantage for everyone.**

*Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager*

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## Progress with the Parish Plan

A new committee has been formed to press for the implementation of the action plan arising from the questionnaire. It is made up of five members of the original committee that produced the Plan and thirteen new volunteers.

At its first meeting on 8 January the committee divided into three groups, each dealing with different aspects of the Plan. Each group will meet regularly over the coming years.

One group will liaise with the various Councils and other relevant bodies regarding action on issues raised in the Plan such as traffic volume and speeding, anti-social behaviour, the development at Northstowe and environmental issues such as litter, dog mess, poor pavements and lack of play areas and green spaces.

Another group will concentrate the actions involving social issues, aiming to improve communication about all the clubs, sporting groups and activities that take place in Willingham, as well as offering help with new ventures. One first idea along these lines is to start a running club since many residents go running but often alone – watch this space! It might also be possible to get a group of volunteers to offer assistance with gardening and/or redecorating for those who need help or to offer help in cleaning up the local environment and planting and maintaining trees.

A third group will focus on improving facilities for young people. The Plan showed that Willingham offers little for the young and transport is poor so it is difficult to use amenities such as the sports centre in Cottenham. We also need a youth centre.

A fourth group could be formed in the future to press for improvements to help the business community of Willingham.

This all sounds wonderful but we recognise that achieving all the action points in the Plan will be a long and sometimes daunting process. It is clear that Willingham is a good place to live, it has not become a characterless suburb and still retains its own unique identity, but it can be improved.

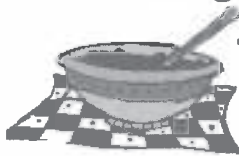
The new committee will ensure you are kept informed of progress on a regular basis. If you would like to comment, make suggestions or perhaps offer help in supporting the work of any of the groups then you can contact Mike Tidball on 01954 260647 or by email at [m.tidball@btinternet.com](mailto:m.tidball@btinternet.com)

## Mothers' Union

Our next monthly meeting will be at 2 pm on Monday 23 February in the Octagon. Paul and his friends will be entertaining us. Don't forget the Bring and Buy Stall. Annual subscriptions are due this month. Anyone is welcome to come along and join us. Please ring 01954 260688 in you need transport.



## Willingham Charity Lunch



This month's charity lunch will be held at 1 pm on Saturday 14 February at the home of Heather and Steve Mellows, 28 Church Street. The lunch will consist of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea and coffee, etc, and cost £3 or a donation.

Last year, we supported Over Day Centre and were able to donate £600 to help with the support of local elderly residents. This year, we are supporting the charity Mercy Ships which sends hospital ships to some of the world's poorest people without access to health care in their own country. Every day, doctors, specialists and nurses give their time and expertise without charge to provide free medical care to those in desperate need.

The lunch is a social occasion; a good time to meet both old and new friends.

## A Blanket Thankyou

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)

## 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 an annual Club holiday too, in May usually.

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

### Meetings/Presentations and Outings

**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.

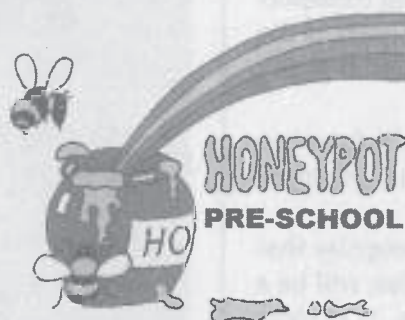
**Monday 2 March** - Mark Ekins will speak to us about '*Soft Fruits.*' Increasingly, in the current economic climate, we may all begin to consider what we might do to provide some of our own food. Soft fruits often come at a time of plenty but there is nothing quite like picking your own fruit and vegetables which can be grown on a greater or lesser scale according to the space you have available and which will include containers. So why not come along to listen to Mark for some ideas?



The programme of outings for 2009 will be published in these pages in due course when the arrangements are finally made.

## Nearly New Sale

On Saturday 28 February, HoneyPot Preschool will be holding their annual Nearly New Sale at the Ploughman Hall, 10 30 – 12 noon. The sale is, as always, just for selling maternity, babies and children's clothing and toys



from car-boots. However due to the impossibility of predicting the weather, these will be given on a first-come-first served basis on the day for a fee of £5.

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information, please contact Hannah Francis: telephone 01954 260993 or email Hannah.francis55@ntlworld.com We look forward to seeing you there, The HoneyPot Committee (Registered Charity No: 1009789)



## *Pastoral Letter*

*What does 2009 hold in store for us in Willingham? Well, we expect the commencement of the guided bus route, (which probably won't make much difference to the way we all travel!) and we may begin campaigning for a weight restriction on traffic using the B1040, but that probably won't make a great deal of difference either. Perhaps we could turn our minds to creating a stronger sense of community in the village.*

*Those who have lived here for more than 20 years have seen a vast change as the village has expanded and the population has virtually doubled. Gone is the backbone economy of village life which was based on horticulture. Most of those who have moved into the village have not come from a rural background but are mostly young professionals, many of whom commute to work. The Parish Plan responses suggest that 75% work more than 5 miles away. Many will leave the village early in the morning and not return until early evening. This does not help to build community spirit. In the gospels Jesus encourages us to 'love our neighbour.' This is not so easy if we rarely see our neighbours! Of course, in line with the parable of the Good Samaritan, neighbours are not just those who live next door but the wider community and, in particular, anyone in need.*

*Perhaps in the light of all this we could make 2009 a year in which we seek to be better neighbours. We are always quick to complain if next door have their music system too loud or have a party that runs late or park across our drive, but are we good neighbours to others? A friendly 'good morning' or a small act of kindness may be enough to get us started. I must say that I know more people who are my immediate neighbours in the five months I have lived in Willingham than I did after 7 years at my previous address 'up north.' Even in a friendly village like Willingham there are those who are lonely. Some elderly people living alone rarely go out and have little human companionship. Others with health issues may similarly feel out on a limb. Then there is the constant flow of people moving into the village who will probably know no-one at all to begin with and, if they also commute, will have little opportunity to become part of village life.*

*Seek out events in the village to join in with and invite your neighbours. WAMADS, the primary school, the sports clubs, the churches and the pubs are just some of the organisations that arrange community events. We are hoping to make the Feast Day a bigger and better event this year. For those who like Bible study there is an opportunity to be part of a Lent course running from week beginning 23 February in various locations throughout the village. Your nearest church will have details or phone me (261193). There is a start in getting to know new people.*

*Let us, then, take up the challenge of Jesus to love our neighbours and create a better sense of community in Willingham.*

*Trevor Rowe  
(Baptist minister)*



## 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.

### KFC is coming to Willingham!

Yes it is, but not as you know it. Kids' Friday Club will be starting soon at the Baptist church. It is a club for kids on a Friday! It will run from 6 30 to 7 30 pm and will include crafts, games, stories, quizzes, music, puppets and much more. Aimed at children of primary school age, the start date will be announced in school and through posters. (Hopefully after the half term holiday.)

## 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.

**Cakes** The cake stall is back in business in February after a Christmas holiday break. The date: Saturday 7 February – the first Saturday in the month. It begins at 10 00 am, and the cakes sell pretty quickly.

**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.

**Peal of bells** – the church bells will be rung from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday 7 February.

## Salvation Army

### Coffee and Fellowship

**Morning** every Monday 10 30 – 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 – 4 pm. Come and share your craft interest with others and enjoy a cup of tea and friendship. **Luncheon Club** meets every week on Thursday at 12 30 pm.

We now have vacancies. To book a place: Ring Daphne on 01954 260568



### Over 60's Friendship

**Club** every Thursday 2 – 3 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](mailto:Marian.Lewis@salvationarmy.org.uk) or Gordon on 01954 260066

## Lent Course

Starting in the week beginning 23 February Lent course groups throughout the village will be meeting in homes for a 7 week study produced by the Church Army called 'The Fullness of Life.' In this time when everything else we have put our hope in seems to be letting us down this is an opportunity to explore with others how we might live life with greater meaning and impact. If you would like to sign up for a group near you, more details can be obtained from any of the village churches or from Trevor Rowe, 261193, email [revtrevrowe@hotmail.com](mailto:revtrevrowe@hotmail.com)





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

**1 February**

11 00 am Parish Communion

**8 February**

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Service

6 00 pm Evensong

**15 February**

11 00 am Parish Communion

**22 February**

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Service

**25 February**

10 00 am Ash Wednesday  
Communion



There is a **prayer meeting** on the **last Friday** of each month at 8 00 am (In **February: 27th**). During the interregnum there is a special time for prayer in the sacristy on the first Saturday morning of each month. (In **February: 7th**).

Children are welcome at all our 11 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).*

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**1 February**

10 00 am Richard Sanders  
(Communion)

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

**8 February**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Liz Herrington

**15 February**

9 00 am Bob Earl

10 45 am All-Age Service at Primary  
School

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

**22 February**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie  
(Communion)

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



**THE SALVATION ARMY  
SILVER STREET**

**1 February**

5 pm Sunday Worship

**8 February**

5 pm Songs of Praise

**15 February**

5 pm Sunday Worship

**22 February**

5pm Sunday Worship

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED  
HEART**

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

**Saturday**

17 00

**Saturday**

17 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 February this is Church Lane, Church Street, Conference Close, Covent Garden

# Village Fun Day

## Poster Competition

This year's Fun Day  
is on 16 May  
at WILLINGHAM  
RECREATION GROUND

We would like you to help us,  
by designing a poster to  
advertise the day. The design  
will also feature as the  
programme cover.

Please supply your entries on a  
sheet of A4 to the Post Office,  
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stall, contact Jacqueline Forbes on  
01954 202988

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Willingham Scout Group

## PLUG INTO DANCE a celebration of dance for all ages and interests

### Come and meet XS Latin

On Wednesday 11 February the British National Latin Formation Champions invite you to come and have a go! From 8 20 – 9 20 pm at Milton Community Centre there will be a taster workshop in Latin formation for all ages (no experience necessary). If you would prefer to watch, then come along to the Community Centre between 9 20 and 10 20 pm, and see the champions in training. This event is free to attend and open to all.

### Tea Dance with Bob Watts

Cottenham Seniors' Club invites all dancers and lovers of good music to attend a friendly and social afternoon of ballroom and sequence dance. Entertainer Bob Watts specialises in music for strict tempo dancing including sequence, ballroom and Latin using today's latest keyboard technology. The dance will take place on Friday 27 February, 2 30 pm – 4 30 pm at Cottenham Village College. Entry is free and refreshments will be provided.

### International Dance

On Saturday 28 February Cambridge International Club will lead an open evening of lively traditional dancing from around the world. No partners or experience needed as all dances will be taught. The event will take place at Cottenham Village College, 7 – 9 pm. Entry is free and all ages are welcome (bring your own refreshments).

For a full programme of more information contact Amy on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

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If you answer 'Yes' to any of the above, a local non-profit organisation is looking for a volunteer to help out a couple of hours a week helping on websites and research. The only qualification is an interest in international development and basic IT skills. This is a unique opportunity to work with a small local organisation with global reach. The BBC, Economist, New York Times and PC World are just a number of publications to have profiled our work.

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If you're interested please email Ken Banks at [ken.banks@kiwanja.net](mailto:ken.banks@kiwanja.net)



## Willingham Library

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://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 have now been changed. Overall we will be gaining half an hour's opening time.

### New Library Opening Times

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		

### Library News

Engage in the Afternoon – first Wednesday of each 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.

January's session was a demonstration of on-line reference materials now available to members at the library or from home, at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/onlinelibrary](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/onlinelibrary). It was possible only to scratch the surface of the vast array of material, from Ancestry.com to Who's Who, and including online newspapers and the comprehensive reference database, KnowUK, to name but a few. Also online is the Cambridgeshire library catalogue for renewing and reserving books. Call into the library for more information.

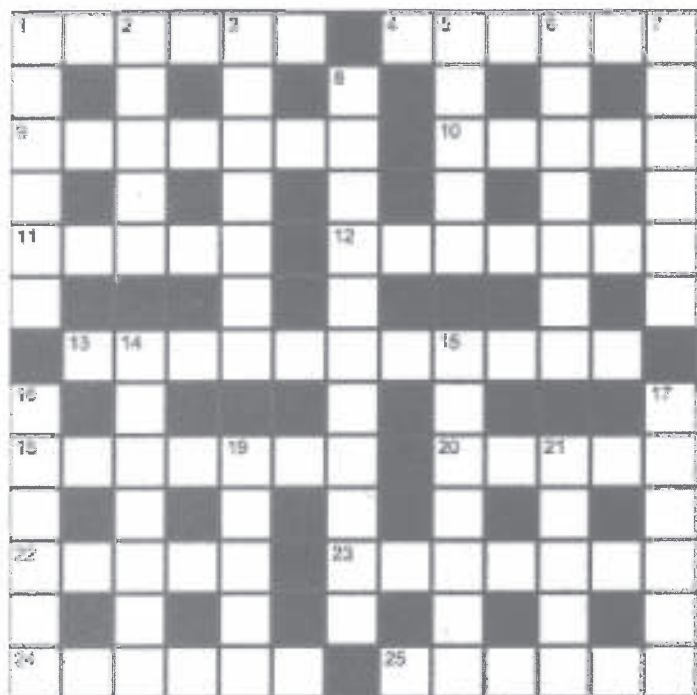
### Next meeting:

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

## Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>February</b>				
2	Meeting - Talk Margaret Waddy 'Growing from seeds and cuttings, and grafting'	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	7 30 pm 261394
4	Chris Lacey - poetry reading	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
4	Parish Council meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
14	Charity Lunch	Willingham Charity Lunchers	28 Church Street	£3 or donation
17	Meeting	Police Panel	Willingham Primary School	7 30 pm
28	60s, 70s and 80s music	Willingham Social Club	Willingham Social Club	8 30 pm Members free guests £3
27	Willingham Jam Night		Social Club	7 00 for 7 30 pm
28	Nearly New Sale	Honeypot Preschool	Ploughman Hall	10 30 to 12 noon
<b>March</b>				
2	Meeting - talk Mark Ekins 'Soft fruit'	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	7 30 pm 261394
<b>May</b>				
16	Fun Day for all the family	Willingham Scout Group	Willingham Recreation Ground	12 - 4 pm Jacqueline Forbes 202988

## Crossword set by Willow



### Across

- 1 Most famous outing of 4,7 and 13 (3,3)  
 4/7 Partner of 13, born Virginia Katherine McMath (6,6)  
 9 French stately home (7)

- 10 Flashy jewellery (5)  
 11 US State, capital Boise (5)  
 12 Somerset village famous for gorge (7)  
 13 Partner of 4,7 whose screen tester wrote: "Can't act. Can't sing. Balding. Can dance a little". (4,7)  
 18 Correctly reasoned (7)  
 20 Rough-skinned freshwater fish (5)  
 22 Carer of horses (5)  
 23 S. American country bordered by Colombia and Peru (7)  
 24 16th century Venetian painter (6)  
 25 Serious crime (6)

### Down

- 1 Stratagem (6)  
 2 Spanish city square (5)  
 3 Type of barometer which measures pressure and estimates altitude (7)  
 5 Inspire with ideals (5)  
 6 Former Dutch currency (7)  
 7 See 4 Across  
 8 Mercury (11)  
 14 Weed poisonous to horses (7)  
 15 Single dose medicine container (7)  
 16 Promise; predicament (6)  
 17 Spanish fortified wine (6)  
 19 Punctuation mark (5)  
 21 Transmission of signals by modulation of electromagnetic waves (5)

solution on page 19

# 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 (3-6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201567
	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 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
<b>Halls</b>	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
<b>Local Representatives</b>	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	Monsignor Rogers	01223 350787
	Salvation Army	Major M Lewis	01480 386593
	Parish Church	Mrs Gillian Macnaghten	01954 261817



## Rosie In Stitches

'Happy New Year' from Rosie in Stitches and Friends of the Rosie. With your help we raised over £1,000 in 2008 from our sale of handmade toys and clothes for children and £4,000 from our Tea Bar at the Rosie Outpatients clinic. All the money raised is spent on medical equipment that Addenbrooke's does not provide. Come along to one of our stalls to see our selection of clothes and toys:

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If you can improve our website, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares please contact a member of the committee, details are given on our website at [www.rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://www.rosieinstitches.org.uk).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Avril Williams

Rosie in Stitches

for Friends of the Rosie

Registered Charity Number 1036092

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[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/forh](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/forh)

<http://forh.easysearch.org.uk>

## Village Fun Day

Following on the success of last years day, the local scout group will be hosting a day of fun for all the family, on 16 May at Willingham Recreation Ground. We hope to feature many similar events, which included music, juggling, a balloon race, the raptor foundation... as well as a barbeque, bar, tea and refreshments, bouncy castle, tombola... The one thing we would like to improve on - though it is out of our hands - would be the weather!

This year we are asking local children to take part in a competition to design a poster advertising the day. Please see details on page 14.

If you can help in any way with this event, or would like a stall or to sponsor the day, please ring Jacqueline Forbes on 202988.

## Village Diary

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

## Rampton Village Hall Management Committee

### TABLE TOP SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 14 March 2009, 10 am to 12 noon  
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## Tiggers' News



Tigger Toddlers is a group catering for children from birth until they start school, with their parents/ carers. It runs every Wednesday during term time, 10 00 – 11 30 am, at the Salvation Army Hall on Silver Street. There are a variety of toys to suit the mixed age range and a dedicated area for babies. Each week there are up to two craft activities.

This term our theme is 'Nursery Rhymes'. We will use the crafts we create within the theme to enhance our display board picture and then sing the nursery rhyme of the week during song time, after refreshments have been enjoyed.

Come along to experience our new layout of the room and meet other parents/ carers while your child plays, your first visit is free.

## Door to door collection

It has come to the attention of Operation Liberal that door to door collections are being made by some people purporting to be or giving the impression that they represent Sue Ryder Care.

This is not the case. After making enquiries with the organisation they have confirmed that they (Sue Ryder Care) do not engage in door to door or street collections under any circumstances; neither do they engage in such activities via a third party. Anyone who states that they are collecting via these methods is doing so for their own means.

A similar organisation Ryder Cheshire Volunteers operates in many parts of the country and employs a third party for their fundraising operations.

The two organisations are not to be confused.

Further information about the Sue Ryder Care are available from Mr Eric Grounds, Director, Sue Ryder Fundraising on 07979 085 1248.

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## Flyposting

There are various ways in which local organisations can advertise events that they are planning. An obvious one is *Willingham News* – which goes to every household in the village each month.

Another possibility is the provision of an 'Events' notice board, and this is being considered by the Parish Council.

Sticking posters on every available telegraph pole is not acceptable. It is most certainly not acceptable when posters and notices are left long after the date of the event – and hang torn and tattered.

The Parish Council's litter-picker has been asked to take suitable action.

*solution to puzzle on page 16*

Answers

Across: 1 Top Hat, 4/7 Ginger Rogers, 9 Chateau, 10 Bling, 11 Idaho, 12 Cheddar, 13 Fred Astaire, 18 Logical, 20 Perch, 22 Groom, 23 Ecuador, 24 Titian, 25 Felony.

Down: 1 Tactic, 2 Plaza, 3 Aneroid, 5 Imbue, 6 Guildler, 8 Quicksilver, 14 Ragwort, 15 Ampoule, 16 Plight, 17 Sherry, 19 Comma, 21 Radio.

## Willingham Social Club

Fen End, Willingham, Cambs, CB24 5LH

**01954 260557**

Willingham Social Club is a friendly members only alternative to the pubs in the village. With pool table, dart board, full size snooker table and regular members & guest functions we are sure you would enjoy membership.

Please feel free to drop into the club when we are open for an application form.

Membership starts from just £5.00 per year.

### Opening Times

Monday – Thursday	7pm – 11pm
Friday	5pm – 11pm
Saturday	11am – 11pm
Sunday	12am – 10.30pm



We have a function room with a maximum capacity of 150 people for hire for any occasion. With a fully licensed bar with 1, 2 or 3 bar staff available and stage area for your band/disco.

We can also cater for weekly meetings if you are looking for a pleasant and comfortable venue.

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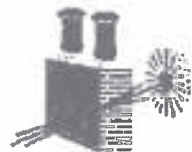
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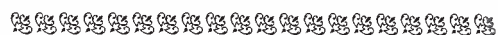
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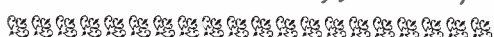
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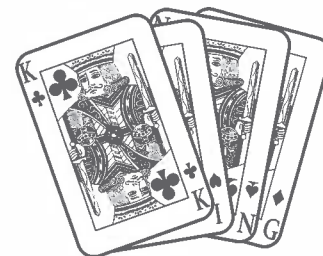
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