WILLINGHAM NEWS



May 2009

Willingham Stagecraft: New Drama in the Village



Great changes are afoot with the drama group in Willingham, starting with a brand new name: Willingham Stagecraft. This name change was voted for at the recent AGM to reflect a group which offers people the chance to experience all the many aspects associated with putting on performances, including costume, lighting, stage building, sound, make-up as well as the more obvious skills of performing, singing and dancing. In future, the group plans to have more of a community focus, offering professional-led workshops at which people from Willingham and beyond will have the chance to learn and try out new skills. This idea was started last year with a dance workshop which was led by a West-End professional who had just finished touring with the hit musical Mamma Mia. The workshop was pitched at different levels, from absolute beginner to those with some experience providing a challenge and a lot of fun for all.



Above: 1993 The Happiest Days of your Life, top left: Allo Allo, middle: Jack and the Beanstalk 2006, right: Hunchback of Notre Dame 2007

Drama and theatre have played an important part in village life in Willingham for many years. In 1975, the Willingham Amateur Music and Drama Society (WAMADS) was created by a group of enthusiasts. The first performance opened in January 1976. This was the pantomime Cinderella written by a local resident. Mrs

Winifred Goffin and with the musical score written by local teenager Martin Yates. Since its creation, the group has regularly performed plays, comedies, pantomimes and supper evenings in venues around the village including the school and the old church hall.

On the occasion of the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 WAMADS performed a revue directed by Roger Windsor. Twenty five years later, for the Golden Jubilee WAMADS put on a supper evening with entertainment to mark the occasion.

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The 1927 Willingham Cricket Team.



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From the Parish Council

Willingham Village Green

The new grass had not taken well due to the adverse weather earlier in the year, therefore new topsoil and seed has been placed on the green to encourage new thick growth in the area where the new works took place.

Can all parishioners please be reminded that there is a **NO DOGS ALLOWED** sign on the Village Green.

Willingham Policing

The PCSO attended the housing surgery. The overall situation is generally quieter. The police are treating Willingham as a priority area.

Heritage Sign

Willingham Parish Council is investigating providing a Village Information sign to complement the new Heritage Signs that have been placed in and around the village depicting places of interest. It is hoped to establish one similar to that in Girton. Further information will follow.

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.

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

Mr J Anderson	01054 000044
	01954-203344
(Planning Committee Chair)	
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
Mr M Borland	01954-203347
Mr J Burnett	01954-270338
Mrs K Cornwell	01954-261530
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(Council Vice-Chair)	
Mr R Foster	01954-261293
Mr P King	01954-260780
(Council Chair)	
Mr B Kirkman	01954-260393
(Green & Boundaries Committee Cha	air)
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 Cha	air)

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.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, 6 May 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 email@willinghampc.org.uk Clerk: 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 Progress Report

This month our report focuses on education in its broadest sense. The plan contained four action points with the first two aiming for expansion of pre-school and primary school provision. Both of these should have been achieved by next year.

The other two action points were to achieve better advertising of existing courses and provision of new courses. There are several ideas for development and we hope anyone who can help will contact us. We are going to meet with the organiser of the 'Fen Edge' courses, which are held at Willingham School, to see how we can expand current provision.

We would like to be able to hold a series of talks, starting next September, on a wide range of topics, either to children at the primary school and/or to adults in the village. We would like to compile a list of residents in the village who have expertise or experience in an area of interest. If you have an academic specialism, have worked for a charity or in politics, worked abroad in some capacity, or have experience of an unusual job, and would be prepared to give a talk, please contact us.

We would also like to increase participation in both the arts and music, so this appeal also goes out to any musicians, artists or writers who would be prepared to help in starting up a group with young people.

Finally on this topic, it would be good if we could bring together young and old. If you are prepared to hold a discussion with young people in a very informal setting about life in the 40's, 50's or 60's, with topics related to education, work or family, then please get in touch.

A need for a local dentist was highlighted in the 'Health' section of the plan. Clive Jones (a local resident) has set up a dental practice in Longstanton. However, patient response has been rapid and Clive is now operating a waiting list for NHS patients and is only taking on private patients for the time being. For more information please contact the practice – telephone 782181.

The success of many parts of the plan and so improving the quality of life in Willingham depends on action by local residents, so if you can help with any of the ideas above please contact Mike Tidball – email m.tidball@btinternet.com or telephone 260647.

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Willingham House 2008

A large number of pantomimes have continued to be performed throughout the years, including old favourites such as *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Snow White* as well as more unusual productions such as *Beauty and the Space Beast* and the *Hunchback of Notre Dame*. These shows have always been eagerly anticipated by people in Willingham and have provided excellent entertainment. On the occasion of WAMADS' 30th Anniversary in 2005, the pantomime *Cinderella* was reprised as a reminder of the group's very first performance thirty years earlier.

For the first time, in 2008 WAMADS put on an ambitious production outdoors in the grounds of Willingham House featuring five scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Shakespeare had neverbeen attempted by the group before and was an immediate success attracting large audiences every night. The beautiful setting certainly added atmosphere to the performance.

Being a member of a drama group in Willingham has always been first and foremost about having fun, making

friends, entertaining and learning new skills and techniques. Willingham Stagecraft will continue with these aims and hopes to welcome many new members and spectators. Building on the success of last year, we intend to repeat an outdoor performance this summer at Willingham House. Rehearsals for this will take place on Wednesday evenings from 8 pm in the Public Hall. Please just turn up if you are interested in being involved in any way. Also look out for our new website, www.willinghamstagecraft.org.uk and logo coming very soon. 2009 promises to be an exciting year and we hope that you will join us.

Drama Gathering



What's in a name? Until the last two to three years the name WAMADS meant two full-length stage performances a year,

usually a play and a pantomime, with possibly a supper evening performance and a Drama Festival entry.

Maybe a new name Willingham Stagecraft will encourage more members to make a commitment: the name is intriguing enough. I hope it does, and that the comment made to me lately that 'at one time it seemed everyone in Willingham had been in WAMADS at some time' still rings true.

To mark the change and to put WAMADS to rest, all past and present members, and other long-time supporters, are invited to a social gathering at 15a High Street from 7 00 pm on Friday 26 June.

For further information - and RSVP - telephone 261076.

Amy Robinson.



Willingham Medical Practice

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

Longstanton Branch Surgery, Magdalene Close, Longstanton. Tel: 01954 207600

MMR vaccinations Because of increasing numbers of mumps and measles cases we are keen to vaccinate our young people against these diseases. Please contact the surgery to make an appointment or to check if you need a vaccination.

Chlamydia screening We are currently offering chlamydia screening to both males and females between the ages of 15 and up to your 25th birthday. The test for girls involves taking a swab which they can do themselves. Boys need to provide a specimen of urine. If you are concerned please make an appointment with the nurse and remember that all consultations and queries will be strictly confidential.

The National Blood Service Mobile Donor Unit will be visiting Willingham Surgery on Friday 29 May. The day is organised by appointment and appointments can be made by calling 0845 7 711 711 quoting postcode 'CB24 5LB'.

Patient Survey We now have the results of the Patient Questionnaire about the services provided by our practice which many of you kindly completed in September 2008. This is the annual survey Cambridge PCT organises on behalf of the Department of Health which involves all the practices in Cambridge City and South Cambs. Once again our practice performed well and we were particularly pleased with the many positive comments you made about our staff and the practice. A copy of the survey is available in reception so please ask if you would like to view it.

Actions from the survey Each year we hold a full staff meeting and analyse the results to see where we can improve. Since the questionnaire was completed we have installed an extra patient line and reception telephone, a new telephone system and employed another receptionist. We hope this will improve telephone access considerably although unfortunately there will always be some occasions when the line will be engaged. We also took on board your other comments and where appropriate have tried to act on them, although we will be unable to provide hot drinks in the waiting room due to health and safety issues! We do have a **suggestion box** in the waiting room at both Willingham and Longstanton surgeries so please remember you can post your suggestions and comments in the box if you prefer not to mention them to a member of staff.

The government has decided to stop using this method of surveying patient experience and will now be bombarding you with quarterly postal questionnaires. It appears that too many patients are actually quite pleased with the service provided by their family doctor and like to express that opinion in their own words!

Calling all Carers Are you caring for a family member, neighbour or friend? Please contact the surgery so that we can make a note of your details in case of an emergency. We can also give you one of our Carer Packs which give details of support and advice available to you.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

Willingham Pharmacy Opening hours

Monday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 30pm – 6 30pm
Tuesday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 6 00pm
Wednesday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 7 00pm
Thursday	8 30am – 1 00pm	CLOSED from
		1 00pm
Friday	8 30am – 1 00pm	2 00pm – 6 30pm

OVER DAY CENTRE CARE ASSISTANT REQUIRED

The Over Day Centre is a thriving charity that offers high quality day care for the frail and elderly of Over and the surrounding villages. We are looking for a part-time care assistant to join our team in helping to make a real difference to the lives of our many clients.

Working 15 hours per week, primarily on Saturdays with some hours mid-week which can be flexible, duties will include the general care of the clients as well as organising activities and contributing towards the happy and friendly environment that makes the Day Centre such an important part of many lives. Experience desirable but training can be provided if necessary.

Application forms are available from the Manager, Mrs Avril Merry, at The Over Day Centre, 1 Drings Close, Over, 01954 231807. Please feel free to call in and see us at any time – visitors are always welcome.

Willingham Wolves U16's

We are still unbeaten and on track for that elusive League Title. In the past few weeks, the boys have pitted their skills against the collective might of Histon Hornets (1-1 draw), NST Strikers (10-1 win), St Ives Rangers (5-0 win) and Newmarket Youth (0-0 draw). No less than eight different players scored for us in our two wins this month? Amazing, that.

The most curious match was against bottom club Histon Hornets, who deservedly held us at 0-0 for 70 minutes. And then we scored. We've won, we thought! But no. Histon came back at us to level the score with a last minute goal.

Steve Moffat



Willingham School Association Fun Run,

May 10th , 2009

7.7 or 4.5 mile routes, followed by BBQ, live music and children's entertainment in the school grounds.

Pick up an entry form from the school

Parish Plan Action Group

we now have Willingham Wheels so what about

WILLINGHAM WALKERS

long walks, short walks, dog walks, pub walks

If you like walking and some company, why not form a Willingham Walking Club

interested

then come to the Duke for a kick-off meeting Tuesday 12 May 7 30 pm or contact Mike Tidball m.tidball@btinternet.com tel 260647



Last year this group of wonderful ladies got together and walked the Moonwalk in London and raised lots of money for Breast Cancer. This year, on the 6th of June, they will jump from an airplane and skydive for charity.

Willingham Wives will raise money for Arthur Rank House in

Cambridge. This hospice is part of the NHS and was established in 1981 to meet the needs of people with cancer and other illnesses. It also provides support to the relatives, friends and professionals involved with their care.

<u>Please help us</u> reach our fundraising target. You will soon find green and white containers around the village. Any spare change that you add will make a great difference.

Thank you for the support.

Sudoku set by Willow

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Church bells will ring from 10 am - 1 pm on Saturday 30 May



Please come along and support the work of Christian Aid at this lighthearted quiz event, all ages welcome, come as a team or individual. Entry cost is £3 per person to include chili and light refreshments.

> Rowell and Sons (see April's Photo Mystery)

The parent shop located in St Ives was close to the Robin Hood public house on the market square. The building is now shared by a delicatessen and a shop called 'Metamorphosis'.

The demise of shops like Rowell's started in the early 1930s with the opening in Petty Cury, Cambridge, of the Thirty Five Shilling (£1.75) Tailors, and the Fifty Shilling (£2.50) Tailors (later known as John Collier) both selling made to measure suits. John Collier was later bought by Burtons.

The first suit I bought was in 1934 and cost me 35 shillings (\pounds 1.75). This amounted to five weeks' wages after paying my parents for my board.

Milford Jeeps

CATTELL'S MILL, WILLINGHAM NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND OPEN SATURDAY, 9th MAY and SUNDAY, 10th MAY 1-5 PM

Cattell's Windmill, Mill Road, Willingham will be open for this year's National Mills Weekend on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th May.

The mill and an exhibition showing details of the mill's history and other artefacts, will be open to visitors. There will be a chance to see some of the restoration work, which has been carried out together with a bird's eye view of Willingham!

Cream teas, cakes and refreshments will be served from our cafe. A 'mill to mill' radio link will be run once again courtesy of Cambridge Amateur Radio Society. Disabled facilities are available.

All proceeds go to the Catiell's Mill Restoration and Preservation Trust. All welcome





This month's photo is much more of a challenge than the last one. The small "petrol station" with the car outside is still there today – as is the house on the left of the photo. However, the large windowed building is long gone and replaced with something that is a bit of a village landmark. Can you tell us what is there now? Send answers to Jon Edney, 31 High Street, Willingham or email to: oldwill@oldwillingham.com

Answers will be given in next month's magazine.

Willingham's PCSO

Our PCSO introduces herself to Willingham:

' My name is Diana Neill and I am your new Police Community Support Officer for Willingham and Over.

I have been a PCSO for two years now and my first beat was Cottenham/Oakington for a year. I have just recently finished working for the Histon/ Impington beat.

Before becoming a PCSO I worked as a supply supervisor for the Civil Engineering Squad at RAF Alconbury. I worked there for approximately eight years. Before this I worked as a care assistant for three years in a private home for the elderly in Alconbury Weston.

I am looking forward to making new contacts and meeting new people in Willingham and Over.

I shall hold a monthly police surgery on each beat which will give every person a chance to come and meet me and voice concerns or ask questions. These surgeries will be announced on posters and should be distributed around the villages days before.

Please come and say hello when you see me about either on foot or on my push bike.

Looking forward to meeting you all.'

Diana Neill PCSO 7240, Histon Station diananeill@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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Pastoral Letter

May is a strange little word. It can be such an uncertain word, 'I may do this, (or I may not, I'm not sure!) It is also a courteous word, 'May I?' However, I think of the month of May as a wonderful month. It is the transition from winter to summer (usually!) The blossoms of April have given way the fresh green leaves on all the trees, the temperature is pleasant and all is well in both the garden and in our soul. Then of course, it is also the time of Pentecost, marking the birth of the church and following on from Ascension Day when Jesus returned victorious to heaven, his work on earth complete.

May, for me, is the month of hope. For Christians, hope is a very positive word. It is not the vain kind of hope that dreams of a lottery win or some other windfall which is unlikely to come our way. Instead, the hope we have in Christ is an absolute certainty. Our hope of a life lived in God's presence is guaranteed. The sceptics would say 'there is no such thing as absolute truth,' but that is not absolutely true. Faith in God enables us to place ourselves in the safe hands of someone who loves us unconditionally. The One who made us has a perfect plan for our lives and, even in this time of recession, is able to see us through any storm. We can, of course, live our lives without God, ignore his presence and his grace. We can live our lives with absolutely no reference to him at all and make a reasonable bash at it. But why settle for less than the best. Men are known to ignore instructions unless we cannot figure it out for ourselves. If we can't make something work, as a last resort we will read the instruction manual. 'For best results, follow the maker's instructions.' This is something we need to apply in our lives. Our maker knows the best path to follow. He knows how we can enjoy life to the full but it does depend on a great deal of trust, often trust in the unknown. That is part of the excitement of faith. He can lead us into areas we never dreamt of as we learn to follow him and live with the hope that he brings. Following Christ may just change your life.

Trevor Rowe Baptist Minister

42nd OXFAM WALK

Oxfam is looking for people to take part in the annual Oxfam Walk setting out from Chilford Hall near Cambridge on 17 May 2009. Its aim is to raise funds for Oxfam's Emergencies Fund whilst offering participants a great day out.

The Emergencies Fund has enabled Oxfam to respond in a timely way to many disasters affecting some of the world's poorest countries. Recent examples include drought and food shortages in Kenya, the humanitarian crisis in Gaza following the Israeli offensive there, cholera and hunger in Zimbabwe, people made homeless following the upsurge of fighting in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the huge ongoing humanitarian crisis in Darfur and East Chad to name but a few.

Just £50 raised by you can make a real difference - in fact

it's enough to pay for a hygienic toilet, vital for preventing the spread of disease in an emergency.

All routes begin and end at Chilford Hall and all will be well signed and marshalled. All will have checkpoints providing refreshments. You can choose a length of walk that suits you – either 4, 8, 12, 16 and 22 miles or a marathon route of 26 miles and raise your fitness level whilst raising funds. Stagecoach will be providing a free return bus service to the start from Cambridge.

This year we are hoping to raise £50,000. Please help us maintain the tradition of Cambridge helping Oxfam.

For registration forms or further information, visit www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/fundraise/walk,

Email: events@oxfam.org.uk or phone 0300 200 1244.

May 2009



Parish Church

Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time. Bubbles is for preschool 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 in May will be on the first Saturday – 2 May. It begins at 10 00 am, but it's wise to get there early as the cakes sell pretty quickly.

Bric-a-brac Rene Gould's stall continues at 19 Fen End and is well worth a visit both as a buyer or a seller.

Proceeds from the Cake Stall and the Bric-a-brac stall go to the Restoration Fund, which is particularly important now, as urgent repairs are needed for the north aisle roof of the church.

Baptist Matters

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.

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.

Willingham Charity Lunch

This month's charity lunch will be held at 1 pm on Saturday 16 May in the home of David and Mary Jacques, 17 Pyrethrum Way. The lunch consists of a choice of soups, bread and cheeses, tea or coffee, etc, and costs £3 or a donation.

The charity we are supporting this year is Mercy Ships who operate three hospital ships and send them to some of the world's poorest countries whose people do not have access to health care. Every day, doctors, specialists and



nurses give of 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 old and new friends. **Rock Solid** A youth group every Tuesday during term time from 6 30 to 8 00 pm for anyone in years 6 – 9. A fun packed evening of games, quizzes, discussions and a tuck shop. Please come and join us.

Kids' Friday Club A kids' club on a Friday for all those currently in primary school. Come along from 6 30 to 7 30 pm for crafts, games, stories, quizzes, music, puppets and much more.

Salvation Army

Coffee and Fellowship

Morning every Monday 10 30 – 12 00 noon, except Bank Holidays

Come along and enjoy a time of friendship and fellowship over a cup



of coffee. All welcome. **Craft Club Monday** every Monday 2 00 – 4 00 pm, except Bank Holidays. 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 To book a place call 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 ring Gordon on 01954 260066

May 2009



ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS **CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM** www.willinghamchurch.org 3 May 11 00 am Parish Communion 10 Mav 8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11 00 am All Age Service 6 00 pm Evensong 17 May 11 00 am Parish Communion 24 May 8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 11 00 am All Age Service 31 May 11 00 am Parish Communion

There is a **prayer meeting** on the **last** Friday of each month at 8 00 am (In **May: 29th**). During the interregnum there is a special time for prayer in the sacristy on the first Saturday morning of each month. (In **May: 2nd**).

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 www.salvationarmy.org/ uk/willingham 3 May 5 00 pm Sunday Worship 10 May 5 00 pm Sunday Worship 17 May 5 00 pm Sunday Worship 24 May

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WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org 3 May 10 00 am Andrew Wyllie and Wholly Holy (Communion) 6 00 pm Keith Rawlinson 10 May

10 May
10 00 am Richard Sanders
6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe
17 May
9 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
10 45 am All – Age Service at Primary School
6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

24 May

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe 6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe (Communion) **31 Mav**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe 6 00 pm Bob Earl

Any enquiries please contact: Rev Trevor Rowe (Minister) (01954 261193), Hilary Wyllie (Church Secretary) (01954 260051), or Emma Launchbury (Administrator) (01954 263108)

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

19 Needingworth Road, St Ives www.sacredheart-stives.org Saturday

5 00 pm (Anticipatory) Sunday 8 00 am and 11 00 am

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 May this is Lacks Yard, Long Lane, Lordship Close, Loves Lane and Meadow Road.

Programme of Popular Songs

Jennifer Thompson, Jackie Kerby, Paul Ingle, Gordon Hewlett and friends will give a concert of popular songs in Rampton Church at 7 30 pm on Saturday 6 June, in aid of church repair.

£6 with refreshments (including strawberries and cream)

CAMREAD thanks

Thanks to those who supported Coffee for CAMREAD. This raised £50 for the charity.

CAMREAD is a recording and visiting service for blind and visually impaired people in Cambridge. It produces eight times a year a taped magazine, CamMag, which goes to about 400 people. If you know of blind or visually impaired people who might benefit from the service, contact: Sally Nott, at CAMREAD, 167 Green End Road, Cambridge, CB4 1RW. Email: camread@btconnect.com

The First Innings

Although it is fairly certain that the Club was in existence in the latter half of the 19th century, for the purposes of this article it was decided to use the records of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association (CCA) which are held in the County Records Office at Shire Hall. The Association was itself formed in 1889 but the first mention of Willingham appears in 1920 when the Club entered in the Junior League and Junior Cup.

In 1922, Willingham won the Junior Cup. This ornate silver cup was presented to the CCA in 1898 by Prince K S Ranjitsinghi. In the final, they beat Newnham Institute in a very close match. The match was played on Fenners Cricket Ground and the CCA records show that it was decided that spectators should pay an entrance fee of 6d (2%p). The players' names engraved on the cup are P Garner (Capt), C Askew, C Camps, A Ellwood, C Frohock, H Hart, H Jakes, W H King, J Smith, A Thorpe and G White. Percy Garner was a very successful slow left arm bowler and lived in what is now 1 Church Street.

In 1924, the Club reached the final again after defeating St Giles in the semi-final. In another close final, they were beaten by Cambridge University Press.

The Club had a successful season again in 1927 finishing top of their division of the Junior League to reach the Junior League Cup final. Due to a late finish of the league programme, this was held over until 1928. The match was played at Willingham and coincided with the opening of the new pavilion in the Earith Road Recreation Ground

The photograph on the front page shows the eleven players who actually played in the final but the names of the following thirteen players who played in the league itself are engraved on the cup: G White (Capt), C Camps, H Frohock, P Garner, H Hart, A G Higgins, A King, W H King, F Raven, H Smith, R Smith, W Smith and A Thorpe. It is thought that the two men standing on the left of the picture are Fred Ingle, groundsman, and the CCA president. Who was the scorer in the back row – was he one of the two players who did not make the final?

By 1927, the Club also ran a Second XI who played in the Milton District League, but, in that year, both teams were entered in the CCA Junior Cup Competition. The First XI were knocked out by Cottenham in the first round, but no doubt to their great delight, the Second XI reached the third round beating Cambridge University Press II and Lode; but lost to Histon Institute II. The Second XI was not entered the next season!

It is not known why, but the Club did not enter any CCA competitions in 1934. We estimate that photograph shown in the top right corner was taken in the mid 1930s.

Whilst most of the players have been identified, who is the wicket keeper and where was the picture taken?



The 1934 team

The cricket pitch in the present Recreation Ground (known previously for many years as 'Sandpits') was laid by Jim Garner and Fred Raven, and probably came into use for the 1937 season. In that year, the Second XI reached the final of the Milton League Cup. Dennis Dodd, who lived in Station Road, was captain, and the opening bowlers were Percy Collett and Len Lucas. The opposition proved to be too strong in the match played on Magdelene College Sports Ground in Cambridge.

In the 1938 season, the First XI was promoted to the Senior League – the other teams being Bottisham, Histon Institute, University College Servants, and Old Perownians. The standard of cricket was high but that year the Club reached the highest league position ever achieved when finishing second to Histon.

Both teams did well again in the 1939, a high standard of cricket being played by both elevens. Unfortunately, Adolf Hitler was at that time marking out his run-up, and the cricket pitch remained idle until 1946.....

Secretaries: 1920 H J Lucas, High Street; 1921/22 F Clark, Church Street; 1923/24 L Kidd, Green End; 1925 F H Thoday, The Corner House; 1926/30 C A Norman, Rampton End.

Member of CCA Council: 1923 C Frohock, High Street.

Do you have any photos of the Club to lend both for the record and a post-war article, please?

Terry Jakes and Richard Ambrose

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solution to puzzle on page 9



Facilities for the young people of Willingham

The Parish Council wants YOUR views

The Parish Council is keen to ensure that there is good provision for young people in Willingham.

While efforts continue to be made to provide a youth building, the Council has been funding the weekly visit by the Connections Bus. The Council is paying £4331.00 a year for this.

In recent weeks, attendance at the bus has sometimes been disappointingly low - on occasion as low as six people. The average is between ten and 20. **The Council would like to find out why this is.**

Is the Connections Bus a facility which young people want? We want to hear from young **people – and their parents - about this.** Send a letter, or an email, to the Parish Council (Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham. CB24 5LP: email@willinghampc.org.uk)

Alternatively, let Willingham Action Group Youth section know: suebocking49@btinternet.com The Parish Council is working closely with the Willingham Action Group. Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library 0845 0455225



Monday		5 00 - 7 00 pm
Tuesday		2.30 - 7 00 pm
Wednesda	Closed	
Thursday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm	2 30 pm - 7 00 pm
	10 00 am - 12 30 pm	
Saturday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm	

Library News

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

The Easter holidays got off to a noisy start when the library was filled with children and their carers for a celebration of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Eric Carle's much loved book is 40 years old this year and the children listened to, and joined in with, the story. They then made their own very hungry caterpillar, which sharp-eyed visitors can spot crawling over one of the library walls.



Willingham Library's 40th Birthday

A date for your diary: on Wednesday 7 October, Chris Jakes from the Cambridgeshire Collection will be giving a local history talk with special emphasis on Willingham in the 1960s/70s when the library first opened. There will also be an exhibition of old photos. Details of more events to follow!

Engage in the Afternoon

These are free social occasions for adults, held on the first Wednesday of each month, and include a speaker, tea/coffee/biscuits and an opportunity to change books, use computers and have a chat during library closed time. Upcoming meetings (all 2 - 3 30 pm):

Wednesday 6 May - Armchair exercise session with Maggie Brown; get fit without leaving your chair!

Wednesday 3 June - Bill Kirkman will be talking about the U3A (University of the Third Age)

Village	Diary
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MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
May				
4	Club Meeting -	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
6	Armchair exercise session	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00 - 3 30 pm
6	Annual General Parish Council Meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
9	Trundle	Honeypot	Willingham School	10 am to noon
9-10	National Mills Weekend		Cattells Windmill	1 - 5 pm
10	Fun Run	Willingham School	A STREET	Entry forms from school
12	Inaugural meeting	Willingham Walkers	Duke of Wellington	7 30 pm 260647
16	Charity Lunch	Willingham Charity Lunchers	17 Pyrethrum Way	£3 or donation
16	Fun Day for all the family	Willingham Scout Group	Willingham Recreation Ground	12 - 4 00 pm Jacquelin e Forbes 202988
20	Annual Parish Meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
23	Annual Plant Sale	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	
24	Willingham Jam Night		Social Club	7 00 for 7 30 pm
June				
3	<i>University of the Third Age</i> Talk by Bill Kirkman	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
26	Drama Party	Amy Robinson	15a High Street	7 pm 261076 for info

Willingham Wheels Cycling Club

Following a meeting on 7 April, a number of Willingham residents are interested in forming a local cycling group. The meeting was very successful with approximately 20 people attending. I am pleased to announce the launch of a local cycling group.

The initial aim is for monthly organised cycling events and also for evening rides as the evenings get longer.

The May run be on Sunday 10 May, meeting at 11 00 at Cattell's Mill. This is Open Mills weekend and the plan is for a tour of these most interesting historical sites. There will be a choice of rides to accommodate differing mileages and cycling experiences with opportunities for socialising and coffee as required!

A website giving further information on The East Anglian Mills Society (TEAMS) www.millsofeastanglia.org.uk will be launched in late April and Bob Paterson can provide more information regarding TEAMS by e-mailing windmillbob@hotmail.com Interested riders will meet at Cattell's Mill, Willingham and do not need to make prior contact. However I would be happy to talk with anyone wanting further information or who would like to register an interest in this or other forthcoming events. I can be contacted by phone on 07760227970 or e-mail jackie.rooks@googlemail.com



We come out to play every Wednesday (during term-time) 10 00 – 11 30 at the Salvation Army Hall, Silver Street

Calling all under 5's, came and play and your parent/carer even gets to enjoy a cuppa!

Here's an account of Tigger's last session before Easter, from Tilly aged 2

Tiggers is my favourite playgroup, especially when the weather is lovely because we get to play outside. I love playing in the cars and have got really good at peddling. The scooters are great fun too. It was lovely and sunny, so I stayed outside for quite a while, but when I went inside there were trampolines today! I waited my turn and then did 56 bounces, just like a real Easter bunny! Mummy said that she would give some money to Tiggers for my bouncing, I wonder what they will get......I do like the dressing-up box, so maybe some new fairy dresses! Today's craft was painting and sticking, it must be my lucky day! I had to paint a "wall" using a bit of sponge and I made a "Humpty Dumpty" to sit on it. I think mine looked great all dressed in pink! That is my favourite colour. I really worked up an appetite, so I ate lots of strawberries and grapes at snack time, and remembered to save room for a chocolate biscuit! After song-time, sadly it was time to go, but leaving was made a lot easier because I was given a "creme egg" as a gift for doing the Bunny bouncing. I do look forward to Tigger's, and I think Mummy does too because she gets to chat with her friends while she knows I am enjoying playing in safety.



Jackie Rooks-Maynard

Village Directory

	vinage Directi	Uly	
Council	Parish Council		01954 261027
	Parish Council Chairman	Mr P King	01954 260780
	Planning Committee Chairman	Mr J Anderson	01954 203344
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01223 464242
Schools	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3-6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201567
	Cottenham Village College	v	01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Mrs L Blunt	01 954 261309
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	http://ponul	
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	01954 201567
	Old Buttery Nursery School	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	2nd Brownies	Mrs G Balaam	01954 260046
(+)	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 260126
	Geoff Bailey Dancers		01954 261296
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mr G Bailey Mrs L Berland	01954 260233
	Bubbles	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bumps and Babies Group	Kathryn Wright	01954 261770
		Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	Little Notes Music group	Naomi Lockwood	01954-261248
	Rock Solid (Baptist Church)	Richard Sanders	01954 200708
Halls	Kid's Friday Club (Baptist Church)	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
Halls	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
T	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
Local	Allotments - See Willingham Combined Charities below		
Representatives	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr G Redhead	01954 288944
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs J Hodkinson	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
	Willingham Stagecraft (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
	Willingham Wheels	Jackie Rooks Maynard	07760227970
Sport	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
-	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 260446
	Badminton		01954 202082
	Step Aerobics	Mr J Fuggle Ms E Weatherill	01954 260478
	Bowls Club		01954 205439
hurches	Mother's Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261526
	Baptist Church	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Administrator	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
		Emma Launchbury	01954 263108
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic Priest	Rev Paul Maddison	01480-462192
	Salvation Army Parish Church	Major M Lewis Mrs Gillian Macnaghten	01480 386593

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Information available from Willingham Parish Council under the 1 January 2009 model publication scheme NOTE: Information that is stated to be available on the Parish Council web site will be added as and when resources permit.

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Financial Standing Orders and	Regulations	Hard o	opy from Clerk, website		
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List of current contracts award			opy from Clerk		
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Class 3 – What our prioritie	s are and how we are doing	0,446)			
Parish Plan (current and previo	nce indicators, audits, inspections and reviews year as a minimum)	Parish I	Plan Implementation Commit	tee. Link on Parish Coun	cil website.
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Annual Report to Parish Meetin			in minutes of annual parish n		n Clerk. On
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Local charters drawn up in acc	ordance with DCLG guidelines	Curren	tly none		
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Pavilion, Ploughman Hall, Publ	lic Hall, Recreation ground	Willing	ham News, Website		
Seating, litter bins, clocks, men	norials and lighting, Bus shelters	Hard o	opy from Clerk		
Markets, Public conveniences,	Agency agreements	None			
A summary of services for whi	ch the council is entitled to recover a fee, t	ogether	with those fees (e.g. burial fee	es)	
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Lead theft warning

The police warn: 'It has been brought to our attention that the scrap price for lead has increased again. Last time this happened many of our churches were targeted and the lead was stolen in large quantities from their roofs.' Everyone please be on the look out for suspicious activity in and around the churches in Willingham and report anything that looks out of the ordinary to the Police on **0845 4564564**

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