

WILLINGHAM NEWS



July 2009

Willingham Jam Club – 18 months on

As reported in the *Willingham News* in December 2008, the Willingham Music Jam Club continues to flourish and the sessions have been growing fast since they began 18 months ago. The simple aim – to facilitate and promote music among local amateur and professional musicians, whilst providing a great night's entertainment for the general public.



The club is held on the last Monday in the month, 8.00 pm to 10.30 pm at the Social Club in Fen End and regularly attracts 50 to 60 people from Willingham and the surrounding areas. Many people come to play music and others come to listen. There's a mixture of styles from blues, rock, jazz and country to folk and sometimes more classical music. 'The more musical styles and instruments the better' says Steve Lockwood.

So what's happened in 18 months?

A major success has simply been bringing people together. There are first-timers, old-timers and people from all backgrounds – it really is an inclusive atmosphere.

'It has provided a nurturing environment for aspiring musicians of all ages, from 8 to 80, to get together and try new things. In my case we have a whole new band emerging from it, which has been great fun! It just gets bigger and better' says Pete Laing.

Many people have plucked up the courage to play and have developed skills and confidence in performing. All abilities, including those with disabilities, are encouraged to perform. Rachel Dinnebier says:

'I have only been playing drums for just

over a year and a half and the Jam Club has given me the chance to play live in front of an audience and that's really boosted my confidence'.

The Club has been mentioned on radio, had local press coverage and attracts people from a wide area. Scott Harrow from the Admiral Vernon Pub in Over says: 'Seeing the success at Willingham gave me the confidence to set up my own open mic session'.



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The Salvation Army in Willingham to close

19 July 2009 will see the closure of The Salvation Army in Silver Street, Willingham. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held that day to mark the sad occasion, to which people of the Community are welcome.

From that date no activities will take place in the building. For those interested in the 'Tigger Toddlers' Parent and Toddler group who have been meeting in the hall, please contact Sarah on 01954 202005.

There has been a Corps at work in Willingham in excess of 120 years, and for 40 years in the Silver Street hall. They will be remembered for their Band, involvement in Feast Day celebrations, and especially their Christian love and service.

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Deputy Clerk Vacancy

The Parish Council Clerk, Colin Brown, will be retiring in December 2009. The current Deputy Clerk will be replacing Colin as Clerk. A vacancy is being advertised for a new Deputy Clerk. This position will be part-time. Please apply to the Parish Office for a job description and an application form.

News from South Cambridgeshire District Council

The Annual Meeting of the District Council took place on 21 May and Councillor Manning was elected as Leader for the next three years to serve until 2012.

The Cabinet is much the same: Cllr Wright continues with Planning and Business; Cllr Bard with New Communities and the Growth Agenda and Cllr Ellington with Environmental Health. Cllr Edwards is Deputy Leader and will take on both Finance and Staffing. Cllr Howell who has responsibility for Equalities will deal with the Housing Portfolio and Traveller matters. Cllr Wortherspoon will continue with IT and Communications plus the Contact Centre. A new appointment is Cllr Tom Bygott who will have a new portfolio handling climate change, travel to work, and land drainage. Cllr Nightingale was elected as Chairman of the Council with Cllr Orgee as the Vice Chairman. Cllr

Nightingale has said that he wants closer relations between Parish Councils and the District Council.

Willingham Feast

Plans for events at the Willingham Feast are fast taking shape. The events being arranged are varied, including a Saturday morning Farmers' Market with stalls set around the Village Green. A Ceilidh is being arranged in the Ploughman Hall on Saturday, and sports on the Recreation field are scheduled from 11 00 am – 2 00 pm. There is also a dance competition (Willingham has got Talent) being organised.

Youth

It was agreed at the last Full Parish Council meeting that the Connections Bus would continue the Wednesday visits until the end of the year. The newly-started youth group would also continue to meet at the Baptist Tabernacle for the next few months. Further news 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.

If you have any ideas of any information you would like to see on our website, please contact the Clerk.

Committee Meeting dates

Go to the Parish Council Website (www.willingham-pc.org.uk), or look at the Parish notice board next to the Public Hall in the High Street or Library notice board for details of any Committee meetings that may be called.

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

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday, 1 July 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.

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

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Mr R Manning (also Leader of the District Council)	01954-261235
Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mrs R Mumford (Halls Committee Chair)	01954-260934
Mr G Pake (Cemetery Committee Chair)	01954-260534

Jottings from your County Councillor

As I write this, the election is now well and truly over and by the time this is published it will be but a dim and distant memory – at least for the next four years! The elections were, of course, overshadowed by the controversy over election expenses about which there was rightly huge public outrage. The actions of a few have unfortunately tarnished the reputation of the vast majority. Last year I published my allowances and expenses on my blog and plan to do the same again this year, once I have the final total. In the meantime the County Council has acted swiftly to ensure that councillors' allowances and expenses are readily open to public scrutiny by publishing them on the County's website.

In the meantime, I would like to thank everyone who took part in the election, whichever party you voted for. It is only at election time that this makes a difference. For the next four years I will do my best to represent you, whatever political persuasion. There are many challenges ahead, not least the impact of Northstowe, and I will continue to work with Willingham Parish Council to ensure that your voice is heard in Shire Hall.

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

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e-mail: shona.johnstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
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Broadband problems

It appears that people in the village had very limited internet access from June 1 for at least ten days.

To see if we can demand better service it would be helpful to know how many villagers were affected.

If you have had internet access problems please contact Mike Tidball Tel: 260647 or m.tidball@btinternet.com

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The £2 entry fee has raised enough to buy a sound system that has been installed at the Social Club. This is great for the Jam Club and will also be used by both the Jazz Club (which runs on the first Sunday of every month) and by the Willingham Social Club itself.

'Not only has the club given a real focus to my harp lessons, the club has provided an opportunity to 'do it for real' and play with a number of bands' says Andy Allen

Thanks to Mick Venning at Orchard Cottage Studios in Willingham, about 20 club members had the chance to record an album earlier this year. A song on the album, written by a Club member about a young girl begging at Kings Cross station, led to a project at a local primary school where the children interpreted the music in mock newspaper headlines.

The club has its own website www.myspace.com/willinghamjamclub. Take a look and see details of events, pictures, videos and listen to the album 'Preserved – Music from the Willingham Jam Club'. Enquiries can be e mailed to willinghamjamclub@live.com



So who knows what will happen next?

Community based music workshops run by members, music for the village, themed music nights and festivals are all possibilities.

'It's really amazing to experience the musical talent and sheer enthusiasm we have in Willingham and the surrounding area' says Bob Simpson.

The next session is on Monday 27 July and on every last Monday in the month. Interested, want to listen? Come along and help make it happen!

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Heatwave Most of us enjoy sunny weather, but extreme heat can seriously damage your health. During a heatwave drink regularly even if you do not feel thirsty – water or fruit juice are best. When temperatures stay really high day after day avoid going out in the hottest part of the day (11 00 am - 3 00 pm). If you do go out make sure you use a high protection sun cream on exposed skin. Children are particularly vulnerable so apply the correct factor sunscreen regularly. Ask at our pharmacy for information. It is also wise to ensure that young children wear a sunhat and a T-shirt in hot sun.

Holiday travel If you are travelling abroad remember to make an appointment with a nurse at least 6 weeks before you travel in order to allow time for the full course of vaccinations. If you are travelling at short notice ask for an urgent appointment. We are an authorised Yellow Fever Centre so can provide a full travel service, including malarial cover when appropriate.

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Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
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Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	4 30 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	Closed from 1 00pm
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	Half day
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Photo Mystery from www.OldWillingham.com



Here is a very early photo of a street in the village – probably about 1890. Can you identify where the photo was taken? As a clue, one of the buildings in the picture still stands and looks remarkably unchanged today. Send information to Jon Edney, 31 High St., or oldwill@oldwillingham.com. Answers next month.

Calling all Lost Boys and Pirates!

The Over Players is looking for young people aged 11- 17 years old who would like to be part of our production Peter Pan –The Panto (December 9th-12th) based on the original play by JM Barrie. If you enjoy acting, singing and even dancing and would like to take part, then contact the director Sean Baker (tel 01954 232589/230963 email seanbaker1@me.com). Auditions will be held on September 1st at Over Community Centre. Our website has more details www.overplayers.org.uk

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Reminder Heritage Walk – Friday 3 July – 10 30 am

Did you know that Willingham has a number of Heritage Signs at key places around the outskirts of the village? For example, there is one at Belsar's Hill, one at the Flat Bridge and one on the Aldreth Causeway.

Meet at the Green at 10 30 am on Friday 3 July, and come on a conducted walk to see the signs and learn more about the village's history.

Calling all dancers, any age, any experience

We need dancers to take part in the Capulet Ball scene in Willingham Stagecraft's summer performance of *Romeo and Juliet*. If you are interested please get in touch, we would love to hear from you. Performance dates are 13 -16 August 2009.

Please contact willingham.stagecraft@googlemail.com or call 260226



Willingham Out Of School Club Needs You!

Deputy Playwork Leader Required

Due to staff changes, Willingham Out Of School Club has a vacancy for a deputy playwork leader.

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

Holding an NVQ Level 2 or equivalent childcare qualification is essential, as is at least 2 years experience of working with children.

All applicants will need to be CRB checked.

The club is open in term time only from 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm Monday – Friday and due to the nature of the role applicants would need to work all five sessions. However, consideration will be given to applicants who need to finish earlier than 6.00 pm.

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

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



Willingham Out Of School Club Needs You!

Play Worker Required

Due to an expansion in our numbers Willingham Out Of School Club has a vacancy for an additional play worker.

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

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

All applicants will need to be CRB checked.

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

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

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

Willingham Action Group

Parish Plan Progress report

The Action Group and Churches Together will be organising the Willingham Feast which will take place from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 October. On the Friday and Saturday we hope to have a wide variety of social activities for all age groups in various venues. There will be a more religious focus on the 'Hospital Sunday.' Willingham Parish Council has granted much support in terms of use of venues and financial assistance. If you want to know more about the origins of the Feast please use the contact details at the end of this report and we can provide a short written history for you. Details of the events will follow in a few months but in the meantime make sure you keep that weekend free.

The WILLINGHAM ORIGINALZ youth club now meets regularly each Wednesday during term time from 6 30 pm to 8 30 pm. We thank the Baptist Church on George Street for making their hall available. All Willingham youngsters of secondary school age are welcome to attend. Come along, join in the fun and give us your ideas for improvements and further activities.

In response to the request made by some of the young budding football stars of Willingham for permanent goal posts on the Recreation Ground for practice, the Leisure and Amenities Committee of the Parish Council are now looking into how they can be provided. We will keep you advised of progress.

The County Council Children and Young People's Service would welcome adult volunteers who would like to assist the youth workers in working with young people. You would become an accredited volunteer and receive training and support and this could be a stepping stone to a longer term involvement in youth work. For more information contact Alice (alice.bullock@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or Julie (julie.bristow@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

We recently held a meeting with the organisers of Learning for Life courses at Cottenham Village College. They also run courses here in Willingham if there is demand, and we used the results of the Parish Plan questionnaire to provide evidence of such demand. It is possible they could run short or long courses in Willingham from next September in a variety of subjects such as basic computer use, Spanish, Art and photography. You should receive details of all the courses on offer, in Willingham and elsewhere, early in August. Such classes will be both educational and enjoyable, and if enough residents respond we would have the added benefit of local provision.

We reported in an earlier edition of the *Willingham News* the decision of the Willingham Action Group to now tackle the problem of speed and volume of traffic which had been registered as a major concern of residents in the questionnaire survey. Eventually we received a copy of the Willingham bypass feasibility study from Cambridgeshire County Council. We are not sure

whether it was worth the wait. Shona Johnstone, our County Councillor, reported in the last edition of the *Willingham News* that the report was 'disappointing'. I am not sure we would be quite so enthusiastic! At least it did record that a bypass is justified. When we will get one is the £20m question. In the meantime the county council has agreed to a meeting so that WAG can discuss actions that can be taken to reduce the impact of traffic on our quality of life whilst we wait for the bypass. A weight restriction and traffic calming measures would be steps in the right direction.

We also reported in previous editions that we had applied for Speedwatch training from the police. This has taken place and we now have 9 qualified Speedwatch operators with the possibility of more to come. We hope everyone will respond to the concerns expressed by residents and keep within the speed limits. Speedwatch will be operating throughout the village but with a focus on the through routes where speeding seems more likely. We would like to train further operators in order to spread the load and cover a wider area so if you are interested in helping or just want to know more about how Speedwatch works please email Reg Purnell (reg.purnell@ntlworld.com)

Finally, here is one more idea. We now have lively and active cycling and walking groups. Is anybody interested in starting a photography club? As far as we know there isn't one in Willingham. If you would like to meet with other photographers to chat about everything from taking photos to managing images on a computer, please use the normal contact for the Willingham Action Group, the Chairperson, Mike Tidball (m.tidball@btinternet.com) or phone 260647.

A letter to the Editor

We would like to inform local residents that early in the morning of Sunday 7 June our pet rabbits and chickens were mindlessly slaughtered following a vicious attack by 3 dogs in the Station Road area. The dogs were sighted by a neighbour, but when disturbed, ran away. This incident has caused us severe distress as well as hundreds of pounds worth of damage to the hutches and coops.

Please be vigilant. Even when your pets are locked away, they are obviously not safe from an attack such as this.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident please contact the police on 0845 564564. We are aware that this may not have been an isolated incident.

Name and address supplied.



Pastoral Letter

Imagine: You are on your holiday, walking along the promenade, and there on the beach is the image of Christ crucified, created in sand sculpture. Amongst the deck chairs, the sunshades, the wind-breaks and children eating ice cream is the image of God's sacrifice for mankind.

What is the reaction of those who pass by?

'Well, there's a sand castle with a difference!' or,

'What a silly image to put on the beach - can't they leave religion out of it; after all, we are on holiday!'

Then the words of Psalm 139: 7 - 10 come to mind,

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

Through the crucifixion of Jesus, and his subsequent resurrection, he is ever present. The sea, the rain and wind will wash away the image in the sand but you cannot escape the reality of God's presence - even if you are on holiday!

And that is the truth that Jesus came to earth to bring, that God is ever present with us, and constantly caring for us. And through his all-too-brief ministry on earth he affirmed that truth.

As the holiday season gets underway, my thoughts turn to the kinds of ministries he had by the seaside, that is, by the Sea of Galilee. And looking in St Mark's Gospel I notice that it was there that Jesus met four fishermen, and he called them to follow him.

Perhaps you can identify with me in that I can almost imagine that Jesus could be walking along the harbour in one of a number of seaside places around our coast, talking to the fishermen, and calling to them to follow him, even though we are two centuries on! We can sometimes see there the nets being washed and hung over the railings to dry and the little fishing boats beyond, not much unlike the boats that were used in his day.

These first four men whom our Lord chose to be his disciples were from the poorest and humblest rank in life. And Jesus intended that people from all walks of life should have the opportunity to hear and respond to the message he came to bring. Until now, it was the educated folk that had the prominent place in religion, but now, poverty and ignorance of books would not exclude anyone from the highest place in the service of Christ. Intellect and money are worth nothing without the grace of God.

In calling these ordinary, uneducated men, without rank, wealth or power, Jesus was showing that God's power was almighty, and that he could bring about his purpose through even the humblest people and things. These four men, along with the other disciples - all ordinary folk - turned the world upside down, through the grace, and by the power of God.

There are signs and reminders of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit around us in every place if we eyes to see them. There are opportunities to respond to his claims on our lives.

And just as Jesus told us, 'I'll always be there!'

*Major Marian Lewis
The Salvation Army*



Salvation Army

Coffee and Fellowship
Morning Closed

Craft Club Monday Closed

Luncheon Club Closed

Over 60's Friendship Club
Closed

For further information please contact Major Marian Lewis on 01480 386593, email Marian.Lewis@salvationarmy.org.or ring Gordon on 01954 260066

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 The cake stall is on the first Saturday in the month – 4 July. It begins at 10 00 am, and the cakes sell pretty quickly.

...and There will also be 'a books and extras stall'. It was held in June for the first time and offers an

interesting variety of things to buy. **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.

Proceeds from cakes and bric-a-bracstall and the books and extras stall go to the Restoration Fund.

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.



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.

Baby Notes A music group for babies (0 to crawling) and their parents/carers.

Please note that these activities will finish at the end of the school term for the summer and will re-commence in September.

The Alpha Course

Alpha is for everyone, especially: Those wanting to investigate

Christianity
New Christians
Newcomers to the church
Those who want to brush up on the basics

Launch Night:

Thursday 17 September 2009
7 45 pm for an 8 00 pm start
Willingham House, 50 Church Street, Willingham, Cambridge, CB24 5HT

Come along to the launch night for a meal and the introductory session, 'Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?'

If you then decide to join us on the course, it will run from Thursday 24 September to Thursday 3 December with a break for half term and an away day on Saturday 7 November.

To discuss any aspect of the course, to register or for more information please contact Emma Launchbury, Willingham Tabernacle Baptist Church Administrator. Tel: 01954 263108 Email: emmalaunchbury@hotmail.co.uk

Babysitting can be arranged if required.



**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET**

www.willinghambaptist.org

5 July

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
(Communion)

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

12 July

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie

19 July

9 00 am Keith Rawlinson

10 45 am All - Age Service at Primary
School

6 00 pm Pam Buckridge

26 July

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Liz Herrington (Communion)

Any enquiries please contact:

Rev Trevor Rowe (Minister)

(01954 261193),

Hilary Wyllie (Church Secretary)

(01954 260051), or Emma Launchbury

(Administrator) (01954 263108)

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

www.willinghamchurch.org

5 July

11 00 am Parish Communion

12 July

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Service with Baptism

6 00 pm Evensong

19 July

11 00 am Parish Communion

26 July

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Service with Baptism

There is a **prayer meeting** on the **last Friday** of each month at 8 00 am (In **July 31st**). During the interregnum there is a special time for prayer in the sacristy on the first Saturday morning of each month. (In **July: 4th**).

Children are welcome at all our 11 00 am services. On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, there are activities for primary school age children, and for younger children there is a crèche. On 2nd and 4th Sundays we have activities in the Church Service. 'Fidget Bags' are available for use in the pews.

If you know of anyone who is ill, or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let Gillian Macnaghten know (01954 261817).

**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET**

www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham

5 July

5 00 pm Sunday Worship

12 July

5 00 pm Sunday Worship

19 July

3 00 pm Closing Ceremony for
Willingham Corps

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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 July this is Osborn Close, Over Road, Pegler Court, Pound Lane and Priest Lane.

Join us as we look forward to the
Primary School children's

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ROCK**

HOLIDAY CLUB
at the School

Monday 27/07/09--Friday 31/07/09
10:00--12:30

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www.willinghambaptist.org

or please phone Emma Launchbury
01954 263108

We're going to have a great time!



Willingham WI - July meeting

The meeting on Monday 13 July will be at 7 30 pm in the Octagon (note change of venue). It will be the summer party for members only: please remember to bring your own cutlery, plate, bowl and wine glass.



Fen Edge Twinning Association

Trip to Avrillé Friday 22 – Monday 25 May 2009 and Next Quiz Night – Friday 9 October 2009

The Twinning Association is always happy to welcome new members and following the latest visit to Avrillé the newest family to join has kindly written about their first trip...

We got up early to catch the coach from Cottenham Village College – as expected the children weren't happy about being woken at 6 00 am. After a quick breakfast and loading the coach we were off. As it was our first visit we used the time on the coach to get to know everyone. I could sense an excitement about the trip – some were renewing old friendships with French families from previous visits, but in our case we knew very little about the couple we would be staying with. Soon we were heading underneath the sea, finally arriving in Avrillé at 6 00 pm. The coach was met by the various French families, and we were introduced to our hosts, Jackie and Yvonne, who spoke very little English – my schoolboy French was very rusty but we could communicate the essentials. There would be plenty of time later to talk about more in-depth topics! We were given a welcome introduction in the town hall before everyone went back to their host families for the evening.

Saturday morning was free time but in the afternoon our hosts had laid on a tour for us – starting with a brief visit to Angers with lots of interesting facts about the area and its history going back to King René of Anjou, born in 1409 in the castle of Angers. The bus then took us along the Loire river and through some 'troglodyte' villages (with dwellings cut into the local limestone, now mainly used as garages and garden storage) before arriving at the Château de Pimpéan – the main attraction of the afternoon. This château was until recently in a state of ruin, but an enterprising couple had bought it and invested a lot of money (assisted by various local government grants) to restore it for producing wine. The most interesting part of it was the chapel, which had some beautiful wall paintings of particular historical interest. Towards the end we had the opportunity to taste the wine, and of course to make a purchase.

Afterwards we visited the beautiful town of Montreuil-Bellay, with its typical hilltop castle and beautiful architecture. The main reason for coming here was to visit a high-class restaurant in a medieval tithe barn where we ate a traditional meal based around fougée, a local bread. This was a great time for everyone, English and French, to enjoy each others' company over a few glasses of wine. It was a typical drawn-out affair lasting a few hours, with ample time to converse in a relaxed setting. Everyone had enjoyed the day, and unsurprisingly the coach journey back to Avrillé was used by many to catch up on a bit of sleep!

On the Sunday we attended the official naming of 'Square Fen Edge Villages', a park in honour of our

twinning. Avrillé has places named after its other twin towns in Spain and Germany, and this addition now completes the set. The new Miss Avrillé 2009 was present for her first public function in this role. In some ways this was the highlight of the trip, yet it was simultaneously a remarkably low-key affair. Speeches were made by both sides in honour of the twinning, and we all recognised the value of having such an association.

In the afternoon we had a joint picnic in a beautiful park on the edge of Avrillé – this wasn't the sort of picnic where you just sit down for half an hour to eat. The total duration was about 5 hours – starting with a glass of sparkling wine, followed by eating (and more wine), then generally relaxing, chatting, playing games on the grass and so forth. Part way through the afternoon a couple of Pétanque sets were produced – we were obliged to join in with this very French game. I was very pleased when in our game, which we decided should be English vs French, the English team won! We were later served with local cider and home-made cakes. A fantastic afternoon – I cannot remember the last time I spent so much time in one go with nothing particular to do, but thoroughly enjoying it. Our hosts had made us feel very welcome and relaxed while doing things 'their way' – an occasion to remember.

Monday morning was an early start for the journey home and I felt a bit of sadness saying goodbye to our hosts who had welcomed us into their lives over the weekend. We had made new friends on this trip (both English and French) and although we were only in Avrillé for a short time I am sure some of these friendships will continue for some time to come. I'm very much looking forward to the next visit! (Donald, Cecelia, Sophie and Nicolas Allwright and family)

Now that the schools of Cottenham and Willingham have links with schools in Avrillé we would like families with children at the schools to get involved and I hope that the above will encourage you to do so.

The next exchange will involve French families coming to England in May 2010 and if you would be interested in taking part and/or hosting a French family, couple or single person please contact us at the details below.

As many of you know, we also regularly organise popular fund raising quiz nights at Cottenham Village College, and by popular demand our next quiz will be on Friday 9 October 2009. If you would like to get a team together to take part in this quiz and reserve a table please contact me at the details below and watch out for posters nearer the time giving the full details.

We would love to welcome new members to our association, please contact Anna Vining on 01954 252432 or panda@vining.co.uk for more information.

Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
0845 0455225



Monday	5 00 - 7 00 pm
Tuesday	2 30 - 7 00 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm 2 30 pm - 7 00 pm
Friday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm
Saturday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm

Library News

Engage in the Afternoon

Bill Kirkman's talk in June on the University of the Third Age in Cambridge revealed how large and wide-ranging it has become, with courses ranging from mathematics and history to table tennis and scrabble, plus a range of lectures and social activities.

Future sessions:

Wednesday 1 July - Carol Bailey will demonstrate how to make beautiful flower arrangements using recycled objects.

Wednesday 5 August - Deborah Maloney will bring her hearing dog and talk about how these dogs help hearing impaired people around the home.

Come along to these free sessions during library closed time. There are interesting speakers, tea/coffee and biscuits and a chance to change books and use the computers.

Friends of Willingham Library Event

Wednesday 19 August 7 30 – 9 00pm

Local artist, Diane Pattison will be holding an informal talk entitled 'Modern Sculpture, Ancient Stones'.

There will be a display of photographs to accompany the talk and a glass of wine. Free tickets are available from the library.

Willingham Library 40th birthday

On 20 October 2009, Willingham Library will have been serving the community for 40 years and we will be celebrating with a series of events throughout October.

Poster Competition

Children at Willingham Primary Children have been asked to design a poster to publicise the events. The closing date for entries to be handed in at the library is Friday 31 July. The winner will be selected by the Friends of Willingham Library who have donated a book token prize. The winning poster will be displayed around the village.

The events are:

Wednesday 7 October: Engage in the Afternoon - Chris Jakes will talk about old Willingham.

Wednesday 14 October: John Killick, Cambridgeshire Poet in Residence, will talk about his work and read some of his poems

Wednesday 21 October: Celebration tea party.

Wednesday 28 October: Children's event to include prize-giving for the poster.

Book Club

The Willingham Library Book Club has got off to an excellent start, with lively discussion on the first two books: 'Sons and Lovers' by D. H. Lawrence and 'Knots and Crosses' by Ian Rankin. At July's meeting we will discuss Kate Atkinson's 'When will there be Good News'. This is an informal group and we meet once a month in the library on a Monday evening. If you are interested in joining please contact Linda on 260780 or tell a member of the library staff.

Sudoku set by Willow

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Wolves U16's achieve League and Cup Double!

It was 10 May 2009. Willingham Wolves v Hemingford Colts. The biggest game of the season. The U16 League Title was poised on a knife-edge. A win for the Wolves would give us the title. A win for Hemingford would give them the title. The match was watched by 150 spectators, more than attend many of the country's top amateur clubs! As the match kicked off, both teams in turn surged forward to make daring raids on the other's goal, only to be frustrated. Both teams retreated, re-grouped and tried again. And again. The Wolves scored towards the end of the first half. One-nil. The second half was everlasting, but finally our dreams were realised. Willingham Wolves U16's had secured the title of Champions of the Cambridgeshire & District Colts U16 'A' League for 2008-9. What a season!

Steve Moffat

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
July				
1	Carol Bailey demonstrates flower arranging	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
4	School Fete	WSA	Willingham School	2 - 5 00 pm
6	Club Meeting, Peter Walker on "Encounters with Orchids of Britain"	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
18	Outing to Leeds Castle, Kent	Gardening Club	The Green	8 00 am
August				
2	Pleasure Ride	Anglian Distance Riders		Contact Christine Few (01954 201820) for an entry form.
5	Deborah Maloney with a hearing dog for the hearing impaired	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2-3.30 pm
13-16	Picnic Performance at Willingham House: Romeo and Juliet	Willingham Stagecraft	Willingham House	Tickets/Info 01954 261354 willingham.stagecraft@gmail.com
19	Talk by Diane Pattison on 'Modern Sculpture, Ancient Stones'	Friends of Willingham Library	Willingham Library	7 30-9 pm

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 last on average 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. Contact Celia on 01954 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to experience or to join.

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 6 July - Peter Walker will talk to us about Encounters with Orchids in Britain.

Saturday 18 July - We shall be visiting Leeds Castle in Kent. The coach will leave the Green at 8 00 am. Non-members are welcome to join us. The cost is £24 per person including entry. This a fine 900 year old castle set on the river Len with extensive formal gardens offering colour throughout the year.

Monday 3 August - this is the annual members' evening out. Details will be given at the July Club meeting.

Saturday 15 August - we shall be travelling to Ayletts Garden Centre and later to the Capel Manor Gardens at Enfield. We leave the Green, Willingham at 8 30 am and non-members are welcome to join us. The cost including any entry fees will be £17 per person - extremely good value. The Capel Manor Gardens are contained within an estate running to 30 acres which include a Georgian Manor House and Victorian Stables. There is a terrace

restaurant and extensive gift shop and plant sales area. There are many garden 'rooms' to explore which include an Italianate Maze, walled garden, water garden, sensory garden and Japanese garden indeed something for everyone. On 15 August there is a special show of gladiolus and the Gough allotment display. For a pictorial view of these fine gardens view the website.

Reminders

The Club will be staging the annual Horticultural and Craft show at the Willingham Primary School on Saturday 5 September 2009. As usual details will be published in these pages in due course but for the time being please note that the Club is willing to provide begonia plants to any children of school age willing to grow the plants on and to submit them as an entry in the appropriate class at the show in September. Last year a good many children participated and submitted some really good entries.

Please encourage children in your family to take part. A prize or prizes will be awarded to the entry or entries judged to be the best by our judges.

Plants may be obtained from Cathy at 4 Saxon Way, Willingham, telephone 260745.

Entry schedules may be obtained from Berrycroft Stores, The Post Office and the Library from early July.

Thank you

The Club committee wish to thank all those members and others who contributed plants and/or purchased plants from our stall in the High Street on 23 May. Proceeds of £220 approximately, a record in recent times, will be donated to a charity.

Village Directory

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		01954 288944
	School Governors Chairman	Dr N A Walton	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Richard Foster	01954 261293
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honey Pot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
	2nd Brownies	Mrs G Balaam	01954 260126
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Geoff Bailey Dancers	Mr G Bailey	01954 260233
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles	Kathryn Wright	01954 261770
	Bumps and Babies Group	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilda Beauchamp	01954 205487
	Little Notes Music group	Naomi Lockwood	01954-261248
	Rock Solid (Baptist Church)	Richard Sanders	01954 200708
	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
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
	Allotments - See Willingham Combined Charities below		
Local 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 Hodgkinson	01954 201816
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
Clubs	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	Mr J Sibley	01954 260436
	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	01954 260446
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 202082
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Step Aerobics	Ms E Weatherill	01954 205439
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261526
Churches	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Administrator	Emma Launchbury	01954 263108
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
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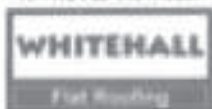
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BOOT SALE

Do you have any bits that you would like to sell – this
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Willingham WI are holding a Boot Sale on 19
September

So why don't you sort out all your unwanted items and
sell them at our Boot Sale?

It is being held to raise money for Willingham's First
Responder Group.

If you book your pitch now it will cost you only £5.00
- otherwise it will be £7.50 on the day.

Don't delay - for further details ring Jacky on
01954 261831 or Doreen on 01954 200561

WILLINGHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Are you interested in joining a group of friendly
people who meet up to play Carpet Bowls?

We meet on Tuesdays at The Social Club, Fen End.

If you are interested please come and see us at
The Social Club 7 30-9 30 pm on any Tuesday.

We shall look forward to seeing you

An Opportunity to be Involved in Youth Work in Willingham!

The County Council will train you to become a **Young People's
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Willingham, and this could be a stepping stone to longer term
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Village Artists Open Doors as part of Cambridge Open Studios

Rebecca Dawson and Di Pattison (also known as Di Belcher) open their doors on July weekends as members of Cambridge Open Studios.



Di Pattison, a painter, lives at 35 Rampton Road and opens on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd weekends of July.

Di hand-grinds pigments from coloured rocks as people did before industry. These are similar to the paints used for the church wallpaintings. But Di makes modern richly-textured canvases by mixing the paints with acrylic resins. Pots of colour and hand-made pastel crayons are on sale as well as prints and original artwork.

Di is giving a series of workshops at the Octagon on this traditional craft. She will also talk about her forthcoming book about newly-discovered prehistoric sculpture at the Avebury World Heritage monument, which is surprisingly modern and fun to discover.

Workshop sessions are all day on Monday 6 and Monday 20 July and afternoons on Tuesday 7 and Tuesday 14 July. Cost £25 full day and £12.50 half day. Suitable for anyone age 15+. Samples and handouts included.

The book session is on Wed 2 July 7 30 - 9 00 pm and is sufficiently informal and non-technical to interest anyone with an ambition to write non-fiction or who likes art, archaeology or heritage. Cost £3.50 including refreshments. Another session will be held in the Library in August.

To book a place email di@dipattison-artwork.co.uk or ring 260880

Rebecca Dawson, a jewellery maker and silversmith exhibits at 11 Church Street on the 2nd 3rd and 4th weekends in July

Having lived in Willingham for eight years, Rebecca is known to many locals as a mum and a member of Willingham School Association. Rebecca has been a silversmith for ten years, having studied in Cambridge and Hereford. She enjoyed a successful first open studio last year. Rebecca has just opened a new Working Studio and Shop at the Haddenham Gallery (20 Church St, Haddenham) Tel 07773123610.

Rebecca works with silver, gold and platinum, gemstones and pearls, making high-quality necklaces, earrings, rings, cufflinks and spoons. Clasps, wires and pendants are all made by hand, each piece slightly different making them all special

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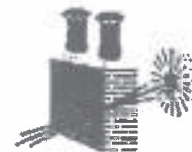
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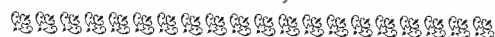
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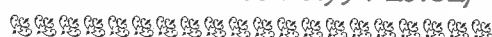
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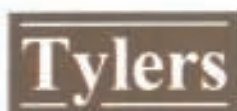
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