

WILLINGHAM NEWS



September 2009

Swine flu in Beijing – a Willingham view

Jamie Males, who lives in Willingham, writes about his experience on a visit to China:

The first few days in Beijing went very well; despite the unpredictable weather. We took fantastic excursions to the Great Wall of China, the Summer Palace, the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Then, on the evening of our third day, as we got ready for bed at the Foreign Language School on the outskirts of Beijing, we received news that all of the activities for the following day, including planned visits to the Temple of Heaven and the famous Pearl Markets, had been cancelled.

We all knew why - pretty much since we'd first arrived at our accommodation, the shadow of the swine flu virus had been present. In China the illness has not become as widespread as in the UK, and the government was understandably



Jamie and friends on Tiananmen Square.



Jamie has a swine flu test

keen to stop it from spreading. We had had our temperatures checked before we left the aeroplane at Beijing, and temperature checking was to become a regular thing. The authorities had decided that any visiting students who contracted the virus would have to be put into quarantine. It had become a daily occurrence for one or two students to disappear, to quarantine in a hotel in another part of the city.

Using the computer rooms near our dormitories, we were able to check websites to read about what the experience of quarantine was like. Whilst it didn't seem as if they were having too bad a time, I certainly didn't think for a moment that we would end up there with them.

Things began to unfold when a girl who had been sharing a room

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40 years on – and the Salvation Army flag is still flying

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Joe Peacock – cup winner

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Willingham Feast

Below we list the likely events during the Feast. For any enquiries please use the contact details at the end. A full programme will be delivered to all households in mid-September. There could be many other events and if you want to be involved please contact us. We would welcome sponsorship from local firms and even small amounts, like £10, would help with the costs and the programme could carry recognition of your sponsorship or your advert. All money collected during the Feast will go to local medical charities such as MAGPAS and the teenage cancer ward at Addenbrooke's.

Friday 2nd October 2009

Various events at Willingham School

Bell-ringing to start the Feast weekend - 6pm

Music at the Social Club - 8pm - £3 on the door

Saturday 3rd October

Market/Farmer's market on the Green - 9am to noon

Sporting events at various locations - 11am to 2pm

Dance Competition/Exhibition at the Ploughman Hall - 2pm to 4pm

Ceilidh at the Ploughman Hall - 8pm to 11pm - £7 (£5 under 18) Tickets on sale in September from the Post Office and the Duke of Wellington Featuring 'Pigeon English.' A top band that play throughout the South-East.

Sunday 4th October

Service and Band on the Green with the Salvation Army - 3pm

Feast Service at St Mary and All Saints Church 6pm - All welcome

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Following the elections held in June, the majority of seats have changed and there is an interesting Council at County level.

Cambridgeshire County Council will recommend to the Government to introduce a congestion charge only if a certain level of congestion is reached. A decision by Cabinet will take place in October.

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.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.

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

Mr J Anderson (Planning Committee Chair)	01954-203344
Mr I Barratt	01954-261609
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
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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

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 Thursday, 2 September 2009 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.

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Willingham Parish Council intends to appoint a Deputy Clerk to help the existing Clerk. This will be a part-time position of approximately 12 hours per week, paid on the local government scale 15. (A higher scale may be awarded to a candidate with existing experience). Good clerical, computer and PR skills are essential. Training will be provided to enable the successful applicant to perform in due course all the duties of a full Parish Clerk.

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**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS –
30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Willingham Action Group (WAG)

Parish Plan Progress Report

Most of our recent meetings have been about preparations for **Willingham Feast** during the weekend of 2 to 4 October.

For details, **see page 3**. Do help to make the Feast Weekend a really happy occasion.

Jottings from your County Councillor

Three phone calls in almost as many days about matters relating to the District Council have reminded me that the division of responsibilities between the various tiers of local authorities (and there are three) can be confusing and at times pretty arcane.

Essentially the County Council is responsible for transport matters – roads, streetlights (well most of them, if they aren't owned by the District or even parish councils), schools and education – up to the age of 16, libraries, recycling (of rubbish), the registry service (for births, marriages and deaths), economic development and trading standards, archaeology, the environment and older people's services.

The District Council is responsible for housing, planning applications, refuse and environmental health (among other things). However, it is not quite as straightforward as this; while the County Council is responsible for roads, the District Council is responsible for street names and street signs. The District Council collects our rubbish, but the County disposes of it – and runs the household waste recycling centres. The vast majority of streetlights are owned by the County Council (and can be identified by a CCC and number sign), some are the responsibility of the District Council (SCDC and number) while a few are owned by the Parish Council.

The County Council is responsible for bus services, Dial-a-Ride and taxi card services where public transport is not commercially provided, but the District Council licenses taxis and at present is responsible for the concessionary fares scheme (although this is likely to change within the next couple of years).

Equally confusing, the County Council is responsible for older people (paying for care etc.), but adaptations to older people's homes to enable them to continue living at home falls to the District Council. Post-16 education is currently the responsibility of the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), but a Bill currently before Parliament will abolish the LSCs and create two new bodies – the Skills Funding Agency and the Young People's Learning Agency, while planning for post-16 education will transfer back (again!!) to the County Council.

Confused.....? So am I sometimes. It rather reminds me of that Flanders and Swann song – It All Makes Work For The Working Man To Do; or in this case, officers in the different tiers of councils. We are lucky that in South Cambridgeshire there is a good deal of joint working, but I suspect that for most people all that you want is one council that deals with all the local problems that you have. But that, as they say, is another story!

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

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Willingham Horticultural and Craft Show

Saturday 5 September 2009
Willingham Primary School

This show is organised annually and run by members and friends of the Willingham Gardening Club. If you have not obtained your entry form yet then please do so as soon as possible from The Library, Post Office, Berrycroft Stores, Rainbow Crafts or the delicatessen in Berrycroft. This is a fun event for all the family giving you and them the chance to be creative.

There are classes for art, photography, crafts of many descriptions and for vegetables, fruit, flowers and other plants. Delicious afternoon teas will be available from 1 30 pm and all garden produce will be auctioned off at the end of the show.

Exhibits will be staged at 8 30 am and later judged. The show will be open to public view at 1 30 pm until 3 30 pm approximately.

Produce auction at 4 00 pm.

Grand Prize Draw - First prize £50 and other great prizes at 4 30 pm.

(Timings are indicative but may be subject to change if the circumstances require.)

Why not have a go and encourage younger members of your family to have a go too? Details of all classes are contained in the entry form.

Entries must be submitted by no later than 10 00 am on 5 September at the school.

It is a great afternoon entertainment especially if you have participated.

For more details contact Tony on 201910 or Celia on 261304.

Please support your local show

Willingham Feast Dance Competition

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who all donated to the Equipment Fund in memory of their loved ones.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

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- Swap sugary snacks and drinks for ones that are lower in sugar
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- Don't eat too much or too little
- Keep a count of snacks between meals
- Eat five portions of fruit and veg a day
- Cut back on fatty meals
- Do at least 60 minutes of activity a day
- Limit the time spent on TV and computer games
- Ask for a leaflet from the Pharmacy

Acknowledgements Our grateful thanks to family and friends for their kind donations to the Willingham Surgery Equipment Fund in memory of our oldest patient Mrs Nancy Collett who died the day before her 104th birthday. **Thank you** also to the friends and families of Bertram Sherman, Ada Dean and Peter Dykes

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Christmas Greetings in Willingham News

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with two of my friends from Impington was diagnosed with the virus. This meant that anybody she had been in contact with would have to be put into quarantine.

Birthday 'celebration'

When we found this out, it was the middle of 20 July, my birthday, and my teacher's birthday too. It wasn't exactly the kind of birthday we'd been hoping to spend... We'd already missed our scheduled flights to Shaanxi, and now we discovered that we were to be put into isolation for a week. All of us were massively disappointed at missing out on so much, but understood that there was absolutely nothing anyone could do about it.

We were told to put on face masks and were swabbed to check if we were already carrying the swine flu virus. Fortunately, the results the next day confirmed that we were all healthy. We were taken in ambulances to the hotel where the other students were in quarantine. It had slowly begun to sink in that we were destined to spend seven days in that place, and I was envious of the group of Spanish students being released as we arrived. After numerous temperature checks, we were given our rooms, which were very comfortable, but the novelty soon wore off.

We were provided with everything we needed, and the staff were very considerate, helpful and apologetic. I had more than enough food, although by the end of our stay I was yearning for something other than rice and eggs, which is what my diet consisted of for most of the time as the vegetarian selection was limited.

Origami boats

The days were long and for the most part devoid of any kind of activity other than reading and using the laptops we had been given. We did our best to make the most of our time by meeting up in the evenings so that we didn't completely lose our social skills! We also tried to view the solar eclipse, but unfortunately we mistimed it and ended up waiting for an event that had happened hours earlier. Instead, we made origami boats and sailed them on the hotel's lily pond.

The government and the British Embassy sent supplies of chocolate, biscuits, art materials

to keep us occupied, teach-yourself Chinese books and CDs, and board games. It was very reassuring to know that if we ever needed anything, we could just ask for it, and I don't think any of us felt particularly worried about the whole situation. It was frustrating to be kept in quarantine knowing that we were all healthy, and the notion that if one of us did contract swine flu they would be taken to hospital alone was quite scary, but we felt safe and well-informed throughout.

Finally, we were told that we would be released a little earlier than we had been expecting, which meant we would have a spare day for exploring a little more of Beijing. I started counting down to the hour set for our departure from quarantine as soon as I knew when it was, and packed very early in anticipation. When the time came, there was such a feeling of general relief that we were now free again to enjoy the opportunities we had been given, even if we had missed out on so much.

Haggling at the markets

We had decided not to spend a further week in China and move on belatedly to Shaanxi Province, as this would risk us being put into quarantine again, and we all needed to get home. That last day of exploration (at the Temple of Heaven and the Pearl Markets) was for some a frenzied fit of money-spending. Haggling at the markets was an interesting experience. By the time I got to sleep in the 5* hotel room I was sharing with another student from my college that night, I was really looking forward to catching the flight home.

But for all the mixed experiences, for all the frustration and thwarted projects, the most important thing that came out of our time in quarantine was a strong desire among us students to go back to China in 2010. We were determined to seize the chance to return to this exciting country on the next exchange organised by Hanban, the Chinese cultural committee, and experience the full range of the programme, which was to have included language learning, calligraphy, and Tai Chi. We're thinking up ways to fundraise for the new venture, as we don't think it would be fair to ask our parents to pay twice. I have my fingers crossed that next year things won't be quite so turbulent.

Connections Bus Project: Raising Money for your Community

Staff and friends of the Connections Bus Project will be doing a sponsored bike ride on Sunday 6 September to raise money to support our work in your village. We would be very grateful if you could let as many people as possible know about this.

The ride will visit each of the villages we currently visit with the bus and a timetable will be available on our website shortly. We would love people to come out and wave us on, plus have a chance to look round the youth bus, which will be travelling with us. Also there is the opportunity to sponsor us following the links on our website (www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk/)

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Willingham Gardening Club

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End and start at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers. Meetings on average last about one and a half hours. There is a plant raffle. The Club welcomes new members at any of our monthly meetings. We are a group of people with an interest in plants and gardening. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us to see whether you want to join at a very modest annual subscription. In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and places of interest and there is an annual Club holiday too in May usually.

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

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 7 September - Club Meeting when Roger Skipper will talk on 'Growing Pentstemons'

Saturday 19 September - Outing to Charles Darwin's House in Kent leaving the Green, Willingham at 8 30 am

Monday 5 October - Club Meeting when Angela Whiting will talk about 'Alpines and Alpine Troughs'

Wednesday 4 November - Xmas shopping trip to Nottingham.

Reminder

The annual Horticultural and Craft Show will be held at the local primary school on Saturday 5 September in the afternoon. Entry forms and class schedules are available at a club meeting, from committee members and from the Post Office, Berrycroft Stores, the delicatessen in Berrycroft, Rainbow Crafts and from the Library.

Now is the time, however, to consider what you might make or grow for entry. This is a local show for local people primarily and it depends for its success on you. Please consider what you might enter for exhibition and judging. Photographs, models, paintings, stitchworks, flowers and vegetables. There are classes for all ages. It is good fun, fulfilling and rewarding especially if you win a prize or a cup. Experienced judges are employed to judge the entries. With the summer school holidays in full swing children will have some additional time to devote to creating or growing their entries. We hope that the begonia plants which you may have collected for your children are growing away ready for submission as entries for the show. Don't forget to feed the plants once or twice a week to maximise growth and flower production. The Club looks forward to seeing the outcome of the efforts of the children on 5 September. Last year a good many children participated and submitted some really good entries.

Why not have a go? See also the separate feature on page 7.

LOOKING FOR A REALLY GOOD
DAY OUT?
THEN LOOK NO FURTHER
OUTING BY COACH TO CHARLES
DARWIN'S HOUSE IN KENT

Saturday 19 September, leaving the Green, Willingham at 8 30 am and returning before 6 30 pm.

The cost is £22 per person inclusive of coach travel and entry. Refreshments (hot and cold meals too) are available at additional cost.

Organised by the Willingham Gardening Club but you don't need to be a member to come along. Come along and have an enjoyable day out. This excursion should be of great interest to many having regard to Darwin's association with this area and to his ground breaking work during the 1800s.

All welcome. Contact Tony on 01954 201910 or Celia on 01954 261394 to book your seat on the coach for any of the scheduled trips.

National Childbirth Trust Cambridge Branch Nearly New Sale

High Quality Nearly New Clothes
for Babies and Children (0 - 10 years)

Sunday 20th September 2009
2.30pm to 4.00pm
at Comberton Leisure
Comberton Village College
West Street, Comberton
CB23 7DU

Entrance £1 (Donation to branch)

Priority Queue for NCT members. Doors open at 2pm. Please bring your membership card for early entry.

We need over 100 volunteers to run the sale, if you wish to help please contact Sarah Bowie on 01223 894839.
Sellers wanted, to sell please call our registration line on 07742 602363

Pastoral Letter

Summer holidays for many of us now seem to be just a distant memory, as we swing into autumn with days shortening, and the prospect of winter just round the corner.

With this comes the threat of more potential cases of swine flu, as these viruses apparently thrive in the colder weather. Already over the summer, we have been receiving a lot of advice about swine flu, including information from the Archbishops asking us to modify our practice during Holy Communion. We have stopped receiving the wine from a common cup, in favour of the presiding minister dipping the bread or wafer in the cup before placing it in our hand to consume as a combined sacrament.

Other recommendations from the government include becoming a flu buddy, or friend. This asks for volunteers to link up with other people (it could be a member of your family, or a friend or neighbour), who can be contacted to deliver medication and food to a swine flu victim, who can't get out, either because they are too ill, or just to contain the virus by not mixing with others at the local surgery or shops.

This highlights the fact that all too often in society today, we don't know our neighbours, partly because we move location more frequently than in the past, but also as more people go out to work and work longer hours, fewer people are around during the day for a chat on the doorstep or over the fence.

Jesus was asked the question 'who is my neighbour?' and He told a story to help us understand.

A man was walking along a dangerous road, when he was set upon, badly beaten up, robbed and left for dead at the roadside. Later, a priest came along, and seeing the blood, he thought the man was dead. As it was forbidden for a priest to touch a corpse, he kept on walking.

Someone else on their way home from the temple walked by, but fearing that those who had attacked the man could still be around and the same might happen to him, rushed quickly on.

At last, a Samaritan came by (at that time, Jews and Samaritans never spoke to each other). He stopped and went over to him, cleaned up his wounds, bandaged them, and carefully lifted him on to his donkey, then led him to the nearest inn. He gave the innkeeper money to pay for a bed until the man was well enough to go. 'Which of these was his neighbour?' Jesus asked. 'The one who helped him', His listeners replied. So, our neighbour is anyone for whom we are prepared to drop everything and help.

Steve Mellows
Churchwarden



Willingham WI – September Meeting

The September meeting of Willingham WI will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 14 September in the Social Club. Dr Carrie Herbert will be

speaking about the Red Balloon Learner Centres and there will be a Bring and Buy sale.

If you haven't been to a meeting of the WI in Willingham yet, please feel free to come along and try us out. There is very little Jerusalem and not much jam either. Plenty of friendly people and interest, though. Ring 261831, 200561 or 202240 for further details.



Salvation Army

Coffee and Fellowship

Morning every Monday 10 30 am.

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

Luncheon Club re-starts on Thursday 3 September at 12 30 pm, and then **fortnightly**. To book a place call Daphne on 01954 260568.

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 as usual on the first Saturday of the month: Saturday 5 September. It begins at 10 00 am, at the church, and the cakes sell pretty quickly.

...and there is now also a 'books and extras stall'.

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-brac go to the Restoration Fund.

Church bells Visitors from the Ely district will be ringing the bells on Saturday 5 September from 3 00-4 30 pm.

Baptist Matters

Monday 2 30 pm Baby Notes – music group for babies (0 to crawling) and their parents/carers

3 00 pm Baby Notes – music group for babies (crawling to walking) and their parents/carers

Tuesday 9 45 am TOPS – for children 18 months to three years with their parents/carers, for fun activities and refreshments

6 30 pm Rock Solid – a youth group for anyone in years 6 – 9. A fun-packed evening of games, quizzes, discussion and a tuck shop!

7 45 pm Housegroup every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month

Wednesday 6 15 am Early Morning Prayer. Every first Wednesday **10 00 am – 12 noon** – Contact! SCDC Housing Officers

Thursday 10 00 am

Open Door Coffee Morning – come for a tea or coffee and a chat. All welcome.



10 00 am Bumps and Babies – a chance for new and expectant parents to meet for a chat and coffee whilst the babies play.

8 00 pm Housegroups

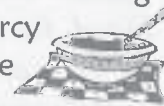
Friday 6 30 pm Kid's Friday Club – for all those currently at Primary School. Come along for crafts, games, stories, quizzes, music, puppets and much more!

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

The Alpha Course - see page 19.

Charity Lunch

This month's Charity Lunch will be held at 1 00 pm on 12 September in the home of Amy and Alan Robinson, 15A High Street. The lunch consists of soup and bread and cheese and costs £3. The charity being supported is Mercy Ships. All are welcome.



Sponsored ride and stride:

Saturday 12 September
10 00 am to 6 00 pm

Visit churches in the area – on your bike or on foot – and raise some money. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and the church of your choice.



For more information and to register, telephone David Scott: 07879633456



**ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS
CHURCH STREET
WILLINGHAM
www.willinghamchurch.org**

6 September

11 00 am Parish Communion

13 September

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Service

6 00 pm Evensong

20 September

11 00 am Parish Communion

27 September

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

11 00 am All Age Service with
Baptism

During the interregnum there is a special time for prayer in the sacristy on the first Saturday morning of each month. **(In September: 5th).**

Children are welcome at all our 11 am services. On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, there are activities for primary school age children, and for younger children there is a crèche. On 2nd and 4th Sundays we have activities in the Church Service. 'Fidget Bags' are available for use in the pews. If you know of anyone who is ill, or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let Gillian Macnaghten know (01954 261817).

**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET
www.willinghambaptist.org**

6 September

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
(Communion)

6 00 pm Richard Sanders

13 September

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

20 September

9 00 am TBA

10 45 am All - Age Service at Primary
School

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

**27 September - Back to Church
Sunday**

11 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
followed by a Hog Roast

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe
(Communion)

Any enquiries please contact:

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Hilary Wyllie (Church Secretary)

(01954 260051),

or Emma Launchbury (Administrator)

(01954 263108)

**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET
www.salvationarmy.org/
uk/willingham**

6 September

5 00 pm Sunday worship

13 September

5 00 pm Sunday worship

20 September

5 00 pm Sunday worship

27 September

5 00 pm Sunday worship

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED
HEART**

19 Needingworth Road, St Ives

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Saturday

5 00 pm (Anticipatory)

Sunday

8 00 am and 11 00 am

**Christians 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 September this is Pyrethrum Way, Rampton End, Rampton Road and Ravens Yard.

**Good News about the
Salvation Army**

I think it was Mark Twain who wrote 'The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated'. I cannot recall the circumstances under which he made the statement but I thought it was a relevant quote to include in a word about The Salvation Army in Willingham.

We are pleased to announce that rather than closing, the Corps is to remain open. We are hoping to restart weekday activities in September and those who are included will be notified accordingly.

We are grateful to the good people of Willingham for their continued interest in the Salvation Army Corps and we extend an open invitation to everyone to come to worship God, share fellowship and find new friendships.

Aubrey C P Draycott

Major

Anglia Divisional Headquarters Norwich



Letter to the Editor

Thanks for support

My name is Joe Peacock. I am a 14-year-old Willingham boy, who was set a task by my Youth Development Manager, at Rushden and Diamonds Centre of Excellence Football Club, to raise £400 sponsorship to help fund my training costs for the coming year.



I travel for three hours each time to train three times a week. I have been lucky enough to travel all over Europe on tour and you can see me in the picture last year (front page) holding the cup for an International knock-out cup we won in Holland.

Football is my life and I am prepared to work however hard will be necessary to win a scholarship with Rushden when I leave school. This will allow me to enhance my football skills and take the equivalent of four A levels. My end of year review was very positive and I am confident that if I continue to work hard and put in 100% I can achieve my dream

I have recently been working to raise funds and would like to say a very big thank-you to the local businesses that have supported me to do this and help me achieve my goal. I really appreciate your support. My supporters were:

- Clares Brides and Maids
- Cambridge Building Society
- PC Home Call
- The Danwood Group
- Ray Manning

Joe Peacock
35 Balland Field

Photo Mystery from OldWillingham.com



This month's photo should not be too hard to track down as the brickwork is quite unique in the village. The sign above the shop says 'Mills Drug Store' and, from the advertising signs, tobacco was an important part of sales! Can anyone tell us more about this shop and when the picture may have been taken?

Answers to 31 High Street or email to oldwill@oldwillingham.com.

Willingham Walking Club

The next walk, which will take us via Over towards the lakes at Swavesey with a pub stop on route, will take place on Sunday 13 September. Meet at the Duke of Wellington, Church Street at 9 50 am. Return about 2 30 pm. All welcome. Further details 01954 260647.

Clay pigeon shooting success

Phil Gray has lived in Willingham all his life and has shot from the age of ten. One of his dreams has been to shoot for Great Britain. This year his dream came true and he represented GB in Orville (France) in June. He was shooting in the European FITASC clay target championships.

The lads were a completely novice team as none of them had represented GB previously. They made up the GB junior team, (whose ages range from 17-21, so a young team) and out of 23 counties successfully brought home Bronze. They were congratulated by George Digweed MBE, who won the shoot. He told them that as a first time shooting together they did extremely well and urged them to build on that success.

Over all GB did really well bringing home eight out of ten gold medals plus silver and bronze.

Sudoku set by Willow

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Solution on page 18

Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
0345 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

Willingham Library 40th birthday October 2009

On 20 October 2009, Willingham Library will have been serving the community for 40 years. In celebration of this there will be a month of events, hopefully including something for everybody. All the events are free but so that we can get an idea of numbers please pick up a ticket from the library:

Wednesday 7 October 2 00 – 3 30 pm Engage in the afternoon

Chris Jakes, Local Studies Librarian at the Cambridgeshire Collection, will be giving a talk on Old Willingham with special emphasis on the 1960s when the library first opened.

Wednesday 14 October 10 00 – 11 30 am John Killick, Cambridgeshire Poet in Residence

John Killick specialises in working with older people and for the last ten years has been running workshops

helping people with dementia through poetry writing. His organisation, 'Dementia Positive' was featured on Radio 4's Woman's Hour in June of this year.

Wednesday 21 October 3 00 – 5 00 pm 40th Birthday Tea Party

Please come along and join us for afternoon tea to celebrate our birthday. As well as customers, previous members of staff and local Councillors will be invited.

Wednesday 28 October 10 30 – 11 30 am Children's Event: Where's Wally?

We will be dressing up as Wally, with a prize for the best one, and playing Wally-based games. Also, prizes for the winners of the 40th birthday poster competition will be presented.

Engage in the Afternoon

Come along to these free sessions on the first Wednesday of each month during library closed time. There are interesting speakers, tea/coffee and biscuits and a chance to change books and use the computers. August's meeting on hearing dogs for the deaf was an eye-opener.

Future sessions

Wednesday 2 September - Wartime reminiscence session.

Wednesday 7 October – Chris Jakes (part of the 40th birthday celebrations – see above). Please obtain a free ticket from the library for this event; it will be very popular.

Children's Summer Reading Challenge - Quest Seekers

Dragons, Quest, Adventure! Lots of children have enjoyed this year's reading challenge over the summer and they will be presented with their medals and certificates on Saturday 12 September at 11 00 am.

Bin collections

3 September	Black Bin (NB Thursday)
9 September	Green bin and box. Plastic bottles
16 September	Black Bin
23 September	Green bin and box. Plastic bottles
30 September	Black Bin

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

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

Fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support

Saturday 5th September Starts 11.am

At Wilford Furlong Community Centre

Car Boot, Tombola, Cake stall, Bri a Brac, Jumble, Raffle, Refreshments, Crafts Stalls.

Anyone wishing to have a Car Boot Pitch, please contact Debbie on 01954 261445. Pitch £5.00

Please come along and support a very worthy cause

Willingham Guides in national project

Willingham Guides have been taking part in a national Guide service project to 'Change the World'. The girls chose to work on the Camfed project. Camfed – which is based in Cambridge - is the Campaign for Female Education in Africa. The project was titled 'If you've got a voice – Use It!' and the aims of the project are to raise enough money to help ten girls go to school and to spread the word about how important girls' education is to 100 people.

Through a series of games and activities we learnt the importance of education to girls in Africa through the eyes of Cindy a 14 year old girl from Zambia. Cindy has been helped by Camfed to have an education after her parents died from AIDS when she was young. She has ambitions to become a lawyer. Without this education she would become a wife, mother and probably die at an early age.

There are 22 girls aged 10-14 in our Guide unit with two young leaders under the age of 18 and two adult leaders. Some of the frightening statistics that we learnt were that if we were in Africa three of the Guides would be married within the next year, our two young leaders would have two children each, one leader would have had six or seven children of which only four or five would still be living and our other leader would have been dead for ten years!

We raised enough money for more school uniforms. At Easter we had a bingo evening, using our voices to raise money. Guides friends and family had a fun evening with lots of chocolate being won as bingo and raffle prizes and we raised £150. Further money was raised by collecting small change over the past year in money boxes we made.

With the help of *Willingham News* we will have also exceeded our second target of raising the awareness of the importance of female education to over 100 people.

For more information on CAMFED visit www.camfed.org and to find out more about Guides in your local area visit www.cambseastguiders.org.uk

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
Sept				
2	Wartime reminiscences	Engage in the afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
5	Horticulture and Craft Show	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham School	6 pm 261394
5	Macmillan Cancer Support fundraiser		Wilford Furlong Community Centre	11 00 am
7	Roger Skipper 'Growing Pentstemons'	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	7 30 pm
12	Charity Lunch	15a High Street		1 pm
12	Summer reading challenge Presentation	Library Service	Willingham Library	11 00 am
13	Walk to Swavesey lakes	Walking Club	Duke of Wellington	9 50 am 01954 260647
14	Talk on Red Balloon Learner Centres	Womens Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
19	Visit to Charles Darwin's house	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Green	8 30 am 261394
19	Boot Sale Willingham First Responders	Womens Institute	Ploughman Hall	10 00 am to 3 00 pm
28	Willingham Jam Night		Social Club	7 00 for 7 30 pm
October				
5	Talk by Angela Whiting on 'Alpines and Alpine Troughs'	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	7 30 pm
7	Chris Jakes on Willingham in the 1960s	Engage in the Afternoon 40th birthday event	Willingham Library	2 00-3 30 pm Free tickets from library
14	John Killick, Cambridgeshire Poet in Residence	Library 40th birthday event	Willingham Library	10 00-11 30 am Free tickets from library
21	Birthday Tea Party	Library 40th birthday event	Willingham Library	3 00-5 00 pm Free tickets from library
28	Children's Event: Where's Wally? Fancy dress and games	Library 40th birthday event	Willingham Library	10 30-11 30 am Free tickets from library
Nov				
4	Shopping trip to Nottingham	Willingham Gardening Club		

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	
	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	
	Honeypot 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	
Local Representatives	Allotments - See Willingham Combined Charities below			
	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	
	Willingham Sports Pavillion	David Clarke	01954 260600	
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	
	Roman Catholic Priest	Rev Paul Maddison	01480-462192	
	Salvation Army	Major M Lewis	01480 386593	
	Parish Church	Mrs Gillian Macnaghten	01954 261817	

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Barbecue and refreshments available

Ring 01954 261831 / 200561 for more details

Keep up with crime prevention tips

There are occasional thefts in Willingham and many of them are preventable. If you have access to the Internet you would benefit from joining the ecops scheme. It is a simple process to register and you will receive frequent email bulletins detailing the incidence and nature of crime in the village as well as useful crime prevention tips, both of which will help you be better prepared to combat crime. To join the scheme go to <https://www.cambspolice.co.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/> and follow the simple instructions.

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Willingham Combined Charity

Land bordering Rook Grove and Allotment site Westmeadow Close

The trustees would like to remind parishioners that there is no public right of way over the above areas of land owned by the charity.

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Willingham Combined Charity - Property to let

The Charity has a one-bedroom bungalow at Over Road, Willingham, to let to a local single person.

Application forms are available from the Clerk to the Charity, Mrs J Ambrose. Tel. 01954 260446.

TIGGERS IS BACK!

For babies, toddlers and children upto school age, with their carers'.

From Wednesday 16th September
and all term-time Wednesdays after

10.00 - 11.30

Salvation Army Hall, Silver Street

Come along to meet other mums & dads whilst the children enjoy playing, indoors or outside, with the toys and get creative with crafts.



Cottenham Sports Centre – a new look

Over the last 12 months Cottenham Sports Centre has undergone a major £1 million extension which is now complete. Now the nights are drawing in are you wondering how to keep active over the winter? Or maybe you are new to the area and want to meet new people. Come along to Cottenham Sports Centre and join in the many activities taking place each week.

The Centre is a community facility located at the back of Cottenham Village College, open each weekday evening and all weekend.

Exercise and fitness are important to all old and young and here at the sports centre we aim to cater for all, with specialist GP referral classes, sessions for those returning to exercise and a range of fitness classes. Current classes include Boxercise, Legs Bums 'n' Tums, Exercise for Life (50+) and Wake up and Workout.

We are also launching two new classes in September, Body Sculpt (23rd) and Aerobics (24th). Body sculpt is a sculpting class using studio equipment to create the perfect body. The most effective way to lose fat, shape up, and maximise those assets! Aerobics – A fun, fast paced class using dance moves, simple choreography and floor work to improve your fitness, burn calories and make you sweat! Routine changes every six weeks so you'll never get bored.

All our fitness classes take place in our purpose-built air-conditioned, wood-sprung floored studio.

Regular exercise can help you relax and improve your health. Tiredness is often used as an excuse not to exercise but exercising regularly can actually increase your energy levels. So why not come along and use the Sports Centre's fitness suite equipped with a good range of cardio vascular and resistance equipment. The Centre operates on a pay as you go basis as well as offering a membership scheme for regular users and now a monthly membership option that offers excellent value.

Or if you prefer team sports why not enter a team in one of our Five a side Football leagues which run on Monday and Thursday evenings on our state of the art 3rd generation artificial pitch. Alternatively join one of the many sports clubs and teams which train here. Give us a call and we will happily put you in touch with someone from the club and sport of your choice.

During term time we also run a range of children's activities including Roller Skating, Judo, Badminton and Trampolining lessons and then during the holiday we run a range of children's activities including week-long courses, as well as full and half-day activity sessions. So if you are looking for something for your children to do during October half term look no further.

For further information or bookings call Tel. 01954 288760 or see www.cvcweb.net

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

WHAT IS ALPHA?

- The Alpha Course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith.
- It's relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun.
- Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

- The Alpha course consists of a series of talks looking at topics such as 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Why and how do I pray?' After each talk we divide into small groups for a time of discussion.
- The course will run until Thursday 3 December, with a break for half term and an away day on Saturday 7 November.

WHO IS ALPHA FOR?

- 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

To discuss any aspect of the course, to register or for more information please contact Emma Launchbury, Willingham Tabernacle Baptist Church Administrator.

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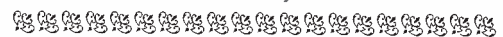
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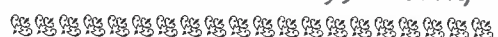
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