

WILLINGHAM NEWS



October 2009

Band of Brothers' Bike Ride

On 25 January 2009 I signed up to participate in the Band of Brothers' Bike Ride 2009 in aid of Help for Heroes along with four of my work colleagues. You may have seen my article in March's Willingham News...

Help for Heroes is a charity (set up in 2007) which aims to provide practical, direct support for our UK servicemen and women wounded in the line of duty in current conflicts such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

My employer, Dell, is a corporate sponsor of H4H so it was thought appropriate that we should enter a team in the inaugural ride in 2008. When the opportunity came around for a team to take part again this year it wasn't a difficult decision to get involved and I was lucky

enough to get a place in the team!

Altogether, 240 cyclists took part in the ride including a team from DMRC Headley Court - The Medical Rehabilitation Centre for all UK Armed Forces - where much of the money raised by H4H so far has been spent.



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Romeo and Juliet Picnic Performance

Willingham Stagecraft put on their first production under their new name in August. William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, the famous tragic tale of two star-crossed lovers from feuding families, was chosen as this year's picnic performance. Originally due to be performed in the grounds of Willingham House, a very last-minute technical hitch with the license to hold the performance meant that the group was forced to find alternative accommodation.

As might be hoped from such an establishment, the Parish Church came to the rescue in a time of need, for which we are very grateful, and the play was performed in the church grounds next to the Octagon. With only two days' rehearsals in the new venue under their belt and with right-up-to-the-last minute changes to the set, the opening night was a nerve-racking affair, but the cast pulled it off admirably. You would have thought it had been planned to be in the church grounds from the outset. The setting

was very atmospheric and each of the four performances was blessed with good weather.

The play was cleverly edited by the director, Laura Thomas, with the chorus-style ending, a particularly effective amendment to the original script. The layout of the Church and Octagon buildings enhanced the acoustics of the actors and especially of the talented musicians playing Baroque pieces to accompany the play.

We hope that all those who attended the play enjoyed the experience. Many members of the audience brought picnics, some of them very elaborate indeed – the Champagne corks were popping! It would be nice if picnic performances in Willingham could become an annual summer tradition and we thank everyone for their support.

Willingham Stagecraft is a 'not-for-profit' group of budding performers and friends interested in all aspects of stage production. Our intention is to produce local entertainment for the community of Willingham, and to provide funding and resources for rehearsals, workshops and performances. We are more than just amateur



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Each competitor has a small plot to plough over a three-and-a-half hour period during which time it is judged at various stages.

We have 10 classes catering for tractor-mounted, trailing and reversible ploughs as well as garden tractors. People travel from far and wide to participate and competitor numbers are high - from 50 to 70. The regulations state competitors must be aged 13 or over and have insurance.

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From the Parish Council

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It has been decided to continue the Connections Bus visits on a Wednesday evening until Easter 2010. This should thus cover any period of settling-in for the permanent youth group.

Yesteryear Road Run

This event will take place on Sunday, 25 April 2010. A proposal to close the road between the junction of Rampton Road and Newington is in place for the 400 vehicles that attend this annual event. The road will be closed from 10 00 am – midday although emergency vehicles will have access.

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 for any information you would like to see on our Website, please contact the Clerk.

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

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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, 7 October 2009 at 7 30 pm in the Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road and is open to the public.

Parish Council Office Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP.

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*Clerk: Colin Brown. Deputy Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge
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Willingham Cricket Club – Quiz Night

When? Friday, 16 October

Where? Willingham Social Club

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Jottings from your Councillor

I went to Earith last weekend and was truly shocked by the state of the road by the bank. It was worse than ever and indeed, by the time this is published, the road will have again been closed for two days while repairs are carried out.

Earlier this year I asked how much money had been spent in the last five years on repairing the bank. I can't remember the exact sum, but it ran into tens of thousands of pounds. I followed it up with a further question on whether the Council really thinks that this sort of expenditure is good value for money. I didn't get an answer to that!

I have suggested on a number of occasions that a ban on heavy goods vehicles using the road would go some way to helping the problem and I repeated that call with officers this week. In the past I have been told that the B1050 is part of a strategic review of HCV routes in the county, so nothing can be done until that review is completed. I think that banning lorries from this road is not something that can wait until a strategic review is completed – it needs action now, or the bank risks collapsing.

I cannot see how a continual repair job is good value for money – it is a total waste. I understand that a group of officers will be looking at the road to see whether it is really as bad as I have said – hopefully they will share my views – and those of anyone else who uses the road.

Of course, what is needed is a long-term solution that not only bypasses Willingham, but also the bank, but I accept that will cost many millions of pounds and may never happen. In the meantime, urgent action is needed. One added bonus of any ban on lorries is that there would then be some relief for the long-suffering residents on Earith Road and Station Road – but that would be the icing on the cake.

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

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A Willingham Feast Recipe

In Willingham, in past days, cheese tarts were made with local cheese, sugar, eggs and dried fruit and traditionally, during the Feast, villagers visited their neighbours to compare their cheese tarts. Cheese was made in most households until a few decades ago. Two types of cheese were made; a soft cheese rather like cottage cheese which was made to be consumed within a few days and which came to be known in this area as Cambridge cheese, and a hard cheese which could be kept for much longer which was called Cottenham cheese. Other villages used the cheese in other delicacies; in Cottenham it was pear pie. Here is a basic recipe for 'Willingham cheese tart' which is delicious! Variations of these tarts, used as a way of converting milk which was quite abundant into a good source of protein, especially in the war years and the time between, were found throughout the country.

We hope to have a stall selling cheese tarts at the market on the Green during the Feast. If you make one yourself, bring it along - you might get a prize!

Make enough pastry to line a 20-25 cm fairly shallow baking dish. Use any pastry recipe of your own but make it rich. (You can rub together 110g (4 oz) plain flour with 50g (2 oz) butter then add cold water gradually to make a firm pastry)

You can add the filling to the pastry in the dish but it is preferable to blind-bake the pastry first – 10 or 15 minutes at gas mark 5 (190 C). Prick the pastry with a fork, cover it in foil and use baking beans to stop it rising too much.

For the filling whisk lightly together 60g (2 oz) caster sugar and 60g (2 oz) butter. Blend in 250g (8 oz) cream cheese - many large supermarkets do their own brand although you can make the tart richer by using mascarpone. Blend in 5-10g plain flour (about 1 Tablespoon) and then two eggs to form a smooth mixture. Finally mix in 100g (about 4 oz) dried fruit such as sultanas or mixed fruit. Add the mixture to the pastry case.

Cook for 30-45 minutes at gas mark 4 (180 C) until the top has darkened a little and the filling is firm.

You can amend the recipe as you wish. Try adding 1 teaspoon of ground nutmeg to the mixture or lemon rind, or to make it even more appealing the dried fruit could be soaked in brandy or rum beforehand.

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This is an account of my adventure for which some of you generously sponsored me.

The ride started at Southwick Park, Portsmouth on 24 May, travelled via Normandy - visiting sites related to the

65th Anniversary of the D-Day landings along the way, then cut inland from Caen and finished at the Eiffel Tower in Paris on 29 May. A total of nearly 350 miles in five days (well, six really but you can hardly count the six miles from the start to the ferry port – even if the first three of them were uphill!)

Day 1 (Total: 75 Miles) - We woke in our hotel to thunder and lightning but by the time we had been reunited with our bikes the rain had pretty much dried up. We set off towards St Mère-Église where we were treated to glorious sunshine and a freefall display by the Red Devils!

After the first of the week's wreath-laying ceremonies, we set off again for Omaha beach, stopping at Point du Hoc on the way. At the cemetery overlooking the beach (recognisable from Saving Private Ryan) we were given a short talk by a retired British Naval Officer who helped land American troops at Omaha on D-Day.

From Omaha, we cycled on to Bayeux for an overnight stop in the Youth Hostel. The accommodation was basic but probably much better than the troops in Afghanistan are used to!

Day 2 (Total: 50 miles) - began with a short ride to Arromanches to look at the museum and the first of the beaches where the British and Canadian contingent landed. We were given a talk by an infantryman who landed on the beach and he described his experiences on that day and the weeks after as he advanced into France. More wreaths were laid before we had lunch and headed off via Gold, Juno and Sword beaches towards Merville Battery and Pegasus Bridge - the sites of the first British airborne action of D-Day.

After a well-deserved beer at Cafe Gondrée (the first French house to be liberated), we set off on the short ride into Caen and the luxury of a hotel for the night!

Day 3 (Total: 80 miles) - saw us leave Caen for Falaise. We stopped for a battlefield lecture and an opportunity to look at the Canadian cemetery. Unlike the cemetery at Omaha, most of the graves here were of young men killed in a matter of just a few days in August 1944. It was a very moving location to stop at and compare what it must have been like then to the beautiful and peaceful countryside that we were experiencing now.

From Falaise we headed (up!) to the Polish war memorial at the top of a 'big' hill (do the French have

mountains in Normandy?) called 'The Mace'. We knew from the riding profile that this would be a tough climb and we were right...

After a ceremony and lunch, we set out for Lisieux. Getting there was reasonably straightforward. However, none of us was expecting the long, steep climb past the cathedral to our hotel to complete the day. Why is it that reaching all of the nicest views is such hard work on a bike?

Day 4 (Total: 55 miles) - We set off back down the hill again as we headed out of Lisieux towards Evreux, stopping for lunch at an airfield near Montormel. Here we were lucky enough to be introduced to Special Operations Executive (SOE) Agents who trained and parachuted into France to help the resistance during the years of occupation. It was quite humbling to hear them describe their exploits in such an understated and matter of fact manner! Day 4 was also (apparently) fancy dress day – the Headley Court guys really went to town! It seemed to have escaped the rest of the riders but something to be remembered for next year perhaps? It was also noticeable that we were starting to relax. With just one more day until we arrived in Paris, the number of unscheduled café stops increased dramatically!

Day 5 (Total 78 miles) – This required us to start out much earlier than previous days – 5 30-6 00 am depending on your own expected 'performance'. The intention was to get to Versailles (approx 52 miles) for lunch, and get everyone to our rallying point at the Trocadero by 2 15 pm so that we could avoid the worst of the Paris Friday rush hour as we were to cycle en masse to the Arc de Triomphe and finish at the Eiffel Tower.

The ride to Versailles was harder than expected with lots of 'undulations' and a head wind which meant you had not only to pedal uphill but down the other side as well! That said, everyone made good time to the lunch stop and set out in small groups for the final leg of the journey into the city. It was strange cycling along looking for landmarks and seeing absolutely nothing until we arrived at the Trocadero, wondering how the Parisians had managed to hide the Eiffel Tower from view! Needless-to-say we were amazed to have all got there together, have had such a fantastic time and raised a huge amount of money for such a deserving cause along the way.

The Dell team raised approximately £11,000 thanks mainly to the generous donations given by family, friends, colleagues and Dell's business partners. We're very proud of the contributions you have all made to our fundraising efforts. We could not have done it without your support. Thank you!

For more pictures and videos of the ride look at www.helpforheroes.org.uk

Nigel Leaney



Report on The Annual Willingham Horticultural and Craft Show 2009

The annual show was held on Saturday, 5 September at Willingham School. The show was organised by the Gardening Club as usual. We were fortunate in having some good weather which usually means that more people turn out than would otherwise have been the case.

There were fewer adult entries this year but an increased number of entries from juniors and the verdict of the judges was that the overall standard of exhibits was high. The Committee of the Club would like to thank all those who took the time and trouble to prepare and submit an exhibit because without your exhibits the show would be the poorer; without the support of the people who came to the viewing in the afternoon, and those who bought raffle tickets we would be unable to support our chosen cause which is cancer research as well as we do. Whilst village shows such as ours may be on the decline in some parts of the country, we hear our local show manages to engage the enthusiasm of sufficient people to make it worthwhile to stage year on year and long may it remain so. It is a long-standing village tradition which is now maintained by the Club.

A special mention must be made of the increased number of children who entered exhibits this year following our enjoinders, including those who entered begonias originally provided in the form of small plants by the Club.

Well done to all who took part and we hope they and others will take part next year too.

We are always amazed by the quality of some of the craft exhibits and this year was no exception. It always gives us special pleasure too to see the proud looks on the faces of the young exhibitors when they make their way through the throng of people present to accept their trophies or simply when they see the rosettes on their exhibits.

This year was no exception when it comes to major successes. Richard Denson won the Marriott's Newsagent's Shield for collecting the most points in the show. He won a total of three trophies or awards, an excellent performance. The other trophy winners were:

Annie France	'Franz Koj Memorial Shield' for most points under 6 years
Jenna Richards	'The Primary School Trophy' for most points under 9 years
Amy Shears	'Williams Junior Trophy' for most points under 12 years
Jenny Rogers	'Junior Artist Shield'
Jenny Rogers	'Junior Photographer Shield'
Doreen Young	'Best Exhibit in Show'
Sarah Coor	'The G & M Lucas Cup' for Best in Show (Horticulture)
Christine Rogers	'The Cornish Challenge Rose Bowl' for best fruit exhibit

Richard Denson 'The Alec Denson Trophy' for the best vegetable exhibit

Margaret Smith 'Basil Sewell Trophy' for best cut flower.

Doreen Young 'Len Denson Trophy' for best flower arrangement.

Sarah Coor 'The Mary Sharp Trophy' for the best plant exhibit

Caroline Frost 'Sam Burgess Trophy' for best homecraft exhibit

Val Brown 'Ferguson Trophy' for best craft exhibit

Richard Denson 'The Hayden Trophy' for most points in the Flower and Plant sections

Dick Godden 'The Garden Club Trophy' for the best photograph/exhibit

Gordon Spackman 'Terry Sewell Tankard' for the heaviest onion

Maureen Lee Best art exhibit

Jenna Richards Best Junior entry

Jenna Richards Best Junior Begonia entry

There is a name which appears in the above list which must receive a special mention this year and that is Gordon Spackman. Many of you will know Gordon for his endeavours in other areas of village life but this year Roger Denson, our trusty auctioneer, made a special award to Gordon to recognise his long-term support of the village show. We could always rely on Gordon's onion or onions as an exhibit. The auctioneer's trophy is awarded by the auctioneer solely at his discretion to the person whom he believes is most worthy whether or not his exhibit is a class winner. This award was in the nature of a lifetime achievement for his constant support for our show. Very well deserved Gordon and hope to see you back next year.

It is good to see a number of new names amongst those who won the top prizes but we must not forget those class winners who were not trophy winners because their participation is just as important. Well done to all our winners and please return again next year to see whether you can retain your trophies.

After the prize-giving Roger Denson auctioned the exhibits left over and donated gifts. He seems to manage to persuade us to part with our money year on year. Thank you to all who did so for such a good cause. For various reasons we, in fact, raised less this year in comparison to last year. Nevertheless, we raised £600 which is still a creditable performance.

The committee of the Club would like to thank all those who made the show work so well including those local businesses and individuals who so generously donated prizes for our grand draw/cause.

We look forward to next year when we hope that you will support us again. If you didn't exhibit this year, why not have a go next year?

Keith Thomson - Committee Member

Pastoral Letter

Having spent all of my life living in urban areas I have greatly appreciated the last year living in Willingham. Okay, so I do miss the mountains and hills but this is a mild and dry area to live in after being 'up north'. I have especially enjoyed being able to walk around the village and buy freshly-grown produce at the end of people's gardens, the sound of sheep and cows and even the country smells that occasionally waft across the village. This is the time of plenty. As we celebrate Feast weekend it is, perhaps with a touch of nostalgia, that we remember the festival that has taken place in this village for centuries as a way of giving thanks for harvest. It marks the end of summer.

Too easily do we take for granted the availability of food a-plenty. The variety of fruit, vegetables, meat and fish we can buy has never been greater. We demand this rich variety all year round and, to cater for our needs, much has to be imported. This season gives us the chance to give thanks to a creator God who, having made everything in the first place, looked at it and saw 'that it was good'. (Genesis chapter 1)

However, there has been much debate in educational and political circles about 'creationism' and whether or not it should be taught in schools today. While many would deny the existence of God, or any other supreme being, the whole of nature cries out in testimony to the existence of some kind of order rather than the result of an accident. Whether this all happened in the beginning in the space of 6 days or 6 epochs or not matters little. There is clearly some form and order to it all. I can imagine God having a fantastic time as he put detail into the ladybird, the birds of paradise and the huge variety of flowers, butterflies, trees and animals. I guess He must also be experiencing great pleasure as even now we are still discovering new species such as those we are seeing on the BBC programme filmed in New Guinea. We join in with the delight of those discovering them and our Creator is thrilled by the pleasure we derive.

Perhaps we should not take everything for granted. Perhaps we should give thanks more often. Perhaps we should take more responsibility for the world that God has given us and ensure that this beauty and variety will be there for future generations to enjoy. 'For the beauty of the earth you have given us, Lord, we give you thanks. Help us to take seriously our responsibility to care for it.'

*Trevor Rowe
Baptist Minister*

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Phil Gray's success



Last month we read about the success the clay pigeon shooting team had when they represented Britain in the European FITASC championships in Orville, France. This photo shows Phil Gray with the bronze trophy.



Salvation Army

Coffee and Fellowship: Every **Monday** at 10 30 am.

Craft Club: Every **Monday** from 2 00 pm to 4 00 pm. Come and share your craft interest with others and enjoy a cup of tea and friendship.

Luncheon Club: This now runs fortnightly on **Thursdays** – October 1, 15, 29. To book a place, call Daphne on 10954 260568.

Parish Church

Bubbles takes place every **Friday** during school term time and 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 am to 11 15 am**.



Coffee Stop – In the Octagon, every **Tuesday** morning from 10 00 am to 11 30 am. You are welcome

to drop in for coffee or tea and a chat.

Cakes – In October, the cake stall will be held on the Village Green as part of the Farmers' Market over the Feast Weekend.

Bric-a-brac – Rene Gould's 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.

Baptist Matters

Baby Notes: A music group for babies and their parents/carers meets on:

Mondays: 2 30 pm for newborn to crawling; **3 pm** for babies crawling to walking.

TOPS meets on **Tuesday** mornings from 9 45 am to 11 15 am 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.

Rock Solid: A youth group every **Tuesday** during term time from **6 30 pm to 8 pm** for anyone aged **6-9 years**. A fun-packed evening of games, quizzes, discussions and a tuck shop. Please come and join us.

Open Door: Come for coffee/tea and a chat on **Thursday** mornings in the Baptist Church from **10 00 am to 11 30 am**. All welcome.



Bumps and Babies meets on **Thursday** morning from **10 00 am 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.

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

Obituary

Those who knew Iris Young, a long-time former resident of Willingham, will be saddened to learn that she died in August, aged 82. She battled patiently with the debilitating symptoms of Alzheimer's disease for the last nine years of her life. She passed away suddenly, but peacefully, in the excellent and loving care of the staff at Fitzwilliam House in Cottenham. Iris loved Willingham, especially her garden in Earith Road, which she worked with her late husband Dennis, who is remembered by many for his model houses.

Leo Young, son





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

www.willinghamchurch.org

4 October

11 00 am Harvest Family Communion
6 00 pm Feast Sunday Songs of Praise
– United Service

11 October

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am All-Age Service
6 00 pm Evensong

18 October

11 00 am Parish Communion

25 October

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am All-Age Service with Baptism

*BCP = *Book of Common Prayer*

During the interregnum there is a special time for prayer in the sacristy on the first Saturday morning of each month. (In October: 3rd).

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 if

for some other reason, would like a visit, please let Gillian Macnaghten know (01954 261817).

**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET**

www.willinghambaptist.org

4 October

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
(Communion)
6 00 pm Songs of Praise (Feast weekend)

11 October

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe
6 00 pm Rev David Taylor

18 October

9 00 am Geoff Pake
10 45 am All-Age Service at Primary School
6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie

25 October

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie
6 00 pm Keith Rawlinson
(Communion)

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

**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET**

www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham

4 October – Feast Sunday

2 45 pm Letchworth Band on the Green (if wet in Parish Church)
6 00 pm United Service – St Mary and All Saints

11 October

5 00 pm Sunday Worship

18 October

5 00 pm Sunday Worship

25 October

5 00 pm Sunday Worship

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED
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Saturday

5 00 pm (Anticipatory)

Sunday

8 00 am and 11 00 pm

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER
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Christmas Greetings in Willingham News

Readers are invited to have their local Christmas greetings published in the December issue of *Willingham News*.

For £6.00, put your greeting in a 'box'. The proceeds will go to a local charity.

Send your greeting as soon as possible to:

willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk or in an envelope addressed to: *Willingham News* and delivered to the Library.

Charity Lunch

This month's Charity Lunch will be held at 1 00 pm on 17 October in the home of Heather and Steve Mellows, 28 Church Street. The lunch consists of soup, bread and cheese. Everyone is most welcome.

Proceeds go to the Mercy Ships.



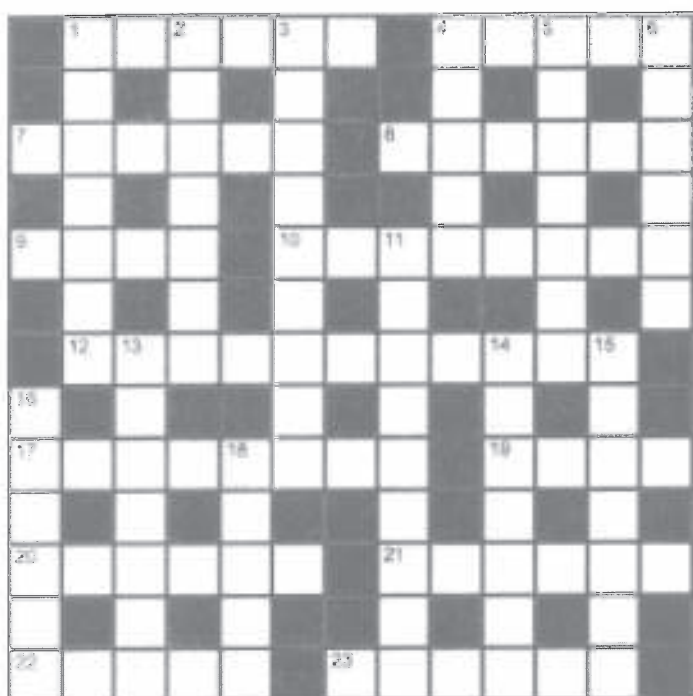
Old Willingham

Last month we showed this photo of a shop which many will recognize as being on Church Street, just east of St Mary and All Saints. We are most grateful for the following information from Tony Manning:

'This shop lacked a qualified dispenser which meant it could only be a "Drug Store" selling proprietary medicines, potions, cosmetics. "Mills" was Connie Mills who owned a grocery shop on the other side of the street, now occupied by Alliance & Leicester. Later, the drug store business moved to the single-storey extension next to the grocery shop and the building in the picture became a private residence. Connie Mills was the daughter of "Gunner" Mills who previously operated the grocery shop and also purchased from local residents wild mushrooms, bluelegs and wild blackberries which were sold to College Kitchens and traders in Cambridge.'



Crossword set by Willow



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

Wednesday, 4 November - Christmas shopping trip to Nottingham.

Monday, 7 December - Members' Christmas Party. This is not limited exclusively to members - guests may attend at a modest cost of £5 per head.

Across

- 1 Capital of Tasmania (6)
- 4 Old name for blackbird (5)
- 7 Make a solemn request (6)
- 8 Pollen-producing part of a flower (6)
- 9 Underground stem producing a crocus, for example (4)
- 10 Margaret _____, writer of Gone With the Wind (8)
- 12 Compulsion to steal (11)
- 17 Jamaican coffee liqueur (3,5)
- 19 Well in France (4)
- 20 Historic Shropshire town with a castle (6)
- 21 Inflammation of the coloured part of the eye (6)
- 22 Flynn, flamboyant film star born in 1 across in 1909 (5)
- 23 Writer of Dracula (6)

Down

- 1 North Atlantic sea fish (7)
- 2 Person from Birmingham (7)
- 3 Instrument for measuring flow of viscous liquids (9)
- 4 Measuring device used in pubs (5)
- 5 Fourth longest river in Africa (7)
- 6 Crescent-shaped area of fingernail (6)
- 11 Kettle drum player (9)
- 13 Swimmer of the Hellespont in Greek mythology (7)
- 14 Old golf club, now 9 Iron (7)
- 15 Artist's studio or workshop (7)
- 16 Labour PM 1945-51 (6)
- 18 Coral island (5)

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

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 at 2 00 pm – 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 at 10 00 am – 11 30 am:

John Killick, Cambridgeshire Poet in Residence, specialises in working with older people and runs workshops helping those with dementia through poetry writing. His organisation, ‘Dementia Positive’, has been featured on Radio 4’s Woman’s Hour.

Wednesday, 21 October at 3 00 pm – 5 00 pm:

“40th Birthday Tea Party”.

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

Wednesday, 28 October at 10 30 - 11 30 am:

‘Children’s Event: Where’s Wally?’

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

Other Library News

The library continues to thrive, as demonstrated by two successful events in August. Robert Crowther, author of many beautiful pop-up books for children, talked about his work and showed his eager young audience how to make their own pop-ups (see photograph). The event was generously sponsored by Willingham Parish Council.



Later in the month, local artist Di Pattison gave a fascinating illustrated talk on how the carved neolithic stones at Avebury have something in common with present-day interactive sculptures.

Engage in the Afternoon

Come along to these special free sessions on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 00 pm to 3 30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee and biscuits and a chance to change books and use the computers.

Future sessions

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.

Wednesday, 4 November – A talk by Dr Gordon Hewlett who was Willingham’s GP for many years

Wednesday, 2 December – Christmas Session. Bring along a Christmas object or memory to share and enjoy a mince pie

POLICE NOTICE

Doorstep sellers

There have been a number of reports received concerning the above. Anyone wishing to carry out Door to Door selling is required to hold a Pedlar’s Certificate. This Certificate will show the area that the person is authorised to operate in.

Remember you should always:

Ask for an identity card and look at it carefully. If you are interested in what they are selling, you can ask them to come back at another time that is more convenient for you (for example, when you have someone else with you).

Check their identity by ringing their company using a number from the phonebook (not a number they give you).

Take control - you ask the questions. If you decide to have a meeting with a doorstep seller, make sure you are in control, not the salesperson.

Remember it is a business situation not a chat with a friend.

Never sign on the spot, shop around. The price you are quoted may be cheaper elsewhere.

Older people can obtain free consumer advice by phoning: **Age Concern on 0800 009 966 or Help The Aged on 0207 278 1114.**

If you have any concerns about a company or doorstep sellers in your area contact The Trading Standards Office.

Willingham Action Group – Meeting People

We are still busy preparing for the Feast as you're reading this - but on a different issue - someone who moved into the village a month ago was heard saying how they wanted to get to know people. This reminded us of the initial results of the Parish Plan questionnaire where many responses indicated a perceived lack of activities in the village. As a result we listed all the clubs, societies and opportunities to meet others and were amazed at the high number and variety. If you want to meet fellow villagers in the morning you could go out for elevenes.

The Duke of Wellington pub on Church Street does drinks, pastries, bacon sandwiches with free

newspapers and Wi-Fi access on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 00 am to noon.

The Salvation Army on Silver Street holds coffee mornings at their hall on Mondays at 10 30 am.

St Mary and All Saints' church do morning coffee on Tuesdays from 10 00 am in the Octagon - while

The Baptist Church on George Street holds its coffee morning on Thursdays at 10 00 am.

If you have small children, the opportunities expand with Bubbles, Baby Notes and more. Then there are all the luncheon events to enjoy. Details of all these activities can be found here in *Willingham News*!

Why not make an autumn resolution to try at least one of these? We do need to continually look at new and better ways of letting people know what is happening but, at the same time, we all need to make an effort to get involved with events initially to reap the possible benefits they can bring.

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
October				
2	Bell-ringing to start the Feast weekend		St Mary's & All Saints	From 6 00 pm
2	Music at the Social Club	Feast Committee	Social Club	8 00 pm: £3.00
3	Market/Farmers' market	Feast Committee	Village Green	9 00 am-noon
3	Dance Competition/Exhibition	Feast Committee	Ploughman Hall	2 00 pm-4 00 pm; 01954 260647
3	Ceilidh	Feast Committee	Ploughman Hall	8 00 pm; £7 (£5 concession) from Post Office/Duke of Wellington
4	Service with Letchworth Salvation Army Band	Christians Together	On the Green	3 00 pm
4	United Service	Christians Together	St Mary & All Saints	6 00 pm
5	Talk on 'Alpines and Alpine Troughs' by Angela Whiting	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
7	Chris Jakes, Talk on 'Old Willingham'	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00 pm: Free
7	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
7	Becky's Fitness for Cancer Research	Becky Feaviour	Willingham School	8 30 pm
11	Monthly Walk	WAG	Duke of Wellington	9.50
12	Members' Night	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
14	John Killick, Cambridgeshire Poet in Residence	Library 40th birthday event	Willingham Library	10 00-11 30 am
16	Quiz night	Willingham Cricket Club	Social Club	7 30 pm £5.00 pp
17	Charity Lunch		28 Church Street	1 pm: £3.00
17	Ploughing Competition	Willingham & District Ploughing Society	Spong Drive	01954 260801 / 781625
21	40th Birthday Tea Party	Library 40th birthday event	Willingham Library	2 00 pm Free
28	'Where's Wally?' Children's Event	Library 40th birthday event	Willingham Library	10 30 am - 11 30 am
Nov				
2	Talk on 'Gibbard Gardens at Harlow' by Richard Ayre	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
4	Christmas shopping trip	Willingham Gardening Club		
4	Talk by Dr Gordon Hewlett	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00 pm-3 30 pm
Dec				
2	Christmas reminiscences	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00 pm-3 30 pm
7	Christmas Party	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	Members' guests - £5.00

Village Directory

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

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
	Honeypt 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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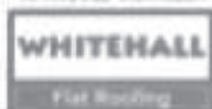
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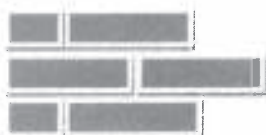
The Bobby Scheme – The Schrievally Trust – for anyone 65 and over

I have the following information for you regarding the Bobby Scheme which is a registered charity run by The Schrievally Trust. It provides a service to people aged 65 and over. Its aims are to prevent burglary by improving residents' home security.

Burglary is a traumatic experience for anyone, but more so for the elderly. By providing quick assistance and reassurance to victims, the Bobby Scheme aims to alleviate any stress and worry. There are a number of Bobby vans and security advisers across the county whose job is to offer advice as well as to repair minor damage resulting from burglary. More importantly, they improve home security by installing new locks, door chains, alarms and other security devices to homes of both victims and potential victims of burglary.







If you know someone in this age range who would benefit from the Bobby Scheme services, please contact the co-ordinator direct on 07866 602100. The Scheme is a free service offered to all such victims of burglary and also potential victims. We ask for a £20 contribution towards this service (each Bobby Scheme callout costs approximately £120).

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solution to puzzle on page 14

Across: 1 Hobart, 4 Ouzel, 7 Adjure, 8 Stamen, 9 Corm, 10 Mitchell, 12 Kleptomania, 17 Tia Maria, 19 Bien, 20 Ludlow, 21 Iritis, 22 Errol, 23 Stoker.
Down: 1 Haddock, 2 Brummie, 3 Rheometer, 4 Optic, 5 Zambezi, 6 Lunula, 11 Tympanist, 13 Leander, 14 Niblick, 15 Atelier, 16 Attlee, 18 Atoll.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Becky's Fitness takes on Pink Aerobics challenge at Willingham School at 8 30 pm on Wednesday 4 October

Many aerobic enthusiasts from Becky's Fitness in Willingham will be perfecting their grapevine and box steps wearing pink in aid of Breast Cancer Campaign during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The participants will push themselves to the limit with an hour of Pink Aerobics to raise more money for research with each side step.

Becky said: 'We are hoping for a huge turnout at our Pink Aerobics event. It is a really simple way for us to get involved in fundraising and keep fit and healthy at the same time. This event is open to people of all fitness levels.'

The Breast Cancer Campaign's aim is to beat breast cancer by funding innovative world-class research to understand how breast cancer develops, leading to improved diagnosis, treatment, prevention and cure.

If you would like to find out more and join us, please contact Becky.

Contact details: Becky Feaviour, 01954 261127, beckyfeaviour@yahoo.co.uk



Women's Institute

The October meeting of Willingham WI will be a Members' Night – at 7 30 pm at Willingham Social Club on Monday, 12 October for existing members.

If anyone is interested in joining the WI in Willingham, please contact Cynthia on 202240 or Julie on 260497

Wanted: singers and music lovers of all ages

Are you interested in learning some traditional folk songs from the Fen Edge area? Professional musicians, Mary Humphries and Chris Coe, invite singers and music lovers of all ages to a series of open workshops. The workshops are free – and you don't need to have any singing experience. If you're interested, please come along to Cottenham Village College on:

Wednesday 21 October, 7 30 – 9pm
Wednesday 4 November, 7 30 – 9pm
Wednesday 11 November, 7 30 – 9pm
Wednesday 18 November, 7 30 – 9pm

The workshops are part of the 'Songs from the Fen Edge' project which is supported by the Cambridge Music Festival (pick up a festival programme or visit www.cammusic.co.uk). The idea of the project is to share historic folk songs from the local area with residents who live here today. Children from the primary schools in Cottenham, Waterbeach and Willingham as well as students from Cottenham Village College will be taking part in workshops.

The project will culminate in a final public concert at Cottenham Village College at 7 00 pm on Friday, 20 November, 7pm.

The concert will feature performances by Mary Humphries, Chris Coe and 'Old Hat Concert Party', and all those involved in the workshops will also have an opportunity to sing together in the evening finale. The concert will include songs and music featuring folk instruments, the melodeon, concertina, banjo and dulcimer – a local folk instrument with over 100 strings.

Tickets £6/£4 available from Cottenham Village College.

For more details about the singing workshops or for ticket information contact local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Orchestra in another Village

In November the London Mozart Players will be visiting Impington Village College for a special workshop and concert day with students from Cottenham, Impington and Swavesey. Over 50 young people will take part in master classes working with the professional musicians.

On Sunday, 22 November at 7 00 pm the London Mozart Players will feature in a public concert as part of the Cambridge Music Festival at Impington Village College. Students will also be taking part. The programme will include:

J S Bach - Brandenburg Concerto No 1
J B Lully - Court Dances
Vivaldi - La Folia Trio Sonata (variations)
J S Bach - Wachet Auf!

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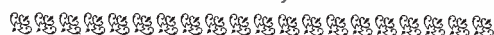
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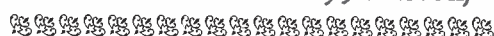
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