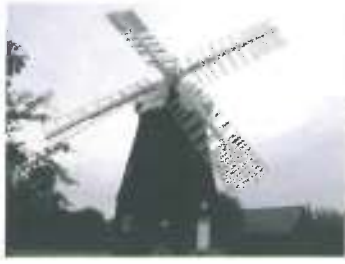


WILLINGHAM NEWS



November 2009

The village turns out for Willingham Feast

Willingham Feast took place over the first weekend in October. The Willingham Action Group and Christians Together set out to raise the profile of the Feast as much as possible with kind support from Willingham Parish Council and many local businesses. All can congratulate themselves on a successful venture as can the many villagers who turned out to ensure a wonderful event. The start of the Feast was announced by the bell-ringers of St Mary and All Saints.

On Friday afternoon some of the older residents had afternoon tea at the Octagon with music from the Willingham Primary School Recorder Group. It was so good to see the youngest generation entertaining those perhaps four generations above them in a happy and easy atmosphere.

The early evening saw cars travelling at high speeds and lots of crashes with the Willingham School Association to blame. If the Speedwatch group had turned up they would have had a field day when the School hosted racing with a giant Scalextric set! Every lane was fully booked all night. At the end the leader board revealed the order; 1st – Andy Binney, 2nd Dan Bray and 3rd Joshua Carter-King (Joshua is only six years old – Lewis Hamilton watch out!)

In the evening the Social Club was packed to bursting as five local bands and Keith Pearson's 'Coup de Grass' performed. Keith's band maintained the high standard of music heard earlier but with the added



The Farmers Market held on the green

dimension of humour to better Jack Dee which was much appreciated by the audience. For those who went and enjoyed the evening, and for those who didn't go, remember many of the bands play at the Social Club at the Jam Night on the last Monday of each month and entry is only £2.

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Music night at the Social Club

Old Willingham

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From the Parish Council

Yesteryear Road Run – more detail

We reported in the October *Willingham News* that the organisers of the Yesteryear Road Run want to close a road on the day of the Run, in order to ease congestion.

They will arrange all appropriate consents and proper marshalling of the closed sections.

The proposal is to close to through traffic Rampton Road, Green Street and Church Street between Newington and the High Street from 10 00 am to noon on Sunday 25 April 2010. Through traffic will be diverted along High Street and Newington.

This will allow the vintage vehicles to parade in a double moving line, improving the flow and the spectacle and reducing congestion. Marshals will assist with any emergency access that is needed.

The Parish Council has agreed to the request on a one- year trial basis.

Willingham Feast 2009

This has been a resounding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all participants. Willingham Action Group organised all the activities and thanked the Parish Council for its support. Ideas for next year were already being discussed, so watch this space.

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 ideas about information you would like to see on our website, please contact the Clerk.

Committee Meeting dates

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

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

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 4 November at the Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road and is open to the public.

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Traveller sites consultation: the Parish Council's response

Parishioners who have attended the consultation meetings will know about central government requirements for South Cambridgeshire District Council to find more traveller sites. SCDC have produced a consultation document that proposes responding to this by increasing the number of sites in Willingham and other Fen Edge villages whilst creating almost no new sites in the south or east of the district.

Willingham has been very supportive of the traveller community and hosts a large number of sites. However, in the view of the Parish Council, this number is now becoming too large for the infrastructure to support.

The Parish Council has opposed further expansion for a number of years and will oppose this expansion.

The Council's response is based on evidence obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, and elsewhere, some of which the Council finds most disturbing.

The full response of the Parish Council is available for anyone to see at the Parish Office.

Your Parish Council works for you on many issues in a totally open way. Please visit the office to inspect any documents you wish to see, or attend any meetings. The agendas are on the notice boards and the meetings are open to any member of the public.

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Stopping anti-social behaviour – your help needed

Damage has been done in St Mary & All Saints church. Some people who were there to welcome cyclists on the sponsored cycle ride in September were subjected to harassment.

More recently, some youths have set fire – for the second time – to a picnic bench in the playground behind the Ploughman Hall. The bench was given to the village by the Aspinall family in memory of Jamie.

Youths have been urinating behind the Salvation Army Hall, Silver Street. Apart from anything else, this is unhygienic, and particularly bad as children attend events at the Hall.

Anti-social behaviour has become a serious problem in Willingham. The police are, of course, aware of it, but you can help. If you see people behaving badly, please report the incident immediately to the police (08454 564564), and if you can identify the people carrying out the anti-social behaviour, please make that known to the police.

Volunteers Wanted!

The Willingham Action Group, which works with the local councils and other bodies to implement the parish plan, is looking for a few more people to join the group on a voluntary basis.

The work is not too time-consuming as we meet every few months. It will be very rewarding; we were recently instrumental in organising the Willingham Feast.

In particular we are seeking people who would be interested in helping with improving facilities for young people in the village. We desperately need a proper youth centre and better sporting facilities.

If you are interested or just want a little more information please phone Mike Tidball on 01954 260647.

Mothers Union News

Our next monthly meeting will be held in the Octagon on Monday 30 November at 2 30 pm. Our speaker will be Madalene Bradley demonstrating flower arrangements. We welcome any newcomers to the village. Don't forget the Bring & Buy Stall. Transport can be arranged.



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Women's Institute

The November meeting of Willingham WI will be at the Social Club on Monday November 9 at 7 30 pm. The speaker will be Mary Ellis, whose subject is Weaving Words.

If you are interested in joining the WI in Willingham you will be most welcome - we are a large and thriving group – just come along to a meeting or contact Jo on 261246 or Julie on 260497.

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Clockwise from top left; The tea party in the Octagon, cyclists prepare for the ride to Ely and the Salvation Army band playing on the green.



After four weeks of warm calm weather the volunteers running the market on the Green on Saturday morning woke up to strong winds and the threat of rain. Unable to put up many of the tents for cover they hoped the rain would hold off. It did, and people came from far afield, even Longstanton and Over, to buy the goods on sale and the stallholders had brisk business all morning with some selling out completely.

At midday you might have been bemused by groups of people wandering around looking lost, no doubt they were taking part in the Treasure Hunt. Despite difficult and devious clues the standard of answers was high with the Venning family on the High Street just beating the Laycocks and Goodchilds to first place. You might also have wondered what was happening as the Cambridgeshire Caledonian Pipe Band decided on an impromptu wander through the village on their way to do an exhibition of Scottish dancing at the Ploughman Hall.

The dance competition organised by Ladybird Borland in the afternoon was well attended. All the dancers made up their own routines and the standard was excellent. The overall winners were 'Sugar and Spice' with Jamie Foster taking second place.

In the evening the band 'Pigeon English' played and led the dancing at the ceilidh. Tickets were sold out days beforehand so we think that means we must hold more dances in future. We have taken out public liability insurance and there were times in the evening when we thought we might have to claim! The fun of a ceilidh is trying to get it right and not stand on the toes of others but with the band determined to make each successive dance more complicated it was hard not to!

During Saturday and Sunday Carenza Lewis of Time Team and the Cambridge and Fen Edge Archaeology groups supervised digs at the school and in many gardens around the village. There were many interesting and significant finds spanning the period from Anglo-Saxon to Victorian times. Everyone found it most enjoyable and exciting to be in the hunt for buried treasure.

On Sunday morning a group of sixteen hardy souls set out to walk to Ely. Feeling a little daunted at first, they were heartened by the most wonderful weather for October and managed a very pleasant walk in four hours. They were overtaken on route by the less hardy humans who are the Willingham Wheels Cycling Club. At the Cathedral a blessing for the 'pilgrims' and the people of Willingham was given at the shrine of St Etheldreda by the Reverend Canon Dr James Garrard. Incidentally, if you want to join the walking or cycling clubs phone 260647.

The fine weather stayed for the Salvation Army Band to give their traditional concert on the Green and proceedings for Sunday were concluded with a joint Songs of Praise service at the Parish Church.

The Feast finally ended with the traditional funfair on the Green running until the following Wednesday.

Let us hope the Feast next year will be even bigger and better. Once again, thanks go to all who helped with the Feast and all who supported by their attendance. If you have any comments about the Feast or suggestions for other events next year please send an email to m.tidball@btinternet or phone 01954 260647.

At the time of writing money is still being received but it is likely that collections at the events will raise £300 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and £450 for MAGPAS.

Mike Tidball

Letters to the Editor

Feast weekend

After the success of the Feast this year hopefully it will be now re-established in the Willingham calendar as an annual event. There is both a dedicated team, plus volunteers, behind such an event as well as those who turn out on the day to create the success. However behind every team there has to be a dedicated leader. We have been very fortunate that Mike Tidball has not only continued to be Chairman of WAG, but was also committed to making the Feast the success it was, as he combines commitment to the cause with a range of skills. On behalf of the team and those who participated in the Feast weekend I wish to thank Mike for his very considerable input of time and effort.

Those of us who remember the Gala years will recall that again a huge effort went into the week of events and when the time came to hand the baton on the lack of new people prepared to get involved resulted in the Gala week ceasing. I recently watched videos made at the time and was struck not only by the effort required but the involvement of what seemed like the whole village. Those were good years and hopefully those participating in the Feast events felt the same way and will be committed to supporting future village events as well as the Feast next year. However if the baton is to be passed on and not dropped people must be prepared to get involved in the planning and organisation.

Thanks again from the team behind the weekend's events for all the support received and to all those who contributed to making the Feast a resounding success. Let us look forward to future village events and Feast 2010.

Graham Mumby
on behalf of fellow Feast Committee members



Happy Birthday Little Notes

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Humpty Dumpty, tambourines shaking and bells ringing; just a few sounds you're likely to hear if you come along to the Octagon on a Thursday morning whilst Little Notes is in action. It has now been a year since the group was started up by local mum, Naomi Lockwood, and has become a firm fixture in the weekly calendar of Willingham's toddlers. It is a chance for the under 5s to sing, make music and express themselves through sound in a relaxed environment. It provides carers with a creative activity for their young children, without the expense that classes of this nature often bring.

Music is well known for improving children's language, movement and emotional skills, and it was Naomi's passion for music which led to her starting up the group.

It began without any fanfare but as word spread there was soon an enthusiastic group of children attending every week. In May this year another branch of the group was set up by a team at the Baptist church under the name Baby Notes. Run by another local mum, Laura Thomas, this group provides a music and movement session for the younger age group, newborn to walking, in two separate age-appropriate sessions. Baby Notes is a multi-sensory mixture of music, song and movement and provides something for Willingham's tiniest residents. Working in partnership, the two groups have gone from strength to strength. Over 40 children have sung, skipped, laughed and made music since the groups began, not just children from Willingham but surrounding villages too.

When Naomi returned to work this summer, Emma Tregenna, a mum from Rampton, ably took over the reins of Little Notes. Little Notes asks for a donation of £1, which covers the cost of hiring the hall and refreshments. The resources we have as a group are limited to the instrument collections in St Mary's and the Baptist church. Any additional support to help provide instruments, puppets, mats, or help with running costs would be gratefully received.

It is so important to invest in the youngest members of our society. The group has had a tremendous year, made all the more special by the delightful children and their carers that join in every week. Everyone with a child under 5 is welcome to come along and join in the fun. Younger or older siblings are welcome at either group and mums/dads/grandparents/childminders are equally welcomed.



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Pastoral Letter

For many of us, November can be a strange month; the transition from autumn to winter with the memory of sunny summer days fading fast. The cooler mornings, earlier evenings; nature's own life force begins to slow as the leaves drop from the trees and earth's very energy seems to sleep. The Anglo-Saxons called November 'Wind monath', because it was the time when the cold winds began to blow. They also called it 'Blod monath', because it was the time when cattle were slaughtered for winter food.

The poet T.S. Elliot called it 'Sombre November'. Sir Walter Scott, in his long poem Marmion, wrote in 1808:

*November's sky is chill and drear,
November's leaf is red and sear (withered)'*

Yet we have the benefit of foresight in this often melancholy month; we know the truth of what is to come. We know that the dark and the drear will give way, eventually, to the bright and the warming; that the buds will begin to appear and the days will lengthen. Our enterprise is to hold on to that hope which draws us through these days, to the bright promise of better days ahead.

For many the month begins with the collective celebration of all those who have gone before us; both those extra-ordinaries we refer to as saints, and those whose lives were lived with more personal memories of sanctity. As we move through the month, those who gave - and those who continue to give - their lives in the service of freedom are recalled in a silence often stronger than words. November is the month of remembering and remembrance.

It is often painful to remember, yet to forget is often more painful still; it is as if - in this month especially - the whole of creation remembers with us, shares our pain, participates in our wordless hope. We may want to run away, to hide, to forget; but to do so would be to forget those we never truly want to forget. Our emotions play tricks on us as we recall those whose recollection is both beautiful and painful.

In her message to the American people after the disaster of 9/11, Her Majesty the Queen concluded with a line of immeasurable truth and power: 'Grief is the price we pay for love.' And it is a price worth paying, for without love - as St Paul tells us - we are nothing at all. That price, that pain never passes; but we come to terms with it through the transforming power of love: as one of the prayers in the funeral Mass puts it, 'The sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of eternity.'

Knowing the truth of what is to come, that bright promise of eternity, gives November the power to be one of the most healing and helpful of months. It is the month of hope.

*Rev Paul Maddison
Sacred Heart RC Parish, St Ives*



Salvation Army

Coffee and Fellowship: Every Monday at 10 30 am.

Christmas Sale: Saturday 21 November, 10 00 am - noon.

Luncheon Club: This now runs fortnightly on **Thursdays** - November 12, 26. 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 7 November. It begins at 10 00 am, and the cakes sell pretty quickly.

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

Proceeds from the cake stall and the bric-a-brac stall go to the Restoration Fund.

Baptist Matters

Baby Notes A music group for babies and their parents/carers. Monday afternoons at 2 30 pm for newborn to crawling and 3 pm for babies crawling to walking.

TOPS meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 45 to 11 15 am in the Baptist Church during term time. This meeting is for children aged 18 months to 3 years, with their parents/carers, for fun activities and refreshments.. Please come along and join us.

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

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



Bumps and Babies meets on Thursday morning from 10 00 to 11 30 am in the rear hall of the Baptist Church during term time. This is a chance for new and expectant parents to meet up for a chat and a coffee while the babies play. Do come along and join us.

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

Remember, remember...

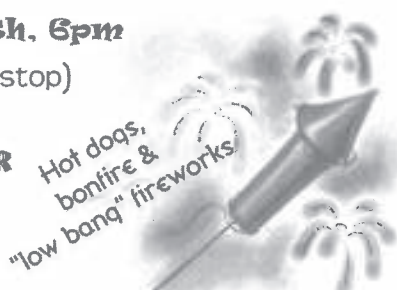
"Bubbles" & "TOPS" Fireworks Party

Friday Nov 6th, 6pm

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Bubbles & TOPS are pre-school groups with a Christian ethos.

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 5 December 10 00 am-12 noon.

Come along to the Baptist Church for our Christmas Fayre. There will be several stalls, crafts and games for the children and we will be serving tea and coffee with mince pies.

Please drop in!



THE SALVATION ARMY

SILVER STREET

[www.salvationarmy.org/](http://www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham)

[uk/willingham](http://www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham)

1 November

5 00 pm

8 November

5 00 pm

15 November

5 00 pm

22 November

5 00 pm

29 November

5 00 pm

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS

CHURCH STREET

WILLINGHAM

www.willinghamchurch.org

1 November

11 00 am Parish Communion

8 November

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*

10 45 am Remembrance Service

6 00 pm Evensong

15 November

11 00 am Parish Communion

22 November

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*

11 00 am All Age Service

29 November

11 00 am Parish Communion

* BPC = 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 November: 7th).

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

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

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE

BAPTIST CHURCH

GEORGE STREET

www.willinghambaptist.org

1 November

10 00 am Richard Sanders
Communion)

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

8 November

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

15 November

9 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

10 45 am All - Age Service at Primary
School

6 00 pm Andrew Wyllie

22 November

10 00 am Andrew Wyllie

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe
(Communion)

29 November

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Songs of Praise

Any enquiries please contact:

Rev Trevor Rowe (Minister) (01954 261193), Hilary Wyllie (Church Secretary) (01954 260051), Emma Launchbury (Administrator) (01954 263108)

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

19 Needingworth Road, St Ives

www.sacredheart-stives.org

Saturday

5 00 pm (Anticipatory)

Sunday

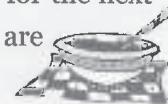
8 00 am and 11 00 pm

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In November, Stanton Mereway, Station Road, Stocks Terrace, the Surgery Road and Thodays Close will be in our thoughts..

Charity Lunch

The November charity lunch will be held on 14 November at 1 00 pm at the home of Alan and Amy Robinson at 15a High Street. The lunch will be a 'Bring and Share' meal. Please bring something for everyone to share. A new charity will be chosen to support for the next 12 months. All are welcome.



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Becky from Becky's Fitness would like to thank all the ladies for taking part in the Pink Aerobics challenge at Willingham School on Wednesday 7 October. Also a big thank you for all the donations from everyone who could not make the evening but wanted to help in the fight to beat breast cancer.

So far on the night we raised £204.50 with the amount growing daily, well done everyone!

All the proceeds from the night will go to the Breast Cancer Campaign which aims to beat breast cancer by funding innovative world class research to understand how breast cancer develops, leading to improved diagnosis, treatment, prevention and cure.



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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 usually an annual Club holiday too in May.

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

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 2 November - Club Meeting - Richard Ayres to speak about The Gibberd Gardens at Harlow.

Wednesday 4 November - Xmas shopping outing to Nottingham - non-members welcome. The coach will leave the Green, Willingham at 8 30 am. The cost is £13 per person.

Nottingham is a historic city with many interesting landmarks as well as the excellent shopping facilities. We shall spend about four hours there so that you may well be able to combine shopping with some sight seeing. This outing should not be missed.

Non-members are welcome to join us

Monday 7 December - Members' Xmas Party - this is not limited exclusively to members - guests may attend at a modest cost of £5 per head. The venue is the Social Club as usual.

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Old Willingham

No prizes for guessing where this month's photo was taken, but did you know that the Black Bull Pub was once white! We are interested in the building on the corner which is just about to be demolished. Can anybody tell us about that building? Would it also have been a pub? Please email to oldwill@oldwillingham.com or drop a note through the door at 31 High Street.

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

Library News

Last month Willingham Library celebrated its 40th birthday with a series of events.

The celebrations got off to an excellent start with a talk by Chris Jakes from the Cambridgeshire Collection about Willingham in the 1960s, the decade in which the library opened. A packed audience heard about how Willingham came to have its own permanent library to replace a service that operated from a room in the old Primary School in Fen End for just two hours a week. Other aspects of village life in the 1960s were also described, including events, local news and even house details and prices. Chris brought a display of photos of Willingham at that time and much of the audience stayed on after the talk to look at these and chat about their own memories.

Engage in the Afternoon

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

Future sessions

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

Wednesday 6 January - Speaker from Anglia Crossroads, a volunteer organisation which helps disabled and housebound people in their own homes.

Indulgence Evening

Festive Shopping

Pampering

Glad rags & handbags

Avoid the hustle and bustle of Cambridge. Come and join us for a mince pie, drink and festive cheer. Buy your Christmas gifts, be pampered whilst listening to the school choir or look at party dresses and shoes.

Thursday 12th November

7 to 9.30pm

at

Willingham Primary School

Entry 50p.



Willingham School Association Fundraising Event

Interested in having a stall? contact Becky on; 261927
To sell good quality party wear call Nicola on; 203701

Pampered Chef and shopping fundraising evening.

The Tiggers team invite you to join them from 7:30pm on Monday 9th November, at the Octagon for a relaxed evening of food, socialising and shopping.

The evening includes a Pampered Chef demonstration and tasting, free refreshments, the opportunity to shop for jewellery, toys, personalised gifts, cards and more, as well as a raffle.

Tickets just £2. Raffle Tickets £1.

For tickets, call 01954 202005 or call in to a Tiggers session at the Salvation Army Hall, 10.00 – 11.30 Wednesday mornings.



Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
	Nov			
2	Talk on 'Gibbard Gardens at Harlow' by Richard Ayre	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
2	AGM	Workers' Educational Association (WEA)	Baptist Hall	12 noon
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
5	Bonfire Party	Willingham Scout Group	Mannings Fruit Farm	£8 at Post Office £10 on gate, 6 00 pm for 6 30 pm
6	Fireworks Party	Bubbles and Tops	31 High Street	6 00 pm
9	Mary Ellis on Weaving Words	Womens Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
9	Pampered Chef and Shopping Evening	Tiggers	Octagon	7 30 pm
12	Indulgence Evening	WSA	Willingham School	7 to 9 30 pm
14	Charity Lunch		15a High Street	1 00 pm
28	Christmas Fayre	St Marys and All Saints		10 00 am - 2 30 pm
30	Mada;eme Bradley demonstrates flower arranging	Mothers Union	Octagon	2 30 pm
Dec				
2	Christmas reminiscences	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00 pm-3 30 pm
5	Christmas Fayre	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	10 - 12 00 noon
7	Christmas Party	Willingham Gardening Club	Willingham Social Club	Members' guests - £5.00

Do you want more social events?

In fact, quite a lot goes on in Willingham but the difficulty often is how to get to know about events. Recently, to advertise the Feast we put programmes through every letter-box in the village, a costly and time consuming process.

If you send an email to m.tidball@btinternet.com asking to be kept informed of activities we will send you occasional emails outlining village social events such as the Feast, quiz nights and music events.

Your email address will not be seen by others nor used for any other purpose.

From the Willingham Action Group

Sudoku set by Willow

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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 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 (WEA)	Mrs Rosemary Mumford	01954 260934
	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
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NEW BACKGAMMON CLUB

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solution to puzzle on page 16

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- 11 November** Black Bin.
- 18 November** Green Bin and Box.
- 25 November** Black Bin

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Peter Pan (The Panto) stars Elspeth Hunt as Peter, Andrew Jordan as Captain Hook, Robin Foster as Wendy, Sean Abbs as Mr Smee, Martin George as Mr Starkey, and Meredith Daniel as Tiger Lily.

It will run from Wednesday 9 to Saturday 12 December 2009, with a matinee on the Saturday. Start times are 7 45 pm for the evening performances; with the matinee starting at 2 30 pm at Over Community Centre. Prices are Adults £8; Senior Citizens and Children under 18 £6. A family ticket is also available at £25 for 2 Adults and 2 Children OR 1 Adult and 3 children.

This team brought you 2008's panto Sleeping Beauty that won a NODA 'Best Panto' award, so tickets are sure to be in demand. The box office opens on October 15 – full details below. Book early-this is a show not to be missed!

For more information see www.overplayers.org.uk or call the box office 01954 230056

All royalties from this show go to support Great Ormond St Hospital London.

Women's Institute

Can I thank everyone that came along to the Boot Sale on Saturday 19 September at the Ploughman Hall.

It was a great day – the weather was kind, we had 40 stalls inside and out with food and drink available and 2 hampers in the raffle. We were raising money for the First Responders in Willingham and are now able to donate £450.00 to this worthy cause.

The hampers were won by:- 1st Jenny Gould 2nd Paul Knighton

Again thank you to everyone that participated whether it was as a stall holder or customer. We may do it all again next year.

Regards
Jacky Sparks

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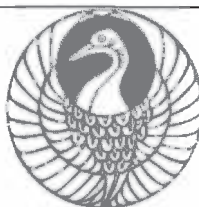
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Free Entry*

* donations to charity greatly received

Swavesey Community Choir Concert Saturday 5 December St Andrews Church, Swavesey

After taking part in the Ely Sinfonia's Tenth Anniversary Concert in Ely Cathedral in October, joining the Ely Consort to sing Mozart's Requiem Mass in D Minor, the choir has started rehearsals for their next concert with musical director Sam Hudson. The programme will include Vivaldi's Gloria. More details will follow in the December magazine. Tickets can be ordered in advance by ringing the Box Office (Tel: 231305).



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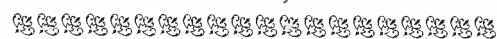
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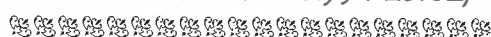
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