

# WILLINGHAM NEWS



January 2010



## Church Christmas Fayre

A steady stream of people came through the church into the Octagon on Saturday 28 November to enjoy the annual Christmas Fayre. There was a good variety of stalls – and hot soup on offer.

The fayre is a very important part of fund-raising for the church, and this year the sum raised was an impressive £909.

Events like this involve a lot of work – and they succeed only because of the support of many people. The Parochial Church Council is extremely grateful to everyone who helped, and supported the Fayre.

*Thank you to all who helped with and supported the St Mary and All Saints Christmas Fayre 2009.*

## My Village Heroes

Back in November and along with the rest of the country, Willingham was remembering its own war dead. Over a period of three years in the 1980s, Alan King was busy creating his own personal remembrance of his 'Village Heroes' whose names grace our war memorial.

Alan was born in Willingham in 1936, grandson of Henry King who died in 1921, and lived in Millfield and later Short Lane. He subsequently moved to Cottenham where he now lives. Alan explains that he had a good knowledge of events from the Second World War, having lived through it; but had little knowledge of the Great War as children of his generation were never taught about it. In the 1980s, he and his wife, Pamela, saw an advertisement for a battlefield tour of Ypres and the Somme in *Cambridge Evening News* and run by a Major and Mrs Holt. In all, they participated in 12 such tours, later making similar trips under their own steam. An evening feature of these tours was for participants

to talk of their experiences in researching the stories of those named on their own war memorials. Alan decided that he would do the same. All through this process Alan continued to be greatly encouraged by the unstinting support of Pamela.

The starting point for Alan's Great War research was the 80 volumes held by Cambridge University relating to servicemen killed in that war, and



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## Cold calling concerns

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Some reports involve household visits and the use of high pressure sales techniques such as offering a system for free or discounted once a call has been made to a manager; pressure to sign up straight away, in order to get a good deal; remaining in the person's home for 2-3 hours to achieve a sale;

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## From the Parish Council

### HGV Issues and Countywide advisory Freight Map

A consultation period has begun on the above and all the Parish Councils in the County are invited to comment before the end of January 2010.

Willingham Parish Council has expressed its concern on the proposed B1050, suggesting that it is not a suitable route. However, at present there is no obvious route into the Fens to replace the B1050. A combined approach from the local Parishes suggesting the A141 and A10 as alternative routes will be suggested. The County Council Highways Division is actively looking at ways to strengthen the part of the B1050 alongside the river using piers.

### Willingham Parish Council Website

Please do look at our Parish Council Website for items such as contact details, agendas and minutes. Any information relevant to the Village will be posted on the website.

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

### Committee Meeting dates

Go to the Parish Council Website ([www.willingham-pc.org.uk](http://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.

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

<b>Mr J Anderson</b> (Planning Committee Chair)	01954-203344
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<b>Mr G Pake</b> (Cemetery Committee head Councillor)	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 Wednesday 6 January 2010 at 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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## Public Meeting

### The Parish Plan - What Happens Next?

**The Willingham Parish Plan Action Group will hold a public meeting on Thursday 18 February at 7 30 pm at Willingham Primary School.**

The Parish Plan was launched over a year ago and we want fulfil our commitment made at that time to report back on an annual basis and briefly say what has been achieved. More importantly, we are now planning what to do in the next year and we want your ideas to guide us.

We are also aware that the village lacks facilities for young people and we intend making this a major part of the discussion at the meeting.

We want to hear views on anything relating to the village; perhaps how to deal with traffic, how to fight petty crime, how to improve facilities and what social events might be held on a more regular basis in light of the Feast. We would like your thoughts on what the priorities should be in 2010 so **please come along and have your say.**

## Bin Collections

<b>7 January</b>	Black bin <b>Thursday</b>
<b>13 January</b>	Green bin and boxes
<b>20 January</b>	Black bin
<b>27 January</b>	Green bin and boxes
<b>3 February</b>	Black bin

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William Haydn Ingle

providing links to the cemeteries where they were commemorated. As a University employee, Alan was initially granted access to these volumes, and, following representations by his head of department, later permitted to borrow them; this latter permission strangely being rescinded when he retired. He was also greatly helped by one of the University photographers. Following the cemetery link, his next stop was the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Most of Alan's research for the Second World War centred on the infamous 'Death Railway' linking Thailand and Burma and built by POWs, some 16000 of whom died in the attempt. Victor Bolton was one of these and his sister generously helped Alan with Victor's details. On a stopover during a flight to Australia,

Alan grabbed the opportunity to visit the Kanchanaburi Allied War Cemetery near the railway bridge over the River Kwai to place a poppy on Victor's grave – an emotional and rewarding tribute. Again, Alan made good use of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for his detective work.



Major Holt had previously urged Alan to publish his work. In a roundabout way, this may now happen. Alan has offered his work for public record. The initial aim is to scan all his manuscripts for access via the Old Willingham website from January (www.oldwillingham.com/villageheroes); with the originals going to the Cambridgeshire Collection. Hard copy and a DVD for Willingham Library will also be produced from the scans. Once the existence of this record hits the internet, it will be most interesting to gauge the response.

A debt of gratitude is owed to Alan by the families and friends of his heroes and the village in general for his herculean efforts in producing such a remarkable legacy of these significant world-wide events and their impact on Willingham.

## Traffic calming

In last month's *Willingham News* I reported on the Speedwatch programme undertaken in collaboration with the Cambridgeshire Constabulary whereby some 270 motorists have been reported to the police for speeding through our village.

With such a significant speeding problem it is clear that whilst Speedwatch and police action can help to educate drivers as to the risk that they pose to residents, something more positive is required, traffic calming for instance. It is interesting to note that of all the so called 'A14 villages' Willingham is the only one that did not benefit from the money provided by the Highways Agency to calm overflow traffic. That is despite Willingham being assessed by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) as the third most at risk village. As was heard during the data collection for the Parish Plan: 'Is Willingham the village that Cambridgeshire County Council forgot?'

In discussions with officers of CCC they agreed that on the basis of Speedwatch and other data Willingham clearly has a problem and that a scheme for traffic calming for part of the village, principally Earith Road and Rampton Road, would be presented to Council later this year. The demoralising news was that since these two roads had a good record in respect of serious road

accidents it was unlikely that traffic calming would attract a high priority score.

We accept that Cambridgeshire has limited funds and difficult decisions have to be made but we would expect a more up to date decision making process to operate or is Cambridgeshire always going to be the County that shuts the door after the horse has bolted.

We understand that the Council Cabinet is due to consider a Willingham traffic calming scheme on 15 December and await the outcome with bated breath.

We also have the problem of HGVs thundering through the village at all hours of the day and night disturbing sleep and polluting the atmosphere. Again we have had discussions with CCC officers seeking their understanding of our concerns. We did not get far but there is a consultation document on HGV routing to be published imminently. We will respond to that report by seeking to reduce the number of HGVs passing through the village.

This year has seen much work in trying to mitigate the problems of vehicular traffic in Willingham with variable success. We will continue with those efforts and hope to be ready to report back at the Parish Plan anniversary public meeting to be held in the New Year.

Reg Purnell  
Willingham Action Group



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**Make 2010 the Year You Give Up Smoking** and kick-start a healthier lifestyle. Did you know that smoking cessation help is available on the NHS? Make an appointment with one of our nurses to discuss starting a course. If you prefer you can have a word with Neil or Wendy in the pharmacy who are also NHS smoking cessation advisors. They can give helpful tips and advise on all the nicotine replacement therapies available on the NHS to help you. This includes gum, patches, lozenges, nasal sprays and inhalators. The doctor can also prescribe tablets. Why not give it a go?

**Seasonal and Swine Flu vaccinations - Have you had yours?** It is still not too late to protect yourself and is especially important if you are in an at risk group as identified by the Dept of Health. Please be aware that surgeries are required to prioritise the administering of vaccines according to the latest guidance from the Department of Health. Please take note of the up to date information provided in the media but we can advise you if unsure. Leaflets giving information about the swine flu vaccination are available from reception.

**To book your flu vaccination appointment** please ring the surgery and do remember to tell the receptionist that your visit is for a flu vaccination and **specify whether it is for seasonal or swine flu** (or both). We will be holding special vaccination clinics and we ask that people wear short-sleeved clothing for easy access to arms!

**Thank you** for all the lovely cards and presents we received for Christmas and for your very kind

comments. We really do appreciate your thoughts. Our thanks also to Andy and Mary Coe who again donated a Christmas tree which has given our waiting room the festive touch and to June Ward who kindly gave some new tree decorations.

*Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager*

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Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	4 30 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	Closed from 1 00pm
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	Half day
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

## Poppy Appeal 2009

Many thanks to all street collectors and business premises, pub and church collections. With your generosity, we are able to send £1948.45 to the Poppy Appeal.

Again, many thanks to you all.

*Marion Few  
Oraniser*



## Village Youth Club

In seeking to respond to requests raised in the Willingham Parish Plan, a village youth club has now been started. Following consultations with teenagers in the village at two open evenings in the late spring of 2009, a youth club now meets in the Baptist Church on George Street every Wednesday of school term time from 6.30 to 8 pm. The teenagers who attended the open evenings stated clearly that they were not happy to go down West Fen to attend a club at the Ploughman Hall, which is usually booked most evenings of the week already. Parents also spoke of their unease at their children going that far out of the village on a road that was not well lit.

The club is able to take place through the provision of a County Council youth worker, with others in support. The Parish Council also supports this venture

financially. However, the plan is to have a building dedicated to youth and community work. In order to take this plan forward we need to set up a charitable trust. This would also be a limited company so that the trustees would not be at financial risk. Members of Willingham Action Group (Youth) attended a meeting of the charitable trust responsible for the youth provision in Waterbeach recently and, as a result, see this as the most positive step to take. We would, therefore, invite interested parties to join us to work in partnership with the Parish, District and County Councils to provide adequate youth provision in the village. In setting up a charitable trust we would be able to apply for grants for capital and running costs which we could otherwise not draw on. If you would like to be involved in this project please make contact with Trevor Rowe, 01954 261193. An update on progress will be given at the public meeting to be held on 18 February.

## Bubbles Penny Challenge

For *Children in Need* in November, Bubbles Pre School Group arranged their pennies on a giant Pudsey bear! We then tried to sit inside it (or crawl around it). Lots of the children also wore their PJs or spotty clothes for the occasion. Earlier in the term we baked cakes for Macmillan Cancer Support. Across the term we have raised about £80 for charity! A big thank you to everyone!!



## Willingham WEA

A new course is starting on **Monday 11 January** (not 21 January as previously published) at 10 am in the Hall of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, George Street. The subject is 'The Short Eighteenth century' – 1714-1793 a neglected period but one which shaped modern Britain with a new ruling house, birth of empire and industrial revolution along with a flowering in the arts and literature. The tutor is Mary Dicken.

Further information from Rosemary Mumford – 01954 260934

## New Year Wheels Realignment

**Willingham Wheels** are pleased to announce a realignment evening in the New Year. **Come to the Duke on Thursday 14 January around 7.30 pm** and reconnect with fellow members or be introduced if you are joining us. Bring your 'wheely' good New Year resolutions, put your spoke in and plan the 2010 campaign. We need more input, especially on the less sweaty social side. Any questions, or ideas if you cannot make it, contact Paul on 270194 or e-mail [p.knighton@runbox.com](mailto:p.knighton@runbox.com).

## Evening Classes

A reminder that the Fen Edge courses – based at Cottenham, Swavesey and Willingham – start again in January. Responses to the Parish Plan Questionnaire indicated that a considerable number of residents were interested in a wide range of courses but often we fail to take the initiative and sign up. If sufficient interest is shown more courses will be put on in Willingham so why not make learning Spanish, improving your computer skills, etc one of your New Year resolutions?

*Willingham Action Group*

## Mothers' Union



Our next monthly meeting will be held in the Octagon on Monday 25 January 2010 at 2 30 pm. Our speakers will be Bob and Sue Earl talking about the Gideon Society. We welcome newcomers to the village. There will also be a Bring and Buy Stall. Transport may be arranged.

## Photo from OldWillingham.com

Winters in past years were often more severe than today. However, Willingham's fen edge location sometimes escaped the worst Spring frosts and this gave an advantage to the growers of plums and soft fruits. In this picture we see the village green deep in snow, probably in the 1960s. The thatched cottages on the right were next to the library and the white house on the left was home to the 'village crier' often known as 'Ponto.' Both buildings have since been demolished.



OldWillingham.com

## Willingham Running Club

Last month we asked if anyone would be interested in forming a running club. We had a good response so we plan to hold a meeting to discuss when and where to run and the nature of the running - most likely gentle jogging to keep fit. If you want to meet others in the village, would prefer to run in a small group (especially in the winter) or want to start a more competitive running section then please come along.

We will meet at 7 30 pm in the Duke of Wellington on Tuesday 5 January. For more details, contact Mike on 01954 260647.

## Police message

We have now launched a dedicated phone number for people with communication difficulties.

The police enhancement access line (PEAL) is available 24 hours a day for non-emergency calls for anyone who has a communication difficulty.

Those wanting to use the system must register first to ensure their details are already in the system. They will then be given the dedicated number which will allow them to contact a specially trained call taker.

The scheme can be used for all non-emergency calls. In the event of an emergency people should always call 999.

For more information about the scheme contact the police service centre on 0345 456 456 4 or visit the force website – [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk).

## Willingham WI Quiz Night 2010

Willingham WI will be holding its popular annual Quiz Night on Friday 29 January at the Social Club. The Social Club bar will be open from 7 pm (please don't bring your own drinks) and the quiz will start promptly at 7 30 pm. Tickets are £7 per person to include a fish and chip supper. Teams (of up to six people) may be booked by calling Jacky on 261861.

## *Pastoral Letter*

*I hope you all had a happy Christmas!*

*As we start a new year we tend to put Christmas behind us with all the festivities, carol singing, the giving and receiving of presents and celebrations of the birth of Jesus Christ. The decorations get packed away for another year, and our thoughts turn to New Year's resolutions, and the travel companies start to bombard us with adverts for summer holidays.*

*However, the story of Christmas continues well into January, first with the Epiphany, part of the Christmas story that happened after Joseph and Mary had left the stable, and then, with the census over, they were able to find accommodation in a nearby house in Bethlehem.*

*Mary, as a new mum, and her still very young baby Jesus, were not yet ready to make the long journey on a donkey back to their home in Nazareth. It was here, and not in the stable, that the Magi, wise men from the east, were directed by the star to visit Jesus, to worship him and give him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

*Then, once Mary and Jesus were strong enough to contemplate the journey home to Nazareth with Joseph, events took another turn as an angel appeared once again to Joseph, telling him that he should not return to Nazareth, but must instead take Jesus and his mother Mary and escape to Egypt to protect him from Herod who wanted to kill him.*

*We too some times make plans, maybe for the year ahead, or for that holiday in the sun, only to find that God has a better plan for us.*

*May God bless you through this New Year.*

*Steve Mellows  
Churchwarden*

### **You've Reached the Top!**

So say the certificates awarded to five local Cub Scouts. They have each gained the Silver Award which is the highest level attainable within the Cub Scout movement. In Willingham, no one else has managed this feat for five or six years. The certificates are signed by Bear Grylls, who is Chief Scout. The children also received a compass each - to help them find their way further up the Scouting ladder. Congratulations to Daisy Llewellyn, Silas Ashman, Marcus Aldred, Jamie Marriot and Peter Hill.







## Baptist Church

**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.

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

## 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** As usual, there will NOT be a cake stall in January. The cake makers need a rest!

**Bric-a-brac** Rene Gould's stall is at 19 Fen End. It's well worth a visit, by buyers and sellers.

Proceeds from the cake stall and the bric-a-brac stall are for the Restoration Fund.

## Salvation Army

**Coffee mornings and**

**Fellowship:** Starting on 11 January and every Monday at 10 30 am.

**Luncheon Club:** Starting on 14 January and on alternate Thursdays – 28 January, 11 February. To book a place, call Daphne on 01954 260568.

## Willingham Carpet Bowls Club DISCO

featuring music from the 60 – 80's by Flashback Disco  
Willingham Social Club

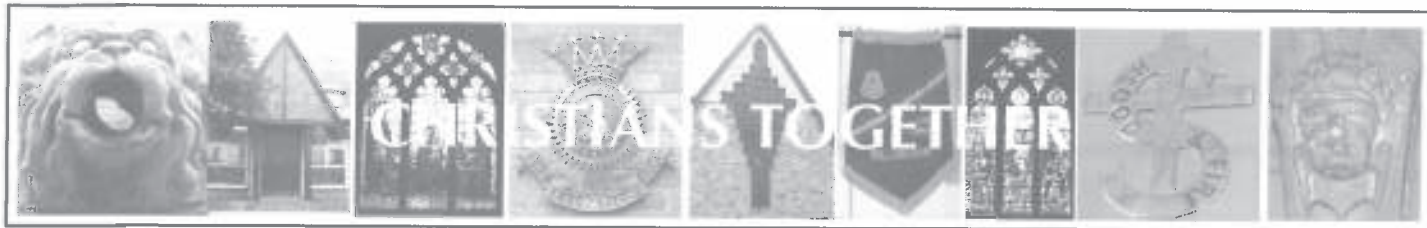
on Saturday 6th February 8.00 – 11.30pm.

All proceeds will go to Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Tickets £5.00 from Gill, Tel. No. 01954 201989.

Please come along, have a good evening and help us to support a very worthy charity.

This event was advertised in the December issue to be held on 23rd January – **Please note the change of date.**



### THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

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

**3 January**

5 00 pm

**10 January**

5 00 pm

**17 January**

5 00 pm

**24 January**

5 00 pm

**31 January**

5 00 pm

### ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

[www.willinghamchurch.org](http://www.willinghamchurch.org)

**3 January**

11 00 am Parish Communion

**10 January**

11 00 am Parish Communion

6 00 pm Evensong

**17 January**

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)\*

11 00 am All Age Worship

**24 January**

11 00 am Parish Communion

**31 January**

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)\*

11 00 am All Age Worship

\* 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 **January: 2nd**).

Children are welcome at all our 11am services. On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, there are activities for primary school age children, and for younger children there is a crèche.

On 2nd and 4th Sundays we have activities in the Church Service. 'Fidget Bags' are available for use in the pews.

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

### WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

[www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org)

**3 January**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe  
(Communion)

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

**10 January**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

**17 January**

9 00 am Pam Buckridge

10 45am All - Age Service at  
Primary School

6 00 pm Rev Trevor Rowe

**24 January**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm United Service at St Mary  
and All Saints

**31 January**

10 00 am Rev Trevor Rowe

6 00 pm Songs of Praise

Any enquiries please contact:

Rev Trevor Rowe (Minister) (01954  
261193)

### CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART

**19 Needingworth Road, St Ives**

[www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

**Saturday**

5 00 pm (Anticipatory)

**Sunday**

8 00 am and 11 00 pm

### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF WILLINGHAM.

In January, Balland Field, Belsars Close,  
Berrycroft, Bourneys Manor Close and  
Brickhills will be in our thoughts.

## CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WILLINGHAM

We've changed our name! Formerly known as *Churches Together in Willingham*, the three remaining churches would like to involve anyone who attends a church elsewhere to become involved in all that we seek to do in the village. Our next planning meeting will be on Wednesday, 13 January at 8 pm at the Salvation Army on Silver Street. Christianity is not about a set of rules, nor is it even about a religious code, rather it is a lifestyle which expresses God's love to all. If this is to be expressed effectively, we cannot restrict ourselves to church buildings or to denominational affiliation. We need to express God's love by working together in the community in which God has placed us.

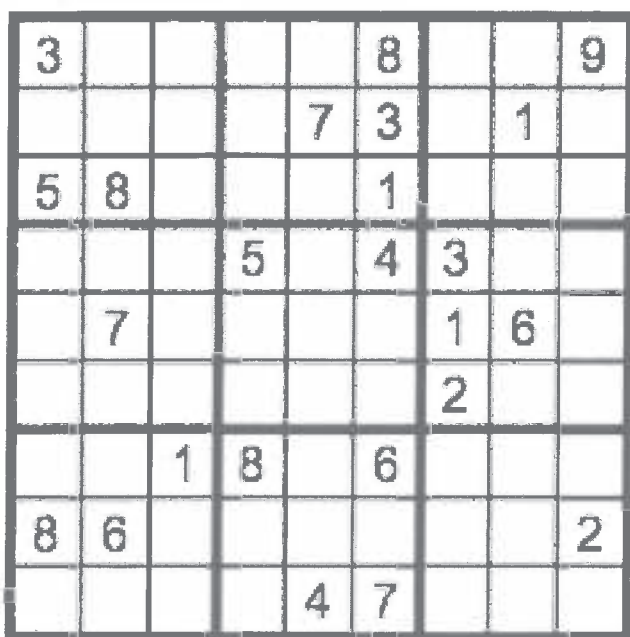
Among all that is planned for 2010 is the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity', which is national, and, in Willingham, will provide opportunities to come together

for prayer each evening of the week beginning 18 January. The week concludes with a united service in St Mary's on Sunday, 24 January at 6 pm. In the five weeks leading up to Easter we will run a joint Lent study course in various homes in the village ending with a witness on the Green around the cross on Good Friday. We are also planning a Pentecost for the Green on the afternoon of 24 May. The children's holiday club, held in the primary school in July, is run as a joint event. In the last two years, the group has been involved heavily with the Feast weekend and looks to be even more involved this year.

If you attend any church, any place and live in Willingham, come along and join us so that we can do even more together.

*Trevor Rowe*

## Sudoku set by Willow



solution on page 18

## Willingham WI



The January meeting of Willingham WI will be on Monday 11 January at 7 30 pm in the Social Club, Fen End. After the Annual General Meeting the speaker will be Alan Fawcitt whose subject is 'Medieval Willingham 1200 to 1700'.

This talk may be of great interest to non-WI members and every one is welcome.

## January Charity Lunch

The January Charity lunch will be held at the home of Joy Gourlay at 58 Pyrethrum Way at 1 pm on 23 January. The lunch will be soup, bread and cheese and the cost £3; the proceeds going to the Motor Neurone Society.



### Is this your year for getting fit?

Then why not come along to one of my great classes held locally in Willingham.

Monday, Friday and Saturday morning 9.30am

**Aerobics/Body Conditioning** at The Ploughman's Hall  
Monday 7.30pm and 8.30pm

**Body Conditioning** at Willingham School  
Wednesday 8.30pm

**Aerobics/Body Conditioning** at Willingham School  
Thursday 9.30am

**Low-impact Aerobics** at The Ploughman's Hall

**NEW** for January **Fitness Pilates** 7.30pm Wednesday at Willingham School and 10.30am at The Ploughman's Hall (please book in-advance as limited spaces)

Please bring a mat for all classes and hand weights for all but the Fitness Pilates if you have them.

Price: Drop-in for £5

Or block book

Fitness Pilates £4 pre book only (limited spaces)

1 session per week = £4 per session,

2 sessions per week = £3.75 per session

3 sessions per week = £3.50 per session

4+ sessions per week = £3.25 per session

Please phone Becky on 07905097961 or 01954 261127

E-mail [beckyfeaviour@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beckyfeaviour@yahoo.co.uk)

[www.beckysfitness.co.uk](http://www.beckysfitness.co.uk)

## The Over Day Centre

The Christmas festive season has now passed. The Clients had a wonderful party, with a surprise visit by Santa himself! He delivered a present to every client and this was followed by an afternoon of entertainment which was very enjoyable.

We have an exciting schedule of events for our Clients during 2010. We will tell you more about these activities nearer the time.

Diary Dates

20 January Unwanted Christmas Gifts Auction

30 January The Opus 17 Swing Band at Over Community Centre

**Two people have already come forward and volunteered to escort on our minibus. Thank you!!**

**Now we are only short on Friday mornings and afternoons. If you are able to offer us a couple of hours per week, we would love to hear from you.**

telephone

01954

231807





## 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

#### A New Year resolution

Visit your local library. It has books for all ages and abilities, and access to the huge range of books available throughout the County, which can easily be ordered and delivered free to Willingham. Also, there is a wide range of local information, and free internet access including to some sites such as Ancestry.com which would otherwise require a subscription.

#### 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 6 January – Tracy Howard will speak about West Anglia Crossroads, a voluntary organisation which, by offering help to elderly and disabled people, allows them to continue living in their own home.

Wednesday 3 February – a talk on the history of auctions in Willingham and the work of an auctioneer, from Willingham Auctions.

Wednesday 3 March – to be arranged.

Wednesday 7 April – Carol Bailey will make a welcome return to talk about flower arrangements for springtime.

#### The A14 - Ellington to Fen Ditton consultation

The papers continue to be available to view at the library, but you will need to be quick: comments must arrive at the Highways Agency by 6 January 2010.

## Willingham Cricket Club - a sequel

I was intrigued by the Cricket Club Score Sheet in December's *Willingham News*, and decided to find out more about the participants in this match, using the Census Returns of 1861 and 1871 to help me.

I was able to identify eight of the married men fairly conclusively. Ingle Few Thoday was a farmer and corn merchant living in Berrycroft. Edward and Joseph Gleaves were also farmers, and John Gleaves, aged 39 at the time of the match, was rather surprisingly described in the census as a retired farmer. Barford Pyke and Edward Few were also farmers. Charles Huckle was a builder and publican, and Berry Askew was an agricultural labourer. W Tibbitt could have been either Wayman Tibbitt, who was a draper's assistant in 1861 but later became a cheese maker, or William Tibbitt, who was a farmer's son. W Ellwood and the Revd Seddon don't appear in either census.

The single men were harder to pin down. T Frohock could have been Thomas Frohock who was a 13 year old farmer's son. There were two George Lacks in the village, one being a builder and one a farmer's son, both in their mid-twenties at the time. Tom Whittlesey is described as a publican's son, and Edward Ingle was a warehouseman and coal and timber merchant. E Smith could have been either Elijah Smith, an agricultural labourer, or Edward Smith, a farmer's son aged 16. Charles Askew was also a farmer's son about the same age as Edward Smith, and Harry G Few, a corn merchant's son, was another teenager. Smith Jeeps was a gardener.

I could not find B Read, H Gleaves or C Gleaves. There were several Gleaves families in Willingham, and a number of Reads over the causeway in the Aldreth area, but no individuals who match these initials

Two things strike me particularly about the above details. The first is that all the surnames are familiar today in Willingham and the surrounding area. The exception is the Revd Seddon, who like most clergymen or non-conformist ministers would have been an outsider. More surprising were the occupations of the players. I've always imagined 19th century village cricket to have been the pastime of the lads of the village from all ranks of society. But of these 22 men there is only one who can definitely be identified as an agricultural labourer. One can only assume that the necessary equipment was too expensive for a man on the dismal wages of the time. It's possible too that most labourers were too weary after long hours working for their employer and probably working a small holding of their own to have the leisure or inclination for a game of cricket.

Anne Kirkman

## Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>January</b>				
5	Meeting	Willingham Running Club	The Duke	7 30 pm Mike 260647
6	Parish Council meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
6	Talk by Tracy Howard <i>West Anglia Crossroads</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
6	Auditions	Willingham StageCraft	Public Hall	8 pm
11	AGM followed by talk <i>Medieval Willingham 1200-1700</i> - Alan Fawcitt	Willingham WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
11	<i>The Short Eighteenth Century</i> (date corrected)	Willingham WEA	Baptist Hall	Rosemary Mumford 260934 10 am
14	Realignment	Willingham Wheels	The Duke	7 30 pm Paul 270194
23	Charity Lunch	Willingham Charity Lunchers	58 Pyrethrum Way	1 pm £3
25	Meeting	Mothers' Union	The Octagon	2 30 pm
25	Willingham Jam Night		Social Club	7 for 7 30 pm
29	Quiz Night	Willingham WI	Social Club	7 30 pm £7 Jacky 261861
<b>February</b>				
3	<i>The history of auctions in Willingham</i>	Engage in the afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
6	Charity Disco (re-arranged)	Willingham Carpet Bowls Club	Social Club	8 pm £5 Gill 201989
18	Public Meeting	Parish Plan Action Group	Willingham School	7 30 pm

### Honk!

Calling all actors aged 10 and upwards. Willingham Stagecraft will be holding a pre-audition evening for a production of Stiles and Drewe's award winning musical Honk! based on the story of the Ugly Duckling. This will involve some reading from the script and singing.

To find out more join us or email:  
Where: Public Hall, Willingham  
When: 8pm, Weds 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
Info: [willingham.stagecraft@gmail.com](mailto:willingham.stagecraft@gmail.com) and  
[www.stilesanddrewe.co.uk/honk/](http://www.stilesanddrewe.co.uk/honk/)



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# Village Directory

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

<b>Council</b>	Parish Council (See full details on page 6)		01954 261027
	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
<b>Services</b>	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
<b>Schools</b>	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
<b>Children</b>	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
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	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
	Kids' Friday Club (Baptist Church)	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
<b>Halls</b>	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
<b>Local Representatives</b>	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 R. Mumford	01954 260934
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
<b>Clubs</b>	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	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Women's Institute	Mrs Doreen Young	01954 200561
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124
	Willingham Wheels	Jackie Rooks Maynard	07760227970
<b>Sport</b>	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
<b>Churches</b>	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



## Letter to the Editor

### Ref 'The menace of Speeding Article' Willingham News December 2009

Living in Schole Road we have to endure speeding vehicles not only in Schole Road itself a designated bridleway and Rampton Road.

Both roads seem to bring out the worst in vehicles accessing the roads.

The recorded comments within the article from the Police are farcical, to comment that they would have to reduce efforts elsewhere to cover Willingham, so what.

We pay the same Council Tax as other villages for an alleged Police service so it's up to them to manage their customers' expectations.

With that view how can they justify a continued presence in Histon and Rampton where speed cameras are a frequent sight?

Perhaps the Parish Council should challenge their statement they have increased patrols and car placement as to when and where these events took place. The only time I have seen Police in Willingham is en route to A14 accidents or recently we had TEN vehicles and helicopter chasing a traveller in a stolen car

Surely if the Speedwatch initiative has highlighted there is a severe speeding problem then Police should react accordingly rather than hide behind the standard resource issue they put out when challenged on any topic.

Regards  
Colin McLeod

*Councillor King, Chairman of the Parish Council, comments: 'Willingham Parish Council is very much aware of the speeding problems and has been working with Willingham Action Group in lobbying police and the Highways Agency. Getting any response is a long and frustrating process but we shall keep working at it. Meanwhile, we would encourage residents who share our concerns to lobby directly through our County Councillor, Shona Johnstone, and our PCSO, Diana Neill, whose contact details are in Willingham News. Whilst each individual complaint might have limited impact, the cumulative effect of many complaints is much more powerful'.*

*Please also see the article on 'Traffic Calming' written by Reg Turnbull on behalf of Willingham Action Group to be found elsewhere in the magazine.*



## Cottenham Village College Achievements Evening

My name is Nicky Woodroffe and I am a teacher at Cottenham Village College with responsibility for Community links, I have also taken over from Geoff Redhead as the link between the College and the Fen Edge. After discussion with Tony Cooper we thought it would be nice to put a small piece in *Willingham News* about the College. As we have just held the annual Achievements Evening for the year 11 students who left last year we thought it might be nice to publish a list of Willingham students who received an award.

A very successful evening was held at the College on 12 November for the students who left the college in July. Over 150 students attended. Many teachers recalled their memories of the year group over their five years at the college. Local companies sponsor awards, including Willingham Auctions and Mac Hair; the annual awards were then presented. A number of Willingham students were rewarded for their achievement:

Tom Moffatt- School prize for English  
Ryan Cotton received two awards, something which hasn't been achieved at the College before. He was awarded School prize for Boys PE and School prize for History. Ryan is currently an apprentice at Championship side Peterborough United FC.  
Jonny Wake- School prize for Construction  
Nina Andrews - School prize for Geography

All students were then presented with their GCSE and other certificates. The evening ended with a buffet

prepared by the Hospitality and Catering students at the College. There was an opportunity for students to catch up with friends and teachers. A high percentage have moved on to Hills Road and Long Road Sixth Forms to study A levels. Some have gone to Cambridge Regional College and other centres in the Cambridge area. A number are doing apprenticeships whilst some have gone into employment. The College maintains links with a huge number of past students and follows their progress with great interest.

*solution to puzzle on page 14*

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MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

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Willingham Wilford Furlong	0818				18				1718			1818			1918
Willingham opp. Church	0820				20				1720			1820			1920
Over opp. Green	0828				28				1728			1828			1928
Swavesey High Street	0835				35				1735			1835			1935
Fen Drayton High Street	0843			43			1743			1843			1943		
Fenstanton Clock Tower	0849			49			1749			1849			1949		
St Ives bus station	0858			58			1758			1858					

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS CONTINUED

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Cambridge Emmanuel St bay E4	1905	1935	2005	2105	2135	2205	2305
Girton Corner	1912	1942	2012	2112	2142	2212	2312
Girton Church	1915	-	2015	2115	-	2215	2315
Oakington cross roads	1920	-	2020	2120	-	2220	2320
Bar Hill Tesco	1928	1950	2028	2128	2150	2228	2328
Bar Hill Applecross	1931	-	2031	2131	-	2231	2331
Bar Hill Acorn Avenue	1932	-	2032	2132	-	2232	2332
Longstanton opp. Church		1937		2137		2238	
Willingham Wilford Furlong		2005		2205		2348	
Willingham opp. Church		2007		2207		2350	
Over opp. Green		2017		2217		2358	
Swavesey High Street		2024		2224			
Fen Drayton High Street				2232			
Fenstanton Clock Tower				2238			

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Fenstanton opp. Clock Tower	0610	-	-	0710	-	-	10	-	-	1810	-	-	-		
Fen Drayton High Street	0616	-	-	0716	-	-	16	-	-	1816	-	-	-		
Swavesey High Street	0624	-	-	0724	-	-	24	-	-	1824	-	2026	-		
Over Green	0631	-	-	0731	-	-	31	-	-	1831	-	2033	-		
Willingham Wilford Furlong	0639	-	-	0739	-	-	39	-	-	1839	-	2041	-		
Willingham opp. church	0641	-	-	0741	-	-	41	-	-	1842	-	2043	-		
Longstanton School Lane	0649	-	-	0749	-	-	49	-	-	1849	-	2051	-		
Bar Hill Tesco	0656	0716	0736	0756	-	16	36	56	-	1856	1928	2028	2058	2128	2228
Bar Hill Applecross	0701	0721	0741	0801	-	21	41	01	-	1901	1931	2031	-	2131	2231
Bar Hill Acorn Avenue	0702	0722	0742	0802	-	22	42	02	-	1902	1932	2032	-	2132	2232
Oakington cross roads	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1939	2039	-	2139	2239
Girton Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1944	2044	-	2144	2244
Girton Corner	0709	0729	0749	0809	-	29	49	09	-	1909	1947	2047	2106	2147	2247
Cambridge Drummer Street	0722	0742	0802	0822	-	42	02	22	-	1922	1954	2054	2113	2154	2254

1 Start date unknown at time of proofreading this magazine.

2 ON COLLEGE DAYS an additional bus service 915 leaves Wilford Furlong at 0752 am and Church Street 0752 am via Drummer Street to Hills Road and Long Road Sixth Form Colleges. It does not look as if it goes via Bar Hill. The corresponding afternoon service leaves Drummer Street (bay 11) at 1650 pm reaching Willingham at 1718 pm.

3 Stagecoach have been asked if people changing buses at

Longstanton to use the guided bus for part of their journey from Willingham to Cambridge (and back) will need separate tickets for each part of the journey or whether one through ticket might be purchased. No reply at the time of proof-reading this magazine.

4 Stagecoach have also been asked if pensioner bus passes may be used on the 0920 am bus from Willingham to St Ives. They say that they are consulting the County Council. No reply at the time of proof-reading this magazine.

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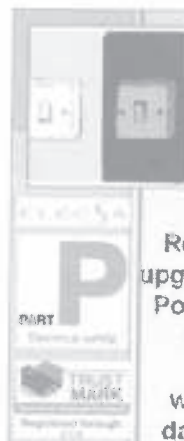
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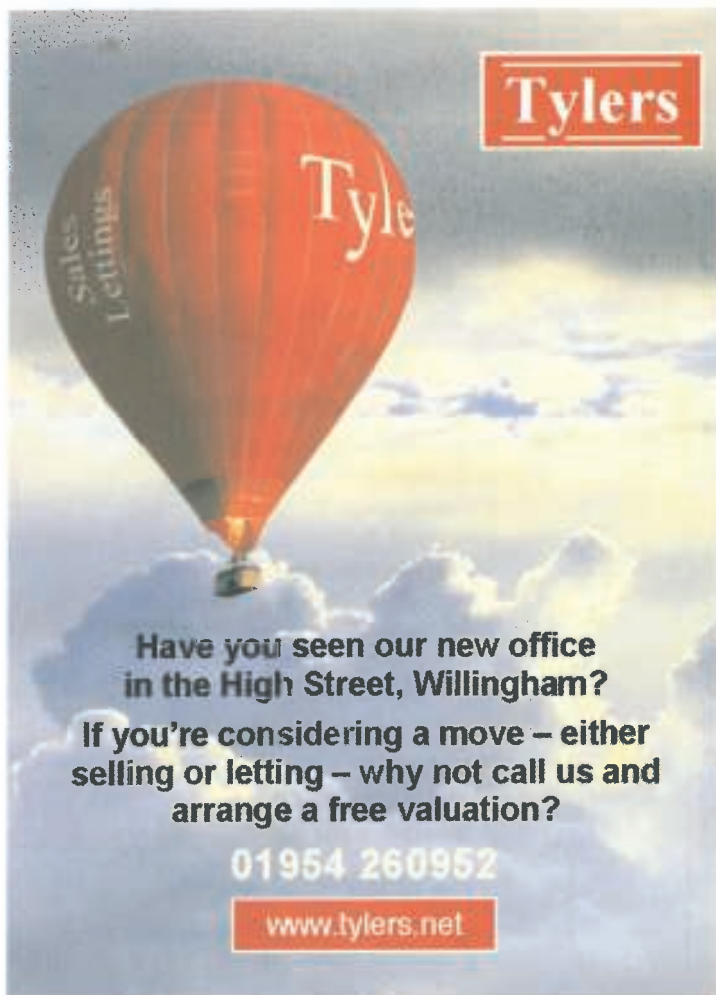
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