

WILLINGHAM NEWS



February 2010

Winter Wonderland in Willingham



Write and tell us:

Who has memories of **the winter of 1947** when snow came up to the window sills?

And the winter of 1963?

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*January brings the snow,
makes our feet and fingers glow
February brings the rain,
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Willingham Walking Group (left) and the WI Walking Group (right). For more information, see page 10.

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under the chairmanship of

District Councillor Ellington

to discuss plans for the

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From the Parish Council

News from Cambridgeshire County Council

Council Tax capping has meant that the Council has had to do more with less income.

Applications for traffic calming measures for Earith and Rampton Roads have been unsuccessful. The system of 'points assessments' for such schemes is to be reviewed.

The County Council grits 40% of roads, with priority for bus routes. Local salt bins might help and Willingham Parish Council is looking into this.

Willingham Parish Council will be contacting the local MP to point out that snow is an act of God and that private individuals should be able to clear snow locally without fear of being sued if an accident subsequently occurs on the cleared area.

Community Clean-Up Programme

Willingham has been included in the Community Clean-Up Programme that will result in a one-off, much deeper cleansing of selected villages in the coming year.

Possible Repair of the Flat Bridge

Willingham Parish Council is looking into the possibility of grant funding to enable the County Council to repair the Flat Bridge by removing the old broken deck and replacing it, thus enabling the bridge to be used as a footbridge only, offering footpath rights and enhancing public access to the pathways on both sides of the river.

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

Mr J Anderson (Planning Committee Chair)	01954-203344
Mr I Barratt	01954-261609
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
Mr M Borland	01954-203347
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Mrs K Cornwell	01954-261530
Mrs P Daniels	01954-260505
Mr R Foster	01954-261293
Mr P King (Council Chair)	01954-260780
Mr B Kirkman (Green & Boundaries Lead Councillor)	01954-260393
Mr R Manning (also Leader of the District Council)	01954-261235
Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mrs R Mumford (Halls Committee Lead Councillor)	01954-260934
Mr G Pake (Cemetery Committee Lead Councillor)	01954-260534

Further information will follow once investigation into grant funding has been made.

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.

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, 3 February 2010 at 7 30 pm at The Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road and is open to the public.

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

Tel. 01954-261027, email@willinghampc.org.uk .

*Clerk: Colin Brown. Deputy Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge
The Office is open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10 00 am to 1 00 pm, except Bank Holidays. Appointments can be made by calling the Office. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.*

Thanks for lights on the Green

We hope you enjoyed seeing the Christmas lights and the Christmas tree on the Green. The Parish Council is most grateful to Councillor Geoff Pake who made all the arrangements, and installed the lights and the tree.

Corrections

From the Parish Council: In January's Willingham News we listed several people as 'head Councillor'. This should have read 'lead Councillor'.

In a note after a Letter to the Editor in January's Willingham News Councillor King referred to an article on Traffic Calming by Reg Turnbull. This should have read Reg Purnell.



Creating a safer
Cambridgeshire

New Year New Start

Message from your Police Community Support Officer

One way of keeping yourself informed about how Cambridgeshire Constabulary is policing your neighbourhood is to attend the quarterly Neighbourhood Panel meetings of the Swavesey Panel (which includes Willingham).

These panels provide an opportunity to come together with the police, District and County Councils to discuss community safety issues. They are your chance to inform us of any concerns or issues you have and help shape the priorities for your area.

The next meeting of the Swavesey Panel will be held at Willingham Primary School on 23 February, at 7 00 pm (for a formal start at 7 30).

Incidents can be reported by calling 0345 456 4456 4. (In emergencies, dial 999.) If you wish to speak to me direct, call the 0345 number and ask for mobile extensions 7112546.

Diana Neill
PCSO 7240

Donations to Willingham First Responders

As a result of the Christmas greetings that were published in the December issue, we have been able to give £24 to Willingham First Responders.

Sales of the booklet *Willingham Portrait of a Village* have also raised funds for the same charity. After covering the costs of production, we have been able to make a donation of £59.

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 to 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 coming year and we would like 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.**

Willingham Traffic Calming

As I reported in January's *Willingham News*, Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) put forward two traffic calming schemes for assessment under this year's Capital Safety Schemes Programme. The proposal for Rampton Road was ranked 19th out of 45 bids and the Earith Road Scheme 40th. Funding will allow the top two schemes to go forward.

The Rampton Road Scheme will be retained on the list for next year's assessment but the Earith Road Scheme will be dropped as it scored so low. The low score for Earith Road is attributed to a lack of serious injuries in the last two years.

We will continue to try and persuade CCC that safety on our village roads should be improved preferably before any serious accidents occur.

Reg Purnell
Willingham Action Group



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Thank you to all our patients for the many cards and presents we received and for your kind thoughts. Our thanks to Andrew and Mary Coe for donating the splendid Christmas tree which brightened up our waiting room at Willingham.

Lucky Squares raised a grand total of **£330 for MAGPAS**. Thank you to all who donated prizes or bought squares. There is a list of prizewinners in reception.

Still not had a flu vaccination? If you are aged over 65 or are in an at-risk group due to a medical condition we urge you to **contact the surgery**. **It is not too late to protect yourself against a serious bout of flu**. If you are housebound and need a visit for your flu injection, please ring reception to arrange this.

We are currently experiencing a huge demand for **emergency appointments** at the end of the morning surgery. We do try to see everybody who needs to be seen but with the flu epidemic we are struggling to cope. Many of these requests are for ailments such as colds and flu, vomiting and diarrhoea which are often self-limiting viral illnesses. Although these conditions can make you feel very rough, they are usually best treated at home with remedies that can be bought in the pharmacy. Sitting in the waiting room spreads the germs through the community and puts our more vulnerable and elderly patients at risk. If in doubt, please ask for a telephone appointment or ring our pharmacist on 01954 261787 for advice.

Medicines Waste Campaign The NHS and Cambridgeshire PCT are currently running a campaign to inform patients how much money is wasted by unused medicines. For instance, did you know that **the annual cost of unused medicines returned in Cambridgeshire alone is at least £4 million** which would pay for 766 more hip replacements, 523 heart bypass ops, 706 knee replacements or 5333 cataract operations. **Returned medicines cannot be re-used and have to be destroyed even if the packet is unopened.**

Repeat prescriptions: Please **order only what you actually need from your repeat list**. If you are ordering your medicines by phone (01954 260073), make sure you have your **repeat medication request**

form ready by the phone. This form is always enclosed in the bag with your medicines. If you prefer to bring in your request form, please tick only the items required from your list. If you forget to bring your list, you will be asked to fill out a form at the surgery. We have introduced a new collection box at each surgery where you can leave your request form if you are in a hurry and do not wish to speak to a member of staff.

Remember to **order at least 2-3 working days before you run out** to allow time for important safety checks to be made. **We thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure that limited NHS resources are used to their best advantage for everyone.**

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

WILLINGHAM SURGERY OPENING HOURS

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Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Ante Natal/Baby Clinic		2 00 – 4 00
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
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

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 1½ hours and there is a plant raffle.

The Club welcomes new members to all 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 become a member at a very modest annual subscription. In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and other places of interest and there is an annual Club holiday too, usually in May.

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

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday, 1 February at our Club Meeting - Richard Revells will speak to us about *The trials of life of butterflies*.

We shall announce details of the programme of outings for 2010 in due course when arrangements have been made.

The Club holiday this year will be to Northumberland on 14 June for a four-night stay - more details will be published later.



We wish all members and others who have supported us during 2009 a Happy New Year.

Willingham Cricket Club – AGM



The Annual General Meeting will be held at Willingham Social Club on Monday, 15 February 2010 at 8.00 pm. New and old members welcome.

Honorary Secretary:
R Ambrose



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Administrative Assistant

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The closing date for applications is 11 February 2010.

Mothers' Union



The next meeting will take place on Monday, 22 February at 2 30 pm in the Octagon.

Paul and his friends will be entertaining us. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Don't forget the Bring and Buy Stall!

Transport can be arranged.

Cliff and Dianne Tel: 01954 260688

Photo from OldWillingham.com

This month's photo is taken around 1920 near the centre of the village. None of the buildings shown survive now except for the house at the very left edge whose distinctive brickwork can be seen. This might give you a clue as to where this picture was taken. The sign says: "New Hudson Cycles, £8.10.0, £10.0.0 & £12.12.0" (pounds, shillings, pence.) These prices amounted to around a month's wages for an agricultural labourer at the time - a new bike was very expensive. The location will be revealed next month. Please forward any information you have to: oldwill@oldwillingham.com



Willingham Running Club

There is now an active running club in the village catering for all levels from those wanting gentle jogging for fitness to those preparing for half-marathons/marathons.

For more details contact Mike on 01954 260647.

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.

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From the Willingham Action Group

Willingham Walking Group...



We're a friendly bunch and we meet at The Duke of Wellington (car park) – usually once a month, on a Sunday by 10 am (9.50 am). All ages and friendly dogs welcome. You don't have to commit to every walk! Lengths of walks vary but 4-5 miles is the average. **Next one: 14 February.**

...The WI walking group

Photograph on the front cover walking the Christmas excess off on 29 December!

Everyone is welcome. Tel: Jacky: 01954 261831 or Doreen: 01954 200561 for future dates.

Pastoral Letter

As I write, there is snow on the ground and the daytime temperature is hovering around 0 degrees Celsius. This winter has so far proved to be very different from other recent winters. Many animals hibernate during the colder months of the year, and I have often reflected on the wisdom of this seasonal habit. They are not troubled by the cold, nor do they have to battle with adverse climatic conditions, and only reawaken when spring beckons them out with her milder temperatures and lighter days.

When I was a child, I learnt that snow protects the plants from the harsh winter winds, and therefore serves a purpose for natural life too. Years ago, before travel was so easy and so varied (dare I say that with the chaos the snow sometimes brings to our travel networks?) people worked hard during the spring, summer and autumn, but during the darker days of winter, they tended to stay indoors by the fire, rested more, and built themselves up ready for the year ahead.

We tend not to be quite so busy in the winter so there is time to relax more, to take a break, to reflect on our lives and the way we live. If you find yourself 'grounded' on winter days still to come because of the weather, take time to think back over the year we have left behind. In a moment of quiet, give thanks to God for all the good things that have happened. Ask for forgiveness for the things that went wrong, and leave them behind. Then look ahead to this year. Think about what you hope to do, and what you would like to achieve. Then think about what you can offer in service to God, maybe helping a neighbour or an elderly person, maybe there is something you could do for the community in which you live, or perhaps there is something that you could do in your own life or in your home that would bring you a greater sense of happiness and peace.

As a final prayer, offer your thoughts to God and ask him to protect you and those who are dear to you throughout the coming year. May the year that has newly begun, bring you health and happiness and God's blessings.

*Hilary Cheng
Methodist Minister*

Willingham WI



Our February meeting will take place on:
Monday, 8 February at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.

The speaker will be Vic Botterill whose subject is 'Body Language'.

New members – young and old - are always welcome, as are those who would like to come initially as a guest. If you want any further details, please telephone Doreen on 200561, or Julie on 260497. We are a large and friendly WI, so give us a try.

Willingham Carpet Bowls Club DISCO

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Baptist Church

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 00 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.

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 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 back - on the first Saturday of the month - 6 February. It takes place at the front of the Parish Church from 10 00 am. Be sure to arrive early because the cakes sell quickly.



Bric-a-brac Rene Gould's stall 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, and they produce quite a large income each year.

Thanks to the Co-op The Co-op allows the Parish Church to have a collecting box in store, to raise money for the north aisle roof repair, which is urgently necessary. Since the collecting box was displayed, early in 2008, a total of **£568.98** has been collected. The Parochial Church Council is extremely grateful to the staff and customers of the Co-op.

Salvation Army

Coffee mornings and Fellowship:

Mondays at 10 30 am.



Craft: Mondays at 2 00 pm.

Luncheon Club: Fortnightly on Thursdays: 11 February; 25 February; 11 March. (Ring Daphne on 01954 260568 to book a place.)

NOTE - CORRECTION In the village directory under Salvation Army the contact should read Mr Gordon Spackman 01954 260066 NOT Major Lewis.



**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET**

**www.salvationarmy.org/
uk/willingham**

7 February
5 00 pm Worship
14 February
5 00 pm Worship
21 February
5 00 pm Worship
28 February
5 00 pm Worship

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

www.willinghamchurch.org

7 February
11 00 am Parish Communion
14 February
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am All Age Worship
6 00 pm Evensong
17 February
10 00 am Ash Wednesday Communion
21 February
11 00 am Parish Communion
28 February
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 February: 6th). 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).

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7 February
10 00 am 'God is Calling'
(Communion)
6 00 pm 'Fight the Good Fight'
14 February
10 00 am 'God's Promises'
6 00 pm 'The Careless Church'
21 February
9 00 am Traditional service led by
Keith Rawlinson
10 45 am All-Age Celebration at
Willingham Primary School
6 00 pm 'The Crowned Church'
28 February
10 00 am 'The Dawn of the Promise'
6 00 pm 'The Complacent Church'

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

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Sunday
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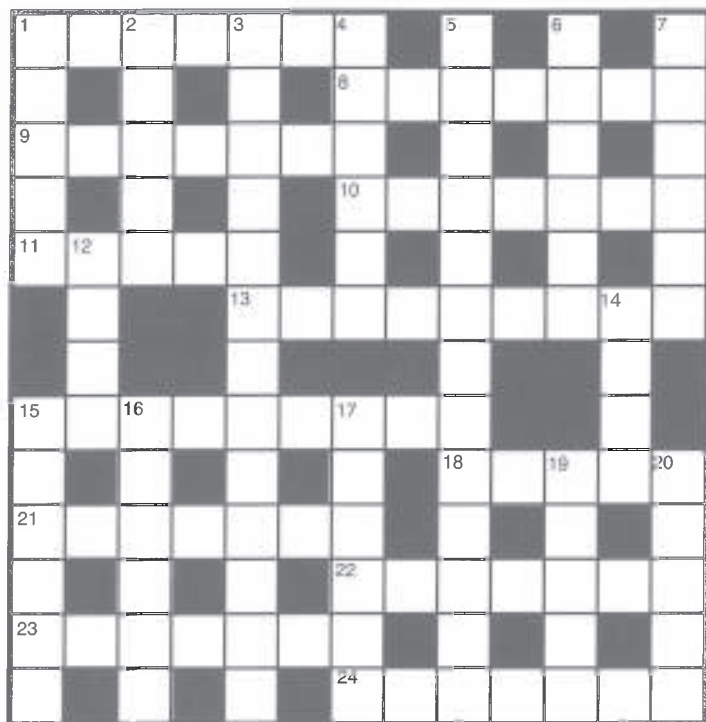
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DO YOU VALUE THE FUTURE?

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01954 260045



Crossword set by Willow



Across

- 1 Calm ocean (7)
 8 Disappoint Doctor when told hospital's going (3,4)
 9 Some of the braver agents seem quite ordinary (7)
 10 Financial record's a couple of hundred out around mid-month (7)
 11 Small country initially has difficulty with poor quality land (5)
 13 They draw round viewers to look at ships (3-6)
 15 Annoyed by taunt in pub by worker (9)
 18 Heads criminal underworld? (5)
 21 Sunshade's standard when at zero latitude (7)
 22 Endlessly respect a liberal naval commander (7)
 23 Is young adult able to use dining room? (7)
 24 DTI regulated building site is best-organised (7)

Down

- 1 Cooked spare fruits (5)
 2 Hurrah for church and English Queen (5)
 3 Amazed by odd fable about British red stag jumping (13)
 4 Chop cold veal off hind bone (6)
 5 Conservative branch's popular with upper class going after those with old money (5-2-3-3)
 6 Book of verse on love left me going round bend (6)
 7 Joins iTunes movement! (6)
 12 Tribe caught the French Knight (4)
 14 Playboy getting into scrape? (4)
 15 International money treaty takes effect (6)
 16 Brave beloved gives heart away (6)
 17 Crosswise like Short Lane at end of street (6)
 19 Daughter heard to advise insistently on funeral music (5)
 20 Share banana pudding? (5)

solution on page 19

'Why we need The Over Day Centre' and what we are going to do to keep it thriving



In 1989 the Over Day Centre was established to provide care, comfort and company for the elderly. The Day Centre's importance reaches well beyond the immediate environs of Over. Clients come from all the villages in the area, including Willingham, and from as far away as Rampton and Elsworth. They are brought to the centre in a variety of ways:

in their relatives' cars, by taxi or in the Centre's own specially equipped minibus.

The Day Centre helps to promote and maintain a good quality of life for its clients through social contact, recreation and informal activities. For many clients it's their only means of getting out of their houses for a few hours a week. Additionally, the Centre provides vital support and companionship in a stimulating environment – and even a freshly cooked meal made in its own kitchen.

As a charity, the Day Centre is an independent organisation self-financed by fund-raising activities and council grants. The coming years are expected to present difficulties for charities as governmental expenditure is cut, so it is very important that we protect this vital local service. We are beginning a vigorous programme of fund-raising events including:

- 9 May 2010: 'Five Pub Challenge' sponsored walk
- 12 June 2010: Garden party at the old Vicarage in Over
- 18 September 2010: Dance Band Spectacular (near the guided bus stop)
- plus two quiz nights at the Day Centre (dates to be announced) and even more events to come.

If you are willing to help in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Contact John Dyer, 01954 230828 or Sarah at the Over Day Centre, 01954 231807.



Bin Collections

3 February	Black bin
10 February	Green bin and boxes
17 February	Black bin
24 February	Green bin and boxes
3 March	Black bin

February Charity Lunch

The Charity Lunch will be held at the home of Ann Gormley at 'Andmar', Love's Lane at 1 pm on Saturday, 13 February. The lunch, which costs £3, will be soup, bread and cheese. The proceeds this year are going to the Motor Neurone Society.

Last year the sum raised for Mercy Ships was £600. Everyone is welcome. Come and make new friends.

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

Children are never too young to start loving books...

Sharing books with your baby or toddler is a great way to spend time with them and help them to learn about their world. The library has a fantastic selection of books for babies and children – board books, picture books, books for new readers and so on, right up to young adult. Pre-school children can join the Book-Crawl and have their own special card to collect a sticker every time they take books out. After every four stickers, they will receive a certificate to congratulate them on their progress.

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.

On Wednesday, 6 January, David Cornwell from West Anglia Crossroads gave a very entertaining and well-attended talk on this voluntary organisation which, by offering help to elderly and disabled people, allows them to continue living in their own home.

Future sessions: Wednesday

3 February – a talk on The history of auctions in Willingham and the work of an auctioneer, by Willingham Auctions.
3 March – Bill Kirkman on Africa – Hopeless or Hopeful
7 April - Carol Bailey will make a welcome return to talk about flower arrangements for springtime.

Jigsaws

Did you know the library has a good selection of jigsaws to borrow? Just bring in one of your own and swap it for one of ours.

TIGGERS have a Whale of a Time

Tiggers are running a session at Whale of a Time in Bar Hill on Wednesday 10th February.

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Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
February				
1	<i>The Short 18th century</i>	WEA	Baptist Church	10 00 am
1	Talk by Richard Revells - <i>The Trials of life of Butterflies</i>	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
3	<i>The history of auctions in Willingham</i>	Engage in the afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00 - 3 30 pm
3	Parish Council Meeting	Willingham Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
6	Charity Disco (re-arranged)	Willingham Carpet Bowls Club	Social Club	8 pm £5 Gill 201989
8	Talk by Vic Botterill on <i>Body Language</i>	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
13	Charity Lunch	Charity Lunchers	'Andmar', Love's Lane	1 00 pm; £3
14	Walk	Willingham Walking Group	Duke of Wellington	10 am
15	Annual General Meeting	Cricket Club	Social Club	8 00 pm
18	Public Meeting	Parish Plan Action Group	Willingham School	7 30 pm
22	Meeting (with a Bring and & Buy Stall)	Mothers' Union	The Octagon	2 30 pm
23	Police Panel Public Meeting	Police & CCDC	Primary School	7 00 pm for a 7 30 pm start
25	Public Meeting re: Meadow Road	Parish Council	The Octagon	7 30 pm
25	Discussion of <i>The White Tiger</i> by Aravind Adiga	Willingham Reading Group	Willingham Library	7 30 pm
27	The Jive Aces	Over Day Centre	Community Centre	£13, Julia 01954 230056
March				
1	Talk by Mike Petty – <i>Fens in the forties and the floods</i>	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
3	Talk by Bill Kirkman: <i>Africa – hopeless or hopeful?</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00–3 30 pm

Thank You From Honeypot Pre-school

The Honeypot Pre-school Committee would like to thank all the children, parents, carers and their families and friends for their help and support at our Annual Christmas Fayre which was held at the Primary School on Saturday, 5 December. Many thanks too to the school for the use of its facilities. Everyone had an enjoyable morning, a bit of shopping, playing games, and of course meeting Father Christmas. We would also like to thank the following local businesses for their donations of some fantastic raffle prizes:

The Works, Willingham Barber's, Co-op, Rappaport, The Duke of Wellington, Willingham Motors, Lee

Associates, Willingham Pharmacy, CraftPic, R&K Barber's and Boddington Driving Tuition. In addition, North's Bakery donated a wonderful cake which featured in our 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' competition, won by Nicola Diogenous. Congratulations!

We also gratefully received generous donations from businesses further afield. With everyone's help and support we were able to raise over £200 which went towards the cost of the Honeypot Children's Christmas Party at the Ploughman Hall on 18 December.

Many thanks once again for all your help and support. We could not have done it without you all! See you next year.

The Honeypot Committee

Village Directory

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

Council	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
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
	Honey Pot 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
Halls	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
	Allotments - See Willingham Combined Charities below		
Local Representatives	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Mr G Redhead	01954 288944
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs R. 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	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
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	Mr Gordon Spackman	01954 260066
	Parish Church	Mrs Gillian Macnaghten	01954 261817

Resolutions

New Year's resolutions made? How many have been broken already? There is still LENT (starts 17 February) to give up the excesses! Or can the following help you find the new you?

Tips from the 1930s

Simple beauty hints: The best way to start the day is with a glass of hot water, in which there is a teaspoonful of lemon-juice.

After this, you can spend a profitable five minutes by taking 20 deep breaths in front of an open window, and doing the arm-drill of schooldays –

1. hands on the shoulder
2. hands outward stretch
3. hands on the shoulder
4. hands down

Don't do this exercise slackly. Put some vigour into it and you'll be surprised how energetic you feel after it.

Walking is a splendid way of keeping slim. You cannot do too much walking.

Skipping is also a splendid exercise. Sixty skips a day don't take long and they are splendid for increasing the output of energy and helping to burn up the waste fuel of the body.

Etiquette for women:

VISITING CARDS AND THEIR USES. The first rule about visiting cards is that you should have the right kind of cards to leave. No matter if you already know exactly when to leave two cards, or three, or one, as the case may be, your knowledge of the 'right thing to do' will be judged by the correctness, or otherwise, of your visiting cards. So let us consider this point thoroughly before going into the matter of when and how to leave them.

Luckily, the rules about what is correct and what is not are quite definite. First and foremost, the card *must* be plain white and of good quality, with square corners. Do not let anyone persuade you that gilt edges, or deckle edges, or rounded corners or tinted cards are the newest and latest thing: all such variations are in distinctly bad taste. Equally to be avoided is any kind of elaborate lettering. If you are wise you will go to a really good stationer for them: 'cheap' cards nearly always look cheap. One thing you must be very clear about. The name and address are not to be printed, but *engraved*. This means that the lettering will be copperplate, looking as though written on the card.

Etiquette for men:

RAISING YOUR HAT. It is not necessary to raise your hat if you see a lady of your acquaintance in a public vehicle in which you are also a passenger. A little smile or nod is sufficient. Otherwise, you should always raise your hat when meeting a lady whom you know. If the lady is a close friend, raise your hat immediately she gets near; but if you do not know her very well, you should wait until she acknowledges your presence before raising your hat.

You should also raise your hat when meeting a male friend accompanied by a lady, whether you know the lady or not; and when walking with a lady who meets someone she knows; and when walking with a man who has occasion to raise his hat.

A final word about hat-raising. While there is no need for a sweeping movement like that of the cavalier of other days, do not go to the other extreme and simply touch the brim with your forefinger, as many men have a habit of doing in these days. Raise the hat just clear of the head for a moment; that is the correct procedure.



16 February – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Tuesday Recipe

(To serve six)

150 g (5 oz) plain flour

Pinch salt

1 egg

250 ml (1/2 pint) milk and water mixed

1 teaspoon oil

Hazelnut-sized knob of butter

Sugar and/or lemon and /or jam for serving – whatever you want

Put the flour and salt in a large bowl and make a well in the centre. Break in the egg and start stirring it round with a wooden spoon, gradually incorporating the flour.

- * As the mixture becomes thick add the milk and water gradually, beating all the time.
- * When you have a smooth batter, allow the batter to stand for 30 minutes then beat again.
- * To make the pancakes, heat a small frying pan - one that you know will not stick. When it is hot put in a little oil and a hazelnut of butter, and swill it round to cover the bottom of the pan.
- * Now dip into the batter with a ladle and pour in just enough to cover the bottom of the pan. Tip the pan to spread the batter evenly. Let it cook until all the batter is just set – it should be brown underneath, if it isn't the heat is too low.
- * Now slide a spatula under the middle and turn/flip it. Cook the underside briefly and transfer it to a hot plate.
- * Serve the pancakes as you cook them, with slices of lemon and caster sugar and roll them. Or make a mound of them and keep them hot to serve all at once.

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Some of our items are for sale on eBay at <http://shop.ebay.co.uk/rosieinstitches2010/m.html>

solution to puzzle on page 14

Across: 1 Pacific, 8 Let down, 9 Average, 10 Account, 11 Scrub, 13 Eye-liners, 15 Indignant, 18 Hades, 21 Parasol, 22 Admiral, 23 Canteen, 24 Tidiest.

Down: 1 Pears, 2 Cheer, 3 Flabbergasted, 4 Cleave, 5 Stick-in-the-mud, 6 Volume, 7 Unites, 12 Clan, 14 Rake, 15 Impact, 16 Daring, 17 Aslant, 19 Dirge, 20 Split.

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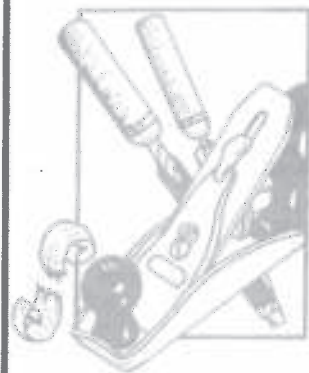
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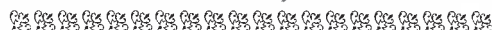
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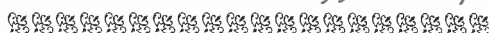
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