

# WILLINGHAM NEWS



March 2010

## A New Website for Willingham

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

An outcome of the Parish Plan was a wish to see improved communication and access to information about what Willingham has to offer and what is happening in the village.

The Willingham Action Group has responded by creating a new website, which means that everything you need to know about Willingham will only be a couple of clicks away once 'bookmarked' on your computer. It is intended that the new website will compliment the official Parish Council site, and Willingham News.

The site, designed free of charge by Guy Beauchamp (ASKOMIL), is very user friendly and easy to navigate being presented initially in five sections, each with their own drop down menus of sub-sections:

Home  
Directory  
Calendar  
About Willingham  
Village Services

We see the site evolving once people have become familiar with the structure and content. We encourage you to respond with your comments and ideas for future development. We already have some ideas such as a Skills Register, Situations Vacant, a Local Produce page, a volunteering and possibly a classified page plus a 'have your say' page. We also need to think about the Children/Youth pages. We welcome your contributions  
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## RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes

A year ago, students in Year Seven at Swavesey Village College began working on an art project for us. We have wooden panels at some of the viewpoints around Elney Lake, and we wanted to make them a bit more interesting.



The students were asked to create art work that would stand up to our weather throughout the year – frosts, flooding, and direct sun. Their solution was a set of ceramic tiles, each one depicting some of the local wildlife.

We are very pleased with the work, and have installed the first few on the screen at the south-east corner of Elney Lake, close to Fen Drayton village. More tiles will be installed at various points over the next few months. Do look out for them when you next go for a walk.

March is changeover month for wildlife. The flocks of wildfowl that have been with us over the winter will be leaving, to return to their distant breeding areas of northern Europe and Russia. Plants will be coming back to life – look out for catkins on willows and hazels, which provide nectar for the new season's first bumble bees. By the end of March, the first of the summer birds will be back here. Chiffchaffs will return from the Mediterranean regions, while sand martins will have been south of the Sahara Desert.

Our new events programme begins in April, and leaflets are now available from us at the Lakes, and at Ron's Farm Shop. (Thanks Ron!)

We have two guided walks in March. The first begins at 10 30 am on the 11th, when we'll be concentrating on ducks. The second, on 21st, begins at 1 30 pm and will be searching for signs of spring – early flowers, leaves opening, birds singing. Charges are £4 per person (£2 RSPB members, £1 children). There is no need to book for either of these walks, which start at the car park next to Holywell Lake.

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## Honeypot Pre-school Nearly New Sale

The Honeypot committee would like to invite you to the 2010 nearly new sale, to be held on Saturday 20 March from 10 00 am – 12 00 noon at Willingham Primary School.

Support us by buying and selling good quality baby and children's books, clothes and toys, nursery equipment and maternity wear.

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### Police Contacts: 08454 564564

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## From the Parish Council

### Salt Bins

Willingham Parish Council is in discussions with Cambridgeshire County Council regarding the provision of salt bins for public use. Further news on this will be provided in the next *Willingham News*.

### County Council News

County Councillor Johnstone informed Willingham Parish Council that there were still 300 items outstanding on the Guided Busway snag list, including three serious defects. Negotiations were in train but the Council had refused to spend any more public money. Thus, the opening date is still unknown!

### District Council News

The question of Wardens was still an issue; the Supporting People initiative was due to come into force sometime in the future and was an unknown quality; a watching brief was likely in the shorter term.

Taxes would increase by 3%.

### Police News for the Local Area

There have been nine crimes in Willingham during the previous month, including four vehicle crimes and one burglary. The published crime figures do not always reflect the true extent of crime as some victims do not want published details of the crimes affecting them personally. Four people have been arrested for the

robbery at One-Stop. Extra personnel including detached youth workers will be deployed in the village with the aim of building up trust with young people.

### Ministerial Visit

We had a ministerial visit in February. Shahid Malik, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department of Communities and Local Government came to Willingham to see at first hand issues regarding traveller sites. He met County, District and Parish Councillors in a constructive meeting. The Willingham Parish Council representatives reiterated their submission to the recent SCDC consultatio about the long history of the traveller community in the area, some of the past problems and the recent strain on the infrastructure despite considerable progress in integration. They stressed very strongly the importance of maintaining a balance to meet the demands of all residents and pointed to the disproportionate ratio of traveller sites to permanent homes in Willingham compared with most of the 102 villages in SCDC. The Minister took detailed notes and later went on to visit a number of the traveller sites.

### Parish Council Elections

Election time is near and we are not talking about the General Election but about Local Elections and in particular Willingham Parish Council Elections on May 6. WPC has fifteen councillors of whom up to a third will be standing down. There is no pay and very few expenses. If you are looking for a new duck house then do not apply. But if you do feel that Willingham needs change or you feel that you can bring something to the community then please put yourself forward. The council warmly welcomes new members and will be delighted to see applicants from across the whole community.

To find out more please contact the Parish Clerk on 01954 261027 or the Parish Chairman on 01954 260780 or any of the Councillors listed in this Newsletter. To apply you will need to arrange for two local residents to nominate you and complete a simple nomination form available from the Parish Office or by telephoning or emailing the clerk. You must submit this before noon on the 8 April 2010.

### 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 there is 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
<b>Mr I Barratt</b>	01954-261609
<b>Mr H Berry</b>	01954-204575
<b>Mr M Borland</b>	01954-203347
<b>Mr J Burnett</b> (Leisure and Amenities Lead Councillor)	01954-270338
<b>Mr A Cook</b>	01954-260325
<b>Mrs K Cornwell</b>	01954-261530
<b>Mrs P Daniels</b>	01954-260505
<b>Mr R Foster</b>	01954-261293
<b>Mr P King</b> (Council Chair)	01954-260780
<b>Mr B Kirkman</b> (Green and Boundaries Lead Councillor)	01954-260393
<b>Mr R Manning</b> (also Leader of the District Council)	01954-261235
<b>Mr S Mellows</b>	01954-270063
<b>Mrs R Mumford</b> (Halls Lead Councillor)	01954-260934
<b>Mr G Pake</b> (Cemetery Lead 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 3 March 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.*

*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 may be made by calling the Office. There is an answerphone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.*

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to the photo Gallery, news and stories about Willingham. If you are organising an event get it into the calendar.

The directories, searched by key words, have been assembled from information available from Willingham News and the Parish Plan but inevitably there will be omissions and updates of information to be included. We will need your input to continually update the information base so use the links to be found on the website.

Businesses are requested to check their entry details. If your business is not listed we can easily create a new entry or add whatever information you wish about your business, just use the links in the website. Once the scope of the site is known we hope it will become the first choice to search for information, and that could be 'your' business. So if you want to be found, and you want the business, be on the new website.

We look forward to hearing from you and to your participation in the evolution of the new website for Willingham. Happy navigating!

*WAG Website Group*



### **From PCSO Diana Neill**

I would like to make you aware of a possible Bogus Trader offering tarmac for a small charge and then vastly inflating the prices.

If traders cold call and do work, they are obliged by law to give the consumer a notice giving his details and the consumers rights to cancel within 7 days.

If they do not give this notice they commit an offence which Trading Standards will prosecute.

I would strongly advise anyone that if they are cold called, they should not agree to work being carried out.

If you are interested then take the traders details and get further quotes for the work you wish to have carried out before committing yourself.

Please do not hesitate to contact the police for any concerns and questions regarding this matter.

For non emergencies call 0345 456 456 4  
For emergencies call 999

To stay anonymous please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

### **Good news from the police**

In the evening of Wednesday 27 January some of you will have noticed the police helicopter over the village and are wondering what it was all about.

Just after 9.00 pm we were called to a business premises in Willingham where it was reported that people were seen breaking into outbuildings.

The offenders made off in a vehicle and with the help of the helicopter working with officers on the ground, the vehicle was located in the village within 20 minutes. Property was recovered from the vehicle and a man was arrested shortly afterwards and is currently helping us with our enquiries.

This is another good example of the public calling us quickly about suspicious activity. Thank you and please keep calling!

*Your neighbourhood policing team*

## **Willingham WI**



We had a very busy (24 teams) successful Quiz Night on Friday 29 January at the Social Club. The questions were impeccable, thanks to Anne Kirkman for her brilliant input, and thank you to Gill who was the perfect hostess and all the helpers without whom the evening would not have gone so smoothly. We managed to raise £444.67 which is incredible.

The winning teams were: The Main Quiz – Mrs Jean Oates team and The Marathon – Willingham Library team. We had 27 raffle prizes which was superb so thank you to everyone that contributed.

We already have at least 10 teams signed up for the quiz next January, and as we were oversubscribed if you want to get in early please let me know and nearer the time we will give you a call. Jacky on 01954 261831



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Please note the new times. Come and see Karen for a personal consultation. Follow a healthy diet with 3 meals a day to help you lose weight for the summer. £2 50/week.

### Swine flu vaccinations for the under fives

Please ring reception if you would like to make an appointment to protect your child against swine flu.

**Medicines Waste Campaign** Cambridgeshire PCT are currently running a publicity campaign to reduce the large number of medicines being wasted across the county. **The cost of wasted medicines in Cambridgeshire is now estimated to be more than £5 million per year.** Did you know that even unopened medicines cannot be used again and have to be destroyed? Please take your unused medicines to your local pharmacy or dispensary for safe disposal.

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**Repeat prescriptions** We need your help to reduce medicines waste and to ensure that limited NHS funding resources can be used to provide essential patient care. **Please only order those items on your repeat medication list that you actually need each month.** Do not stockpile medicines. To order your repeat medication **phone dispensary on 260073**, or **leave your written repeat prescription order form** at either Willingham or Longstanton surgeries, or you can now **order on line**. To set up the facility to order on line

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*Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager*

### WILLINGHAM SURGERY OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
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
Emergencies		4 00 – 6 00

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Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 30
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	CLOSED
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

## Black Bull Golf Society

**To all golf enthusiasts...**

The Black Bull Golf Society would like to invite any keen golfers to play with their local golf society. For more information you can email us at [bbgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bbgs@hotmail.co.uk). Or you can check out the Black Bull notice board for up and coming events.

## Mothers' Union



The next monthly meeting will take place on Monday 29 March at 2 30 pm in St.Marys & All Saints Church, Willingham. We shall be having a Lady Day Service. Don't forget the Bring & Buy Stall. Transport can be arranged, ring 260688.



## 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 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 in May usually.

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

### Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 1 March, Mike Petter will speak to us about 'The Fens in the forties and the floods.' This meeting is also the Club AGM so we ask existing members to consider whether they would be willing to support the Committee by joining the Committee or by offering help for either or both of the two main events of the year, namely the annual plant stall in May and the Horticultural Show in September. Please attend the AGM to signify your willingness or contact a Committee member. Telephone numbers appear on your annual Club card.

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 if sufficient bookings have been registered to enable the bookings to be confirmed.

## Sudoku set by Willow

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9				4				

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## VILLAGE FUNDAY

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## Letter to the Editor



Hi, I'm Jimmy Ryan and I am running in this year's London Marathon. The Marathon takes place on Sunday 25 April and I am running in aid of Cancer Research and in memory of my father-in-law and younger brother who both died as a result of Cancer. You can sponsor me on line by going to [www.runningsponsorme.org/jamesryan1](http://www.runningsponsorme.org/jamesryan1): it's quick and easy. Alternatively see either Myra, Claire or myself for sponsor sheet.

Many thanks

Jimmy

## Past Hard Winters.

Whilst many people refer to 1947 as the worst winter they remember, in my case I always think 1939/40 had the lowest temperatures and certainly the most snowfall in this area. I was then stationed at Bassingbourn where the snow was so deep on the side of the snow-ploughed roads that fields were not visible on either side as we walked through this 'cutting' to Royston, whilst airmen on guard duty did one hour on and two hours off instead of the normal two and four which had proved too much due to the low temperature. I then moved to Morecambe in mid-January where the receding tide left sheets of ice on the beach for several weeks.

Whilst in 1947 we had considerable snow and low temperatures for a very long period, it was the heavy rains that followed falling on to frozen ground with winds from the NE direction increasing the height of the spring tides that caused the flooding problem for the people living in the low lying fens and to us on the border, who spent many hours filling sandbags to shore up over filled ditches and rivers. But during both these periods, schools did not close and the weather did not cause the paralysis

it does today: footpaths, shop fronts etc were cleared by their owners or other village residents who had the time.

By 1963 the cold and snow, although less severe, caused more problems because of changing life patterns since many people including teachers now commuted to work, with more deliveries made by road, an increasing reliance on electricity and our demand for unrestricted movement. Disruption increases with each cold spell resulting in the current near-paralysis owing to this changed life style and an over-zealous health and safety executive trying to achieve the impossible of a risk-free environment. This makes the voluntary worker vulnerable in case of accident to the repercussions likely in a society litigation hungry due to the 'no risk' accident chasing compensation lawyers.

Winters were more severe in my youth but caused far less problems, and even increased mobility for my Grand Father who skated from Chittering to Ely on the river for 6 consecutive weeks in the late 1800s, which was quicker than his only alternative of walking, so should we blame the weather for the disruption, or the life style we have chosen to adopt?

*Tony Manning*

An Auction of Promises is is when people make a promise to donate their time, a skill, or an item. Bidders then bid to win the items they are interested in. The highest bidder wins. Bids may be placed on the day or given in beforehand when bids will be placed on the bidders behalf up to their maximum bid.

Why not write the date (15th May) on your calendar now and come along for a lively afternoon bidding against your friends and neighbours and win yourself a bargain too!

Examples of the type of lots we expect to receive are very varied and include such things as babysitting, gardening, reiki, homoeopathy, financial planning, cakes, boiler service, pony riding, drumming lesson, flower arranging lesson, architectural consultation, vouchers for an activity day, unwanted gifts - the only limit is your imagination!

Please contact Jennifer Hulford (01954 261311) if you would like to receive a copy of the catalogue and further details re bidding or if you would like to donate a promise.

Funds raised from this event will be used to support the Willingham Scout Group.

Join with Christians Together in Willingham on Good Friday, April 2, 10 00 am at St Mary's church, then a silent walk around the village behind the cross to the village green for a short act of worship. This year we will not place flowers on the cross until 9 00 am on Easter Sunday morning.

### Willingham Combined Charity

I the near future we hope to have Allotments for rent in the vicinity of Church St Willingham the rent for these will be per annum £10 and a further £30 is required as a deposit, this would be refunded on the satisfactory completion of the tenancy interested persons should contact Lyn Curtis 260284

## Bin Collections

<b>3 March:</b>	Black Bin.
<b>10 March:</b>	Green Bin and Box.
<b>17 March:</b>	Black Bin.
<b>24 March:</b>	Green Bin and Box.
<b>31 March:</b>	Black Bin.

## Pastoral Letter

*'Life is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish, but you can only spend it once.'* This is something I read recently in a little book I use for daily devotions, and it made me think and even question the truth of the statement. Perhaps you have at sometime bought an item of clothing, or something else, and then later taken it back for a refund because it was faulty. In that case you have spent money but are able to spend it again. However, generally, once you have spent your money it is gone.

We only have one life and we must all consider very carefully how we spend it. What legacy will you leave? How will people remember you after you have gone? Is your life making a positive difference to others? Life is a God-given gift. He is Designer-in-Chief and has a purpose in your creation and continued existence. We can get by on our own, of course, but why make do with second best?

So often we ignore instructions on food packaging. Sometimes we are advised to 'stand in a pan of hot water and simmer.' I have never tried that and imagine it would be rather uncomfortable. Some food packaging has serving suggestions - usually almost insultingly obvious, for example, cereals best served in a bowl! The Bible is full of instructions for best results for living and serving suggestions. The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew chapters 5-8 gives great advice for life. 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' 'Don't get angry with your brother.' 'Love your enemies and pray for those who give you grief.' 'Don't judge others.' 'Sort out your own problems before you seek to help others with their problems.' This is all good stuff and will help us all to enjoy life much more. We will have much better relationships with friends, family and neighbours and discover that the joy we can bring to others will enrich their lives and our own. There is a cracking verse in John chapter 10 verse 10 when Jesus gives the reason for his coming to earth. He said, 'I have come that you might have life and have it to the full.' That's the kind of life I want. Living it large has always been God's intention for all of us and we can do that best by following the maker's instructions and his serving suggestions.

*You only have one life. How will you spend yours?*

Trevor Rowe  
Baptist Church

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### Women's Institute

### March Charity Lunch

The March meeting of Willingham WI will take place on Monday 8 March at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. The speaker will be Linda Horne whose subject is *Chinese Painting*.

New members 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 look forward to welcoming you.

The next charity lunch in support of Motor Neurone Disease Association will be held on 13 March at 1 00 pm at the home of Steve and Heather Mellows, 28 Church Street. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs £3. All are welcome.

£600 was donated to last year to the Mercy Ships. Over the last few years a total of £3690 has been donated to different charities.





## 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 10 - 14 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** 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. **There will be no Coffee Stop on 2 March as the Octagon is in use.**

**Cakes** The cake stall this month will be on Saturday 6 March - the first Saturday of the month. It takes place at the church, from 10 00 am, but it's a good idea to arrive early because the cakes sell quickly.

**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, and they produce quite a large income each year. This is particularly welcome because work will soon be starting on the repair of the north aisle roof.

## Salvation Army

**Lunch** alternate Thursdays at 12 30 pm, this month: 11th and 25th.

**Coffee morning** every Monday at 10 00 am, and craft meeting at 2 00 pm.



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# THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET

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

## 7 March

5 00 pm Worship

## 14 March

5 00 pm Worship

## 21 March

5 00 pm Worship

## 28 March

5 00 pm Worship

# ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM

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

## 7 March

11 00 am Parish Communion

## 14 March Mothering Sunday

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)\*

11 00 am All Age Worship

6 00 pm Evensong

## 21 March

11 00 am Parish Communion

## 28 March Palm Sunday

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 **March 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).

If you would like to attend a service but need a lift, telephone Heather Mellows – 270063 – if possible on Saturday.

# WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET

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

## March 7

10 00 am Difficult choices (led by Keith Rawlinson)

6 00 pm 'The Corrupt Church'

## March 14

10 00 am Mothers' Day Celebration with the uniformed organisations

6 00 pm 'The Feeble Church'

## March 21

9 00 am Traditional service led by Andrew Wyllie

10 45 am 'King's Cross', All-age celebration in Willingham Primary School

6 00 pm 'The Faithful Church', led by Liz Herrington

## Mar28

10 00 am 'The Coming King', led by Kathryn Wright

6 00 pm 'The Foolish Church'

Any enquiries please contact:

Rev Trevor Rowe (Minister)

(01954 261193), Hilary Wyllie

(Church Secretary) (01954 260051),

# 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 March, Earith Road, Elm Way, Fen End, George Street and the Green will be in our thoughts..

## Concert in the Parish Church

Jennifer Thompson

will sing popular classics in  
Willingham Parish Church

17 April 2010 at 7 30 pm

with Jackie Kirby, Paul  
Ingle, Gordon Hewlett and  
friends

In aid of the Air Ambulance

## Tools for Sierra Leone



Last year we made an appeal in the magazine for tools to be donated for a group of disabled people in Sierra Leone, Africa. Several people responded generously. We had an amazing gift of tools from the workshop of a family who were getting rid of everything to sail round the world on a boat that they had built! We were also given a professional shipping crate, a computer and sewing machines. The whole crate is now packed and being sent by sea. It will arrive this month to an excited and grateful group of men, women and children. We would like to thank all those who contributed or helped with this project in any way.

*Jon Edney & Peter Doherty.*

## Willingham Carpet Bowls Club

The Carpet Bowls Club held a Disco on Saturday 6 February at the Social Club with all proceeds being donated to Motor Neurone Disease Association.

We would like to thank everyone that supported the Disco and the generosity of the many people that gave us prizes for the raffle and participated to make the evening a great success.

We made a magnificent **£785.10**.

*Maddy Peck & Gill Brown*  
On behalf of the Carpet Bowls Club



The Willingham Wheels Cycling Club plan to organise a monthly 'social' bike ride, nothing too heavy and trying to keep off the main roads wherever possible. The first of these for this year will be on Sunday 25 April. These will normally take the form of a leisurely ride out to a pub or meeting place to relax and then back to Willingham.

Alongside these rides we can also organise a road or cross-country course for people who want a more challenging ride, all ending up at the named location roughly at the same time. If you are interested then please put this date in your diary, everybody is welcome. More details of the actual courses will be given next month.

### Ready to Roll...

Willingham Wheels cycling club was formed in April last year on the initiative of Willingham Action Group and Mike Tidball and Graham Mumby in particular. Thanks to the efforts of Jackie Rooks (now Jackie Walker and living in Burwell) and Lee Hill (now concentrating on his triathleticism), it got off to a flying start with several successful and well-attended rides and a website. We currently have some 40 names on the mailing list and are looking forward to getting everyone – and more, if you would care to join us – into the saddle again as the days get longer. Having held a meeting in the Duke on January 14 to plan the year, we intend to run regular road and cross-country rides as before – i.e. on **Wednesday evenings** (times either 7 00 or 7 30 pm depending on month) and **Sunday mornings** 9 30 am; standard: challenging (which means initially aiming for an average of say 11-14 mph cross country and 15-18 mph on the road). We usually meet at the **Green**. There is to be one **gentle/social ride** per month from April to be organised by a different member each time. Duration: approx. 1 hour each way with a **pub stop or picnic** in between. There will also hopefully be one or two trips to **Thetford Forest** – to be organised on an ad hoc basis. These could be included as social rides with Green, Blue, Red and Black circuits available to suit all levels. And we are looking at various 'sportives' during the year, including **London to Cambridge** (57 miles, July 25) and **Oxford to Cambridge** (87 miles, October 3). After the success of 2009, one 'sportif' that is definitely on is the **Willingham Feast Pilgrimage Ride to Ely Cathedral** (and back! or get someone to pick you up) on Sunday October 10.

Other activities such as **bike maintenance sessions** and an end-of-season **club dinner** are also on the agenda. We hope to link our website (new one under development) to the new WillinghamLife website, but until that happens, please contact Paul on 01954 270194 or at p.knighton@runbox.com for inclusion and info.



## Willingham Library

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://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

#### County Council Budget Cuts

Many of you will have seen that the Council has to cut its spending by 25% over the next three years, which will obviously have a big impact on the library service. When these cuts are made, libraries with fewest users will be in danger. If you have got out of the habit of using Willingham library or are new to the village, why not come and see what's on offer:

#### Books

We have a great selection of adult's and children's books for loan but if you can't see the book you want, we can request it to be sent to Willingham Library free of charge. You can take up to 12 books at a time for 3 weeks and it's free.

#### Spoken Word Cassettes and CDs

If you are too busy to read, why not take a talking book to listen to at home or in the car. A 3 week loan costs £2.20 or is free if you are over 60.

#### Internet & Microsoft Office

Library members can use library computers free of charge for an hour each day (subject to demand) for:

Internet and email

Word processing or spreadsheets

Researching family history on Ancestry.com

On-line encyclopaedias, dictionaries and directories

#### Library Access from Home

Library members can, free of charge, use library resources on-line at home to:

Access their library accounts to renew and request

Use many of the library's subscription services such as Encyclopaedia Britannica, Who's Who, Whitaker's Almanac and the Times Newspaper Digital Archive to name but a few  
Look up courses in Cambridgeshire on CamLearn

#### Engage in the Afternoon

Come along to these special free sessions for adults on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 00 to 3 30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee/biscuits and a chance to change books and use the computers. Stephen Drake of Willingham Auctions gave a really fascinating and well-attended talk about his life as an auctioneer at our February session.

*Future sessions:*

Wednesday 3 March – Bill Kirkman on 'Africa – Hopeless or Hopeful'

Wednesday 7 April - Carol Bailey - Flower arrangements for Springtime.

Wednesday 5 May - Reminiscence Session - a trip 'Down Memory Lane'

Wednesday 2 June – Mary Nichols – Historical Novelist

#### Friends Group

Another way of helping to support your library is to join the Friends of Willingham Library. They promote the library within the community by organising events such as talks by authors, local history exhibitions and children's events. The more members there are the more it demonstrates that the residents care, so even if you do not want to play an active role, please join now. There is a small subscription of £5 a year to help fund events. Pick up a membership form from the library.

## Raising Funds for East Anglian Air Ambulance

My son Aaron was killed by a Cottenham skip lorry driver age 19 on 16 March 2009.

He was well known by the local community and last year on his 20th birthday, 18 April, we held a motorbike/car rally to Sunny Hunny when we raised almost £3,000, mostly from our village, in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance. For this I give my heartfelt thanks.

This year, for Aaron's 21st we are continuing the fund raiser with a ride to Gt. Yarmouth. This will be Sunday 16 April. Anyone who would like to take part please contact me on: [samsback47@yahoo.com](mailto:samsback47@yahoo.com).

We ask everyone who joins us to get a minimum sponsorship of £20, but there is no maximum.

If you would like to donate without taking part on the day – again please contact me.

If you are a local trader and willing to have a sponsorship form for collections – also contact me.

At the time of sending this I do not have the details confirmed for the time and meeting place for the rally, but that will be available by the time this goes to press.

East Anglian Air Ambulance is solely funded by charity donations and save many lives every year. Sadly they could not do anything for Aaron, but I know he would want his name and memory to be in conjunction with such a worthy cause.

Anyone of us, any day of the week, could unfortunately need their help, so please help them now.

Gwen Cook

## Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>March</b>				
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
8	'Chinese Painting'	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
13	Charity Lunch		28 Church St	1 00 pm
20	Nearly New Sale	Honeypot Preschool	Primary School	10 00 am – 12 00 am Lynne 01954 261173
20	Swing/Jazz Night	Fen Edge Association	CVC	
29	Lady Day Service	Mothers Union	St Marys and All Saints	2 30 pm 260688
<b>April</b>				
7	Carol Bailey - Flower arrangements for Springtime	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 00–3 30 pm
9	Quiz night		Over Day Centre	7 30 pm 231807
17	Concert		St Marys and All Saints	7 30 pm
25	Social Bike Ride	Willingham Wheels		
<b>May</b>				
15	Family Fun Day	Willingham Scout Group	Recreation Ground	2 - 5 pm

## Old Willingham

Last month we showed a picture of a bicycle shop taken around 1920. This shop was on Church Street next door but one to the church. At that time this shop was owned by H.A. Thoday. This is likely the same H. Thoday that lived on Fen End and took many photos around that time. The building may have been pulled down or may have burnt down but our regular correspondent tells us that in the 1930s Jack Young (an ex patrol man with the

AA) built a corrugated iron workshop on this site to repair and service cycles and motor cycles. The business declined as cars took over and the property passed to 'Wilfred Searle' the village Barber who had outgrown his old premises (half of the cottage opposite the Church Street junction that have recently been renovated.) The remainder of the plot was owned by 'Lucy Tibbet' who moved from the house facing the Church to a new one on the plot. The last use the old shop was as a Ladies' hairdresser which many still remember. This in turn was demolished recently and new premises substituted.

*From Milford Jeeps:*

Early in the 1920s these buildings and the house on the right of the photo were owned by my father, Harold Jeeps. The cycle shop was was run by a Harold Garner and then taken over by a Mr Young of Rampton. He installed a coin operated petrol pump, selling petrol at one shilling a gallon.

The cycle shop burnt down and was replaced by a barbers run by Wilfred Searle. This was built using packing cases that had been used for importing car parts from the USA.



OldWillingham.com

# Village Directory

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

<b>Council</b>	Parish Council ( <i>See full details on page 6</i> )		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	Rob Laycock	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	Pam Buckridge	01954 780714
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Little Notes Music group	Laura Thomas	01954 260226
	Rock Solid (Baptist Church)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Kids' Friday Club (Baptist Church)	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	Alan Leeks	01954 250061
	<i>Cambridge News</i> 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
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261526
	Willingham Sports Pavillion	David Clarke	01954 260600
	Willingham Wheels cycling club	Paul Knighton	01954 270194
<b>Churches</b>	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Bookings	Julie Stock	01954 202221
	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



## Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives

**Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday  
21 May 2010**

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 21 May 2010 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 80 suppers taking part in England and Wales. In 2010 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1 000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40 000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, 'The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.'

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives.'

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)



### Cambridge Branch Nearly New Sale

High Quality Nearly New Clothes  
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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**2.30pm to 4.00pm**

at Comberton Leisure  
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West Street, Comberton  
CB23 7DU

**Entrance £1** (Donation to branch)

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For General Enquiries or to advertise your small business at the sale,  
please contact Steven Wilson. 01223 423457

We need over **100 volunteers** to run the sale, if you wish to help  
please contact Sarah Bowie on **01223 894839**.

**Sellers wanted**, to sell please call our registration line  
on **07742 602363**

**Friday 26th March 2010, 7.30pm**  
**Rampton Village Hall**

Flossie is a French singer/comedienne with an extraordinary and beautiful voice who interprets songs in three languages, French, English and Spanish whilst entertaining the audience with her franglais patter. After many years singing in France both solo and in bands she is now making a real impact on the UK folk scene singing a wide range of both contemporary and traditional material ranging from Bonnie Raitt to Jacques Brel. She has released 6 albums including "Hymne à l'amour" which is a tribute to Edith Piaf's genius and sensitivity. In the spring she is supporting Fairport Convention on their British tour. There will be a licensed bar.

*"Here is a sensational performer. She intrigues listeners with her quaint French-Geordie accent and charms them with her stories and ready laughter. Yet it is her singing that bowls them over. An artist's artist, a people's artist, here is a mammoth talent emphatically radiating that magical X-factor. A veritable show stopper!"* Wheaton Aston Festival

**To book tickets please contact Alison Bateson on  
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## Let's get Quizzical...

Friday 9th April

Take a duster to the cranial cobwebs, and get down to the fundraising Quiz Night at the Over Day Centre!

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Tickets cost £10 per person (this includes a chip supper) and are available from Ladybirds, The Corner Shop and Cambridge Building Society in Cottenham as well as CVC. The night will start at 7 30 pm with a dancing demonstration and chance to learn some steps, before the live band swings into action. We will be selling beer, wine and soft drinks at the bar all night until 11 30 pm.

We do hope you will join us for this exciting night of entertainment for the whole of the Fen Edge - come with friends, have some food and drink, dust off those dancing shoes and enjoy a night of fabulous music. We look forward to seeing you there!

solution to puzzle on page 9

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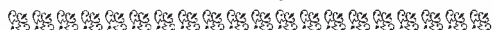
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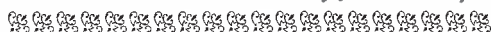
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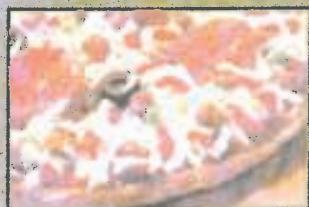
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