

WILLINGHAM NEWS



April 2010

Meadow Road – action taken on fly tipping

At a meeting on 25 February, organised by the Parish Council, action to tackle the problem of fly tipping in Meadow Road was agreed. Soon afterwards, the action began. The 'before' pictures show the extent of the problem. The other pictures show some of the action that is being taken.

District Councillor Mrs Ellington chaired the meeting, which was attended by members of the Parish and District Council (including the Council leader, Cllr Ray Manning). Concerned land owners and local residents were there and the gipsy community was represented.

Consensus was quickly reached about what should be done.

- The District Council enforcement team has arranged for surveillance cameras to be sited in Meadow Road to monitor the movement of suspect illegal waste carriers. Legal action will be taken against them if evidence supports the fact that waste has been dumped - or if the vehicles were not registered waste carriers.

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Would you like to help make decisions in keeping Willingham a lovely place to live?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, then why not apply to become a Parish Councillor.

The Local Elections are being held this year in May. Currently we are looking for members of the community to stand for council election.

If you think this is something you would like to do, then come along to our Open Evening ON **TUESDAY 6 April 2010 – 7 pm – 8 30 pm** – The Octagon, Willingham Parish Church. If you are unsure of what is involved, come and find out, chat to our current Councillors and pick up a Nomination Form.

Stop Press

Sorry about the late notification on the quarry exhibition but this was not down to either the Parish Council or Willingham News. Indeed it was only under pressure from the Parish Council that the County Council agreed to hold a Willingham meeting giving less than ten days' notice. Every effort was made to publicise it.

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From the Parish Council

Salt Bins

No update as yet, please watch this space for updates on Salt Bins.

District Council News

There will be a 2.97% increase in Council Tax amounting to an additional £3.36 on a Band D house.

There will now be no changes to the warden service.

Police Matters

Claire Whiteman is the new PCSO for Willingham and introduced herself at the Parish Council Meeting on 3 March. She stated that she will do her best to carry on the good work of her predecessor and will be looking at speeding on Earith, Rampton and Station Roads. She emphasised the need to report crime. (See page 9.)

Meadow Road Clean Up

Photos and details of this are on the front page of the Willingham News this month. The meeting held at the Octagon on 25 February with South Cambridgeshire District Council representatives and Parish Council representatives present was very successful. Approximately 23 people attended. Initial clean up was decided on and various preventative measures put in place to stop people fly tipping in the area. Works have already begun on these and CCTV is already in place,

together with signage for prosecuting anyone caught fly tipping in the area. The main part of the rubbish has already been buried in land site spots. However, your help is needed. When the major works are completed to clear the area, a BIG LITTER PICK will take place. All parishioners are invited to take part in this. Details of times and dates will be published on the Village Notice Board and on the Willingham Parish Council website. Please note the date when it appears and help to clean up the village.

Cambridge and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan

Willingham Parish Council persuaded Cambridgeshire County Council to hold an exhibition in Willingham, albeit very late in the day. Willingham Parish Council will be objecting because of the block to a Western Bypass, the obstruction of existing paths and bridleways and the lack of any common sense in taking millions of tons of gravel to St Ives to bring it back to Northstowe.

Parish Council Elections

WPC has 15 councillors of whom up to a third will be standing down in May 2010. The council warmly welcomes new members and will be delighted to see applicants from across the whole community. An open evening for anyone interested is being held in the Octagon, 6 April 7 pm – 8 30 pm. Please come along and ask our current Councillors what is involved and pick up a nomination form.

To find out more please contact the Parish Clerk on 01954 261027 or the Parish Council Chairman on 01954 260780 or any of the Councillors listed opposite. To apply you will need to arrange for two local residents to nominate you, and complete a simple nomination form available at our Open Evening; also available from the Parish Office or by telephoning or emailing the clerk. You must submit this before noon on 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 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), 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.

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

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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 and 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 Lead Councillor)	01954-260934
Mr G Pake (Cemetery Lead Councillor)	01954-260534

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 7 April 2010 at The Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road and is open to the public.

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Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge

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- Signage has been placed in Meadow Road stating that surveillance is being carried out and that severe fines could be imposed if persons are caught tipping (£50,000 and/or five years imprisonment).
- Some enforcement action is to be taken to compel absent land owners to remove waste and dispose of it correctly.
- Land owners have agreed to remove small plots of rough coppice and to cut back hedges, to stop the tippers having cover while tipping.
- The District Council agreed to move the large amount of fly tipped material already in place in field entrances to form a 'bund' (that is, a tank trap type of mound) along one side of Meadow Road, to protect the main area of fly tipping on private land. The entrances to unused plots of land are being blocked to prevent illegal access to land where tipping is taking place. Bam Nuttall, the contractors for the guided busway, have provided 20 large concrete blocks for this, and to reinforce the bund.
- Land owners in those areas that have been covered in fly tipped tree and garden waste will be allowed to burn this off.

All this work began in March. The Parish Council is hoping to organise a litter pick of the grass verges and ditches.

This is the first such initiative to be attempted to combat fly tipping.

Parishioners can play their part by reporting sighting in Meadow Road of any lorry carrying rubbish. If possible, note the registration number. The number for reporting incidents to the police is: **08454 564564**. Don't forget to ask for an incident number.

Jottings from your County Councillor

I have said very little about the progress of the guided busway over recent months, partly because it has been very difficult to know what to say. The work, while of generally good quality, has been painfully slow. I say good quality because I was lucky enough to be able to try out the busway last year. The ride quality was excellent – a bit like being on a tube train and it will certainly be a more pleasant and reliable alternative to travelling along the A14 to either St Ives or Cambridge. The last few months, however, have proved immensely frustrating. Nuttall should have completed the entire guideway well over 12 months ago; they promised completion on a number of occasions, prompting Stagecoach and Whippet to register services to run along the guideway from last November. It is deeply depressing that Nuttall have failed, yet again, to complete the guideway to a standard that will enable the County Council to accept it. Just as when buying a new house, you would not accept one that contained defects; or at least unless the builder had accepted the defects and agreed to fix them to a satisfactory standard. Anyone walking along the maintenance track between Swavesey and St Ives can see that it has not been built correctly. In many places the track is below the ditch that flood water is supposed to drain into. Now I am not a scientist, but even I know that water cannot run uphill! While this defect might seem minor, the County Council cannot accept the guideway in this condition. This is just one of a small number of defects that Nuttall need to correct before buses can start running. In the meantime, each time I get in my car and drive over the Windmill Bridge, or across one of the junctions, I rue the fact that I could have been using a more sustainable way of getting to work, if only Nuttall had delivered what they promised.

On a more positive note, last December the government did another U-turn and announced that Northstowe would, after all, be included in the eco-town proposals. This week I learnt that the project has been given £1.5m for some initial work to develop the eco-town plan. One of the most significant elements will be retro-fitting the existing houses in Northstowe to bring them up to higher standards. I hope that this will be welcome news to residents of these houses. There will also be an Information Centre giving advice on sustainable development.

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

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Holiday vaccinations If you are planning a holiday abroad this year remember that you will need to make

an appointment with the nurse at least six weeks before you travel in order to make sure you get full protection.

Still not had your swine flu vaccination? If you are in an at risk group due to a medical condition it is not too late to protect yourself against a serious bout of flu. Advice from the Department of Health is that an injection now will help to provide you with protection for the next flu season. If you are housebound and need a visit for your flu injection, please ring reception.

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
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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

Willingham Badminton Club - Vacancies

Willingham Badminton Club meets in the Ploughman Hall every Tuesday between 8 pm and 10 pm. The Ploughman Hall has a full size badminton court with suspended wooden floor and very good ceiling height.

We are a friendly club with a good playing standard, but we do not play in the league. Our membership numbers are limited because there is only one court, however there are a few vacancies from April.

If you are interested in joining the club, or would like to come along and see what it is like, or require more information please contact John 01954 260478 or Bridget 01954 260335.

Willingham Gardening Club

Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 5 April at our Club Meeting W Morris will speak to us about a 'Rampage round your greenhouse.' This will include tips on most aspects of the culture of greenhouse grown fruit and vegetables and of seedlings for later planting outdoors.

Outings

Our first outing will be to RHS Wisley in Surrey on Saturday 15 May leaving the Green, Willingham at 8 30 am. Other pick-up points e.g. High Street may be used by arrangement with Celia. The gardens at Wisley are world famous and house magnificent collections of azaleas and rhododendrons. There are well stocked fish ponds with aquatic and marginal plants. Wisley has one of the best rock gardens in England. There are areas of small display gardens, long herbaceous borders, roses, flowering shrubs and woodland walks. The tropical and temperate greenhouse is not to be missed. There is a good plant and garden centre and the refreshment facilities are excellent. The cost is £17 pp and non-members are welcome to join us. If you wish to come with us contact Celia on the above number to reserve your seat on the coach.

We shall announce details of other outings in due course when arrangements have been made.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 22 May - Club Annual Plant Stall sited next to the Post Office, High Street, Willingham from 9 am. Please support us. Club members please help us by donating plants and seedlings for sale. We will have bedding plants, salad plants, vegetable plants, shrubs and perennials for sale at very competitive prices.

Saturday 4 September - Annual Village Horticultural and Craft Show organised by the Gardening Club 1 30 pm to 4 30 pm

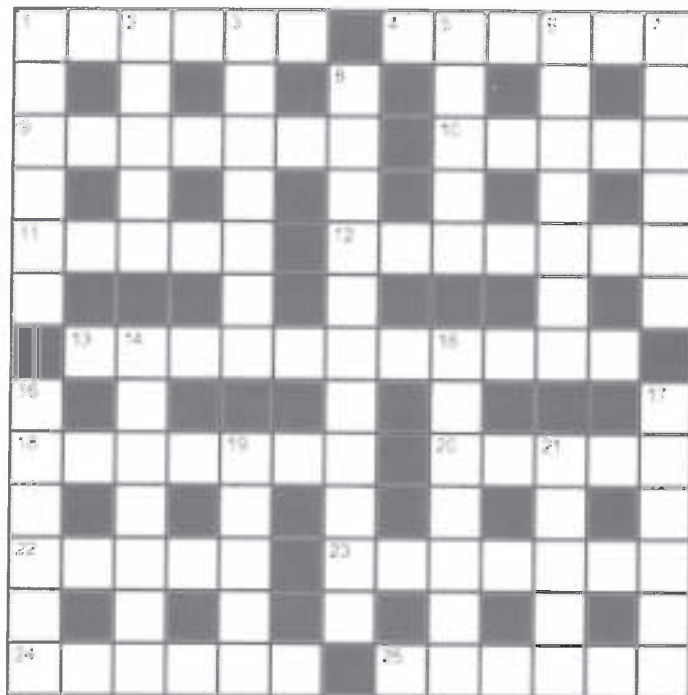
Our new PCSO

My name is PCSO Claire Whiteman. I work from Histon police station and will be covering Willingham, Over, Longstanton and Swavesey. I have been working as a PCSO for a year and a half in Milton and Waterbeach.

Whilst working in Willingham I will continue to carry out the role as a PCSO and continue to liaise with the Parish Council and other agencies to ensure that a good service is provided to the community. I am committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and I am looking forward to working within the community.

I am also interested in restarting the neighbourhood watch scheme. If you are interested in becoming a coordinator then please contact the Parish Council or myself on claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk and I will be happy to discuss it further with you.

Crossword set by Willow



Across

- 1 Roman poet, Dante's guide (6)
- 4 Snoopy's breed (6)
- 9 Early light cavalrymen (7)
- 10 Young pigeon (5)
- 11 One of Marge Simpson's sisters (5)
- 12 French city, capital of Loire department (7)
- 13 German Romantic era composer born 1809 (11)
- 18 Pickaxe with a flat blade (7)
- 20 Pawnbroker (5)
- 22 Semi-precious chalcedony (5)
- 23 Narrator of Moby Dick (7)
- 24 State of confusion and disorder (6)
- 25 Non-venomous snake of boa family (6)

Down

- 1 French case (6)
- 2 Concerning the kidney (5)
- 3 European country of which 11% is covered in glaciers (7)
- 5 Famously failed Ford car from 1950s (5)
- 6 Hungarian beef dish (7)
- 7 Carve or mould a raised design (6)
- 8 Shakespeare play with Rosalind and Celia in the Forest of Arden (2,3,4,2)
- 14 Mouth of a river (7)
- 15 English Poet Laureate from 1813 to 1843 (7)
- 16 Preserve dead body (6)
- 17 Old name for Sri Lanka (6)
- 19 Definition of a person with BMI greater than 30 kg/m2 (5)
- 21 The - - - - . Influential punk era band (5)

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Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on 26 April at 2 30 pm in the Octagon.

Our speaker is Mrs Sue Whitfield; the topic is *Relationship not Rules*.

Remember the Bring and Buy stall.



1st Willingham Beaver Scouts

Following the earthquake in Haiti and the fact that The Scout Association is in partnership with the charity Shelterbox, the Beavers decided to run a Bring and Buy Sale to try and raise enough money to buy a shelterbox for Haiti costing £490. (www.shelterbox.org)

We asked the WI to come along and run a cake and refreshment stall, which they did and helped us raise £610 – well above our target. A cheque has been sent to Shelterbox which will buy one box and put money towards another.

The Beavers would like to thank everyone who gave and or came on the day and made it such a success.



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8 May	Longstanton 2nds (H)
22 May	Chatteris 2nds (A)
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29 May	Doddington 2nds (H)
Sunday 30 May	Barrington (A) 20/20 Cup
5 June	St Ives 3rds (A)
12 June	Cottenham 2nds (H)
19 June	Over 2nds (A)
26 June	City of Ely (H)
3 July	Over 2nds (H)
10 July	City of Ely (A)
17 July	Cottenham 2nds (A)
24 July	
31 July	Doddington 2nds (A)
7 August	Chatteris 2nds (H)
14 August	St Ives 3rds (H)
21	
28 August	Longstanton 2nds (A)
4 September	Burwell 3rds (H)

Second Team

Burwell 4ths (H)
Chatteris 3rds (H)
Abbots Ripton (A)
St Ives 4th (H)
Soham 2nds (A)
Little Thetford (H)
Little Thetford (A)
Chatteris 3rds (A)
Burwell 4ths (A)
Soham 2nds (H)
Wimblington 2nds (A)
St Ives 4ths (A)
Wimblington 2nds (H)
Abbots Ripton (H)

We are still looking for old and new players for the coming season.

We now have outdoor nets thanks to a grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council. Practice sessions will start at 10 30 am on the first Sunday in April and every Sunday from then on. There will also be sessions every Wednesday from 6 30 pm. Only club members are insured when using the nets. For further details, please contact either R Ambrose on 01954 260446 or R Leach on 01954 260144.

We will be holding a quiz night in Willingham Social Club at 7 30 pm on 23 April. For advance bookings, please contact R Leach on 01954 260144.

Women's Institute



The April meeting of Willingham WI will take place at the Social Club on Monday 12 April 12 at 7 30 pm. The speaker will be Barrie Hawkins (accompanied by his dog) who will be speaking about German Shepherd Homefinders. There will be a Bring and Buy sale.

New members and visitors are always welcome, so please come along. If you would like further information please contact Doreen on 200561 or Julie on 260497.

Pastoral Letter

In the same way that Christmas merchandise was in the shops as early as September, since the New Year our shops and supermarkets have been trying to tempt us with chocolate eggs. They come in all sizes: small sugar coated, filled egg-sized, through to large boxed ones. The largest Easter egg recorded, according to the Guinness book of world records, was produced in Belgium by Guylian in 2005, and weighed 1200 kilograms.

But why do we have eggs at Easter? Early Christians considered eggs to be 'the seed of life', symbolic of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Spring time is the season when we are aware of new life with the spring bulbs pushing up through the soil, producing flowers every Easter, and new lambs being born. We too can have new life, by accepting Jesus as saviour, like being born again. As Jesus told Nicodemus 'No-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again'. Nicodemus questioned 'How can a man be born again when he is old? Surely he cannot go back to his mother's womb and be born again'. But we can be born again by accepting Jesus as lord of our lives. As Jesus said, 'Unless we are born of water and the Spirit we cannot be a part of God's kingdom'.

Easter is a key point in the recorded events in the life of Jesus Christ, showing to the world by his resurrection that death is not the end for those who trust in Him.

As Jesus continues his conversation with Nicodemus he speaks the well known promise in John chapter 3 verse 16, 'For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life'. He opened the door for us, showing us the way to a new life with him.

Steve Mellows
Churchwarden

WANTED:

Local musicians and music groups!

Local musicians and groups are being invited to perform at the most widespread UK Cultural Olympiad event. The Bandstand Marathon is taking place at over 400 bandstands and open spaces in the UK, including the Queen's bandstand at Blenheim Palace.

In South Cambridgeshire, Milton Country Park will be hosting the Music in the Park event on Sunday 26 September. There will be an afternoon of music-making and performances around the park. If you are part of a music group who would like to perform you can book a slot on the programme. All genres and abilities welcome -the only requirement is that you must be able to play acoustically as there will be no amplification.

To find out more please get in touch with local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@start-arts.org.uk

Bus timetable changes

On 8 March, we were told by the County Council of changes to the service 15 timetable that would come into effect on 4 April. We immediately contacted Stagecoach for full details to publish them in *Willingham News*. But, at the time of our deadline, Stagecoach were unable to provide these. Hopefully, by the time you receive your copy of this magazine, the timetables will be available.





Baptist Church



is a regular Thursday morning event to which all parents and babies under 18 months are welcome.

On Thursday 22nd April
Liz Chambers, from
Children's Centres, (formerly SureStart)
will be with us and will show us how to
make Treasure Boxes for your
little treasures!
We do hope you can join us.

We're in the room at the back of the Baptist Church every Thursdays 10:00 - 11:15 during term time



Just come along or ring Pam on 780714 for more info or for the term's program

Baby Notes A music group for babies and their parents/carers meets on Mondays: 2 30 pm for newborn to crawling; 3 00 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.



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

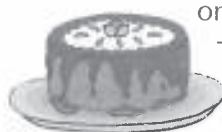
Bubbles Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time.



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.

Special bumper Easter cake stall Do visit the monthly cake stall on Saturday 3 April.



The next day is Easter Sunday, and you can

expect a good choice of exciting cakes. The cake stall is at the Parish Church, from 10 00 am.

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

Proceeds from the cake stall and the bric-a-brac stall go to the Restoration Fund. Repairs to the north aisle roof are now imminent, and so the need for more money in that fund is great.

Salvation Army

Lunch alternate Thursdays at 12 30 pm; this month: 8th and 22nd. There are a few vacancies. Please ring Gordon on 260066 for further information.

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



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*

I am holding a Cake Break on Friday 30 April to help raise funds to support people affected by MS.

Do come and have a slice of cake and a cuppa at Willingham Baptist Church, from 10 am-12 30, or 8 pm-9 30.

Any queries? Please contact Hilary Wyllie 01954 260051



GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS

Christians Together in Willingham invite you to join with a silent walk of witness on 2 April following the Good Friday service at 10 00 am at St Mary and All Saints Church.

The procession will leave the church at about 11 00 am and walk down the High Street, into Berrycroft, Rampton Road, and Green Street arriving at the Green at about 12 00 noon for a short service to remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Flowers will not be fastened onto the cross until Easter Sunday when there will be a short service of celebration at 9 00 am.

ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS CHURCH STREET WILLINGHAM www.willinghamchurch.org

- 2 April GOOD FRIDAY**
10 00 am Service in Church
10 30 am Churches Together March of Witness
11 00 am United Service on Village Green
- 4 April EASTER DAY**
11 00 am Family Communion
- 11 April**
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am All Age Worship
6 00 pm No evensong this month. United service at Baptist Church.
- 18 April**
11 00 am Parish Communion
- 25 April**
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am All Age Worship with Baptism

* BCP = Book of Common Prayer

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

Children are welcome at all our 11 00 am services. On the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays, there are activities for primary school age children, and for younger

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

If you know of anyone who is ill, or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let Gillian Macnaghten (01954 261817) or Steve Mellows (01954 270063) know.

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET www.willinghambaptist.org

- 4 April**
10 00 am 'He is risen!'
6 00 pm 'We have seen him!'
- 11 April**
10 00 am God's word through his Son
6 00 pm United service at the Baptist Church with Yemi Adedeji (Centre of Contemporary Mission, Bedford)
- 18 April**
9 00 am The Great Salvation
10 45 am All-age celebration at the Primary School, Good News from a grave
6 00 pm The call of Isaiah
- 25 April**
10 00 am Priesthood of Christ
6 00 pm Reprimand and promise

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

THE SALVATION ARMY SILVER STREET www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham

- 4 April**
5 00 pm Worship
- 11 April**
5 00 pm Worship
- 18 April**
5 00 pm Worship
- 25 April**
5 00 pm Worship

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART 19 Needingworth Road, St Ives www.sacredheart-stives.org

- Saturday**
5 00 pm (Anticipatory)
- Sunday**
8 00 am and 11 00 pm

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF WILLINGHAM.

In April, Green Street, Haden Way, High Street, Jeeps Close will be in our thoughts..

Willingham Guides join in the Centenary Celebrations

This year, Girlguiding UK is celebrating its 100th anniversary and the organisation is celebrating in style. The Guides in Willingham are not going to be left out and are joining in with the celebrations.

September saw us in Cambridge for a big party to launch the year of celebration attended by nearly 2000 guiding members from across the county, of all ages from the youngest Rainbow to the oldest Trefoil Guild member. A Guideopoly challenge was held in the city centre where Saturday shoppers were amazed to find hundreds of Brownie and Guides everywhere having fun and doing activities such as blowing huge bubbles on Parkers Piece, toothbrush juggling on Christ's Pieces and balloon modelling in Market Square. The day finished with a barbeque followed by a sing-song (well you wouldn't expect us not to) and once it got dark, a spectacular firework display.



Later, in October, we joined with 1400 other Guides in London's Dominion Theatre to see "We Will Rock You". The atmosphere in the theatre was electric and the cast acknowledged our presence by bringing the Guide sign into the performance three times.

Within our village we are also doing activities to celebrate. We are taking part in the national challenge Adventure 100. The aim is to take part in as many adventures and exciting activities as possible during the year. Some of the adventures we have taken part in so far include a weekend of activities at Mepal including sailing, rafting, windsurfing, climbing, air rifles and much more, games in the dark, visiting the pantomime and a Scottish evening with dancing, haggis eating and a local piper who gave us the opportunity to play the bagpipes.

We have lots more exciting activities planned to keep the celebrations going until October. If you want to find out more of what is happening or if you want to take part as a Guide contact Lynn McGoff (01954 261296) or visit the Cambs East Guide website at www.cambseaguides.org.uk.



The Willingham Wheels Cycling Club have now organised the season's first 'social' bike ride. This will start at the Green at 11 30 Sunday 25 April. The ride will be approx 16 miles long and will go to Rampton (via Priest Lane), on to Cottenham and Landbeach. We will then take the back road to Butt Lane (near household waste centre) and on to Oakington and then stop in Histon for a well deserved drink. From here we will return to Willingham via the guided bus-way.

For the road bikers, the route is approx 28 miles long, taking in Earith, Sutton, Witcham, Haddenham, Wilburton, Cottenham, and a stop in Histon. The route back will go via Oakington and the old airfield to Longstanton and home.

Exact details will be given on the day.

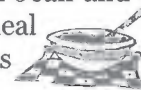
If a group wants to go off-road we have a plan for them also which will mean leaving the Green at 11 30 and meeting at the Red Lion pub in Histon at approximately 1 00 pm

So oil the chain, brush off the dust and get those wheels turning.

Contact details are: Kev 01954 260335 or Paul 09154 270194

Charity Lunch

The April charity lunch in favour of Motor Neurone will be held on 17 April at 1 00 pm at the home of Jean and Ken Taylor at 37 Rampton End. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs £3. All are welcome.



Letter to the Editor

Willingham Combined Charity

The above Charity (usually recognised as the owner and custodian of the Josiah Smith Bungalows and various land in the area) recently had a six foot fence erected on our field which runs parallel with Rook Grove, Willingham. The reason for this was to protect our field for our tenant farmer from trespass and the obvious misuse by dogs being allowed to foul prospective crops. The fence was then continued to give extra protection to the tenants of the aforementioned bungalows, most of whom are elderly and appreciate the protection this gives.

Unfortunately, this fence, which was erected at considerable expense to the Charity has now been vandalised. We intend to repair the damage using Charity monies, but ask in future for respect to Charity property. This matter is now under active investigation by the Police.

Yours sincerely
Mrs J L Ambrose
Clerk



4 am on a January morning

When a policeman stands
Beneath the glow of a
Streetlight by an alley
And stamps his boot-clad feet for warmth
And blows into his cupped hands
As the snow falls onto the frozen pavement

When a man without a home
Without a family of his own
Shivers in a defiled sleeping bag
And leans against the gravestone of his brother
And watches through tired eyes
A world beyond his own

When the flashing light
And wailing siren calling throughout the night of
An ambulance transporting
Someone
From death to life
Streaks at breakneck speed

When Firemen with hot and grimy faces
Aim their water
At the flames of Hell
Which lick the bricks
With burning acid tongue
And the snow melts as it falls before it lands

When the lifeboat ejects into the angry sea
With crew fresh from
Sleep and warm bed
And battle forth
To close

The door to Neptune's parlour
And bring home those who
Might have wandered through

When Nurses
Hold the hands of those in pain
And mop up
And wipe faces
And straighten pillows
And comfort those who cry aloud
Work weary
Tired Hearts and Hands and Minds

When a Taximan
Slides slowly down the High Street
To fetch a man who wants to go for chips
When a pizza-boy
Astride his moped sits
And oscillates and shudders
As someone's post-club supper
Cools inside its insulated box

We civilians
We ordinary folk
Our life is a joke
By comparison.

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Willingham Library

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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

Open Evening Tuesday 13 April 7 00 – 8 00 pm

As you may have read in last month's *Willingham News*, small libraries will be vulnerable in the forthcoming public expenditure cuts, but a well-used library is better protected. So the Friends of Willingham Library are organising an Open Evening on 13 April at 7 00 pm for anyone who cares about the future of the library, whether a member or not. You will have a chance to look around and see what the library has to offer, over a glass of wine, or just come in for a chat. This will be followed at 8 00 pm by the Friends of Willingham Library AGM at which plans for future library events will be discussed.

Books on Prescription

We have a new display of these health-related books. The scheme started as a selection of self-help books which could be prescribed by doctors as part of their patients' treatment. This is still continuing but now the books are available for any library member to borrow. Titles include:

- *Allen Carr's Easy Way to Stop Smoking*
- *Living with Diabetes* by Dr John L Day
- *Overcoming Depression* by Paul Gilbert
- *No More Sleepless Nights* by Peter Hauri & Shirley Linde

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.

At our March session we had a packed house who hugely enjoyed Bill Kirkman's fascinating talk 'Africa – Hopeless or Hopeful?'

Future sessions:

Wednesday 7 April - Carol Bailey on Flower arrangements for Springtime

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

Wednesday 2 June – Mary Nichols, an Historical Novelist

Wednesday 7 July – Julie Ferguson, Local Magistrate will host a discussion 'How would you sentence an Offender?'

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
April				
5	Family BBQ (weather permitting)	Willingham Social Club	Social Club	Members and guests - ticket only
5	Meeting	Willingham Running Club	The Duke	7 30 pm Mike 260647
5	Talk <i>Rampage round your greenhouse</i> W Morris	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	See main item for details
7	Talk by Carol Bailey - <i>Flower arrangements for Springtime</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
12	Talk <i>German Shepherd Homefinders</i> Barrie Hawkins	Willingham WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
13	Library Open Evening	Friends of Willingham Library	Willingham Library	7 - 8 pm 260780
13	AGM	Friends of Willingham Library	Willingham Library	8 pm 260780
17	Charity Lunch	Willingham Charity Lunchers	37 Rampton Road	1 pm £3
17	Concert		St Marys & All Saints	7 30 pm
23	Quiz Night	Willingham Cricket Club	Social Club	7 30 pm R Leach 260144
25	Social bike ride	Willingham Wheels	The Green	11 30 am Paul 270194 Kev 260335
May				
5	Reminiscence session	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
15	Family Fun Day	Willingham Scout Group	Recreation Ground	2 - 5 pm
June				
2	Mary Nichols - historical novelist	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 - 3 30 pm
5	Childrens' pre-World Cup disco	Willingham Social Club	Social Club	2 - 5 pm £3
13	Family BBQ and England's first World Cup game	Willingham Social Club	Social Club	Members and guests - ticket only

Old Willingham

It's not as long as you might think since there were horse drawn carts in the village. This month's picture shows a street scene on a main road in Willingham – probably around 1920s. There are four ladies plus the driver in the carriage and two boys peeking out from the door of the house. It must have been a special occasion and in the background the man re-thatching the barn has stopped to watch the events. The house is still there today – can you guess where it is or tell us about this scene? Answers to oldwill@oldwillingham.com.



VILLAGE FUNDAY

WILLINGHAM RECREATION GROUND

May 15th 2 - 5 00 pm

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phone Jennifer Hulford on 01954 261311

RAISING MONEY FOR WILLINGHAM SCOUT GROUP

Village Directory

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

Council	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
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	Rob Laycock	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
	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
Halls	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
Local Representatives	Allotments - See Willingham Combined Charities below		
	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Alan Leeks	01954 250061
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs R. Mumford	01954 260934
Clubs	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
	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
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261526
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	David Clarke	01954 260600
	Willingham Wheels cycling club	Paul Knighton	01954 270194
Churches	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

What's happening at the Hanson - RSPB Wetland Project

Spring News - 2010



The Hanson-RSPB wetland project is an ambitious partnership between Hanson and the RSPB to restore the working quarry, to a nationally important wetland nature reserve of reedbeds, open water and grasslands.

The project area lies between Needingworth, Over and Willingham with the centre of restoration activity currently passing Earith. Following sand and gravel extraction, Hanson progressively restore the workings to create a series of shallow freshwater lakes or meres. These are handed to the RSPB who will manage them as a nature reserve.

Early news for 2010 is Hanson's plan to create the first new path through the RSPB managed part of the site ready for the Summer. While a new bridleway has already been created by Hanson to the north of the working quarry and an extensive network of public rights of way created around Needingworth Settlement Lagoons, this is the first new route through the restored reedbeds. The path will make possible a circular walk incorporating Cuckoo Drove, Long Drove and Long Holme Drovers north of Over village.

Path creation will continue in the autumn with extra routes and viewpoints, and go toward meeting the first phase of our long term plan to create an extensive network of paths and bridleways running through the wild and open landscape of the fen. Visitor entry off the Bluntisham Road, Needingworth with limited vehicular access and parking will be included.

Meanwhile Hanson's restoration work over the autumn was focussed on the fourth mere where they planted 13,000 reed seedlings to kick start reedbed development. In the nearby second and third meres RSPB staff and volunteers planted another 5,000 reeds and cleared self-sown willows to ensure that the developing reedbeds do not become overgrown. The latest winter addition is the planting of 500 young hawthorn and scrub trees in the grassland. More will follow later this year. Volunteers have been essential to the RSPB work, and with staff have carried out over 80 days of restoration management on site.

Once fully established it is hoped the reserve will provide home to host of threatened wetland wildlife and play a nationally important role in protecting the bittern, one of Britain's rarest breeding birds. With a current UK population measured at only about 75 males the bittern is restricted to reedbed as its breeding habitat. The new reserve created here could in time provide home for up to 20 males, bringing their distinctive booming 'song' back to a small part of the Fens.

The undoubted wildlife highlight of 2009 was the first attempt by marsh harriers, albeit unproductive, to nest on the site. Only around 360 pairs of these rare wetland birds of prey breed in the UK but this is the first time in recent history they will have tried to breed here. Twice as many splashing, dabbling and diving grebes, ducks, geese and swans bred compared to 2008 with more chattering, piping and trilling reed warblers, sedge warblers, reed buntings, yellow wagtails and skylarks than before. With otters, water voles, badgers and roe deer all recorded nearby there are more signs that a wild marshy wildlife haven is developing well. We're already looking forward to what wildlife spectacles 2010 will bring.

If you're inspired to get involved in practical habitat management you could join one of the work parties held on the second Saturday and third Wednesday of the month.

Currently we have up to 20 registered volunteers assisting us with tasks like reed planting, fencing and scrub bashing. Come along and help us make a nature reserve! For a tour of the developing reserve, our 2010 programme is out now with walks throughout the year alongside the wide line-up of events at nearby Fen Drayton Lakes. See below for more details or ring to request an events leaflet.

Hanson-RSPB Wetland Tours

Saturday 17 April

Sundays 9 May and 6 June

Saturday 18 September at 4-6.30pm

Booking essential – call 01954 233260

Adults £4, RSPB members £2 and children £1

Chris Hudson, RSPB Warden

Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project and Ouse Fen

The Grange, 20 Market St,

Swavesey, Cambs.

CB24 4QG

Tel: 01954 233260

e-mail: chris.hudson@rspb.org.uk

www.rspb.org.uk

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Gas Safe Number 181944

solution to puzzle on page 9

Across: 1 Virgil, 4 Beagle, 9 Lancers, 10 Squab, 11 Selma, 12 Orleans, 13 Mendelssohn, 18 Mattock, 20 Uncle, 22 Agate, 23 Ishmael, 24 Mayhem, 25 Python.

Down: 1 Valise, 2 Renal, 3 Iceland, 5 Edsel, 6 Goulash, 7 Emboss, 8 As you like it, 14 Estuary, 15 Southey, 16 Embalm, 17 Ceylon, 19 Obese, 21 Clash.

**COTTENHAM SUMMER SCHOOL
2-6 AUGUST 2010**

Please have a look at the new brochure for the Cottenham Summer School 2010. There are some regular classes and some new ones too. There are Textiles, Drawing, Painting, Dance, Music, Walking, Jewellery, Health, Fitness, Crafts, Cookery and more. To book, contact Cottenham Village College on 01954 288751 or email at community@cvcweb.net.

Bin Collections

8 April (Thursday)	Green bin and boxes
14 April	Black bin
21 April	Green bin and boxes
28 April	Black bin

Willingham Fun Run
Sunday 16th May 2010



Post-race entertainment, music & B-B-Q!

Advance entries		On the day
Children	£2.50	£3.50
Adults	£5.50	£6.50
Family	£12.00	£14.00

Entry forms from:
Berrycroft Stores, Highgate Country Store, Library,
Norths Bakery, Post Office, Willingham Surgery,
Willingham Primary School & Website.

Parking and registration at Willingham School from 9.00am.
Runs start from Rockmill End at 10.15am (7.7 mile) and 10.30am (4.5 mile).

Contact: 01954 283030 www.willingham.cambs.sch.uk/funrun

Organised by Willingham School Association 2010
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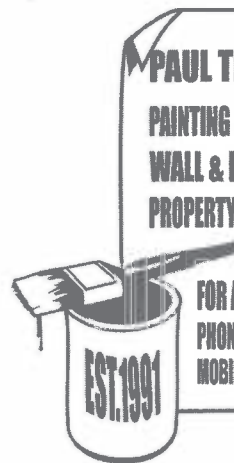


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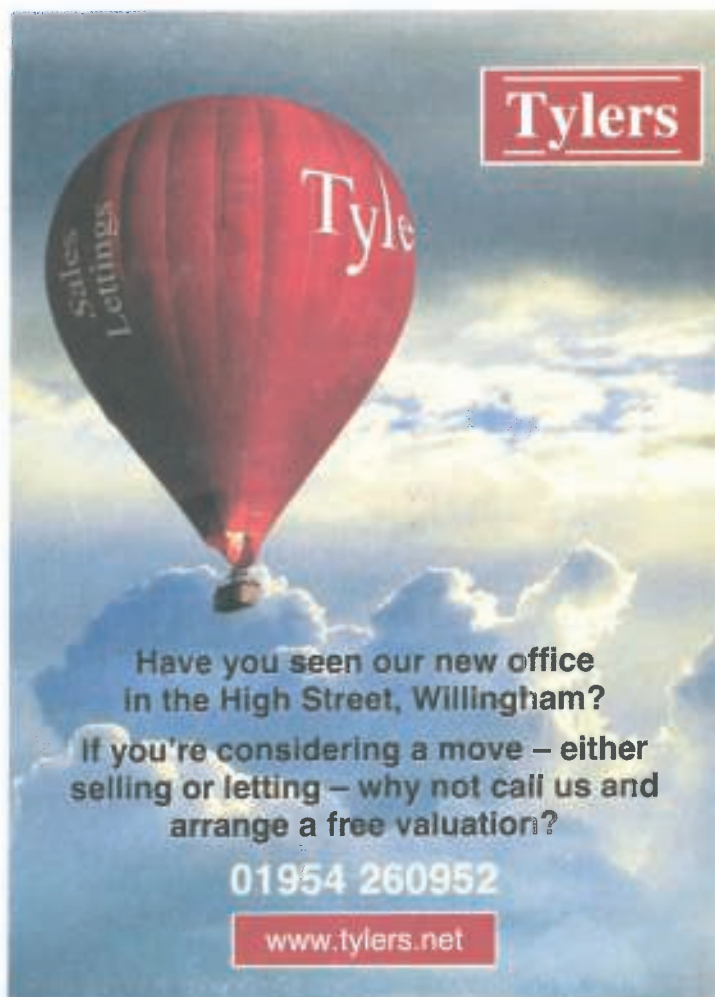
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