

# WILLINGHAM NEWS



May 2010

## Willingham's Hustings

A grand title, for what I expected to be a quiet night. I will come to that shortly.

First, I have to warn you that after the general election on 6 May you may be asked to vote again just three weeks later. I had hoped to be able to announce Parish Council Elections on 6 May, but we are not now allowed to use that date. The Prime Minister gets first call. So the Parish Council elections, if they are required, will be on Wednesday 26 May.



I say 'if required' because it all depends how many people stand. We are required because of the size of the village to have 15 councillors. These are unpaid posts without duck houses, second homes or any other expenses of any significance. The volunteers give their time freely to help the village and so the question is whether or not there will be more than 15 people willing to do so.

This year, many long serving councillors will be standing down, including Pat Daniels who was the chair for many years. The Parish Council therefore ran an open evening to encourage new people to learn about what the Council does – and possibly agree to be nominated.

The response was very much better than expected as you can see from the photographs shown here. The 'quiet night' aroused a lot of interest.

If 15 or fewer candidates submit nomination forms they will be elected automatically. (Parish councils are often elected in this way and it is likely that this will happen in the vast majority of the 100 plus villages in South Cambridgeshire District, including Willingham.)

Thank you to all who attended the hustings, as existing councillors and new candidates. Whatever happens there will be a very different council in place from June with new faces, new talents and new ideas. Please give them your support.

*Phil King*  
Parish Council Chair



## Legacy for youth

Lawrence (Larry) Crook, who lived for many years in Willingham, and died in February, left a legacy of £2,000 to the Parish Council, to be used for Youth Facilities. At its April meeting, the Council recorded its gratitude.

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## Community Car Scheme

**Willingham Action Group** is giving support to a volunteer car scheme proposed by Mrs Lindley to the WPC. Mrs Lindley is a volunteer with Care Network Cambridgeshire and wishes to establish a scheme in Willingham to assist those who do not have easy access to transport for local needs. Such schemes, which operate in neighbouring villages, require a formal structure so initially Mrs Lindley is seeking support from people who will assist with setting up the organisation as well as car owners who will be the future volunteer drivers. The County Council will be offering advice. Please contact Mrs Lindley 202246 to offer your support, or if preferred e-mail [graham.mumby@gwmumby.co.uk](mailto:graham.mumby@gwmumby.co.uk)

Graham Mumby  
WAG

## Willingham News

We are sorry to report that Jennifer Hulford, who has been responsible for compiling and layout for *Willingham News*, has died. Our deep sympathy goes to her family.

## Police Contacts: 08454 564564

The email of our PCSO Claire Whiteman is [claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

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## From the Parish Council

### Salt Bins

The issue of salt bins and any liability in using them has now become a national question that is awaiting advice from Central Government.

### District Council News

The Meadow Road fly tipping meeting and resulting clean up has been well received. However it has been noted that there has been increased fly tipping on Milking Hill Corner, and South Cambridgeshire District Council have asked for additional surveillance to be placed there.

Additional housing allocation to this area is dependent on the outcome of the General Election. However, South Cambridgeshire District Council would not support crossing the Guided Busway for increased development of Northstowe.

### County Council News

Shona Johnstone, County Councillor representing Willingham, reported that she had received a large amount of correspondence from residents stating a need for a by-pass for Willingham. (See 'Jottings from your County Councillor'.)

### Parish Council Elections

As noted below, please look at the Parish Council website for new Councillor details after 10 May 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 about information you would like to see on our website, please contact the Clerk.

**Parish Councillors' contact details until 10 May, after which a new elected Council with new Councillor details will be published on our website and in the next Willingham News.**

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

#### Mr J Anderson

(Planning Committee Chair)

01954-203344

#### Mr I Barratt

01954-261609

#### Mr H Berry

01954-204575

#### Mr M Borland

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#### Mr J Burnett

(Lead Cllr, Leisure & Amenities)

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#### Mr A Cook

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#### Mrs K Cornwell

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(Lead Cllr, Green & Boundaries)

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#### Mr R Manning

(also Leader of District Council)

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#### Mr S Mellows

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#### Mrs R Mumford (Lead Cllr, Halls)

01954-260934

#### Mr G Pake (Lead Cllr, Cemetery)

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### 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.

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 5 May 2010 at The Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road and is open to the public.

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

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## Sudoku

(Solution on page 18)

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## News from WAG (Willingham Action Group)

Planning for the Feast Weekend, October 8-11, has started and invitations are being sent out to stall holders for the Farmers' Market, which will be held at the school this year. We are also planning to repeat the events which proved popular during last year's Feast including a ceilidh and a music evening and if you have any ideas for other activities you would like included please contact the WAG group via the website address below.

We are about to establish an Environment Group to help clean up the village and improve the appearance in other ways and WAG will assist with setting up a volunteer based Community Car Scheme - see separate entries.

WAG has submitted a report on our activities and progress towards helping implement the Parish Plan to the Willingham Parish Council Annual Meeting at the Ploughman Hall on Wednesday 28 April.

Progress is being made towards forming The Willingham Youth Trust, a charitable company limited by guarantee, with the objective of realising the ambition of having dedicated youth facilities in the village.

If you want to get involved in any of these activities contact Mike Tidball – 01954 260647.

**Also don't forget to visit [www.willinghamlife.org](http://www.willinghamlife.org)**

## Community clear-up events – help for Willingham

As a member of WAG I attended the DEFRA Workshop held in association with the District Council at Cambourne in March, with Phil King, Chairman of the Parish Council. The workshop, presented by Keep Britain Tidy, aimed to demonstrate how to organise and run a clear up event and explain the support the agencies involved may be able to provide, including possible grant aid.

The District Council spends £0.5M annually cleaning up so the message is 'we can't do everything'. On a village level the District Council has taken action to clear away rubbish accumulated along Meadow Road due to fly tipping and taken preventative measures (as reported in April *Willingham News*).

WAG, in association with the Parish Council, is planning to form an Environmental Group to take an interest in the wider environment of the village, which would include organising clear up events, so if you are interested in enhancing the village environment please volunteer to be involved both in planning and helping during organised events.

Contact Graham Mumby [graham@gwmumby.co.uk](mailto:graham@gwmumby.co.uk) to register as a volunteer, or call on 260553.

Graham Mumby  
WAG

## Jottings from your County Councillor

During the past week I have received many e-mails about a bypass for Willingham. There is no doubt that a bypass is urgently needed. In 2008 I persuaded officers at the County Council to undertake a feasibility study. That demonstrated that a bypass was needed, but of the four options suggested for a route, the cheapest was going to cost £30m. The stumbling block is therefore how to pay for the bypass. The County Council receives a small capital grant from government each year, but at around £15m to cover road maintenance and highway schemes, it would not even begin to reach the total required.

The other source of funding is what is known as the Regional Funding Allocation and as its name suggests, this means that Willingham would have to compete with regional transport schemes. These include the dualling of the A11 at Thetford and the upgrading of the A13 in Essex, as well as public transport and other rail schemes.

So the only real hope of getting a bypass is through developer funding. Hanson have been suggested, as 'compensation' for the proposed gravel extraction in west fen. However, Hanson have made clear that if they do work this site, the gravel would be taken back by conveyor to their processing plant at Needingworth and from there via the Needingworth bypass to St Ives and the A1096. They would not use Willingham as a route and therefore would argue that the traffic impact would be very limited.

This then leaves the Northstowe development. This will clearly have an impact on Willingham, even if the majority of traffic does go towards the A14. Additionally if agreement could be reached with Hanson to take the gravel via the more direct route to Northstowe, then there might be options to fund a bypass. It is something that I and my District Council colleagues have been exploring over recent months.

In the meantime a number of people have suggested that lorries should be banned from using the B1050. This is certainly something that I support, but last time I suggested this I had a number of e-mails and calls from people saying that it would damage their business. I guess the compromise might be a night time ban and I would welcome residents' views on what they would like to see.

I would, however, like to assure you that neither I nor any of the District Councillors have changed our views on the urgent need for a bypass.

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

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**The Mobile Blood Donor Van** will visit Willingham Surgery on **Tuesday 4 May**. It will be situated in the car park and appointments can be made from **9 45-12 20** and **2 10-4 10pm**. To make an appointment **please ring 0300 123 23 23 quoting postcode CB24 5LB**. Someone you know could need blood so please consider ringing to make an appointment.

**Surgery Garden and Car Park** Now that summer has officially arrived our surgery gardens are looking very pretty. Thank you to our gardener Vince Lucas for his hard work in maintaining these for us. It is a bit disheartening though when we arrive in the mornings to find litter strewn all over the car park and garden. Please can we ask you to take your litter home with you. Many thanks for your co-operation.

**Surgery Cat** Those of you who visit the surgery regularly will know that a large tabby cat has adopted the surgery as his favourite place to hang out during the day. He seems to really enjoy the company and fuss that he receives from our visitors. He appears very healthy and well fed but we have noticed that he often sleeps overnight in the surgery garden and are a bit concerned that he may have no proper home. If you think he may be your cat please let us know. He is not causing any bother but we would like to feel that he does have a home of his own.

**Hayfever** The hayfever season has arrived and many of you will be suffering. Most symptoms can be treated with over-the-counter medicines from our Pharmacy. We have an excellent range of Numark medicines including allergy relief tablets, nasal sprays and eye drops. Ask our pharmacy staff for advice and don't forget to check if the tablets you have purchased or been prescribed can cause drowsiness.

**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.

**Planning a pregnancy?** Please check with your doctor or pharmacy if any medications you are currently taking are safe to take in pregnancy.

**Evening surgeries** Just a reminder that surgery closes at 6 00 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you have been asked to come down for a last minute appointment **please ensure that you arrive by 5 45pm**. If you arrive late the doctor may not be able to see you.

*Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager*

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## Women's Institute

The May meeting of Willingham WI will take place at the Social Club on Monday 10 May at 7 30 pm. The speaker will be Anne Datson, who will be demonstrating French Craftwork and Serviettework.

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.



## 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 and from time to time on subjects of wider interest. 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.

**Monday 3 May** - Club Meeting when Mark Ekin will speak to us about 'Greenhouse maintenance and gardening'.

### Outings

We intend to visit the superb RHS gardens at Wisley on Saturday 15 May: see below.

### Club Holiday

The Club holiday this year was to be to Northumberland on 14 June for a four night stay but has now been re-scheduled for September on a date to be fixed. If you are interested, please register your interest with Celia on the above telephone number.

### Club Plant Stall

On Saturday 22 May the Club annual plant stall will be set up on the driveway of the private house next to the Post Office in Willingham High Street. It will operate from 9 00 am. We sell bedding plants, perennial plants and vegetable plants which members of the Club and others have grown and donated. Please support us - there will be some good plants to be had for gardens and your greenhouse. If you would like to donate plants (may be surplus to your requirements) we would be happy to accept them.

**RHS Gardens, Wisley, Surrey.** We are planning a visit to these magnificent gardens on Saturday 15 May, leaving the Green, Willingham by coach at 8 30 am. We shall return by no later than 6 00 pm. There is something for everyone at Wisley whenever you care to visit. With plenty of seating spread throughout the gardens you may take your time going around. The refreshment facilities are excellent and a visit to the extensive plant and garden centre is a must.

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Willingham Wheels' second 'social ride' of the season has been arranged for Sunday 23 May. As with the first ride in April there are three options, dependent on your fitness or whim on the day, but all meet on the Green, all take in a stop for drinks (or even lunch) at the Three Tuns, Fen Drayton at about the same time for everybody and all use the same short route home. The routes are:

**Social:** Meet at Green 12 15, Longstanton, Swavesey, Fen Drayton (Pub at 1 00), Swavesey, Over, Willingham - approx 13 miles.

**Road:** Meet at Green 11 45, Longstanton, Oakington,

Dry Drayton, Childerley Gate, Knapwell, Conington, Fen Drayton (Pub at 1 00), Swavesey, Over, Willingham - approx 25 miles.

**Off Road (mostly):** Meet at Green 11 45, Pound Lane, Brownhill Stauch, Holywell, St Ives, Fen Drayton (Pub at 1 00), Swavesey, Over, Willingham - approx 16 miles.

So, something for everyone - no excuses - just keep fingers crossed for the weather and see you on the Green!

**Contact details are: Les 01954 201952 or Paul 01954 270194**

## Letters to the Editor

### A Village Story

Once upon a time, 1856 to be exact, a new school was built in Willingham. The children could walk there from all corners of the village as there were many little bridges and paths for the village folk to walk around their village. Some children, who had to cross through the allotments on the western edge of the village, were a bit naughty and helped themselves to fruit as they passed through, so they were asked to use the nearby Rook Grove instead. But it didn't matter because the bridge over the lode was there and they could walk to their school safely.

Eventually a new school was built in Thodays Close. Villagers, however, continued to enjoy using the well-trodden, signed routes around their village: they crossed the lode on the sturdy wooden sleeper to get to the Lord's Pastures, to go to the shops or to watch a cricket match on their recreation field.



About 12 years ago something sad happened: the 'footpath' sign disappeared and the old sleeper was pulled up. At about this time too there was talk of creating a special new pathway bounded by a fence to make sure the walkers were safely kept to one route preserving the circular path around their village but ensuring the farmers had their fields secure. However that was just talk.

This winter, just before Christmas, men arrived in Rook Grove. They were carrying out orders from the

Willingham Combined Charity committee to fence off old Victorian Rook Grove with a six foot high fence. Luckily they did not put this too near the bungalows used by the older ladies of the parish. Sadly, however, the people of Rook Grove have a severely coppiced or in parts removed hedge which serves little to mask their new, ghastly, Stalag-style fence erected by the Charity.

Some stories have a happy ending: watch this space.

*Valerie McKee*

### Golf ball nuisance

With summer just around the corner could we put a plea to all would be golfers? Several residents in Fen End have been finding golf balls in their gardens. This is very concerning as there are several children, babies and elderly persons living near us and they could be seriously or even fatally injured if one of these mysterious balls hit them. So before teeing off again please think twice about how hard - and the direction - you are hitting the ball.

The matter has been reported to the Police as there has been damage caused.

*Gill & Phil Brown  
29 Fen End*

### CATTELL'S MILL, WILLINGHAM NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND Open Saturday, 8 May and Sunday, 9 May 1 00 - 5 00pm

Your local windmill, Cattell's Mill, Mill Road, Willingham, will be open for this year's National Mills Weekend on Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 May when many of the country's wind and watermills open their doors to the public.

The mill, and an exhibition showing details of the mill's history and other artefacts, will be open to visitors. Cream teas, cakes and refreshments will be served from our cafe. A 'mill to mill' radio link will be run once again courtesy of Cambridge Amateur Radio Society and there will be plants for sale.

All proceeds go to the Cattell's Mill Restoration and Preservation Trust. This year we are raising funds for new floor boarding. Disabled facilities are available. All welcome.

## *Pastoral Letter*

*In the gospels there are two occasions where mention is made of a bowl of water and towel. They are both in the minds of Christians after celebrating the great feast of Easter since they figure in the re-telling of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.*

*On the morning of his execution, Jesus stands before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of Palestine, accused on the most dubious of charges. His detractors agitate the crowd to call for his death. The final word rests with Pilate who condemns Jesus to death and, as a symbolic act, calls for water and washes his hands with the words: 'I am innocent of this man's death'. Here the act is one of abdication of responsibility and denial of truth. Pilate acts out of fear or desire to impress the crowd or in the hope of increasing his standing in the eyes of the people; in essence an act reflecting the 'me' rather than the other.*

*The night before this rather sorry scene of Pilate's capitulation, Jesus had celebrated the Passover with his disciples. In that upper room he removed his outer garment, took a bowl of water and a towel and washed the feet of his disciples; those who would run away from him at his arrest or even deny their association with him when the going got tough. As Peter protested Jesus asked the question: 'Do you understand what I have done to you?.....I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you'. Here the act is one of inspiration and service, of ministry and self-giving. In contrast to the words and actions of Pilate, Christ directs all away from himself to the 'you' of his disciples.*

*Our democratic society is under threat from an all too real apathy fuelled by the focus on 'me' rather than 'you'. In looking to the future, to the beyond, we find ourselves obsessed with the now of scandal, misappropriation, bonuses and recession. It is all too easy to slip into being swayed by the crowd who try to convince that 'they're all crooks!' 'There's no point in voting, they are all the same!' It becomes almost rational to 'wash our hands' of the involvement, commitment and cost of building a society of tolerance, justice and respect.*

*Yet, taking inspiration from Christ - and all people who see the value of 'the other', are not we responsible for the society we build? Is it not our responsibility to search for those who possess the inspiration, service, ministry and self-giving we demand of our elected representatives? Am I inspired to be one who adds my voice, a voice that calls for change and for future? Or am I one who will simply wash my hands of the whole sorry affair?*

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





## Baptist Church

**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 to 11 00 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 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 to 11 30 am. All welcome.



**Kids' Friday Club** for all those currently at primary school. Come

along from 6 30 to 7 30pm 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.

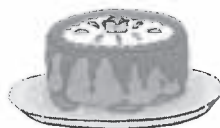


### Coffee Stop

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.

### Cake stall

The monthly cake stall will be on Saturday 1 May, at the Parish Church, from 10 00 am.



Would you like to help with the cake

stall? Volunteers are needed to bake, and serve, cakes. Joyce Bowen (telephone 261075) would like to hear from you.

### 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: 13th and 27th. There are a few vacancies. Please ring Gordon on 260066 for further information.

**Coffee morning** every Monday at 11 00 am, and craft meeting at 2 00 pm.



## Celebrating Mums 2010

Good food and entertainment, great after dinner speaker and wonderful company . . . yes, this was the Celebrating Mums Night organised by the leaders of TOPS, Bumps and Babies, Baby Notes and Bubbles in March.

About 50 mums were treated to a two course sit down dinner, followed by a Family Fortunes style quiz. Entertainment was then provided by the Toddler Group leaders, with an alternative rendition of Mamma Mia in costume, with such lines as 'Just one look and all is not as it seems, you've got baby sick all over our jeans!' and 'Toddler groups... here we go again...my, my how can I resist the play dough!' You had to be there to appreciate it! After dessert, Julia Chamberlin (Diocese of Ely Children's Work Adviser) delighted us with stories of her life as a mum, great anecdotes and left us to consider her inspiring words over more coffee and wine.

At the end of the evening we collected £170 for a local charity which arranges for families, who would



otherwise be unable to go on holiday, to take a break.

We would like to thank the Co-op, the Bakers and MacHair Studio for prizes and gifts that helped make the evening even more memorable. Thanks must also go to the wonderful team who helped with the washing up and serving at tables.

*Kathryn Wright (Bubbles)*



**ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS  
CHURCH STREET  
WILLINGHAM**  
[www.willinghamchurch.org](http://www.willinghamchurch.org)

**2 May**  
11 00am Parish Communion

**9 May**  
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)\*  
11 00 am All Age Worship  
6 00 pm Evensong

**16 May**  
11 00 am Parish Communion

**23 May**  
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)\*  
11 00 am All Age Worship

**30 May**  
11 00 am Parish Communion

\* 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 **May 1st**).

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

**2 May**  
10 00 am Earthly and heavenly worship  
6 00 pm Immanuel, God is with us

**9 May**  
10 00 am + 6 00 pm  
Church Anniversary with  
Rev Richard Lewis,  
Regional Minister

**16 May**  
9 00 am What is Faith?  
10 45 am All-age celebration at the Baptist church  
6 00 pm Holiness and humanity

**23 May**  
10 00 am Pentecost, the birthday of the Church  
12 30-5 00 pm  
Pentecost Praise  
Party on the Green

**30 May**  
10 00 am Saved for a purpose  
6 00 pm Honesty and Integrity

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

**Christians Together in  
Willingham** will meet at the Baptist Church on Tuesday, 11 May at 8 00. Anyone is welcome.

**THE SALVATION ARMY  
SILVER STREET**  
[www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham](http://www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham)

**2 May**  
5 00 pm Worship

**9 May**  
5 00 pm Worship

**16 May**  
5 00 pm Worship

**23 May**  
5 00 pm Worship

**30 May**  
5 00 pm Worship

**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 May Lacks Yard, Long Lane, Lordship Close, Loves Lane  
and Meadow Road will be in our thoughts.

**Sunday 23rd May**  
**Christians Together -**  
**Willingham Pentecost Praise**

**Please join us—we're on the Green**

**12:30 BarBQ**  
Cambridge Community Circus  
**Celebration Finale**

Puppets Live Music  
Magic! Bouncy Castle

## Willingham Primary School: A Message from the Headteacher

Life in school as you can imagine is always busy, sometimes unpredictable and frenetic, but always exciting and alive with the sound of happy learners going about their lessons, carrying out activities, expressing opinions and perhaps planning their next development feature for the school.

The Spring Term was no exception: in February, the builders moved in and have made a good start on the new three-classroom extension. Renovations to the kitchen, dining room and courtyard have begun. The School Council initiated a new ticket system for the tuck shop. The Years 2 and 3 pupils performed a superb musical to packed houses and our Korfbal team won their match against Swavesey!

The School continues to benefit from a raft of amazing individuals and groups who work hard to support the School and create opportunities for the pupils. Teachers, Support Staff, Parents, Governors, the WSA, the Learning Landscape Committee and the British School Trust are some of the adults and organisations that make it possible for the pupils, not only to enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum during school hours, but also to enjoy extra curricular activities during the lunch period and after school. The school's curriculum and the 'extra' activities help to develop the skills and talents of our young people giving them a sense of pride, filling

them with self-esteem and preparing them for the next stage in their education. Day by day, we can see our pupils flourish and grow and begin to 'shine'. We know we are all privileged to be touching the lives of these young people.

For the vast majority of the time at school everything runs smoothly. Teaching and learning are our main focus and pupils are able to learn in a safe and secure environment. Occasionally, and unfortunately, our school community and its ethos are rocked and shocked by events outside of its control. When things like this happen, our school's core values are tested and we reflect on the vulnerability of the pupils and all of the staff. We should all be protecting the innocence of children and setting a good example in the way we speak and the way we behave.

*'You, the parent, are your child's first teacher and his best teacher. It's an awesome responsibility, but one that brings immeasurable rewards.'* – Jacquie McTaggart

The end of the Spring Term was a happy occasion. The flowerbeds looked colourful, the blossom on Debbie Window's tree in the courtyard was in bloom and we remembered her with affection. The younger pupils walked out of school armed with Easter cards and little presents and with a spring in their steps. There was definitely a happy feeling in the air. Just the ticket!

Jo Brearley

## Old Willingham

**Jon Edney** writes: Thank you to those who sent information about last month's photo, including Cicely Jakes and Margaret Lucas whose letter follows:

'The house in the picture is in George St by the Baptist Church where my grandparents Mr & Mrs Herbert Jeeps lived and where they brought up 6 boys and 3 girls. It was called 'Chestnut House' because there was a very large Chestnut tree behind (and also a large Mulberry tree). Between the house and barn you can just see the Butcher's Shop which Percy and Cyril Jeeps looked after. They were quite well known for good sausages! My father Mr S Jeeps ran the farm. The people in the trap are probably Mr & Mrs Jeeps with daughters Olive, Jenny & Nora taken around the mid 1920s'.



### Charity Lunch

The May charity lunch held in favour of Motor Neurone will be held on 15 May at 1 00 pm at the home of Jacqueline Hodkinson, 13 Priest Lane. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs £3.

All are welcome.





## Willingham Cricket Club Fixtures

	First Team	Second Team
1 May	Burwell 3rds (A)	Burwell 4ths (H)
8 May	Longstanton 2nds (H)	
22 May	Chatteris 2nds (A)	Chatteris 3rds (H)
Sun 16 May	Waterbeach 2nds (A) LJ Cup	
29 May	Doddington 2nds (H)	Abbots Ripton (A)
Sun 30 May	Barrington (A) 20/20 Cup	
5 June	St Ives 3rds (A)	St Ives 4th (H)
12 June	Cottenham 2nds (H)	Soham 2nds (A)
19 June	Over 2nds (A)	Little Thetford (H)
26 June	City of Ely (H)	Little Thetford (A)

## 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 00am – 12 30pm 2 30pm – 7 00pm
Friday	10 00am – 12 30pm
Saturday	10 00am – 12 30pm

## Library News

### Travel & Holiday Reading Collection

We have a new display of travel guides and reading to enjoy on holiday – both serious and light-hearted books. Or, if you would rather not take library books away with you, why not have a browse through our book sale? Most of the books are 30p each or 5 for £1 – find yourself a holiday time bargain.

### 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.

Carol Bailey ran a well-attended and really enjoyable flower arranging demonstration in April. Sessions planned for the next few months cover a broad range of topics:

- Wednesday 5 May – Reminiscence session – Schooldays. Please bring along an object or memory from your time at school.
- Wednesday 2 June – Mary Nichols – Historical novelist
- Wednesday 7 July – Julie Ferguson, Local Magistrate will host a discussion 'How would you sentence an Offender?'

### Friends of Willingham Library

Help to support your local library by joining the Friends Group. New members are always welcome. Pick up an application form in the Library.

## 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](http://www.willingham.cambs.sch.uk/funrun)

Organised by Willingham School Association 2010  
Registered Charity No. 1039136

## Swavesey Community Choir

Our next concert is on Sunday 20 June, a double bill with Jonathan Sage and his White Rose Trio. We'll be performing Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace and Four South African songs. We are very short of tenors and basses at present – if you'd like to join us, then please do come along to Swavesey Village College on Wednesday evenings, from 7 30 pm.

Tickets for the concert will be available from [www.swaveseyfestival.org.uk](http://www.swaveseyfestival.org.uk) from 15 May.

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>May</b>				
3	Mark Ekin on 'Greenhouse maintenance and gardening.'	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	
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
<b>June</b>				
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
12	Family BBQ and England's first World Cup game	Willingham Social Club	Social Club	Members and guests – ticket only
<b>July</b>				
3	Willingham School Fete and Walking Parade	Willingham School Association	Willingham Primary School	2 - 5 pm



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St Ives bus station bay 4	-			0703					09						1903					
Fenstanton opp. Clock Tower	0610			0710					10						1810					
Fen Drayton High Street	0616			0716					16						1216					
Swavesey High Street	0624			0724					24						1824				2026	
Over Green	0631			0731					31						1831				2032	
Willingham Wilford Furlong	0639			0739					39						1839				2041	
Willingham opp. Church	0641			0741					41						1841				2043	
Longstanton School Lane	0649			0749					49						1849				2051	
Bar Hill Tesco	0656	0716	0736	0756					16	36	56				1856	1920	2028	2058	2128	2228
Bar Hill Appletrees	0701	0721	0741	0801					21	41	01				1901	1931	2031	-	2131	2231
Bar Hill Aston Avenue	0702	0722	0742	0802					22	42	02				1902	1932	2032	-	2132	2232
Oakington crossroads	-	-	-	-					-	-	-				-	1939	2039	-	2139	2239
Girton Church	-	-	-	-					-	-	-				-	1944	2044	-	2144	2244
Girton Corner	0709	0729	0749	0809					29	49	09				1909	1947	2047	2106	2147	2247
Cambridge Emmanuel Street	0722	0742	0802	0827					42	02	27				1922	1954	2054	2113	2154	2254

On school days there is an extra journey from Swavesey Village College at 1520 to Over, Willingham and Longstanton.



**SUNDAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

route number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Bar Hill Tesco	0928	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1528	1628	1728
Bar Hill Appletrees	0931	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1531	1631	1731
Bar Hill Acorn Avenue	0932	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1632	1732
Oakington crossroads	0939	1039	1139	1239	1339	1439	1539	1639	1739
Girton Church	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1744
Girton Corner	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1547	1647	1747
Cambridge Emmanuel Street	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	1554	1654	1754

this timetable starts 4th April 2010

Cambridge • Bar Hill • Willingham • Swavesey • St Ives



MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

route number	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Cambridge Emmanuel St stop E4	0735	0755	0815	25	55	15	1635	1655	1715	1735	1755	1815	1835
Girton Corner	0748	0808	0828	48	08	28	1648	1708	1728	1748	1808	1828	1848
Bar Hill Tesco	0756	0816	0836	56	16	36	1656	1716	1736	1756	1816	1836	1856
Bar Hill Appletrees	0801	0821	0841	01	21	41	1701	1721	1741	1801	1821	1841	1901
Bar Hill Acorn Avenue	0802	0822	0842	02	22	42	1702	1722	1742	1802	1822	1842	1902
Longstanton opp. Church	0808			08			1708			1808			1908
Willingham Wilford Purlong	0818			18			1718			1818			1918
Willingham opp. Church	0820			20			1720			1820			1920
Over opp. Green	0828			28			1728			1828			1928
Swavesey High Street	0835			35			1735			1835			1935
Fen Drayton High Street	0843			43			1743			1843			1943
Fenstanton Clock Tower	0849			49			1749			1849			1949
St Ives bus station	0858			58			1758			1858			

then at these mins past each hour

until

MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS CONTINUED

route number	5	15	5	5	15	5	5
Cambridge Emmanuel St stop E4	1905	1935	2005	2105	2135	2205	2305
Girton Corner	1912	1942	2012	2112	2142	2212	2312
Girton Church	1915	-	2015	2115	-	2215	2315
Oakington crossroads	1920	-	2020	2120	-	2220	2320
Bar Hill Tesco	1928	1950	2028	2128	2150	2228	2328
Bar Hill Appletrees	1931	-	2031	2131	-	2231	2331
Bar Hill Acorn Avenue	1932	-	2032	2132	-	2232	2332
Longstanton opp. Church		1957		2157		2338	
Willingham Wilford Purlong		2005		2205		2348	
Willingham opp. Church		2007		2207		2350	
Over opp. Green		2017		2217		2358	
Swavesey High Street		2024		2224		0005	
Fen Drayton High Street				2232			
Fenstanton Clock Tower				2238			

On college days there are extra buses from these villages to & from Long Road and Hills Road 6th Form Colleges. See timetable for route 91 and 95. Buses numbered 15 leave from Drummer Street bay 11, not Emmanuel Street and serve Chesterton Lane not Bridge Street.

On school days the 0735 citi 5 from Cambridge also serves Swavesey Village College

Cambridge • Bar Hill



SUNDAYS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

route number	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Cambridge Emmanuel St stop E4	1005	1105	1205	1305	1405	1505	1605	1705	1805
Girton Corner	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1712	1812
Girton Church	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1815
Oakington crossroads	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720	1820
Bar Hill Tesco	1028	1128	1228	1328	1428	1528	1628	1728	1828
Bar Hill Appletrees	1031	1131	1231	1331	1431	1531	1631	1731	
Bar Hill Acorn Avenue	1032	1132	1232	1332	1432	1532	1632	1732	

this timetable starts 4th April 2010



# An Afternoon at The Vicarage

Saturday 12th June

**Your company is warmly requested at a Garden Party in the graceful surroundings of the Old Vicarage in Over, on Saturday 12 June from 2pm to 5pm.**

Our special guest is Dr Larry Amure.

*Luxuriate* in a summer's afternoon of entertainment. Be *soothed* by the sounds of **Lucy Bunze's** harp and Swavesey Village College's **Hathor Players**. *Relax* with the **Entertainers** singers.

*Refresh* with delicious strawberries and cream, cake and Pimms.

*Enjoy* a guided tour of St Mary's Church and an exhibition of paintings and photographs by local artists.

Tickets – including the drink and food above - are just £7 each.

All proceeds to the Over Day Centre

Tickets available from

**Over:** The Over Day Centre (01954 231807) or Jude Stockey (01954 203240);

**Swavesey:** John Dyer (01954 230828); **Willingham:** Gill Brown (01954 201989)

**The Over Day Centre** 1 Drings Close, Over, Cambs CB24 5NZ

Registered Charity No: 800829



**Connections** School year 7 and above  
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## Youth club on a bus

Wednesday 7-9pm,  
Ploughman Hall

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## Sudoku Solution

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# Village Directory

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

<b>Council</b>	Parish Council (See full details on page 6)		01954 261027
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
<b>Services</b>	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC -After hours medical help		01223 464242
<b>Schools</b>	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3-6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201567
	School Governors Chairman	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
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs R. Mumford	01954 260934
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