

WILLINGHAM NEWS



July 2010

Family Fun Day

Willingham recreation ground saw the return of the Family Fun Day on 15 May. This was the third year of the event and was the best by far. The event was run by the 1st Willingham Scout Group to raise much needed funds to keep the group running. We were lucky with the weather and the sun shone all afternoon.

With a variety of stalls, games and displays, a bouncy castle, circus skills school and free entertainment, from not only a juggler but a Fire Eater too, there was something there for everyone. The BBQ was stocked with sausages and burgers from Highgate Farm Shop and they must have tasted good because they were all devoured by the end of the day. This year we had a real ale bar with ale from Milton Brewery.

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HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY BABY NOTES!

On 17 May Baby Notes celebrated its first birthday. A party was held in the Baptist church with party games, pass the parcel, hand printing, a puppet show and of course plenty of cake! It was attended by all the babies and carers who are currently participating or have participated in Baby Notes during its first year.



The group was set up by Laura Thomas, a local mum and qualified music and drama teacher, for babies from newborn to toddling. The aim of the group is to have fun to music while



encouraging the babies' communication and social skills. We sing nursery rhymes, use musical instruments, scarves and other props and encourage the babies to join in with the actions and singing.

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One of the highlights of the afternoon was the Auction of Promises and Gifts. Many people and businesses kindly donated varied auction lots and Stephen Drake from Willingham Auctions encouraged enthusiastic bids for anything from rounds of golf and signed Cambridge United shirts to beauty treatments, jewellery, a meal for two and a handmade cake.

Music was provided throughout the afternoon by Doghouse Collective who play a celtic-latin folk style music, and Pete's All Electric Sound System offered up just the right balance of 80's to modern music.

All in all a fun afternoon was had and that's what we set out to do. Importantly for the Scout Group, we raised £1500 and we would like to thank all those who came along. 1st Willingham Scout Group is one of the largest groups in the county and is still growing. Scouting only works due to the commitment and enthusiasm of the adult leaders, all volunteers who freely give up their time to help the development of young people.

Bin Collections

7 July	Black bin
14 July	Green bin and boxes
21 July	Black bin
28 July	Green bin and boxes

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From the Parish Council

Parish Council Office Administration Assistant

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances, Ms Dobson will be leaving the Parish Council at the end of June, Mrs A Powell, will replace Ms Dobson as Administration Assistant.

Salt Bins

Salt Bins will be provided for public use in late August/early September, in locations yet to be decided (locations will be detailed in the next issue). It is hoped that residents and businesses will take greater personal responsibility in clearing their paths in inclement weather conditions.

Willingham Lode

The Lode in various locations in the Village is in need of clearance. Willingham Parish Council is looking for volunteers to take this forward and help with the clearance. If anyone has an hour or two to spare, please phone the Parish office on the number below and leave your contact details and dates you may be available. When a date has been set, you will be contacted regarding help. Thank you.

Vandalism at the Pavilion

There has recently been a spate of mindless vandalism at the Pavilion. The Pavilion was a long term project that the Community worked hard to achieve over several years. It is an outstanding facility for a village to have and it is a shame that the few spoil it for the many that enjoy it. The cost of repairs is always great and is paid for out of the public purse. Please look out for any unscrupulous activities you may see in and around the area and report them immediately to the police and the Parish Council.

District Council News

South Cambridgeshire District Council hope that all District, County and Parish/Town Councils will work together with community members on snow clearance when the time arises.

A new Chief Executive of the District Council has been appointed and an announcement will have been made public by the time of the next issue of *Willingham News*. Please look out for details.

Increased Community Powers will be delivered to Local Government in the next year, especially increased planning powers. Under the new Government, old targets have been scrapped and a new strategy will be put in place.

South Cambridgeshire District Council has agreed not to take on any of the overall debt deficit of other Councils nationwide.

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.

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

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Committee Meeting dates

Go to the Parish Council Website (www.willingham-pc.org.uk), or look at the Parish notice board next to the Public Hall in the High Street or Library notice board for details of any Committee meetings that may be called.

All Committee meetings are at the Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall unless otherwise advertised. As usual, Minutes of all meetings will be placed in the Library once they have been signed as accurate.

Next Parish Council Meeting

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

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

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Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge.*

The Office will be open on all Week day mornings from 10 am to 1 pm, except Bank Holidays. Appointments may be made by calling the Office. There is an answer-phone outside office hours, and the Clerk undertakes to return any calls as quickly as possible.

Jottings from your County Councillor

I have just heard that the Public Inquiry into the upgrading of the A14, due to start next month, has been postponed. I cannot say that I am entirely surprised by the news, given that the scheme has risen considerably in cost since it was first proposed, from £500m to £1.2bn and has seen what I might describe as 'mission creep' – it has got bigger and bigger. I had heard rumblings in the early spring that it could be on a potential 'hit list' of schemes. In the current economic climate there have to be questions raised over whether it can be afforded. However, I think we also need to ask the question whether we can afford not to upgrade the road, and it is deeply disappointing that there is yet another delay. Ten years ago the then Secretary of State for Transport told me that the new road would be finished by 2009; at the present rate of progress I cannot see it being completed before 2019. It is fair to say, though, that we are not being singled out. There are a number of other schemes which have been put on hold across the country, while the comprehensive spending review takes place.

At the time of writing this article it is still not clear what the extent of the cuts to local government will be, although it would be wrong to describe them simply as efficiency savings. At a regional level we are looking to find around £20m of savings. An example of one of the cuts is the loss of the Economic Participation programme. This may not sound much, but is delivered through local authorities and can often make a big difference. In the Kings Hedges area for example, there is a programme to support a group of women from Bangladesh who do not speak English. By teaching them English it has given them far greater freedom and independence – for example, they can now talk to teachers at their children's schools, or go the doctor and discuss their health problems. They can also look for work, thereby contributing back to the economy. A small example, but one which is likely to disappear.



Women's
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Our June meeting was held at Willingham Windmill, where Richard Cowley made us feel very welcome and gave us the most interesting talk about the windmill, its history, how he and his wife bought it and their dreams of restoring it to a full working mill again in the not too distant future. To go with the talk those of us that wanted were given a guided tour of the windmill. Most of us made it to the top of the mill, it was OK going up but I'm not quite sure about coming down, we did however all reach land again eventually. During the evening we also had a visit from several Cub Scouts and their leader to receive a cheque for £151.22, this was raised when we held a cake stall at their recent Fun Day.

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On a lighter note, on the two hottest days of the year so far, I have been in London taking part in a review by the Local Government Association into winter gritting, following two difficult years. There was a certain irony, sitting in sweltering heat, learning more about the process of gritting – from salt mines to the road, than I probably ever wanted to know! We took evidence from the salt suppliers, from representatives in central and local government, transport operators, the business community and representatives from education and social care. The final report is likely to recommend that householders and businesses should be encouraged to take greater responsibility for clearing snow from outside their properties, without fear of litigation, something I know was an issue last winter. A centralised system of salt allocation and the possibility of regional salt stocks is also on the cards. One idea I would like to see implemented is a central register for teachers, particularly at primary level, so that during bad weather, teachers can go to their local school, rather than their normal school to reduce travel and help to keep more schools open. It may not be ideal, but for the odd 'snow day' it may enable teachers to continue to work, allowing parents to get to work.

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

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Missed appointments: During the month of May there were 116 missed appointments at Willingham and Longstanton surgeries when patients had booked the appointment in advance and then did not attend. Very often the appointments were only booked a day or two before. This amounts to a total of 25 hours of consultation time which was in effect wasted. When we are not aware that a patient will not be attending we are unable to re-allocate that appointment to someone else in need. This is frustrating for staff who are trying to do their best to accommodate everyone with an appointment which suits them and if possible with the doctor of their choice. Please can you let us know in plenty of time if you no longer need an appointment with a doctor or nurse or other health professional so that someone else can use that appointment.

Appointments with the physiotherapist or counsellor are much longer appointments and both are costly services to provide so it is especially important that you let us know if you do not intend to attend.

The CAMTAD Van will be visiting Willingham Surgery on **Wednesday 21 July from 2 00 – 4 30 pm**. If you need any advice regarding your hearing aid or need replacement NHS batteries then please feel free to come along.

Poor sunscreen puts lives at risk: 9 out of 10 people do not know how to apply sunscreen properly according to a new survey carried out by Cancer Research UK. Sunscreen only works if you use an **adequate layer and reapply after 2 hours**. Using a higher factor sunscreen cannot make up for using a thin layer. People often believe that a double factor screen offers double protection. In fact SPF15 filters out 93% of damaging UVB radiation and SPF30 only offers a small increase to 96%. Rates of skin cancer are on the rise in the UK so please remember this important message: **Apply sunscreen regularly and generously** and it is just as important to use sunscreen in the UK as it is when holidaying abroad. If in doubt ask our pharmacy team for advice.

Vandalism: Due to increasing incidents of vandalism and damage, when young people have been gathering in the surgery car park and on occasions behind the surgery

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Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	4 30 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	Closed from 1 00 pm
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	Half day
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

premises, we have had discussions with the police who will be patrolling the vicinity on a more regular basis. The local police would be grateful if you could report any incidents of vandalism or behaviour which are causing you concern in your area no matter how small the incident. The number to call is **0345 456 456 4**

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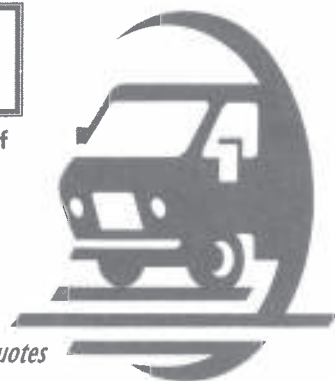
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Willingham Gardening Club

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The Club welcomes new members to all of our monthly meetings. We are a group of people with an interest in plants and gardening. If you are too 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 of £10. You may attend one meeting for a small charge of £2 to see what we do and to speak informally to members and to the committee.

In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and other places of interest and there is usually an annual Club holiday lasting 4 or 5 days during which we visit the best gardens and other places of interest in the holiday location. See below for more details.

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

Celia will be recording interest in a May 2011 holiday (late May bank holiday week) to Northumberland during the next three months or so. If you are interested contact her as soon as possible on the above number to make a provisional booking.

Club Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday 5 July at our Club meeting, Stephen Poyser will speak to us on the subject of 'Honey - Hive to table'.

Monday 2 August – Members' evening out – The chairman will announce the details of venue etc. at the July meeting.

Our next outing will be to the Savill Gardens on the Crown estate at Windsor followed by an afternoon visit to Windsor town itself. We leave the Green, Willingham at 8 30 am. Other pick-up points e.g. High Street, may be used by arrangement with Celia. The Savill Gardens in Windsor Great Park are famous for their year round interest, woodland garden and New Zealand Garden.

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. There will be an outing on Saturday 18 September - destination still to be arranged but note the date please.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 4 September – Annual Village Horticultural and Craft Show organised by the Gardening Club 1 30 pm to 4 30 pm. If you would like to try your hand at submitting a plant entry then why not give Kathy a ring on 260745 or Tony on 201910 to arrange to collect your free begonia plant which you can grow on over the summer. This task would be ideal for a child to undertake but is not restricted to children.

Saturday 18th September – outing date.

VISIT TO SAVILL GARDENS IN WINDSOR GREAT PARK

On Saturday 17 July there is to be a visit to the famous Savill Gardens in the grounds of Windsor Great Park. The cost inclusive of travel and entry will be £23 pp.

The garden is set in 35 acres and includes an iconic new visitor centre and restaurant.

The summer flowering Jubilee garden will be at its best. The New Zealand garden has more than 3000 native plants – the largest collection in the UK. The new rose garden opened in mid June and has been planted with roses specially chosen for their scent, strong colours and repeat flowering characteristics. The National collections of ilex (holly), magnolias, mahonias, ferns and dwarf conifers are housed within the site.

The Garden has one of the finest woodland gardens in the country too.

WHY NOT JOIN US ON THIS NOT TO BE MISSED TRIP

Call Celia on 01954 261394 to book your seat on the coach leaving The Green, Willingham at 8 30 am. Other departure points in Willingham by arrangement with Celia.

Yesteryear Road Run

On 23 April, the Yesteryear Road Run in aid of MAGPAS passed through Willingham.

The Garners Farm on Green Street played host again to the 'snack stop'. Despite a few showers a record £500 was raised from the sales of homemade cakes and bacon rolls. Thanks go to everyone who supported us, to those who donated goods and three cheers for the ladies who served for a frantic couple of hours! See you again next year!

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News from WAG (Willingham Action Group)

As reported in the last issue, some members of WAG have set up the Willingham Youth Trust. The Trust is applying for limited company and charitable status. Its main aim will be to seek funds to provide a youth centre in the village. We would be interested if anyone knows of a building or building plot that could be suitable. The Trust also needs a secretary to the trustees. This would be unpaid but only involve very occasional work in receiving correspondence and passing to the appropriate trustee, taking minutes at meetings and keeping records. If you can help with either of these matters then please contact Mike Tidball on 01954 260647.

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and the inevitable raffle !

If you enjoyed their visit last year, do come again. If you were not able to make the event, this is a band not to be missed.

The band originates from Holland and the musicians are young and enthusiastic (all in their 20s). They love playing traditional jazz and we are very lucky to be able to listen to them yet again in Over. There are eight of them in the band and they are joining us on their way home after their usual mini UK tour playing in Nottingham, Gateshead and Wetherby - hence our lunchtime session!

Tickets priced at £8.50 each are available from Julia Warren, 23 Long Furlong, Over, Cambridge CB24 5PG or alternatively please 'phone Julia on
01954 230056 or Val on 01954 230655

Profits from this event will be distributed to a village charity.

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Answer may be found on page 17



Pastoral Letter

To a great number of people July each year means only one thing - no, not World Cup football thankfully only every fourth year! No, July for many means holidays and the value of a holiday cannot be overstated. These days most of us live such busy and hectic lives that we need the balance that a holiday can give. We need time to rest from the routine, the pressures of modern living; we need time to relax away from the strictures and busyness that dominate and drive us; and we need time to relax to permit our bodies and our souls to catch up.

We also need a holiday to help us be refreshed and renewed. Whether we plan an all inclusive holiday abroad in an exotic location or we choose the simpler camping option the benefits are clear, a time to refresh our tired minds, and bodies and give our time to things that we enjoy. Long walks, cycling, swimming, golfing, spending

time with family and friends, sharing good food and even better conversation - whatever works for you is good. It's good to do something different from the normal tasks of work and home life in a different location and with different company; it can refresh and renew us.

Perhaps though the greatest need for many of us the chance to reflect and take time to process our thinking. Taking time to reflect gives us a reason to set aside some quality time just for ourselves. Making time for reflection will ensure that the rest refreshment and renewal will have greatest impact for us and that our 'holidays' will also be 'holy days'.

Wherever and whenever you go for your annual break may it be all you want it to be and plan it to be - but do plan yourself some reflection time and have a great time.

Major Aubrey Draycott
Salvation Army

Friends of Willingham Library – Quiz

What do you read? Books, newspapers, comics?

How do you decide what to read? Do you use Willingham Library?

Now test how well read you are

Why not try this new monthly quiz? Answers (surnames) begin with A or B

(Answers on page 18)

1. The writer of *The Biographer's Tale*? (whose sister is author, Margaret Drabble)
2. Who wrote *Lucky Jim*?
3. Light-hearted stories about the Hebrides were written by Lillian
4. Whose book begins: *'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.'*?
5. In the TV adaptation of whose books did we first meet Catherine Zeta Jones? (clue – Darling Buds of May.)
6. Author of *The White Tiger*?
7. Give the author of *The Thirty-nine Steps*.
8. Which French writer created a series of novels under the umbrella *La Comédie Humaine*?
9. Name the creator of Inspector/Superintendent/Chief Superintendent Wycliffe.
10. She wrote over twenty books including: *The Caravaners* and *The Enchanted April* – and Katherine Mansfield was her cousin.
11. Harry Starks, the 1960s character who was a club owner, racketeer, porn king, sociology graduate, Judy Garland fan – was created by whom?
12. Which Yorkshireman wrote: *The History Boys, Talking Heads, Writing Home*?
13. Among other books, she wrote *Human Croquet* and *Emotionally Weird*.
14. The poet who penned these lines? *'And I will love thee still my dear, Till a' the seas gang dry.'*

Baby Notes – continued from page 1

One local mum who has been coming to the group since its first session said 'I remember bringing my daughter when she was a tiny six-week old who slept through most of the session. Now she is a strapping toddler who loves doing the actions to some of the songs and playing the instruments. It has been amazing to see her development during the year and I think Baby Notes has really helped.'

If you have a child who would enjoy Baby Notes, the group meets in the Baptist Church every Monday afternoon during term time. There are two age groups: 2 30–3 pm is for babies to crawling and 3–3 30 pm is for crawlers. You don't need to be able to sing to come along – there are plenty of people in the group and it is a great chance to brush up on all those forgotten nursery rhymes. If you can, we ask for a small donation of £1 per session which goes towards purchasing instruments, props and of course the cake and biscuits!



Baptist Church

Bumps and Babies: Thursday mornings at 10 00 am for mums-to-be and those with babies up to 18 months. This is now run with support from Bar Hill Children's Centre.

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

TOPS meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 45 am to 11 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 – 8 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 am – 11 30 am. All welcome.

Kids' Friday Club for all those currently at primary school. Come along from 6 30 pm – 7 30 pm for crafts, games, stories, quizzes, music, puppets and much more.

WORLD CUP – All the England matches will be shown on a big screen (very big!) throughout the duration of the World Cup. Food will also be available so the whole family can enjoy the occasion without needing to prepare a meal – or wash up. See details under Baptist Services.

Parish Church

Bubbles

Bubbles takes place every Friday during school term time and is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers time to meet others and be creative. It is held in the Octagon from 10 00 am – 11 15 am.

Coffee Stop

Please note the following change of venue and closure over the summer:

Time: 10-11 30 am

6 July at 75 Station Road

13 July at 15a High Street

20 July at 15a High Street

27 July at 15a High Street

August – CLOSED

7 September return to the Octagon

(Hostess: Janet Hart)

(Hostess: Amy Robinson)

(Hostess: Joyce Bowen)

(Hostess: Sue West)



Cake stall

The cake stall this month will be on Saturday, 3 July. It takes place at the 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 in progress (see separate article).

Salvation Army

Lunch – alternate Thursdays at 12 30 pm which are **1, 15 and 29 July**. For information, ring either Daphne on 260508 or Gordon on 260066.

Coffee morning – every Monday at 11 00 am followed by **craft meeting** at 2 00 pm.

ROCKY'S plaiice

HOLIDAY CLUB

For children in current Reception to Year 6
at the Baptist Church

10:00–12:30

**Monday 2nd August–6th August
with the Sunday Celebration**

**11:00 on 8th August
followed by a Barbeque**

For further details and a Registration form
Please contact Pam 01954 780714
pam.buckridge@ntlworld.com

Please register beforehand if possible



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WILLINGHAM**

www.willinghamchurch.org

- 4 July**
11 00 am Parish Communion
- 11 July**
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am All Age Worship
6 00 pm Evensong
- 18 July**
11 00 am Parish Communion
- 25 July**
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 **July – 3rd**).

Children are welcome at all our 11 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 Steve Mellows (01954 270063) or Janette Mullett (01954 261003) know.

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

In July: Osborne Close, Over Road, Pegler Court, Pound Lane and Priest Lane
will be in our thoughts.

**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH
GEORGE STREET**

www.willinghambaptist.org

- 3 July**
10 00 am
2 pm Open day at Tibbitts Farm
- 4 July**
10 00 am Meeting with God
6 00 pm Persecution of the early Christians
- 11 July**
10 00 am God's rules, OK!
6 00 pm Christian giving
- 18 July**
9 00 + Golden bulls and golden
10 45 am trophies, (both in the
Baptist church building)
6 00 pm Care in the church
- 25 July**
10 00 am I spy
6 00 pm United we stand

**THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET**

www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham

- 4 July**
5 00 pm Worship
- 11 July**
5 00 pm Worship
- 18 July**
5 00 pm Worship
- 25 July**
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 am

DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT

Come and get involved with Willingham's one and only pantomime!

We need actors, singers and dancers (adults and children 8+) for principal roles and chorus. We also need set designers, backstage crew, costume makers, musicians and front of house. If you've got talent, we need you!

First get together for those aged 12+ is Tuesday 6 July in the Public Hall from 8-9 30 pm. This will be a chance to meet the group, pick up songs and script, or have a chat about how you'd like to get involved. Auditions are the following week on Wednesday 14 July at the Public Hall, from 8-9 30 pm (in 10 min audition slots).

Children aged 8-12 are invited to audition on Sunday 4 July from 3 30-5 pm at the Public Hall. There is no need to prepare anything for this audition.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday evenings for principals, and some Sunday afternoons.

The show will take place from 1-4 December with a matinee on 4 December.

Please phone Laura on 01954 260226 for more information or to express your interest in attending.

Nigel to cycle 'A Bridge Too Far' in aid of Help for Heroes

As you may recall last year I cycled 350 miles from Portsmouth to Paris in aid of Help for Heroes. Thanks to everyone's support I managed to raise £2,800 and the Dell team that I rode with raised £10,000 in total.

This year, I have signed up for the 'A Bridge Too Far Bike Ride' which takes place in September.

Last year's ride was such an inspiring event that when the ride to Arnhem was announced by Help for Heroes, I couldn't resist another opportunity to show my support.

My father and uncle both served with the Parachute Regiment during WWII, the latter taking part in the Battle for Arnhem. Help for Heroes is a charity very close to my heart and it will be an honour to take part in this challenge.

The ride will start in London at Wellington Barracks on 13 September, heading for Brussels. We will cycle 350 miles through WWI and WWII Battlefields and Cemeteries as well as visiting sites associated with the much earlier Battle of Waterloo. We will travel through Antwerp, Eindhoven and Nijmegen before arriving at Arnhem on 18 September, in time to take part in the 66th Anniversary commemoration of the battle made famous in the film 'A Bridge Too Far'.

There are 200 cyclists taking part, including a team from Battle Back, the Military Adaptive Adventure Training and Sports Programme.

'Help for Heroes is very proud to support Battle Back, a recent UK Military initiative. Battle Back uses Adaptive Adventure Training and Sports Rehabilitation to help seriously wounded Service personnel gain confidence and return to an active life.

Although the scheme has only been running since 2008, Battle Back is already making a phenomenal difference to the lives of many wounded Servicemen and women. By encouraging those who have suffered serious injuries to play sports and try new activities in a sociable atmosphere, the team work hard to prove that disability need not spell the end of participation in physical challenges.

When first faced with the reality of a disability, many individuals experience a loss of confidence, depression, and believe that their active lives have ended. The sudden, traumatic change in physical ability makes them vulnerable to psychological and emotional stress which can alienate them from their friends and family. The use of sport or outdoor activities has a proven track record to aid successful physical and psychological rehabilitation, providing the foundation for the development of a positive self-image and outlook on life.'

Help for Heroes provides practical direct support to those Servicemen and women wounded in the line of duty in the current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since October 2007, Help for Heroes has raised over £50,000,000 for projects such as the recently opened Rehabilitation Complex at Headley Court.

I work as a Computer Consultant for Dell and in my spare time I've been involved with fundraising for Willingham School Association and can also be seen out and about in the village as the Year 6 Safer Cycling Instructor.



Nigel at the end of the Band of Brothers Bike Ride 2009

My fundraising target is £2,200 and this will be as challenging as the ride itself! I hope that as many people as possible will support me in reaching my goal.

You can sponsor me by visiting my online fundraising page at www.bmycharity.com/nleaney.

For further information on Help for Heroes or the 'A Bridge Too Far Bike Ride', visit www.helpforheroes.org.uk

To find out more about Battle Back, visit www.army.mod.uk/events/sport/16263.aspx

Honeypot Pre-School

Intake for September and beyond

Places are now available at Honeypot for September 2010. These are open to applications for all pre-school aged children. However preference will be given to children due to start school in September 2011. From September 2010 it will be our policy that children on our waiting list will be offered a place in the term or half term following them reaching the age of 2 years 6 months, space permitting. Fees are currently £8.50 per session for children aged between 2 years 6 months and the term after which they turn three. All children receive nursery funding for up to five sessions per week following the term in which they turn three. For more information or to apply for a place, please contact Gina Balaam on 01954 201567.

Charity Lunch

The July charity lunch held in support of Motor Neurone will be held on 17 July at 1 pm by Glenda Tillyard and Marian Harrington at 43 Rampton Road. The meal consists of soup, cheese and bread and costs £3. All are welcome.

Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

0345 0455225



Monday	5 00 – 7 00 pm
Tuesday	2 30 – 7 00 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10 00am – 12 30pm 2 30pm – 7 00pm
Friday	10 00am – 12 30pm
Saturday	10 00am – 12 30pm

Library News

Calling all children

Summer Reading Challenge – Prepare for Blast Off!

This summer's reading game is called 'Space Hop'. Enjoy yourself during the holiday by reading all the books you haven't had time for during term time and chart your reading progress with stickers on your own Captain's log. There will be a visit by an author/illustrator and an activity/craft morning, as well as special Reading Challenge afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays, thanks again to

generous funding by Willingham Parish Council. Keep a look out at the library and around the village for more details about these events.

Engage in the Afternoon

Come along to these special sessions for adults on the first Wednesday each month from 2 pm – 3 30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee/biscuits and a chance to change books and use computers. It's free but donations are welcomed to cover the cost of refreshments. In June we had a fascinating and well-attended talk by historical novelist Mary Nichols. Why not come to one of the future sessions?

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

Wednesday 4 August – David Jacques will talk on 'Medicines by Accident'

Wednesday 1 September – Maggie Maddiss will be holding a scrapbook workshop

Friends of Willingham Library

Help support your local library at this time of public expenditure cuts by joining the Friends Group for only £5 a year – new members are always welcome. Pick up an application form from the library or contact Linda King on 260780. Or just call in to borrow some books for your holiday reading and to see what else the library has to offer.

How You Can Help to Reduce the Risk to Our Children and Vulnerable Residents

Responses to the questionnaire which informed the Parish Plan showed that well over 60% of residents were concerned by the number of vehicles which speed through our village. These non-thinking drivers were seen as posing a threat to our children and more vulnerable residents as well as having a negative impact on our quality of life.

Since publication of the Parish Plan WAG has tried to influence a reduction in the incidence of speeding. We have sought help from the County Council as the Highway Authority. It has to be said that they have not been a great help, requiring a few more serious accidents to first prove that we have a problem. The Police recognise the problem and have taken a number of actions and promise further support. They recognise that it is better to reduce the risk of an accident rather than deal with its aftermath. In addition we have tried a little self-help. You cannot help but notice the speed limit decals on the Earith Road and Rampton Road wheelie bins on a Wednesday. I think our Wednesday show demonstrates the continuing concern of residents. In addition we have joined 'Speedwatch'. This is a system where we loan equipment from the Police to monitor the speed of individual vehicles. Those speeding

are reported to the police for action to be taken. The results of our surveys have horrified us. Even during the rush hour over 25% of vehicles are speeding with nearly half of these travelling at a speed that warrants police action. So far the police have taken action against nearly 700 drivers.

One interesting point to emerge from our surveys is the high number of residents reported for speeding; the same people who expressed concern about the risk posed by speeding vehicles. If residents obeyed the speed limits it would help to reduce the overall speed of traffic; and remember speeding residents get personal attention from the police.

If you are concerned about the speed of traffic in our village and the risk to life that this poses then, as a first action, obey the speed limit yourself before you add to the County Council and Police statistics. If you would like to do something more positive then how about becoming a 'Speedwatch' volunteer. We always need more help. Interested? Then get in touch with Reg Purnell (reg.purnell@ntlworld.com)

Reg Purnell

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
July				
3	Willingham School Fete and Walking Parade	Willingham School Association	Willingham Primary School	2 00 – 5 00 pm
5	Talk 'Honey – hive to table' Stephen Poyser	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	See main item for details
7	Discussion led by Julie Ferguson 'How would you sentence an offender'	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 – 3 30 pm
17	Charity Lunch	Willingham Charity Lunchers	43 Rampton Road	1 pm £3
August				
4	David Jacques 'Medicines by accident'	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 – 3 30 pm
Sept.				
1	Maggie Maddis – Scrapbook workshop	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 – 3 30 pm

Summer News from the Hanson-RSPB wetland project

The latest news from the wetland project is that a new permissive path, installed by Hanson across the first mere north of Over village, has been opened ready for the summer.



The path runs east to west along the edge of the canal, north of the largest mere. Kissing gates at Bare Hill and at the northern end of Long Drove provide access to the grassy, way-marked route. The new path makes possible a circular walk around Cuckoo Drove, Long Drove and Long Holme Drove. As this is a permissive path, we are asking walkers to keep to the marked route with dogs on a lead.

With good views over the most well developed reedbeds walkers can expect to see ducks, geese and swans dabbling and diving on the waters. During the summer months, reed and sedge warblers can be heard reeling their songs from amongst the reeds, with reed buntings common in the marshy edges. There is also the chance of seeing a hunting marsh harrier, hobby or barn owl. Brown hares are frequently seen in the grassy margins, with skylarks singing high overhead and dragonflies skimming along below.

The opening of the route marks a new phase in the opening up of a significant network of routes, and what we hope will be the quiet enjoyment of the new wetlands by many local people. Path creation will continue this year, with further routes and viewpoints being created around the restored reedbeds near Over and around the settlement lagoons at Needingworth.

Chris Hudson, warden, 01954 233265

Old Willingham

Last month we showed a photo of a big fire in Church Lane. Fire was an ever present danger in dry weather. Ruth Purdue remembers this fire: 'Late 50s, I think. I was there. The barns



at the rear of David Munns' house, which contained livestock, caught fire. My grandmother, who lived in Church Lane, saw the smoke first and ran to Rolly Few's shop: "Rolly, Rolly, David's sheds are on fire." Many pigs were killed despite opening the doors for them. I can remember them squealing. It was on the TV news.' Another comment from Stephen Granger said: 'I can remember this as I grew with (David) John Munns. The barn had many bales of straw inside. I can remember John saying that it was believed to have been started with a discarded cigarette butt.'

Willingham WEA

The Autumn Term starts on Monday 13 September, 10 am at the Baptist Church, George Street. The course this term is 'Tudor, Stuart & Georgian Cambridge'

Focussing on three centuries, including times of danger, turbulence and corruption, we will look at both Town and University, the lives people led and some notable individuals.

The Tutor is Honor Ridout. The course fee is £44. For more information please ring Rosemary Mumford, 01954 260934

Granta Generosity

After several years of good service, the mess tent belonging to 1st Willingham Scout Group finally gave in; helped by some severe winds last year that tore some of the fabric and ripped out some of the guy ropes. Most of you will have seen the large white tent at the Firework Extravaganza and the Family Fun Day, both run by the Scout group. The tent was also used at two or three camps every year.



Pat Daniels from Granta handing over the tent to Marina Deller, Group Scout Leader

At a cost of over £1000 to replace, this presented the group with a big problem. A grant from the Granta Housing Association of £1100 solved the problem. The grant came as a result of an application by Gary Claypole, 1st Willingham Group Chairman, to the association's Community Fund. Fund raising is always difficult especially when everyone is feeling the pinch, and when organisations like Granta are able to help it makes a huge difference.

Pat Daniels, of Granta, officially handed over the tent to the Scout Group at the Family Fun Day in May and it was used to great effect as the food tent on the day. Indeed as I write the tent is being used for the first of two camps this month. This tent should give the boys and girls of Willingham many years of Scouting fun.

*Gary Claypole
Chairman 1st Willingham Scout Group*

*Answer to Sudoku
on page 10*

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4	5	9	8	3	2	6	1	7
1	3	7	4	6	9	2	8	5
9	2	4	3	5	8	1	7	6
3	1	6	7	2	4	9	5	8
7	8	5	1	9	6	3	2	4

Behind the corrugated iron: a new church roof is laid

Many readers will have seen the corrugated iron fence along the north side of the church. In case you wonder, behind it work has been going on to repair the north aisle roof, which was leaking. Rattee & Kett are replacing the lead on the roof with terne-coated stainless steel. The decision to use steel was taken because there had been several lead thefts – as in many other churches. The work is monitored by Jeremy Lander, of Freeland Rees Roberts, who is the church architect.



Jerry Lander checks for rotten wood.

The church has been fortunate to receive grants from several bodies, including the Waste Recycling Group plc. Their grant is made under the Landfill Tax Credit scheme. The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust distributes their grants.

The Trust has also offered a loan to the church, to help during the time it will take to reclaim VAT.

Local fund-raising has, of course, been very important. Two examples: The monthly cake stall, on the first Saturday of the month, and Rene Gould's bric-à-brac stall.



Workmen removing the old lead.

Grants have been received also from the National Churches Trust, (the leading national independent body concerned with the protection and welfare of Christian places of worship); the Garfield Weston Foundation, and the Wolfson Foundation (through the Archbishops' Council).

*Bill Kirkman
Restoration Co-ordinator*

Willingham Photography Club

If you are interested in photography, why not come and join us.

We cater for all levels of experience and expertise. We welcome you to our informal but informative meetings.

We are serious about photography but not solemn! We meet at 8 pm on the third Monday of every month in the hall behind Willingham Baptist Tabernacle Church.

We have a monthly theme where members' pictures are constructively discussed. There is also usually a display given by one of our members.

We also hope to invite guest speakers from time to time.

Our next meeting is at 8 pm on 21 June when the theme will be 'My understanding of light'. Dave Cordery will also talk about animal photography in the Kruger Park

You can contact us at willinghamphotoclub@yahoo.co.uk



Answers to the FOWL quiz on page 11

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| 1. A S Byatt | 8. Honoré de Balzac |
| 2. Kingsley Amis | 9. W J Burley |
| 3. Beckwith | 10. Elizabeth von Arnim |
| 4. Jane Austen (<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>) | 11. Jake Arnott |
| 5. H E Bates | 12. Alan Bennett |
| 6. Aravind Adiga | 13. Kate Atkinson |
| 7. John Buchan | 14. Robbie Burns (<i>Red red rose</i>) |

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Willingham Cricket Club Fixtures

	First Team	Second Team
3 July	Over 2nds (H)	Chatteris 3rds (A)
10 July	City of Ely (A)	Burwell 4ths (A)
17 July	Cottenham 2nds (A)	Soham 2nds (H)
24 July		Wimblington 2nds (A)
31 July	Doddington 2nds (A)	
7 August	Chatteris 2nds (H)	
14 August	St Ives 3rds (H)	St Ives 4ths (A)
21 August		Wimblington 2nds (H)
28 August	Longstanton 2nds (A)	Abbots Ripton (H)
4 September	Burwell 3rds (H)	

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

We now have outdoor nets thanks to a grant from South Cambridgeshire District Council. Practice sessions are held every Sunday from 10 30 am and 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.

Open House Coffee Mornings for Parents and Carers of Babies and Pre-Schoolers.

I am the NCT Post-Natal Coordinator for Willingham – a rather grand title which basically means I am the point of contact for any parents in the village, whether or not they are NCT members, who want to find out about the NCT or just about activities in the village. I run an Open House Coffee Morning once a week, which is open to all parents/carers with children from newborn to pre-school. The Open House runs every week, including school holidays, so if you're looking for something to do over the summer holiday when the other groups stop, then please do come along. Older siblings are of course welcome too, when the schools are closed.

For more information, please email me: jenniecevans76@googlemail.com or join the Yahoo or Facebook groups that I have set up to help us all stay in touch:
Yahoo: groups.yahoo.com/group/nct_willingham
Facebook: Search for 'Willingham Coffee Group'

THE OVER PLAYERS 2010 PANTOMIME

Following 2008's award-winning *Sleeping Beauty* and 2009's record-breaking *Peter Pan*, this year's Over Players panto will be *Aladdin*.

Last year *Peter Pan* played to over 700 people, drawing such praise from reviewers as: "a first-class production . . . the whole company were clearly enjoying every minute . . . excellent locally written show, worthy of a wider distribution".

We are looking for people that can help make this year's show even better! If you would like to be part of *Aladdin* either singing, dancing, acting or back-stage, we would love to hear from you. It's hard work but tremendous fun!

Contact Sean Baker: 01954 232589 or seanbaker1@me.com

Visit our website www.overplayers.org.uk for more details, as well as photos of our previous pantos including 2009's *Peter Pan*.

Village Directory

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

Council	Parish Council (See full details on page 6)		01954 261027
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