

# WILLINGHAM NEWS



August 2010

## Starting at Cottenham Village College in September?

### No need to worry!

My first year at Cottenham Village College has been very enjoyable and I have made loads of new friends. Although I felt a bit nervous to begin with, everyone at Cottenham made me feel really welcome. It seemed really scary coming up to secondary school but after my first day in primary week I felt like I'd been at Cottenham forever.

The school seemed massive when I started and I thought that I was bound to get lost, but it was actually surprisingly easy to find my way around. Even if you did get lost there was usually someone who would help you find your way. When I started secondary school I was worried that I would have to be really organised but as long as you remember your books, planner and pencil case you should be fine! I was also worried about small things like getting detentions, but as long as you do your homework on time and try your best you will be okay.

There are lots of great opportunities at Cottenham such as trips and activities. I have already been on a day trip to France and I am looking forward to activity week because I will be going to the Peak District. We have also had a few 'interforms' which are where all the forms compete, doing different activities. Even if sport isn't your thing it is still great fun cheering on all of your classmates.

Everything about my first year at Cottenham has been great but the best thing of all was making new friends and knowing that all my fears about moving up to secondary school had been conquered. The year has gone so quickly, I can hardly believe that I am nearly a year 8!

Have fun and try not to worry!

**Lydia Shepherd-Wilson**



*Lydia Shepherd-Wilson*

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### Willingham Cricket Club Fixtures

	First Team	Second Team
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 at 10 30 am on Sundays. There are also sessions every Wednesday from 6 30 pm. Only club members are insured when using the nets. For further details, please contact either R Ambrose on 01954 260446 or R Leach on 01954 260144.

#### Bin Collections

4 August	Black bin
11 August	Green bin and box
18 August	Black Bin
25 August	Green bin and box

#### Police Contacts: 08454 564564

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## From the Parish Council

### Salt Bins

The location for salt bins has still not been finalised but will be published in the September issue of the *Willingham News*.

### Willingham Lode

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered your time in clearing the lode. A date will be finalised for the clearance and the Parish Office will be in touch with the volunteers.

### Litter Bins

It has been noted that the recreation ground is often littered with glass bottles. Could all users please ensure that litter is put in the bins provided? It has also been noted that undesirable, unsanitary objects such as soiled nappies have been placed in the bin without being first placed in a bag. Please ensure that you dispose of such items in your household rubbish and not in public places that may not be emptied daily and therefore in the warmer weather will pose a health hazard.

### Information regarding TV/Digital switch over

If any parishioners would like advice on the TV/digital switch over, please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office who can give out information on who to contact for good practical advice.

### Willingham Youth Club

This has grown in strength and numbers with members now totalling approx 15 from ages 11 – 14. The group currently meet term time only and access the trips and holiday activities run by the locality team. The young people have grown in confidence enjoying such activities as cooking, sports, arts and crafts, movie nights, t-shirt designing and game nights. A club trip will take place at the end of term. If any young person is interested in joining, then please contact the Rev Trevor Rowe whose details appear in the *Willingham News*.

### The Parish Office

Please note that the Parish Office will only be open on limited days during August owing to staff holidays. All details of opening dates and times will be advertised on the Parish Office door and on the notice board and in the library.

### Vacancy for cleaner at Willingham Pavilion

A vacancy has arisen for a cleaner at Willingham Pavilion. The position would cover 3 hours per week, hours to suit at £8.02 an hour. Please apply to the Parish Office for an application form. The closing date is 15 August 2010.

### Willingham Parish Council Website

Please do look at our Parish Council Website for items such as contact details, agendas and minutes. Any information relevant to the Village will be posted on the website.

If you have any ideas of any information you would like to see on our Website, please contact the Clerk.

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

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Mr I Barratt	01954-261609
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
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Mr A Cook ( <i>Vice-Chairman</i> )	01954-260325
Mr R Foster ( <i>Halls Lead Councillor</i> )	01954-261293
Ms W Hardman	01954-261036
Mr D Jacques	01954-261353
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Mr R Purnell	01954-205257
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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 4 August 2010 at The Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road and is open to the public.

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

*Tel. 01954-261027 email: [email@willinghampc.org.uk](mailto:email@willinghampc.org.uk)*

*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

The impact of the cuts to the public sector is now starting to hit us. Among the £6.2bn of reductions described as 'savings' announced by the Chancellor at the beginning of June was a reduction of over £5m to the County Council's budget. Given that this reduction will have to be implemented over six rather than twelve months, the effect on the total budget is double that sum. There is a further cut of £1.2m to the Constabulary's budget. This will no doubt cause some real difficulties and there is no way that cuts of this nature can be implemented without hitting front line services. It does, of course, lead to a debate as to what exactly constitutes a front line service. For example, police officers are an obvious example of a front line service, but what about the civilians who answer the emergency call centres? They may not be out on the streets every day, but would you be happy to wait twice as long for an emergency call to be answered in order to ensure that the number of police officers was not reduced? Council services are similar – we may not consider library services to be front line, but for the many people who use them, particularly the mobile libraries, they can often be a life-line. Should every street light be kept on overnight, or are there some that could be turned off? Many years ago, not long after I first joined the council, there was a proposal to turn off one streetlight in every five, to save money. Perhaps we need to consider this again. So deciding on priorities is going to be very difficult and we will not see the final details for another few weeks.

In the meantime, hot on the heels of the announcement that the Public Inquiry into the A14 has been postponed, was the news that the upgrading of the A14 itself has been put into the pile marked 'too expensive and too difficult'. It was somewhat ironic that the following week saw three of the worst accidents on the road in a number of months. Whilst I do think that the proposed scheme was becoming too big and ambitious, there is absolutely no doubt that the current road is totally inadequate for the needs of today, let alone future needs.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who was so generous in sponsoring me recently when I took part in the Edinburgh Moonwalk. Our team reached its target and our money will be put to good use supporting those living with and researching into breast cancer. I am very grateful.

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

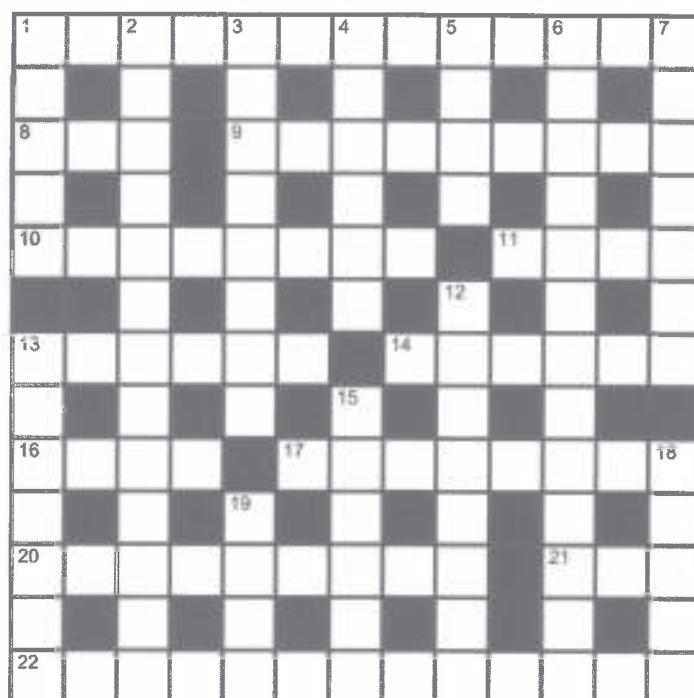
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## Quick Crossword by Willow



### Across

- 1 Heart attack (7,6)
- 8 Zilch (3)
- 9 Make neither profit nor loss (5,4)
- 10 Drill (8)
- 11 Operatic song (4)
- 13 Laugh raucously (6)
- 14 Spoiled (6)
- 16 Feeble (4)
- 17 50 points on dartboard (4'1,3)
- 20 Lacking vitality (9)
- 21 Junk (3)
- 22 Accoutrements (13)

### Down

- 1 Paddle-boat (5)
- 2 Dipper (6,7)
- 3 Fool (8)
- 4 Line in cricket (6)
- 5 Libertine (4)
- 6 Concerning the world around us (13)
- 7 Mug for filling with beer ... (7)
- 12 ....by landlord (8)
- 13 Yellow wild flower (7)
- 15 Non-magical person in Harry Potter (6)
- 18 Non-speaking actor in film (5)
- 19 Complain about fish (4)

Solution on page 10.

## Fen Edge Community Association Autumn Show

Saturday 11 September  
Cottenham Village College  
11 30 am – 4 00 pm



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**Text messaging** We are hoping to introduce a system of reminding patients about their appointments by text message. This has proved successful for other NHS organisations and practices so we would like to run a trial to see if this would be of benefit to our patients.

**The Mobile Blood Donor Van** will visit Willingham Surgery on **Tuesday 31 August**. It will be situated in the Cark Park and appointments can be made from **9 45 am – 12 20 pm** and **2 10 pm – 4 10 pm**. 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.

**Holiday travel** Our nurses offer an extensive range of travel vaccinations and we are a registered Yellow Fever Centre. Do remember though that it is wise to book an appointment with the nurse 6 weeks before you travel in order to get maximum protection. If this is not possible and you are travelling at short notice book an appointment with a nurse immediately after booking your trip.

**Holiday medication** Our pharmacy can supply the required malarial tablets for your trip. It is wise to take a good supply of sunscreen and insect bite products with you as well as the usual medication remedies and plasters. Ask our pharmacist for advice. Don't forget to order your repeat medication in time for your holiday by leaving your repeat medication request form or by ringing 260073. You can also now order on line – just ring 260073 for details.

### Heatwave: Top Tips to take care of yourself during the hot weather:

Drink regularly even if you do not feel thirsty – cold water or fruit juice are best

Eat light meals and avoid excess alcohol, caffeine and hot drinks

Wear light loose-fitting clothes and a hat

Avoid going out in the hottest part of the day

Take plenty of water if you must go out

Stay in the shade as much as possible

Keep strenuous outdoor activity for the cooler parts of the day

Reduce heat from sunlight indoors with shades at the windows if possible

Keep windows closed while the room is cooler than outside

Open windows if the inside temperature rises and at night for ventilation

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Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Ante Natal/Baby Clinic		2 00 – 4 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	4 30 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	Closed from 1 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
Emergencies		4 00 – 6 00

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

Be mindful of security in the home – open windows on the first floor

Use sunscreen when out in the sun

**Please do not leave animals in locked cars or other unventilated places**

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*Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager*

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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 of £10.

You may attend **one** meeting for a small charge of £2 to see what we do and to speak to members and to the committee informally.

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 of 4 or 5 days duration 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 2 August – Members' evening out – The chairman will have announced the details of venue etc at the July meeting.

Our next outing will be to the Hyde Hall gardens in Essex on Saturday 18 September. Fuller details will be in the September edition.

**If you wish to come with us contact Celia on the above number to reserve your seat on the coach.**

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

### Important Dates for Your Diary

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

Entry forms and class schedules will be available in August at the club meeting, from committee members, the Post Office, Berrycroft Stores, the delicatessen in Berrycroft, Rainbow Crafts and from the Library on the Green.

Now is the time however to consider what you might make or grow for entry. This is a local show for local people primarily and it depends for its success on you. Please consider what you might enter for exhibition and judging:

photographs, models, paintings, stitchworks, flowers and vegetables. There are classes for all ages. It is good fun, fulfilling and rewarding especially if you win a prize or a cup. Experienced judges are employed to judge the entries. With the summer school holidays in full swing children will have some additional time to devote to creating or growing their entries. We hope that the begonia plants which you may have collected for your children are growing away ready for submission. Don't forget to feed the plants once or twice a week to maximise growth and flower production. Last year a good many children participated and submitted some really good entries.

Why not have a go?

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## Letters to the Editor



### Calling all grandparents

I am just one of a growing army of active grandparents. You only have to take a walk along Thodays Close at the beginning or end of a school day to see how many of us are there to take or greet the grandchildren. For some grandparents this is an almost daily event, while for others it may be less frequent. Some grandparents not only do the school run but also entertain younger siblings during the school day and school holidays, a necessity with both parents out at work.

There are numerous activities in the village to entertain, encourage and channel the interests of the young and I am sure grandparents are and would be very welcome at any of these. However, some just exist during term time.

For some time now I have wondered whether us grandparents should get together and form our own 'club'. It could just be very informal. Possibly just a few of us meeting up on an *ad hoc* arrangement for coffee with our grandchildren so that they could socialise and play while we do the same! Or, if there were enough of us interested we could perhaps develop it a little further and organise activities using our shared expertise.

I would be very interested to hear thoughts or ideas from any grandparents.

Liz Saxton 261506

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### Be Warned

Please keep an eye on your pets and other animals. A pet cat was killed by three dogs running loose in the early morning of 8 July, in the Mill Road area. The dogs are described as a large hairy lurcher type, a small Jack Russell and a black one. Please report any incidents to the police.

*Name and Address withheld.*

### London Marathon

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me in the recent London Marathon and helped me raise £1,736.45 for Cancer Research. Special thanks to Myra, Claire, Terry, Luke, Sam and Fiona for their sterling efforts.

Best wishes till next time.

Jimmy Ryan

### Crossword solution

**Across:** 1 Cardiac arrest, 8 Nil, 9 Break even, 10 Exercise, 11 Aria, 13 Cackle, 14 Ruined, 16 Weak, 17 Bull's eye, 20 Lethargic, 21 Tat, 22 Paraphernalia.

**Down:** 1 Canoe, 2 Roller coaster, 3 Imbecile, 4 Crease, 5 Rake, 6 Environmental, 7 Tankard, 12 Publican, 13 Cowslip, 15 Muggle, 18 Extra, 19 Carp.

### Scout fun day

I would just like to write a little note of thanks to all the people who obviously worked so hard to make a great Family Funday on 15 May.

The scouts produced an excellent afternoon. We took two of our grandchildren along and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. The auction was very well run and the lots worth a bid. The entertainer seemed to have everyone eagerly awaiting his next trick. The stalls were all a fair price and again very well organised. The BBQ delicious and it was great that the produce was locally sourced.

The children particularly liked the centre of the field with the dexterity toys in.

The music kept the whole thing together on such a beautiful day.

It is fantastic that the group raised so much money too.

I have to say I am very proud to be part of Willingham when I see such hard work by so many volunteers who manage to produce a great day for the folk of the village.

Well done each and everyone of you.

Pip and Dave Amos (and Sam and Jasmine).

### From the Editor

It has been a sporting summer so far, albeit with mixed success! We know that there are a lot of sporting clubs and teams in and around Willingham too, with both old and young villagers involved, and that many of our local teams compete with rather more success than some of our national teams. We already print fixtures lists for some local teams, but it would be great to read more about your highs and lows in *Willingham News*, so why not provide a match report or season retrospective? Whether it's to publicise your club and attract new members, thank team mates and coaches for their hard work and dedication, or just to bask in the glory of victory, we would welcome your contributions.

## Willingham WEA

**The Autumn Term starts on Monday 13 September, 10 00 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

## Pastoral Letter

*As I write this during the July heatwave, I am looking forward to enjoying more summer weather and summer holidays, with time to get away from the normal routine of life to recharge our batteries. Whether it be basking on a sun drenched beach, exploring somewhere new, or returning to a favourite haunt to re-live a special moment from the past, we all need a break.*

*Jesus also needed to take time away from it all. Before he started his ministry of teaching, he went away into the desert to prepare himself. He spent six weeks on his own, except for the interruptions of the devil trying to tempt him away.*

*Later on we have accounts of Jesus staying with friends in Bethany, sharing food and relaxing, as well as being in demand to heal the sick.*

*On another occasion, Jesus tried to withdraw by boat to a solitary place, but as too often happened he was followed by*

*crowds wanting to listen to his teaching, and asking him to heal their sickness. Since it was getting late in this remote place, his disciples suggested Jesus send them away to find food, but he got them to sit down, and fed more than 5000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Finally he was able to dismiss the crowd and went up on a mountainside alone to pray. Jesus is a great example of the need to take a break and get away from the humdrum of normal (and often busy) lives.*

*Throughout the summer, alongside other holiday destinations, there are also many opportunities to combine a holiday with a Christian Camp at venues like Keswick, New Wine and Soul Survivor (to name a few), where all ages come together to have fun and to explore and share the bible with others.*

*Wherever you end up (or have been) I hope you will all have a time of refreshment and replenishment.*

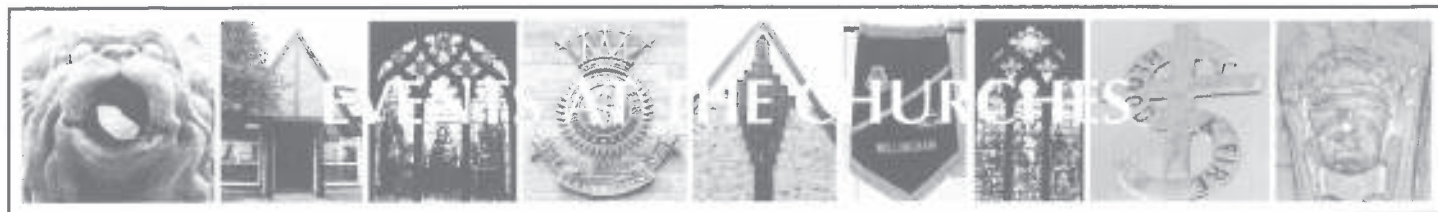
Steve Mellows  
Churchwarden

## Friends of Willingham Library August Quiz

The answers begin with C or D  
(Answers on page 15)

- Whose books feature Dr Kay Scarpetta?
- Award-winning poet and novelist – one of whose books is: *A Spell of Winter*.
- The Irish author of *The Commitments*?
- The surname is the same, but their genders and first names are different: (a) *Girl with a Pearl Earring*: (b) *Clochemerle*.
- This author created one of our best-known detectives. One book was: *The Daughters of Cain*.
- Give the author of the original novel – *Taggart*.
- A classic tale of espionage and a sea adventure – *The Riddle of the Sands* – Who wrote it?
- The poet who wrote the following lines:  
'God save thee, ancient Mariner! From the fiends, that plague thee thus! – Why look'st thou so?' – 'With my cross-bow I shot the Albatross.'
- Passenger to Frankfurt* – which author wrote this to celebrate his/her 80th birthday?
- House of Cards*, which many of us saw on TV and which starred Ian Richardson, was his first novel.
- Born Konrad Karseniowski, he became a British subject in 1924 and wrote several masterpieces including *The Secret Agent*. Who was he?
- Can you give the full name of the author of *The Brothers Karamozov*? OK, the surname is enough!
- Philip Marlowe, private detective – he was whose inspiration?
- The Valley of Fear* – who penned it – among many other novels?

**Why not pop along to Willingham Library and borrow a book by one of the above writers?**



## Baptist Church

Bumps and Babies, Baby Notes, TOPS, Rock Solid, Open Door and Kids' Friday Club will all be closed during August and resume at the start of September.

However, there is a holiday club from 2-6 August daily at 10 00 – 12 30 called Rocky's Plaice, based in a fish and chip shop, featuring drama, where you can meet Salt and Vinegar who are apprentice chefs, DVD, crafts, games, Captain Ketchup and team competition for children of primary school age. Register through Pam Buckridge, 780714, email: [pam.buckridge@ntlworld.com](mailto:pam.buckridge@ntlworld.com). Sundays;

## Parish Church

### Bubbles

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



### Coffee Stop

There is no Coffee Stop in August. Starting again in the Octagon on 7 September.



### Cake stall

This takes place on Saturday 7 August- from 10 00 am in the Church. The cakes sell very quickly so please be early!!



### Bric-a-brac

This is sold at the home of Rene Gould, 19 Fen End – do pay her a visit as a buyer or as a supplier of goods.

Proceeds from the Cake Stall and the Bric-a-brac Stall go to the Restoration Fund.

## Salvation Army

**Lunch** – alternate Thursdays at 12 30 pm which are **12 and 26 August**. For information, ring either Daphne on 260508 or Gordon on 260066.

**Coffee morning** – every Monday at 10 30 am followed by **craft meeting** at 2 00 pm.

## THE OVER PLAYERS PANTOMIME

# Aladdin

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](mailto:seanbaker1@me.com)

Visit our website [www.overplayers.org.uk](http://www.overplayers.org.uk) for more details as well as photos of past productions.

# ROCKY'S plaice

### 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](mailto:pam.buckridge@ntlworld.com)

*Please register beforehand if possible*



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

**1 August**  
11 00 am Parish Communion

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

**15 August**  
11 00 am Parish Communion

**22 August**  
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)\*  
11 00 am All Age Worship with Baptism

**29 August**  
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 – this month 7 August. 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 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.

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Ravens Yard

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BAPTIST CHURCH  
GEORGE STREET**  
[www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org)

**1 August**  
10 00 am Introduction to holiday club theme  
2 pm The Ten Commandments: Don't envy other people's stuff

**8 August**  
10 00 am End of Holiday Club celebration  
6 00 pm 10 Cs: Always tell the truth

**15 August**  
10 00 am The doubts of Thomas  
6 00 pm 10 Cs: Don't steal

**22 August**  
10 00 am The enthusiasm of Andrew  
6 00 pm 10Cs: Faithfulness in marriage

**29 August**  
10 00 am The devotion of John  
6 00 pm 10 Cs: Avoid violence

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

**1 August**  
5 00 pm Worship

**8 August**  
5 00 pm Worship

**15 August**  
5 00 pm Worship

**22 August**  
5 00 pm Worship

**29 August**  
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 am

## Adult Community Classes Cottenham Village College

**Tel: 01954 288751 Email: [community@cvcweb.net](mailto:community@cvcweb.net)  
Web: [www.cvcweb.net](http://www.cvcweb.net)**

**Enrolment Evening: 7 September 6 00-8 00 pm**

### Autumn 2010

Our new programme of daytime, evening and Saturday classes starts in September 2010

Enrolments for this programme can be taken from the end of July. Course information can be viewed on the College website, [www.cvcweb.net](http://www.cvcweb.net) under 'Community Education'. Brochures will be distributed over the summer holidays and you can meet our tutors at the Enrolment Evening on 7th September.

We continue to offer a wide variety of courses during the week and regular Saturday courses throughout the year. Some exciting new courses on offer: Blues Guitar Workshop for those who want to expand their repertoire, Acrylic Painting, Confidence Building with an experienced life coach, and Exploring Music - a listening and discussion course looking at composers.

New daytime courses in September are: Pilates, Dyeing to Felt, Spanish for Beginners and Explore Your Laptop - a short course to give you more confidence on your laptop.

We look forward to hearing from you.

## Yes, the new church roof is in place

A restored sacristy and newly conserved wallpaintings people can see, and the restored organ they can hear. There is really nothing to see from ground level following the restoration of the north aisle roof of the parish church, though many people seem to have seen the report on BBC East, which did show the roof – from above. Anyway, you can take our word for it: a new roof is in place. Lead has been replaced by terne-coated stainless steel (because of lead thefts, in Willingham and many other places).

There should be no more water dripping through during heavy rain. Will very heavy rain be more audible on steel than on lead? Possibly, but between the wooden base of the roof and the steel there is an underlay, one effect of which will be to provide sound insulation.

The main contractor for the work has been Rattee & Kett, very well known locally. The architect is Jeremy Lander, of Freeland Rees Roberts, a Cambridge firm.

The need for the work to be done has been known for several years, but it could not be commissioned until funding was in place. The church has been fortunate to receive grants from several foundations: The Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust (which administers funding from the Waste Recycling Group plc, under the Landfill Tax Credit scheme); 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).

There has also been much local fund-raising, notably from the monthly cake stall, on the first Saturday of the month, organised by Joyce Bowen and Jean Cook, and Rene Gould's bric-à-brac stall.

Church members are grateful for all the support, and interest, which has come from people in the village.

Bill Kirkman  
Restoration Co-ordinator

## OVER JAZZ present Sunday lunchtime jazz with "THE ORIENTAL JAZZ BAND"



from Holland

**Sunday, 18th August 2010**

**The Community Centre, Over,**

Doors open 12 noon for 12.30pm start  
Licensed Bar : Filled Rolls : Coffee etc  
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.

## CATTELL'S MILL, WILLINGHAM OPEN BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 30 August, 2010

**Your local windmill, Cattell's Mill on Mill Road, will be open again on Monday, 30 August from 11 00 am to 4 00 pm.**

Visitors are welcome to look around the windmill to see the restoration work carried out so far including four new sets of stairs, new stone furniture, a new door and repairs to the balustrade. We are fund raising for the restoration of the shutters and general maintenance of the sails which is currently being carried out, plus new floor-boarding.

We also have a café where cakes, cream teas and refreshments are served and an exhibition area housing a display plus several reference books and photograph albums of the mill's restoration over the years.

Disabled facilities are available. Any donations, which are always gratefully received together with any proceeds from the café and the sale of postcards, books, etc go to the Cattell's Mill Restoration and Preservation Trust. For further information please contact Richard or Sarah on 261168.

## 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

#### Space Hop



**This summer, take a giant leap to the final frontier at the library!**

Space Hop is this year's Summer Reading Challenge for children.

The Summer Reading Challenge is

an interactive experience that children love to take part in over the holidays. It gets them into libraries and gives them the confidence they need to choose their own books and take their reading to the next stage. For many children, the Summer Reading Challenge is just the incentive they need to turn them into readers for life.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 3 00 – 5 00 pm through the holidays Willingham Library will have special sessions where children can talk to staff about the books they have been reading and enjoying.

#### How do I sign my child up?

Just go to Willingham Library. Staff will enrol your children – it's completely free of charge – and every child will receive a foldout poster. There's a membership card and stickers and bookmarks to collect too.

#### What books can my children read?

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children of all ages and reading abilities. They can read any books they like – fact books, stories, joke books, picture books – it's up to them. Audio books count too. As long as you're borrowing them from the library, they all count.

#### Is there a reward for completing the challenge?

All children who read at least 6 books during the summer will receive a Space Hop medal and certificate at the special presentation ceremony on Thursday 16 September at 4 00 pm. If you can't make it to this, don't worry, we will keep your medal and certificate safely until you next visit the library.

#### Algy Craig Hall – Author & Illustrator Thursday 26 August 11-12 noon at the Octagon, behind the Church

A lively and illustrated talk for 6-9 year olds by the wonderful Algy Craig Hall about making picture books; what has inspired him and how ideas for stories and characters become books. There will be lots of drawing and Algy will show you how easy it is to draw his characters.

Tickets are free from Willingham Library and parents/carers must stay with their children.

Thanks go to Willingham Parish Council for funding this event.

#### Engage in the Afternoon

Come along to these special 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.

It's free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

In July we had a fascinating discussion chaired by Julie Ferguson who is a local magistrate.

Why not come to one of our future sessions:

- Wednesday 4 August – David Jacques – Medicines by Accident
- Wednesday 1 September – Maggie Maddiss – Scrapbooking Workshop

#### Answers to the Friends of Willingham Library Quiz p11

1. Patricia D Cornwell's
2. Helen Dunmore
3. Roddy Doyle
4. Chevalier – (a)Tracy and (b)Gabriel
5. Colin Dexter
6. Glenn Chandler
7. Erskine Childers
8. Samuel Taylor Coleridge
9. Agatha Christie
10. Michael Dobbs
11. Joseph Conrad
12. Fyodor Mikhail Dostoyevsky
13. Raymond Chandler's
14. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

## Willingham Feast

**7 – 12 October 2010**

Concerts, Feast Market, Car Boot Sale, Treasure Hunt, Dancing, Ceilidh and much, much more!

Put the date in your diary now!  
More details next month.

## Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
<b>August</b>				
2	Members' evening out	Gardening Club	TBA	Celia on 01954 261394
14	Sale of secondhand books	Friends of Willingham Library	Outside the Library	10 00 am-12 noon
29	Algy Craig Hall – children's author and illustrator	Willingham Library Reading Challenge	Octagon, behind the Church	11 00 am -12 noon
<b>September</b>				
4	Horticultural and Craft Show	Gardening Club		1 30 pm to 4 30 pm

## Billavincea Lodge

Have you ever wondered about the reference to 'Billavincea Lodge 8719' in the Village Directory? If so read on...as it refers to the Willingham Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (R.A.O.B.), Buffs for short. It is recorded that the Buffaloes came into being in 1822 as a fraternal club, becoming essentially a charitable organisation without political or religious affiliation, when there was no welfare provided by the state. The Buffaloes have since developed into a national and international fraternal, benevolent and charitable body undertaking activities they consider most appropriate for the needs of the community in which they live and work, as well as assisting members and their families in times of need. There are parallels with the Masonic Orders in that there is a three-tiered system of Minor (local) Lodges, Provincial Grand Lodges and a Grand Lodge, and four degrees of membership. Membership is open to males over 18 years of age who are 'true and loyal supporters of the British Crown and Constitution'.

An internet search will reveal the full history but in brief the origins of the Buffaloes is to be found in the theatre and acting profession derived from the formation of a fraternal

club at a tavern opposite Drury Lane Theatre with a ballad of the day giving the name. It appears that the charitable nature of the organisation derived from helping fellow actors in hard times between jobs. A constitution followed in 1866 and a national convention in 1888 as the organisation spread around the nation. Royal derives from the early use of Loyal, since it was necessary to demonstrate loyalty to the crown thus avoiding suggestions of subversive intentions. Antediluvian (before the time of the biblical flood) is suggested to have originated from the extravagant use of theatrical language.

The Willingham Billavincea Lodge was established in 1954. Approximately £3000 was dispersed in 2009 mainly benefiting the Wilford Furlong Community Centre, Willingham Salvation Army and local Alzheimer's Society institutions. The Lodge currently meets weekly on a Thursday evening at the Social Club at 8pm with members coming from as far away as Ely and Godmanchester. Old and prospective new members are always welcome and enquiries should be addressed to the secretary, Mr M Scrivener, tel 01480 413533.

Graham Mumby

## Old Willingham

This month we see the village barber outside his shop in 1938. There is a clue in the picture from which we know the date; can you guess what? Although it has changed a bit, this little building still exists and everybody in the village will know it – even if you don't recognize it yet. More next month. Meanwhile, if you have comments or information send to [oldwill@oldwillingham.com](mailto:oldwill@oldwillingham.com) or Jon Edney at 31 High St.

## A reader's response to the article about the Church Lane fire

My name is David John Munns – known as John!

I lived at 1 Church Lane with my father David and brother Robert at the time of the fire. I was about 10 or 11 years old at the time and I am now 60 so Ruth's timing is correct. She is however mistaken about the pigs being killed, they were in an adjoining shed but were all saved. I am quite sure she probably heard them screaming as pigs do as they are being moved.

Stephen is correct about it being believed at the time that it was started by a discarded cigarette end but later it was thought that an electrical fault caused it.

John Munns



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## Bumps & Babies

New term starts Thursday  
2nd September

Come along and join our informal group as  
we chat and play,  
clap and sing,  
and chat and chat and chat while baby  
plays and plays and 'laze'.

Next term's program include Parachute  
play and Messy play.

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

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<b>Council</b>	Parish Council ( <i>See full details on page 6</i> )		01954 261027
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
<b>Services</b>	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	CAMDOC –After hours medical help		01223 464242
<b>Schools</b>	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3-6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201567
	School Governors Chairman	Rob Laycock	01954 202185
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Richard Foster	01954 261293
<b>Children</b>	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles	Kathryn Wright	01954 261770
	Bumps and Babies Group	Pam Buckridge	01954 780714
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Little Notes Music group	Emma Tregenna	01954 205329
	Rock Solid (Baptist Church)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Kids' Friday Club (Baptist Church)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
<b>Halls</b>	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs A Robinson	01954 261076
<b>Local Representatives</b>	Allotments – See Willingham Combined Charities below		
	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Alan Leeks	01954 250061
	<i>Cambridge News</i> Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
<b>Clubs</b>	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	Mr J Sibley	01954 260436
	Willingham Stagecraft (drama group)	Mrs C Atkins (Secretary)	01954 261354
	Willingham Youth Club	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Women's Institute	Mrs Doreen Young	01954 200561
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124
	Willingham Wheels	Jackie Rooks Maynard	07760227970
<b>Sport</b>	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey	Kris Westmore	01954 202082
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261526
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	David Clarke	01954 260600
	Willingham Wheels cycling club	Paul Knighton	01954 270194
<b>Churches</b>	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Bookings	Julie Stock	01954 202221
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic Priest	Rev Paul Maddison	01480-462192
	Salvation Army	Mr Gordon Spackman	01954 260066
	Parish Church	Mr Steve Mellows	01954 270063

## Willingham Social Club

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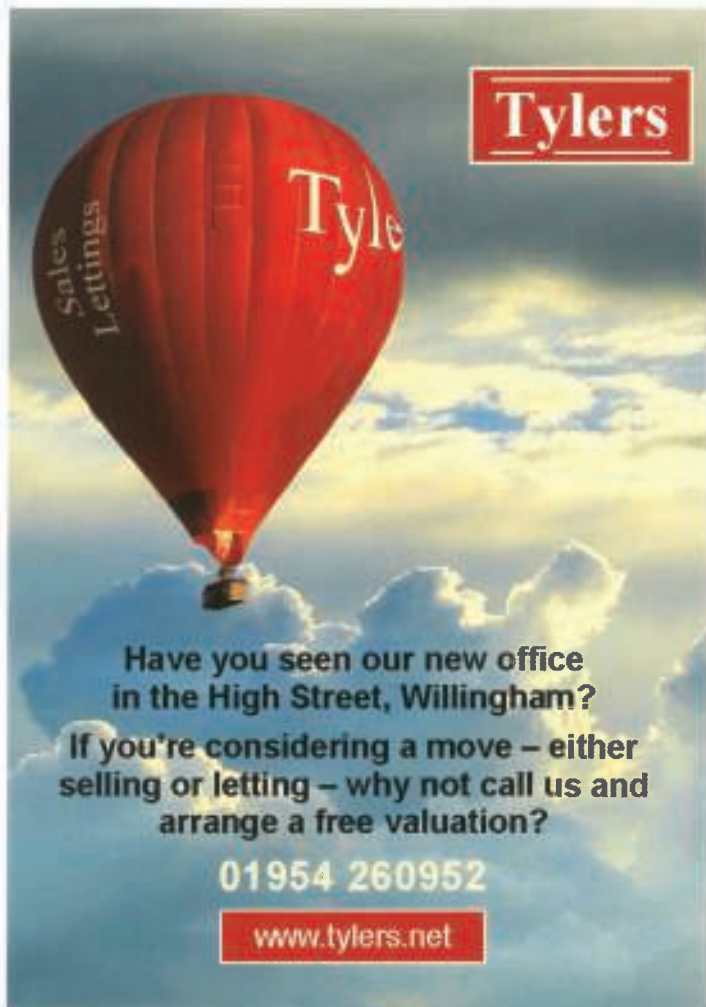
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