

December 2010

Merry Christmas and



a Happy New Year

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Willingham News

December 2010





From the Parish Council

District Council matters

The District Council has cut the number of cars provided to staff down to eight.

A group from the District Council attended a meeting with MP Eric Pickles (Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government), with regards to the new 'Localism' issue and it was emphasised that small District Councils were most vulnerable to the change emerging.

Plans for the development of Northstowe have currently hit two major problems, a much needed upgrade of the sewage works to sustain a new housing development and the fact that the A14 is now not going to receive an upgrade in the foreseeable future due to cuts. This would have a bearing on on the number of houses allowed.

It should also be noted however, that without Northstowe, the sustainability of the Guided Busway would be greatly affected.

County Council matters

The Parish Council are chasing Highways, Cambridgeshire County Council with regard to the pot holes in West Fen Road. There will be an update when the holes are filled.

Additional Bus Shelter along Station Road

An additional bus shelter had been requested along Station Road, opposite Millfield. The Parish Council has considered this and is currently investigating costs involved. However, public opinion is sought regarding this request. If you would like to add your opinion of the need for a further bus shelter, please contact the Parish Office using the details below.

Village Green Lamposts

The Parish Council have decided to have these painted green so that they would be more aesthetic with the environment.

2011 Census

This will take place on the 27 March 2011. It is a legal requirement to complete the census. The Parish Council is currently looking into holding a Census Completion event on the day to provide help, for those who need it, in filling in the census form. More information nearer the time will

Willingham Photography Club

The stunning pictures on the front cover were taken by Neil Bedford, Jeremy Lacey, Derek Law, Symon Reynolds and Anne Turpin of Willingham Photography Club. This is an exciting new group in the village who are in their first year, but now well established with a regular following and programme of subjects to cater for all aspects of photography. If you would like to join us, we meet in the Baptist Church usually on the third Monday of the month at 8 pm. The December meeting will be on 13 December. For further information please contact Chris on 01954 260790 or visit our web site at http://photo.ballandia.co.uk follow. Please also see the separate item about the census elsewhere in this magazine.

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 idea's 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:-

Mr H Awal	01954-204526
Mr I Barratt	01954-261609
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
Mr M Borland (Leisure and Amenities Lea	
	01954-203347
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Mr R Foster (Halls Lead Councillor)	01954-261293
Ms W Hardman	01954-261036
Mr D Jacques	01954-261353
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Mr R Purnell	01954-205257
Miss R Tsomondo	01954-261836

Committee Meeting dates

Go to the Parish Council Website (www.willinghampc.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 at 7 30 pm on Wednesday 1 December at The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street and is open to the public.

<u>Parish Council Office</u> Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP.

Tel. 01954-261027 E-mail email@willinghampc.org.uk . Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge

Admin Assistant: Mrs Amanda Powell

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.

FEN EDGE TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Visitors from Avrillé

Friday 29 October – Monday 1 November 2010

We were pleased to welcome 62 visitors from our twin town of Avrillé in the Loire starting with a reception at Cottenham Village College on Friday evening. The mixture of old friends and new families (French and English) was soon exchanging news and gossip while enjoying a glass together.

There was an educational theme for the weekend with visits including Wimpole Hall and its Victorian focused programme for schools and bilingual tours of some Cambridge colleges. The highlight for Saturday was a reception and dinner at Cambridge Regional College's own restaurant 'The Park'. The catering department students cooked and served all the dishes and received well deserved applause from their guests for their efforts. Sunday had Milton Country Park as the venue for leisurely walks around the lakes, and outdoor art activities with the ranger for the youngsters. Some of us also managed to see the Fen Edge Art Exhibition and the festival to mark 800 years at Cottenham church.

It was good to see more children and teenagers in the group this time as there are links between some local schools, particularly Willingham Primary and Avrillé schools.

Our French visitors were very impressed with the lovely autumnal colours and passable English weather and have already invited us for a return visit in May to continue the friendships made or renewed here.

If you would like details of how to get involved with the association or are interested in attending our next quiz night please contact Anna Vining on 01954 252432 or panda@vining.co.uk

Cottenham Village College Achievements Evening

The annual achievements evening was held at Cottenham Village College on Thursday 11 November. It was fantastic to see almost all of last year's leavers attending. The college is delighted to report that many Willingham students received awards. The award for Overall Achievement, which is awarded to the student who gains the best GCSE results, went to George Teeboon who gained 9A* and 3A grades. The Jenny Kay Award for outstanding contribution to the college was awarded to Toby Reynolds. Other winners were: MATHS ENGLISH LANGUAGES HISTORY DRAMA MUSIC ART RUGBY CUP SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT HOLLY CANHAM HOLLIE DRINKWATER KATRINA ROONEY OWEN LAING MEGAN SCULLY LUCY BEAUCHAMP HANNAH MARSTON GEORGE TEEBOON PENNY MILLER





WILLINGHAM SURGERY & LONGSTANTON BRANCH SURGERY Willingham Reception Tel: 01954 260230 Longstanton Reception Tel: 01954 207600

Dispensary Tel for repeat prescriptions: 260073 Pharmacy Tel: 261787

Out of hours: Urgent Care Cambridgeshire (formerly CAMDOC) 0330 123 9131

When the surgery is closed please ring our Out of Hours Service UCC 0330 123 9131 or NHS Direct 0845 4647 For advice only

Doctors and staff wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday

WILLINGHAM SURGERY OPENING HOURS CHRISTMAS 2010 Mon 20 – Thu 23 December Normal hours Fri 24 Christmas Eve 8 30 am-1 pm 2-6 pm Emergencies Sat 25 & Sun 26 WEEKEND CLOSED Mon 27 & Tues 28 BANK HOLIDAYS CLOSED Wed 29 - Thu 30 Normal hours Fri 31 New Years Eve 8 30 am-1 pm CLOSED from 1 pm Sat 1 & Sun 2 Jan WEEKEND CLOSED Mon 3 Jan BANK HOLIDAY CLOSED Tues 4 Jan Normal hours

LONGSTANTON SURGERY OPENING HOURS CHRISTMAS 2010

Mon 20 - Thu 23	December	Normal hours
Fri 24 Dec Christm	as Eve	Normal hours 8 30 am - 1 pm
Sat 25 & Sun 26	WEEKEND	CLOSED
Mon 27 & Tues 28	BANK	
	HOLIDAYS	CLOSED
Wed 29-Fri 31 Nor	mal hours	8 30 am – 1 pm
Mon 3 Jan BANK H	IOLIDAY	CLOSED
Tues 4 Jan Normal	hours	8 30am – 1 pm

The **last date for ordering your repeat prescriptions** in time for the Christmas holidays will be **Wednesday 22 December before 6 pm** for collection on Friday 24 December (Christmas Eve).

When arranging where to collect your medicines **please note that Longstanton Dispensary will close at 1 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year Eve. Willingham Pharmacy will remain open from 2-6 pm on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.**

Please ensure that you order your medicines in plenty of time. Patients ordering repeat prescriptions in early December will be offered 2 months' supply to cover Christmas and New Year. To prevent wastage please only order those items you need from your repeat medication list.

Remember to visit our pharmacy and stock up with over the counter remedies for your medicine cabinet before the Christmas holidays.

The Mobile Blood Donor Van will visit Willingham Surgery Car Park on Wednesday 29 December. Please ring 0300 123 23 23 quoting postcode CB24 5LB to

0 pm

WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787

	NORMAL OPEN	ING HOURS
Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 30
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

make an appointment from 9 45 am - 12 20 pm and 2 10 pm - 4 10 pm.

Christmas Lucky Squares for £1 each in aid of MAGPAS will be on sale at Reception in Willingham and Longstanton surgeries. **Fantastic prizes** – Christmas hampers, bottles, cuddly toys, chocolates and many others. Please support this local charity when you visit the surgery. **Any donations for prizes gratefully accepted.** Prize winners will be notified on Monday 20 December.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager



Christmas Crossword by Willow

Across

- 2 Simple and environmentally friendly (5)
- Santa's guiding light (7) 3
- Toboggan (4) 5
- St Stephen's commemoration (6,3) 6
- 8 Yearn to have tree (4)
- Traditional carol In Sweetest Rejoicing (2,5,6) 9
- Crowd of ovine beasts (5) 11
- 16th century carol from the West country (2,4,3,1,5,9) 12
- Miss Gaynor, singer of I Will Survive (6) 17
- Spanish man's important to Jenny (6) 18
- Playthings (4) 20
- Old Christmas song about Herod's Massacre of the 21 Innocents (8,5)
- 23 Reportedly completely sacred (4)
- Offers to take reporters round hospital dept (8) 24
- Wise men cut short practice of witchcraft (4) 27
- 29 Search for underground water (6)
- 30 Euphorbia pulcherrima named after 19th century US ambassador to Mexico (10)
- Tree on Lebanese flag (5) 33
- 35 Singular 24 (4)
- 36 Pre-Christmas winter festival (4)
- 38 Street artist upset celebrity (4)
- 40 Unusual robin has black strip (6)
- Peer has right to enter old assembly (4) 41
- Staff of life (5) 42
- One of Noah's sons (3) 43

- Down
 - 1 Christmas worship, most famously at King's
 - College, Cambridge (4,7,3,6)
 - Criticize cook (5) 3
 - King leaves fish pasty (3) 4
 - Christmas in France (4)
 - 8 Something foretold (8)
- Lamps for student with poor sight (6) 10
- Evergreen trees found in parts of Ireland (3) 11
- Fashionable new hotel (3) 13
- Dried oleo gum resin (5) 14
- Communist colour (3) 15
- 16 Air does boy good (4)
- Worn out (9) 19
- 22 Roman god, equivalent of Greek Eros (5)
- 25 Santa's workers (5)
- 26
- St Nicholas (5,5) Trip is spoilt by alcoholic drink (6) 28
- Raw chips? (6) 30
- Carol's climbing plant (3) 31
- Good health, for example (5) 32
- 34 Messenger of God (5)
- Meleagris bird (6) 37
- Throw out unknown dignitary (6) 39
- Composer whose Christmas Oratorio was first 42 performed in 1734 (4)
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Letters to the Editor

I was wondering if you would be willing to enter some information in *Willingham News* about 'voting for fibre optic broadband' to be installed in your local exchange?

At the moment there doesn't seem to be any chance we'll be getting fibre broadband installed anytime soon... but we have a chance to change that if we register our interest at the website, http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/.

To quote the site:

'What is The Race to Infinity?

Over the next five years BT is rolling out superfast fibre optic broadband across the UK. If you're not on the announced roll out plan, "The Race to Infinity" gives you the opportunity to fast track your area to get BT Infinity next.

The five areas with the largest percentage of votes by December 31st 2010 will win the chance to bring superfast broadband to their area. BT will also donate \pounds 5,000 of computer equipment to a local community project.

Whether you're big on social networking, gaming, streaming, uploading or downloading, prepare to have your life transformed with superfast speeds.

To vote simply go to "VOTE NOW" and enter your details. Don't forget to pass it on to your friends on Facebook and Twitter to get your area to the top of the scoreboard.'

So it does seem to make sense for our community to enter!

We've got a long way to go though since we only have 5 votes, out of a possible 1673! Can you help?!

Thanks

Will Reeves

Light Party 2010

Over 60 children enjoyed a 'Light Party' at the Baptist Church on 31 October. The whole place was decorated with fairy lights. Children made a huge firework display, planet pictures, candle holders, star mobiles and decorated star biscuits.



They watched the puppets in action, and enthusiastically sang songs. One of the highlights was the games with the parachute and then the 'light themed tea' with all the foods either yellow or orange! Mums and dads joined the toddlers' party, and then primary school age children had



their party afterwards. Everyone had a great time and went home with a party bag including a magnet reminding them that Jesus is the light of the world. Watch out for other light themed events as we get nearer to Christmas...! I was a little embarrassed by the number of times my name appeared in the November *Willingham News*, mainly on the letters page, although I should thank those contributors for their kind comments.

The Feast happens because of the work of a group of people, mainly Marie Clements, Jez Clements, Sarah Custance, Paul Knighton, Amanda Miller and Graham Mumby but with other volunteers such as Ross Turner helping throughout the weekend.

The planning of so many events takes a lot of time and effort but we work on the principle that each gives what they can since some of us are retired while others have demanding jobs or look after younger members of their family.

The work we do is always rewarding especially when we see so many of the residents of Willingham enjoying the events but also because we are a very social group and so we make new friends during the preparations. We are often on a steep learning curve too and always acquiring new skills. We are always looking for more folk to join our group and if you are interested please contact me for more details.

Mike Tidball – 01954 260647

Willingham Women's Institute

The December meeting of Willingham WI will be held on Monday 13 December at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. It will be the Christmas party, so if you do not have your name down on the list, please contact a committee member. If you are coming, don't forget your plate, bowl and cutlery. Drinks will be available at the bar of the Social Club.



Willingham Library Children's Book Quiz

Under 5's

- 1) What type of animal is *Maisy* in the books by Lucy Cousins?
- 2) In the book by Ian Whybrow, what does Harry have a bucketful of?
- 3) Who wrote *The Jolly Postman*?

Primary School

- 4) Who wrote A Christmas Carol?
- 5) Which white, icy character did Raymond Briggs write about?
- 6) Name Mr Toad's three friends in *Wind in the Willows*.

Secondary School

- 7) Which day of the week features in the name of the person *Robinson Crusoe* meets?
- 8) What is the name of the main character in *The Demonata* series by Darren Shan?
- 9) What 'Tears' featured in the title of the most recent Alex Rider book by Anthony Horowitz?

Answers to quiz on page 15.

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Pastoral Letter

We are now at the beginning of a new year. No, not the calendar year that starts 1 January, but the Christian Church's year, commencing on Advent Sunday which this year is 28 November.

Advent is a time of preparation before Christmas; a time to prepare our hearts and minds for one of the greatest events in history - the birth of Jesus Christ - and preparing for when He will return again. It is a time when we get ready for Christmas by sending our Christmas cards and buying presents for our family and friends. We stock up with special food and drink and decorate our homes with fir trees and festive decorations.

But Advent is much more than just preparing for feasting and sharing presents. It is an opportunity for taking time to consider why we celebrate Christmas and why we give presents to one another.

Jesus was a present to the world, one of the best presents we could have, because He came to our world to save us from ourselves, from our path to destruction. To give us hope, He came to die in our place, to allow us to renew our relationship with God who loves us. When Christmas comes, filled with excitement, we want to open our presents to find out what is inside and experience the joy of receiving something special. But, imagine what Christmas would be like if we received our presents but never opened them; maybe put them on a shelf or in a cupboard and just imagined what might be inside? (One Christmas we were sent some camembert cheese from a friend in France, and by the time Christmas arrived we didn't need to open it to know what was inside - the aroma could not be contained!)

If we don't invite Jesus into our lives and share our daily life with Him, experiencing the inner peace that the Bible refers to as 'a peace which passes all understanding', it is like leaving our presents unopened and never enjoying the excitement and joy they contain.

At St Mary's and All Saints we are also preparing and looking forward to January when we will be welcoming our new Vicar, Linda Liversidge.

May God richly bless you and your families this Christmas!

Steve Mellows Churchwarden

Cottenham Village College pupils – a hit at the Shakespeare Schools Festival !

The Shakespeare schools festival (SSF) gives young people of all abilities the chance to bring Shakespeare to life and to experience the challenges and thrill of live theatre. In 2010, its 10th anniversary year, SSF have worked with 650 schools across the UK performing in 80 professional theatres.

On 9 November, Year 9 pupils from Cottenham Village College put on an amazing performance of *Romeo and Juliet* to a full house at the Junction Theatre in Cambridge. Other schools performing on the night were Impington VC 6th Form – A Midsummer Night's Dream, Parkside Federation – As You Like It and Holywell Middle School – MacBeth.

Cottenham Village College Pupils from Willingham who took part were: Luke Hutchcraft (Romeo), Angus Beauchamp (Benvolio), Val Smith (Sampson), Gemma Anderson (Chorus), Dom Jackman, Jack Sacre & Marc Smeets (Sound & Lighting).

Directed by Elle Lyons, the half hour abridged version of Shakespeare's most famous love story was sensational. The audience were moved by the talent and professionalism of the whole cast and crew.

Old Willingham

The last Old Willingham photo to appear in the magazine was the thatched house shown again here. This picture was taken around 1900 at the corner of Church Lane and Church Street. You can see the churchyard wall on the left. For many years this corner has been the site of the village baker and it was a shop and baker in those days too. Of course, bakers are at high risk of fire and indeed this building burnt down in the early 1900s. It was replaced, along with the thatched cottages next to it, with the row of Edwardian brick houses that is still there today, and is still a bakers shop!



December 2010



Parish Church

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

Coffee Stop – Every Tuesday morning from 10 am to 11 30 am in the Octagon. You are very welcome to 'drop-in' for coffee or tea and a chat.

Cake Stall – This month on Saturday 4 December in the Church. Home-made cakes, jams and chutneys for sale.

Bric-a-brac on sale at 19 Fen End, the home of Rene Gould. A

good selection of jewellery to browse through!

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

Baptist Church

Bumps and Babies: Thursdays, 10 am for mums-to-be and those with babies up to 18 months.

Baby Notes: Mondays at 2 30 pm. A music group for







babies and their parents/carers meets on Mondays at 2 30 pm for newborn to crawling and at 3 pm for babies to walking.

TOPS: Tuesday mornings from 9 45 am - 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 meets every Tuesday during term time from 6 30 pm – 8 pm for 10–14-year olds. A fun-packed evening of games, quizzes, discussions and a tuck shop, so please come and join us.

Open Door: Thursdays from 10 am – 11 30 am. Come for coffee/tea and a chat. 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.

TGI: 11 am on the third Sunday of each month. It's church, but not as you know it! A lively contemporary style suitable for all age groups and those who don't like church!

Salvation Army

Coffee mornings and Fellowship: Every Monday at 10 30 am.

Craft: Every Monday at 2 pm.

Luncheon Club: Thursday 2 and 16 December at 12 30 pm.





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

5 December

11 00 am Parish Communi	on
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12 December

12 Decem	
8 00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am	Christingle Service with
	Uniformed Groups
19 Decem	ber
11 00 am	Parish Communion
21 Decem	oer (Tuesday)
	Carol Service
24 Decemi	per (Christmas Eve)
4 00 pm	Crib Service for all the
	family
11 30 pm	Midnight Communion
25 Decemb	per (Christmas Day)
10 00 am	Family Service to
	celebrate Jesus' birth
	This Service will be
	followed by an
	abbreviated Communion
	for those who wish to stay
	on.
26 Decemł	ber
	There will be no service
	in Willingham but we are
	invited to join our team
	services, either
9 30 am	Parish Communion at
	Longstanton, or
11 00 am	Parish Communion at
	Over

* BCP = Book of Common Prayer

During the interregnum there is a special time for prayer in the Sacristy on the first Saturday of each month – 4 December.

Children are welcome at all our 11 am Services. On the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays there are activities for Primary School age children. There is a crèche for younger children. On the 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 (270063) or Janette Mullett (261003) know.

WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET www.willinghambaptist.org

5 December

10 00 am	'The Word became flesh'
6 00 pm	'Coming Soon'

12 December

10	00 am	'Lord of the Kings' with
		Coverdale Puppets
6	00 pm	'Awaiting the Promised
		One'
19	Decembe) (*
11	00 am	'Thank God it's
		Christmas!' Family
		celebration
6	00 pm	Carol service featuring
		Christmas choir
26	Decembe	r
10	00 am	'Thank God for Jesus'

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

On Wednesday, 22 December, there will be a roving nativity play in the village. Starting on Priest Lane at 7 pm, where we will meet the wise men travelling from the east on traditional transport, meet up with shepherds looking after sheep on the Green, go with the wise men to Herod's palace and then join Mary and Joseph with the baby at the back of the inn (the Duke of Wellington). This will be a great opportunity to relive the original Christmas story and sing carols on route. If you would like to take any of the parts of wise men, shepherds, angels, Herod, Mary or Joseph, please call Trevor Rowe 261193 or email revtrevrowe@hotmail.com

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

5 00 pm (Anticipatory) Sundays 8 00 am and 11 00 am

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

5 December 5 00 pm Worship

12 December 5 00 pm Worship

19 December 5 30 pm Carol Service

26 December No service

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF WILLINGHAM.

In December: West Fen Road.

Westmeadow Close, Whites Path,

Wilford Furlong

will be in our thoughts.

Charity Lunch

The last charity lunch for this year in favour of Motor Neurone will be held at the Octagon on 11 December at 1 pm. The cost will be \pounds 3 as usual. In this new venue we will have the opportunity for a pre-Christmas get together, to plan for next year and to decide on a new charity to support. Any ideas for the new charity are welcome.

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
December				
1	Meeting	Willingham Parish Council	The Octagon	7 30 pm
1	Carol Bailey: Christmas Flowers & Decorations	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 pm – 3 30 pm
3	Quiz	Willingham Cricket Club	Social Club	7 30 pm for 8 pm. £5 pp
4	Stall	Friends of Rose Hospital	Octagon, Bar Hill	10 30 am – 12 30 pm
6	Members' Christmas Party – Speaker Peter Jackson	Willingham Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
11	Charity Lunch	Willingham Charity Lunchers	The Octagon	1 pm £3
13	Christmas Party	Willingham WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
22	Christmas Pageant	Christians Together in Willingham	Priest Lane	7 pm
29	Blood donation	National Blood Service	Surgery car park	9 45 am – 12 15 pm & 2 05 – 4 05 pm
anuary 2011				
5	Sarah Freeman from Trading Standards <i>Consumer issues</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 pm – 3 30 pm
9	Friends' Post- Christmas chill-out	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	Drop in between 3 and 5 pm
24	Upstairs and Downstairs – the Victorian household	Willingham WEA	Baptist Church	10 am

Village Diary

Friends of Willingham Library Ideas for Christmas presents?

December Quiz – a Bumper Bundle – Answers begin with K or L (Answers on page 18)

- 1. He created cases for Inspector Ghote to solve.
- The Plumed Serpent 'A novel of compulsive power by a diviner of unconscious passions.' Yet more easily recognised as the author of the book famously described in court by the judge as 'a book you would not want your servants to read.'
- 3. Cider with Rosie author?
- 4. The author of *Dead Poets Society*?
- 5. Who created Chief Detective-Inspector Tom Pollard? (clue – *The Affacombe Affair; Alibi for a Corpse; Death of an Old Girl*)
- 6. She wrote the classic *To Kill a Mocking Bird*.
- 7. *Get Carter*. A film made from the book, starred Michael Caine as Jack Carter. Author?
- 8. The Owl and the Pussy Cat went to sea, in a beautiful pea-green boat. Who penned the words?
- 9. *How Green Was My Valley.* 'Vivid, eloquent, poetical, glowing with an inner flame of emotion....' Writer's name?
- 10. French poet wrote the autobio-

graphical poem, *Le Lac*. Became a politician and during the Second Republic his efforts led to the abolition of slavery and the death penalty in France.

- Was Librarian at Hull University too easy a clue – one of his poems – An Arundel Tomb.
- 12. A broadcaster on Radio 4 and when his son was born, he collected letters and articles together and titled the whole: *Letter to Daniel, Despatches from the Heart.* Who is he?
- 13. Kidnapped in Beirut in 1985, he was held hostage along with John McCarthy. His book, *An Evil Cradling* describes his experiences.
- 14. Her crime novels are set in Venice. Commissario Brunetti solves the cases.
- 15. *Day*. She was the winner of the 2007 Costa Book of the Year. Her name?
- 16. The poem ends: Was it a vision, or a waking dream? Fled is that music: - do I wake or sleep? The poet?
- 17. Who wrote Millennium Trilogy?

Clue = he was Swedish.

- 18. He's a Franco-Czech novelist and his books include: Life is Elsewhere; The Unbearable Lightness of Being and Immortality; Ignorance; The Farewell Party.
- 19. Once the Professor of Modern English Literature at the University of Birmingham, his novels include: *Changing Places; Ginger, You're barmy; How Far Can You Go?*
- 20. Humorous in parts despite the dark subject matter – Germany under the Nazi Régime. Three novels (*March Violets; The Pale Criminal; A German Requiem*) come under the umbrella of *Berlin Noir*. The author?
- 21. He is the author of Dr Jason Love's supercharged spy adventures.
- 22. He has created a Victorian sleuth, Sergeant Cribb, as well as a more up-to-date detective, Peter Diamond. Who is he?
- 23. She is a best-selling writer in her native Sweden. Her latest book to come out in the UK is *The Stone Cutter*. Her name?

Willingham Library

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Library News

Engage in the Afternoon

These are special sessions for adults on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee/biscuits and a chance to change books and use the computers. It is free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

Do come to one of our future sessions:

- Wednesday 1 December Carol Bailey on Christmas flowers and decorations
- Wednesday 5 January Sarah Freeman from Trading Standards
- Wednesday 2 February James Nicol from the Cambridgeshire libraries stock team will talk about how books are chosen for libraries, Reading Groups and current good books.

Friends of Willingham Library

A dark chilly October night, but inside the cosy warmth of the Library the Poetry & Prose evening was underway. We entertained each other with favourite poems, ranging from the 16th century work of Chidiock Tichbourn via John Clare, Ernest Dowson and Charles Causley to Dylan Thomas, Philip Larkin and Roger McGough with many in between. And two of Willingham's own poets, Chris Lacey (who lead the proceedings and provided birthday cake) and Katie Fowler-Brookes, read some of their work. Contrasting with the poems were readings about the exploits of Just William, thoughts from Alan Bennett and some political observations by Chris Mullin.

Diary date: Sunday 9 January 3-5 pm: Friends are invited to escape to the Library for a post-Christmas chillout with non-festive food and drink plus some gentle book-based brain teasers for the more active.

Answers to Children's Book Quiz

A Mouse. 2) Dinosaurs. 3) Janet and Allan Ahlberg
 (4) Charles Dickens. 5) *The Snowman*. 6) Mole, Rat and Badger. 7) Friday (Man Friday). 8) Grubbs Grady.
 (5) *Crocodile Tears*

2011 Census coming to a letterbox near you

On 27 March 2011 all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census. It is not just another survey. The census is important as it provides an excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to plan housing, education, health and transport services for years to come for all sectors of the population, so it is crucial the estimate is as accurate as possible. The Census is completely confidential and no personal information is passed to other government departments or non-governmental organisations.

When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you'll easily recognise it by the purple 2011 Census logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you want to complete the questionnaire online, your individual internet code will be on the front of the questionnaire.

More information about the 2011 Census is available online at: www.census.gov.uk

Jobs

Starting in September 2010 and continuing over the coming months a number of jobs will be created to support the Census. These will be a mix of part time and full time jobs. Some will last months, others a matter of weeks.

All will offer competitive rates of pay.

More information can be found at www.censusjobs.co.uk



The wonderful 18 piece **Opus 17 Swing Band**, plus their vocalists, are appearing in February at Over Community Centre.

Come and enjoy an evening of amazing music from the 40's and 50's, played by this brilliant live band. Watch the swing, ballroom and Lindy Hop dancers - and join in! If you've never heard a live big swing band before, then come along and have a great time. But, remember this event always sells out.

Doors open 7.15pm for a 8.00pm start.

Tickets are £12 each, available from Julia Warren on 01954 230056 (Over) or John Dyer on 01954 230828 (Swavesey)

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The **OVER PLAYERS** are pleased to announce their Spring Show 2011 will be *South Pacific*. After waiting several weeks to hear from the USA where the licence for this iconic musical is held, we are thrilled to announce that we have been given permission to stage the musical at The Over Community Centre from **Wednesday 1**st – **Saturday 4**th **June 2011**.

South Pacific is considered by some to be one of the greatest Broadway musicals. Several of its songs, including "Bali Ha'i", "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair", and Nothing Like a Dame" etc, have become worldwide standards. It won ten Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score, and Best Libretto. It is the only musical production ever to have won all four Tony Awards for acting. The show was a box office hit and has since enjoyed many successful revivals and tours.

If you would like to join us in staging this fantastic show, why not come along to the readthrough of the script on **Wednesday 19th January 2011** in St Mary's Church Hall, Over at 7.45pm where you will be made very welcome. Auditions (only for the principal characters) will be on **Wednesday 26th January 2011**).

If you have any further questions or would like to get involved in any other capacity, please contact either Christine Turner on 01954 201218 or Olive Swain on 01954 232985.



JAMIE ASPINALL GOLF SOCIETY

Thank you to all those who organised, attended and supported the 10th anniversary of JAGS, held on Saturday 23 October at Menzies Bar Hill and afterwards at the Black Bull, for a meal and prize giving. £550 was raised for the 'Help for Heroes' charity.

JAGS golf days are held twice a year, usually in April and October. Over the past 10 years the Society has donated over \pounds 7,550 to various good causes.



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The Feast 2010 Revisited

Firstly, there are some results of the competitions. The Junior Scalextric fastest time of 24.936 seconds for three laps was set by Silas, aged 10, of Mill Field. The fastest senior time was achieved by Gordon (age withheld!) and both receive a \pounds 5 prize.

We made the treasure hunt much more difficult this year so the top score of 37/40 by Thoday's Adventurers was quite amazing but the lowest score was 34/40 so the competition was very close. The winners get £15 with £10 and £5 runners-up prizes.

The collections throughout the weekend raised £450 for Willingham Youth Trust, £100 for Willingham First Responders and £338 for Willingham Jam Club. A collection was also held for the Salvation Army. We send thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

Last month we reported on the success of the new ventures, in particular when the older residents of the village went into the primary school to talk of life in the past. Mrs Hart interested the children by showing some of her exercise books completed when she was at school. Ken and Grace Jeeps held a question and answer session; the pupils were keen to know what Father Christmas bought them as presents when they were young. The talks were completed by Andrew Cook and Milford Jeeps, our thanks to them all. If you are interested in the village history you can see photos on the 'oldwillingham' web site and a history as the first chapter of the parish plan on the 'willinghamlife' website. Using a search engine such as Google will bring up both of these.

Another new event was the concert performed by children of Willingham School in St Mary and All Saints Church. The event was very well attended and the standard of music high with the added bonus of what must be unique, a school ukulele band, injecting a little light heartedness into the proceedings.

This year Willingham Primary School was the venue for the Feast Market and it was again a very popular event in the Willingham Feast. There were stalls both inside the school and outside as well as a Car Boot Sale

and refreshments stall run by the Willingham School Association (WSA). Members of the Willingham Originalz youth club were on hand to walk around the venue collecting for the Willingham Youth Trust.

This year the stalls at the market were as diverse as local eggs and beef through to Sri Lankan and French delicacies

Pictures top to bottom: Candles and Samba Band, Cyclists at Ely, Speedy Silas







outside behind the school (right next to the WSA Car Boot Sale). Anyone who wanted to could pop into the school library and take a look at footage from past village galas (to see how it used to be done and try and spot familiar faces).

The date for the start of the Feast next year will be 7 October. Make it the first entry in your new diary!

handmade and chocolates on the food side, garden plants, toys and second hand books as well as craft stalls including silver jewellery, stained glass artwork and turned wooden objects. For those who were thirsty there was an opportunity to buy local ciders and apple juice from right here in the village. Alongside stalls selling this wide range of produce there were also demonstrations of spinning and book binding.

As if this wasn't enough there was a cake stall (the cakes went down very well with a nice cup of tea

from the WSA refreshment stall I can tell you!) and entertainments for all throughout the morning.

For the children there was an inflatable assault course, storytelling and singing sessions (courtesy of the ladies from the Children's Centre at Bar Hill) and soft play equipment for babies and toddlers to enjoy. As the weather was kind to us we were able to have dancing from some of the year six pupils from Willingham Primary School and from Swavesey Morris Dancing Troop

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Willingham Gardening Club

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End and start at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers and from time to time on subjects of wider interest. Meetings on average last about one and a half hours. There is a plant raffle at each meeting.

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 6 December – Members' Christmas Party. This is free for members and there is a modest charge of $\pounds 5$ for any guests who attend with members. The fayre is always excellent so come along and enjoy.

We shall announce details of the outings programme for 2011 in due course when arrangements have been made.

Horticultural Show Winners

Most Points in Show (9 and under)	
- 'Primary School' Trophy	Jenna Richards
Most Points in Show (6 and under) Trop	ohy No entries
Best Fruit – Rose Bowl	David Smith
Best Vegetable - 'Alec Denson' Trophy	C Stocker
Best Cut Flower - 'Basil Sewell' Trophy	Arthur King
Best Flower Arrangement	
- 'Len Denson' Trophy	No entries
Best Plant - 'Mary Sharp' Trophy	Adrien Foreman
Best Homecraft - 'Sam Burgess' Trophy	Celia Macehitter
Best Art & Craft - 'Ferguson' Trophy	Joshua Blunt
Most Points in the Flower and Plant Sec	tion
– 'Hayden' Trophy	Tony Halsey
Best Photograph - 'Garden Club' Trophy	y Colin Brown
	Dick Godden
Heaviest Onion Tankard	C Stocker
Best Art	Joshua Blunt
Best Children's entry	Jenna Richards
Best Children's Begonia	Jenna Richards
Auctioneer's Trophy	Jenny Rodgers

A Huge Thank You!

The Starship Children's Centre would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have attended our activities so far.

We would like to give a special mention to all the Dads who attended our Little Kickers/Stay and Play Session on Saturday 6 November.

The event was even better than we could have expected with 19 Dads/ Granddads and 26 children. We felt it was a fantastic morning and this has been highlighted by some wonderful comments:

'Excellent my daughter will want to come back'; 'Great Stuff, got to keep Sure Start running...cheers all round'.

Keep an eye out for our next dads day event which will be coming soon.

We would also like to thank all those who supported our Family Learning Festival. The theme was sustainability and we had some great activities which included; designing your own canvas bags, junk modeling, cooking and grow your own vegetables. With 24 families in attendance the atmosphere was great.

From our attendance registers it was clear to see that support was coming from all of our reach areas which include: Bar Hill, Swavesey, Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Dry Drayton.

We would like to thank you again and hope to see you all again soon. For more information please feel free to contact us on 01954 200 473 / barhillchildrenscentre@ cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Answers to Christmas Crossword:

Across: 2 Green, 3 Rudolph, 5 Sled, 6 Boxing Day, 8 Pine, 9 *In Dulci Jubilo*, 11 Flock, 12 *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*, 17 Gloria, 18 Donkey, 20 Toys, 21 *Coventry Carol*, 23 Holy, 24 Presents, 27 Magi, 29 Divine, 30 Poinsettia, 33 Cedar, 35 Gift, 36 Yule, 38 Star, 40 Ribbon, 41 Lord, 42 Bread, 43 Ham.

Down: 1 Nine Lessons and Carols, 3 Roast, 4 Pie, 7 Noel, 8 Prophecy, 10 Lights, 11 Fir, 13 Inn, 14 Myrrh, 15 Red, 16 Song, 19 Exhausted, 22 Cupid, 25 Elves, 26 Santa Claus, 28 Spirit, 30 Potato, 31 Ivy, 32 Toast, 34 Angel, 37 Turkey, 39 Worthy, 42 Bach, 44 Mass.

Answers to Willingham Library Quiz

1. H R F Keating 2. D H Lawrence – the quotation refers, of course, to *Lady Chatterley's Lover* 3. Laurie Lee 4. N H Kleinbaum 5. Elizabeth Lemarchand 6. Harper Lee 7. Ted Lewis 8. Edward Lear 9. Richard Llewellyn 10. Alfonse de Lamartine 11. Philip Larkin 12. Fergal Keane 13. Brian Keenan 14. Donna Leon 15. A L Kennedy 16. John Keats – *Ode to a Nightingale* 17. Stieg Larsson 18. Milan Kundera 19. David Lodge 20. Philip Kerr 21. James Leasor 22. Peter Lovesey 23. Camilla Läckberg

Village Directory

Please notify Willingham News of any changes

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Council	Parish Council (See full details on page 6)		01954 261027
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police		0845 456 4564
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	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	Urgent Care Cambridgeshire		0330 123 9131
Schools	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3-6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201567
	School Governors Chairman	Rob Laycock	01954 203528
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Richard Foster	01954 261293
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 200045
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	
	Old Buttery Nursery School	Garan Custance	01954 202005
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 260046
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 261296
	Bubbles		01954 203347
	Bumps and Babies Group	Kathryn Wright	01954 261770
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Pam Buckridge	01954 780714
		Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Little Notes Music group	Emma Tregenna	01954 205329
	Rock Solid (Baptist Church)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
Halls	Kids' Friday Club (Baptist Church)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
naus	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
local	Allotments – See Willingham Combined Charities bel		
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	Fen Edge Community Association	Alan Leeks	01954 250061
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
Clubs	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	Mr J Sibley	01954 260436
	Willingham Stagecraft (drama group)	Ms R Wilson	07809 220651
	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
port	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey	Teresa Hutchcraft	01954 260440
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	
	Willingham Running Club	Sally Carroll	01954 261562
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	David Clarke	07771 834393
	Willingham Wheels cycling club		01954 260600
hurches	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Paul Knighton Mrs S Haydon	01954 270194
	Baptist Church	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Bookings	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
		Julie Stock	01954 202221
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Doman Cathalia Deirat		
	Roman Catholic Priest	Rev Paul Maddison	01480-462192
	Roman Catholic Priest Salvation Army Parish Church	Rev Paul Maddison Captain Knights Mr Steve Mellows	01480-462192 01954 260608 01954 270063

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Willingham Social Club Fen End, Willingham, Cambs, CB24 5LH

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Please contact us on the above number or just drop into the social club one evening and ask one of our friendly members of staff for details of price and availability.



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