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January 2011

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### Farewell . . .

We are sorry to lose from the *Willingham News* editorial team Colin Brown. He is retiring after a long period of service. The last issue which he edited was last month's.

### ... and hail

We welcome a new member of the team: Liz Saxton. The editors are Rebecca Mead, Liz Kinnear, Liz Saxton and Bill Kirkman. Jane Dowle is our dedicated and very efficient proof-reader.

Bin	Collections	
5	January	Black Bin.
12	January	Green and blue bins.
19	January	Black Bin.
26	January	Green and blue bins.

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### From the Parish Council

The Parish Council hope you have had a Joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### **District Council matters**

The Local Enterprise Partnership had been set up as a limited company with a limited guarantee of  $\pounds 1$  for board members. Its priorities will be education, transport and broadband.

District Councillor Manning had recently attended a meeting with local MPs who were very concerned about traffic congestion, and the fact that the viaduct at Huntingdon had a life expectancy of five years.

The Highways Agency had stated that 1800 houses might be built at Northstowe without the need to upgrade the A14. This would be dangerous as this number of houses would be insufficient to trigger construction of the necessary infrastructure such as schools.

It was hoped to open the guided busway in April of next year.

#### Additional Bus Shelter along Station Road

Thank you for your opinions on the above proposed Shelter. This is being considered at the January Full Parish Council Meeting. Update to follow.

#### New seat for the Village Green

A seat has been kindly donated for the Village Green by two long-standing Willingham residents. A concrete plinth will be laid down and the seat fixed to it.

#### **Nuisance Parking in Willingham**

There have been several complaints of cars badly parked. If you spot a badly parked car and think the Police should hear about it, please call the Police on 0345 456 4564.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

For the foreseeable future it has been agreed that all the Full Parish Council Meetings, held on the first Wednesday of every month, will be held at the Octagon, St Mary & All Saints Church, Church Street, Willingham.

#### 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:-

Mr H Awal	01954-204526
Mr I Barratt	01954-261609
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
Mr M Borland (Leisure and Amenities Leas	d Councillor)
	01954-203347
Mr A Cook (Vice-Chairman)	01954-260325
Mr R Foster (Halls Lead Councillor)	01954-261293
Ms W Hardman	01954-261036
Mr D Jacques	01954-261353

Mr C Jones (Planning Chairman) Mr P King (Chairman of the Council) Mr B Kirkman (Green and Boundaries L	01954-261036 01954-260780 ead Councillor)
	01954-260393
Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mr G Pake (Cemetery Lead Councillor)	01954-260534
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 on Wednesday 5 January at The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street at 7 30 pm 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.

### Poppy Appeal 2010

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Many thanks to all street collectors, business premises, pubs and church collections. With your generosity we are able to send £1,960.16 to the Poppy Appeal.

Thank you.

Marjorie Few Organiser

### **Charity Lunch**

The January charity lunch will be held on 15 January at 1 pm at 37 Rampton End, with Jean Taylor and Pat Watkins as organisers. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs  $\pounds_3$ . All are welcome.

### Willingham News



### 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

We hope you all had a Happy Christmas and New Year holiday. Staff and doctors would like to say a big thank you for your greetings cards and gifts at Christmas. Your kind words and the lovely goodies are very much appreciated. Thank you also to all who donated raffle prizes or bought our Lucky Squares in aid of MAGPAS and a special thanks to Andy and Mary Coe who once again donated a splendid Christmas tree for our waiting room.

**New Years' Resolutions** Would you like help and support to give up smoking or to lose weight? Ring the surgery for details.

#### Top tips for keeping warm and well this winter:

- Set your heating to the right temperature (between 18-21C or 64-70F) and you can keep your home warm and your bills as low as possible.
- You can help keep warm and stave off winter illnesses by eating well. Try to make sure that you have hot meals and drinks regularly throughout the day and keep your food cupboards stocked up.
- Moderate exercise can also help. Try to move around at least once an hour.
- Dress for the weather by wearing plenty of layers clothes made from cotton, wool or fleecy fibres are particularly good and help to maintain body heat.
- Get a free flu jab to protect against seasonal flu if you are over 65, have a long-term health condition or are pregnant. Just ring the surgery for an appointment.
- There are many grants, benefits and other sources of advice that are available to make your home more energy efficient, improve your heating or help with bills. Take advice on what you can claim. Visit www.direct.gov.uk
- On cold days try to avoid going outside; however if you do need to, remember to wrap up warm and wear a hat, scarf and gloves and sensible footwear.
- And it's important for all of us to remember the needs of friends, elderly relatives and neighbours who could be at risk by:
  - Checking on them to make sure they are safe and well
  - Making sure they are warm enough especially at night
  - Check they have a good stock of food and medicines

#### WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 - 1 00	2 30 - 6 00
Appointments	8 30 - 11 00	3 00 - 6 00
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 - 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 - 5 30
Ante Natal/Bab	by 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
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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

If you, or a member of your family feel unwell outside surgery hours you can call **NHS Direct on 0845 4647** for advice or ring **UCC on 0330 123 9131**.

**Are you a Carer?** Ring the surgery for advice on the help available to you.

**Child Health Clinics** There will be a change to the Health Visitor Clinics at Willingham Surgery. These will be every **4th Tuesday of the month from 2-4 pm. Ring Wendy Nice on 01954** 781855 to book an **appointment.** 

**Loan items** If you still have any of the surgery loan items such as blood pressure machines please could you return them to the surgery so others can benefit.

Please accept our **belated thank you to the family and friends of Eileen Marchant** for their kind donations in her memory to the Surgery Equipment Fund.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

### Letter to the Editor



ear Editor We took our granddaughter to the matinee showing of Dick Whittington. I would like to say that we three enjoyed it very much. Oh yes we did! We were

also delighted that the Pantomime has returned as an important aspect of village life.

We thought the whole production polished and well-presented. It was a pleasure to see some familiar faces on and behind the stage, and front of house. It was equally pleasing to see some faces new to us.

Having been involved in WAMADS in the past, we appreciate the best use now being made of the strong foundations laid down over the years. The show must go on...

Colin Brown

### Willingham Library Children's Book Quiz

#### Under 5's

- 1) Which green character 'stole' Christmas in the Dr Seuss book?
- 2) Which cuddly character completes this book title by Jane Hissey *Old* \*\*\*\* *Stories*?
- 3) *Oops* and *Suddenly* are two books by this author

### **Primary School**

- 4) Author of the *Beast Quest* series of books?
- 5) In *The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me* by Roald Dahl, what is the name of the animals' company?
- 6) Name the author of Horrible Histories books.

#### **Secondary School**

- 7) In *A Bad Beginning* by Lemony Snicket, when does Violet tie her hair up in a red ribbon?
- 8) What is Hector's nickname in the book *Holes* by Louis Sachar?
- 9) In the Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett, which type of bird shows Mary the key to the secret garden?

Answers to quiz on page 12.

### Willingham Women's Institute

The January meeting of Willingham WI will be held on Monday 10 January at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. It is the Annual General Meeting, your subscriptions will be due and a new committee will be elected.

The speaker will be Fran Saltmarsh and her topic is 'Six into One Will Go'. Fran has been prominent in the WI for many years as a former Federation Chairman, National Vice Chairman and Chair of Denman College. She lives in Moulton, Suffolk, and is an active member of her local community.



On Friday 28 January the annual Quiz Evening takes place at the Social Club, starting at 7 15. The charge of  $\pounds$ 10 includes a fish and chip supper.

If you are interested in joining the WI in Willingham, then now would be a good time. Please contact Doreen Young on 200561, or Jacky Sparks on 261831 if you would like further details.



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### Pastoral Letter

Happy New Year to all our readers. How often have you used that phrase - well not the readers bit. It is the seasonal greeting whenever you see anyone at this time of the year. We even say it to people we would not otherwise speak to.

Generally we feel much more sociable around Christmas - the season of goodwill and all that- and into the New Year, but I suspect that very soon the mood will change. As soon as the credit card bills start coming in for the excessive spending over the holiday time. We have all bought much more food than we could ever eat; in fact, we do that every Christmas. We have probably spent a lot of money on presents that the recipient either does not need or does not want. Many of the presents received at Christmas will already have been taken back to the shop for a refund or a change.

Am I sounding like a bit of a humbug? I don't wish to sound too negative but statistically January is the most depressing month of the year. It is cold, the days are short, there is nothing much to see outside and we are all skint and have probably put on a few pounds in the last few weeks.

However, the chances are we have all made resolutions to make a change for the better.

### **Old Willingham**

Given the cold weather of early December, let's go back to 1963. Here outside Berrycroft Stores is a lorry loaded with snow. Rather than pile it up in the way of customers, the staff would clear the yard and take the snow down to the river where it was dumped. That's service!



Hopefully we will still be keeping to these good intentions in a month's time. We are all pretty much in the same situation. Even God understands our humanness. That was the whole point of Christmas. God came to earth to live life as a human being, so he knows what it feels like to be skint! More often than not we find it impossible to keep up our new year's resolutions beyond a few weeks. We want to live better, improve our relationships, be more self controlled and tolerant, change our living standards.

Change is possible, but not always easy. Living a life based on the model of Jesus Christ helps us to keep to these good intentions. There is a standard that is set and a hero to follow. God can give us the extra will power by living his life through us. When we surrender our will power and start living by his standards everything changes. Our attitude towards other people changes. We start to have more self esteem and self belief. We have something new to live for, new goals to achieve and the knowledge that we are not in it alone. God is there alongside to give us that extra help. Why not give it a try? What have you got to lose?

Trevor Rowe Baptíst Míníster

### Willingham Youth Trust – help invited

WYT is a local charity whose aim is to provide facilities for young people in the village. Willingham is poorly served in terms of amenities for youth with no dedicated youth building, minimal youth club provision and few resources for the youth club which does run.

Our aim is to increase the number of hours of the youth club in the first instance and then provide a dedicated building in the longer term.

In this early planning stage we would welcome a small amount of help and advice from professionals with specialist knowledge. This should only mean giving an hour or two of your time to assist. We need help with building plans, ie architects, builders or structural engineers, as well as some legal advice especially with employment law and running a business. We would also be happy to talk to anyone with other skills who might give a small amount of their time freely, such as graphic designers and experts on insurance!

Please contact Mike Tidball on 01954 260647 or email wyt2010@btinternet.com.



### **Parish Church**

**Messy Church** – (a national and international initiative) is a fun session for the whole family. It will be held on the 4th Sunday of most months in the Church and the Octagon between 4 pm and 6 pm. There will be different craft activities, a story time and a time to eat together (sandwiches and cakes etc).

Come with your children to enjoy. Contact Heather on 270063 for further details.

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







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)

All proceeds to the Over Day Centre

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

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**Cake Stall** – not in January. Resumes on Saturday 5 February.

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



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

The congregation of St Mary & All Saints wishes to thank everyone who supported the Christmas Fayre on 20 November.

### **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** resume on Monday 10 January at 10 30 am.

Craft also resumes on 10 January, at 2 pm

**Luncheon Club** on Thursdays 6 and 20 January at 12 30. For information ring Daphne on 260568 or Gordon on 260066.



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

2 January 11 00 am Parish Communion 9 January 8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)\* 11 00 am Family Service 16 January 11 00 am Parish Communion 18 January (Tuesday) 7 30 pm Rev Linda Liversidge will be licensed by the Bishop of Huntingdon as Priest-in-Charge of Willingham. 23 January 8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)\* 11 00 am Family Service 4 - 6 00pm Messy Church **30 January** 11 00 am Parish Communion \* BCP = Book of Common Prayer 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.

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

#### In January:

Balland Field, Belsars Close, Berrycroft, Bourneys Manor Close, Brickhills will be in our thoughts.

#### WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH GEORGE STREET www.willinghambaptist.org

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<b>2 January</b> 10 00 am 6 00 pm	God First Lessons from Philippians: 'We're in it together'
9 January	
10 00 am	Being a spiritual church: 'Filled with the Spirit'
6 00 pm	'Suffering for Christ'
16 January	
9 00 am	'Gifts from God'
11 00 am	TGI Sunday <i>'Gifts from God'</i>
6 00 pm	'Imitating Christ'
23 January	
10 00 am	'Life in the Spirit'
6 00 pm	United service for the
	week of prayer for
	Christian
	Unity at Baptist Church
30 January	
10 00 am	'Worship in the Spirit'
6 00 pm	'Live as shining stars'

#### Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Tuesday, 18 January Celebrating with St Mary and All Saints (time will be confirmed by SMAS) Wednesday 19 January 7 00 pm at the Salvation Army Thursday, 20 January 7 00 pm at Baptist Church, led by Father Edward Friday, 21 January 7 00 pm at St Mary's Sunday 23 January 6 00 pm United service at Baptist Church

#### **Monday 24 January** 7 00 pm at Baptist Church Each weekday evening we will meet for a half hour of prayer for our community and our world.

### 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

2 January 5 00 pm Corps Celebration: 125 years

### 9 January

5 00 pm Major Jackson, Divisional Commander

**16 January** 5 00 pm Worship

23 January

NO MEETING

**30 January** 5 00 pm Worship

### **Mothers' Union**

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 24 January at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Our speaker will be Sue Whitfield, talking about Real Relationships. Don't forget the Bring & Buy Stall. Come along and join us.



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MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	TICKETS/INFO
January				
2	125th anniversary	Salvation Army	SA Hall	5 pm
3	Roy Nunn Gardens and nurseries of Oregon USA	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
5	Sarah Freeman from Trading Standards Consumer Issues	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2-3 30 pm
5	Parish Council meeting	Parish Council	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm
9	Post-Christmas chill-out	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	Drop in 3 – 5 pm
9	Walk	W'ham Walking Group	Duke of Wellington	10 am
10	Fran Saltmarsh 'Six into One will go'	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
15	Charity Lunch		37 Rampton End	1 pm
18	Licensing of Priest-in-Charge	Parish Church	Parish Church	7 30 pm
24	Upstairs and Downstairs – the Victorian household	Willingham WEA	Baptist Church	10 am
24	Sue Whitfield Real Relationships	Mothers' Union	Octagon	2 30pm
28	Quiz evening	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 <b>15</b> pm
February				
2	James Nicol: How books are chosen for libraries	Engage in the afternoon	Library	2-3 30 pm
March				
2	Speaker from the Stroke Association	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm

### **Village Diary**

### Friends of Willingham Library Wish you all a Happy New Year January 2011 Quiz

The answers begin with M (couldn't be easier) (answers on page 14)

1. *Rumpole of the Bailey* was created by barrister

.....?

- 2. *Adolf Hitler My part in his downfall* was made into a film. Who wrote the book?
- 3. Scarlett O'Hara was the heroine and yummy Rhett Butler was the hero. Their creator?
- 4. A Swedish crime writer, his books include: *The White Lioness; Faceless Killer; Before the Frost.*
- 5. Cast your minds back to the Geordie TV series: *When the Boat Comes In* – starring a very young James Bolam. The same author also gave us *Callan*.
- 6. I defy anyone not to get this right! Probably her most famous novel begins: 'Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again.'
- 7. *Falling Leaves* the true story of an unwanted Chinese Daughter.
- 8. Excitingly perhaps, he was briefly

married to Marilyn Monroe. *The Crucible; Death of a Salesman* were written by him.

- 9. The Italian Girl; Under the Net; The Red and the Green; The Bell; A brilliant mind but at the end of her life she suffered from dementia/Alzheimer's Disease. Her life story was made into a film.
- 10. Writing during the time of Louis XIV he produced many comic and highly satirical master-pieces including: L'Avare; Tartuffe; Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme; Le Malade imaginaire.
- 11. Something totally different. 'A heart-warming and hilarious tale of romance, friendship and exotic food, filled to the brim with recipes, mouth-watering fra-grances and mysterious spices,' describes *Pomegranate Soup*. The author?
- 12. A New Zealander with lots of whodunits under her belt such as: *Tied*

Up in Tinsel; Death at the Bar; When in Rome; Spinsters in Jeopardy; Dead Water; Died in the Wool. She was?

- 13. Her trilogy *Fortunes of War* was followed by *The Levant Trilogy*.
- 14. Serious literature readers/students! Having got yourself through one of the greatest epics in any language *Paradise Lost* you can go on to read *Paradise Regained*. Who wrote them?
- 15. The author of Moby Dick?

### Answers to Children's Book Quiz

- 1) The Grinch. 2) Bear.
- 3) Colin McNaughton.
- 4) Adam Blade. 5) The Ladderless
- Window-Cleaning Company.
- 6) Terry Deary. 7) When she is going
- to invent something. 8) Zero.
- 9) A robin.



 Friday
 10 00am – 12 30pm

 Saturday
 10 00am – 12 30pm

 Library will close at 12 30 pm on 24 December

 and reopen at 2 30 pm on 4 January

### **Library News**

#### **Engage in the Afternoon**

Come and join in with these 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's free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

The lovely festive flower arrangement currently in the library was created by Carol Bailey, December's speaker. Future Speakers:

- Wednesday 5 January Sarah Freeman Trading Standards
- Wednesday 2 February James Nicol Cambridgeshire Libraries Stock Team – How books are chosen for libraries, Reading Groups and current good books
- Wednesday 2 March A speaker from the Stroke Association

#### **Turn Back Time**

In conjunction with the BBC, libraries are taking part in a project to research the history of your High Street. In Willingham Library we are building a Memory Wall which we hope you will help us to fill up with pictures, photos and memories of Old Willingham. Precious photos and pictures can be photocopied to go on the wall and we will have slips of paper for you to write your memories on. The wonderful collection of photos on the OldWillingham.com website will be available on a library computer to look at and comment on as part of this project.

#### Friends of Willingham Library

On Sunday 9 January Friends are invited to drop into the library between 3 and 5 pm to relax and escape from the post-Christmas blues with good company, tea, wine, non-festive food and some optional gentle book-based brain teasers.

South Pacific

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<sup>st</sup> – **Saturday 4" 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### High pressure selling – and how to deal with it Advice from the County Council

High pressure selling is something that we all want to avoid, and whilst it is quite easy to say 'no' to salespeople who call you on the phone, it is far harder to say 'no' to people once they are in your home.

At Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we frequently come across people who have been pressured into having work done or buying products having been called on out of the blue. It can relate to anything from tree felling, driveways, roofing and fascias and soffits, to mobility aids, home alarm systems and beds.

Typical high pressure sales techniques include calling through to their manager for 'the very best price', saying that that price is only available on that day, and overstaying their welcome - all used to put extra pressure on you.

We want you to avoid such problems, so below we offer a few tips:

- Where possible, when looking for a trader, go on recommendation from someone you know;
- Get three quotes so that you know the price you are paying is reasonable and fair;
- Always get quotes in writing and make sure they set out what exactly you will receive for that price;
- If a trader needs to visit you in your home and you will be alone, see if you can arrange for someone else to be there for extra support in case the trader puts pressure on you;
- If the contract is signed in your home and is for over  $\pounds_{35}$ , make sure you are given a 7 days' cancellation

notice – you will almost certainly be entitled to this in law and means that you can change your mind up to 7 days after signing the agreement;

- If you are given terms and conditions, make sure you read them before signing the contract. Be careful if you are asked to sign something to say that work can start there and then – this will impact on your right to cancel the contract.
- If possible, look for a trader who is a member of a Trade Association as many of these will operate a Code of Practice for their members and some also offer a mediation scheme in case of problems.

In addition, you can get a free 'We're not buying it' sticker for your front door to discourage salespeople from calling on you at home in the first place. Simply contact Consumer Direct for one of these (details below).

You can also reduce the number of telephone sales calls you receive by registering with the Telephone Preference Service on 0845 070 0707 or online at www.tpsonline.org.uk.

If you need advice on this or any other consumer issue, contact our partner organisation, Consumer Direct, on 0845 4040506 for free, impartial and confidential advice. Calls cost no more than 4p a minute for BT customers other networks may vary.

For more information on Trading Standards visit our website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/consumer

### 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.

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  $\pounds 2$  to see what we do and to speak to members and to the committee informally.

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

The chairman and members of the Club Committee would like to record our thanks to all those who have helped the Club in any way in the last year. We would also like to wish all members, friends and helpers a happy, healthy and prosperous new year and we look forward to your continued support.

### Willingham Walking Group

#### New Year Walk Sunday 9 January

We are hoping to have regular walks on the second Sunday of each month starting in January. We start 2011 with a local walk from The Duke of Wellington car park via Rampton, the 'guided busway' and back along Station Road to the village.

Meet at the Duke at 10 00 am.

Please let Linda Horne know if you are planning to come along, either via email lhorne@hal-consultancy.com or phone 01954 202072.

For regular updates about walks contact Mike Tidball via email m.tidball@btinternet.com.

#### Answers to Willingham Library Quiz

 John Mortimer. 2) Spike Milligan. 3) Margaret Mitchell (*Gone with the Wind*). 4) Henning Mankell. 5) James Mitchell. 6) Daphne du Maurier. 7) Adeline Yen Mah.
 8) Arthur Miller. 9) Iris Murdoch. 10) Molière (born Jean-Baptiste Poquelin). 11) Marsha Mehran. 12) Ngaio Marsh.
 13) Olivia Manning. 14) John Milton. 15) Herman Melville.

### **Village Directory**

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