

WILLINGHAM NEWS



March 2011

Willingham Church – The Nave Roof



Up with the angels

There is a new, illustrated, version of 'A Tour of the Main Features' – revised by Alan Fawcitt and Colin Brown – now available in the parish church. Among other things it includes photographs of the angels which adorn the roof. Here are some of them. (The church is open if you would like to go and look.)



My name is Stanley Munns, 8 years old, and I was lucky enough to win a competition run by the *Cambridge News* to be an England Player Escort at Wembley for the European Cup qualifier game against Montenegro.

When my Mum entered the competition for me I thought that I had no chance of winning and when she got the telephone call to say I had won I got really excited.

When the day arrived my brother Archie and I were both allowed the afternoon off school and with my Mum and Dad we set off for Wembley.

I left my Mum and Dad at 5 00 pm, and with the other escorts practised going onto the pitch and then we all had tea. We were then given an England football kit to wear and some photographs were taken.

At this time I didn't know which player I would be escorting onto the pitch but to my surprise I got Steven Gerrard of Liverpool. I support Arsenal and was hoping for an Arsenal player but most of my family are Liverpool supporters so they were very excited.

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Dear Readers

At the time of writing the future of our Library is uncertain and is referred to in detail in the 'Library News' and 'Jottings from the County Councillor' articles. The Library review will be discussed at a County Council meeting after we go to print, but look for the 'Stop Press' on the back cover of this issue for more details.

According to folk weather lore, 'When March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb' and 'March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers'. There are, of course, many other sayings relating to March but whatever happens British Summer Time begins on Sunday, 27 March so remember to put forward your clocks at midnight on 26 March and look forward to Spring.

The Editor

Lent dates

Sharp-eyed readers will have noticed that in the February issue we inadvertently brought Lent forward by a month. Shrove Tuesday is on 8 March and Ash Wednesday on 9 March.

Bin Collections

2 March	Black Bin
9 March	Green and blue bins
16 March	Black Bin
23 March	Green and blue bins
30 March	Black Bin

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From the Parish Council

County Council News

Update on Earith Road – support design on the road is due to finish shortly and work to commence in March/April 2011. The willow trees close to the road will also be looked at.

The future regarding HGV traffic will be held on 2 March.

The final budget detail is to be published shortly and is going to the full Council meeting in two weeks time. All subsidised bus services will be cut, this includes the No 15 evening service from Cambridge to St Ives. Pensioners' concessionary passes will not be affected. At the present time it is thought the St Ives bus service is not under threat.

The current problem with the interactive sign in Willingham will be looked at, however as part of the cuts all interactive signs will not be maintained in the future. If problems develop, they will simply be switched off.

District Council News

Northstowe – some core buildings will be retained, however it must be considered that any conservation would come out of the Section 106 money which is also needed elsewhere. Three Plus Three group – no change.

There is to be no immediate increase in Council Tax, however, this is not sustainable in the long run and will be reviewed in the future.

Village Sign

In the strong winds in February, the Village sign blew down. On inspection it was found to be rotten at the base. The sign has now been dismantled and stored. The Parish Council will be organising for the base and main post of the sign to be re-made and the original sign and engravings put back on the post in the future. It will be re-instated at some point later this year.

Parking Problems at Bourneys Manor

The Parish Council have received complaints with regard to thoughtless parking on the Bourneys Manor/High Street junction. It appears to be a particular problem when parents are dropping off/collecting from the Nursery in the High Street. The parking is making it dangerous for people accessing Bourneys Manor. All details have been passed on to our PCSCO and the Police have responded in asking people to be more considerate when parking and to inform the public that they will be taking action regarding vehicles which cause an offence.

Willingham Library

Willingham Library has been noted as an underperforming library and has resulted badly on the usage and community issues in the Cambridgeshire County Council review. Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) have been exploring ways in which to salvage the Library and will be reporting any suggestions to the Parish Council.

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 for 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 R Purnell	01954-205257
Miss R Tsomondo	01954-261836

Committee Meeting dates

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

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

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wednesday 2 March at The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street and is open to the public.

Parish Council Office 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 weekday 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.



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Retirement We are very sad indeed to announce that our much loved 'green nurse' Sarah Pullar, is hanging up her green nurse's dress and will be retiring at the end of March. Sarah has been with the practice for 25 years working both as a nurse and in the dispensary. She will be greatly missed by the team and by her patients. If you would like to sign a card or contribute to a collection please call into reception at either Willingham or Longstanton surgery. We feel sure you will want to join us in wishing Sarah and Laurence a happy retirement.

Repeat prescriptions Due to the two long bank holiday weekends in April (Easter Friday 22/Monday 25 April followed by Friday 29 April/Monday 2 May) we have decided to issue two months repeat medication in March for those patients whose prescriptions are due during those last weeks of April. When you ring to order in March you will be offered that option. Don't forget we can **now offer on-line ordering for your repeat medicines. Just ring Dispensary on 260073** to set this up.

Community Car Scheme Volunteer drivers are needed to help with a new scheme to cover medical and social journeys in

the area. If you think you can help please contact **Sue Beel at Care Network on 01354 661926** for further information.

National No-Smoking Day on Wednesday 9 March. If you need help to stop smoking ask our pharmacy staff about the various options available over the counter or on NHS prescription. If you prefer to see one of our nurses or doctors for advice please ring for an appointment.

Patient touch screen booking in This has now been successfully installed at Willingham and Longstanton. Many of you are enjoying the challenge of booking yourselves in and it is especially helpful if there are several people waiting at reception. Please don't worry though if you need to speak to someone or prefer not to use the screen. Our receptionists are still there to help you and will be more than happy to assist. We hope this offers you the 'best of both worlds'.

Practice leaflets Do you have one of our up-to-date leaflets with all the latest information about our surgeries and pharmacy? You can pick one up from reception.

NHS Choices Website Information about our surgery, the services we offer and a copy of our last few monthly newsletters are also available on www.nhs.uk Click 'Find and Choose Services' then 'GPs'. This is a useful website which will give you all sorts of valuable information about the NHS and health related matters.

Cynthia Bidwell - Practice Manager

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Cambs & District League Division 4
Ely & Division League Division 2
Business House League

During the last bowls season, a Willingham Triples Team consisting of Paul Collett, Peter Mockler and Neville Denson played in the "Willstanton Cup". They played 15 ends and won 35 points to 0. We believe this to be a World Record as no-one has ever heard of a team winning every single end – certainly not in Cambridgeshire!

If you are interested or require any further information, please contact

Linda Aspinall on 01954 26562 or
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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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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

Over 100 Cadets To Mark 70th Anniversary of the Air Training Corps at IWM Duxford

On Sunday, 6 February 2011, around 100 cadets as well as family and friends were on parade at The Imperial War Museum Duxford to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the formation of the Air Training Corps (ATC). The ATC was officially formed on 5 February 1941, when King George VI officially recognised the organisation by becoming its Air Commodore-in-Chief and constituted it by Royal Warrant.

Though the official Anniversary was on Saturday, 5 February, it has been a tradition to mark each year's anniversary on what is called 'ATC Sunday' – the nearest Sunday to 5 February each year. Parades hosted by other groups of ATC Squadrons also took place up and down the United Kingdom.

A parade was held, as well as a short service attended by uniformed Cadets and Staff and friends and families from Oakington, Cambridge, Ely, Linton, Haverhill, Sawston, and Newmarket ATC Squadrons. The parade took place between 1100 and 1200 hours, following which the Cadets and their families were given the opportunity to tour the museum free of charge, thanks to the generosity of IWM Duxford.

Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing ATC is seeking new members – both Cadets and Adult Volunteers – for more information please visit www.BedsCambsWgATC.org or telephone 01223 210954.

For more information please contact: Chris Goddard, Media & Communications Officer on 07932 992234 or chris@cibbirgiddard.com or 2524@aircadets.org

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The idea is to share our skills and knowledge with others.

Open to all ages and all abilities. Come and join us!

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Letter to the Editor

CAN YOU HELP?

It is intended to start a 'Community Car Scheme' in the near future, to cater for people who have transport problems, both medical and social, in Willingham and neighbouring villages.

We already have a co-ordinator and several voluntary drivers in Willingham and Over but require more, particularly in other villages, before we can offer an efficient, reliable service.

Drivers can choose how much or how little they are able to assist. If you would like to help but have questions you would like answered before volunteering, feel free to ring me – without commitment on 01954 200820.

Peter Hynes



Willingham Library Children's Book Quiz

Under 5's

- 1) Complete this character's name from the *In The Night Garden* series of books – Upsy *****
- 2) Complete the title of this book by Eric Carle – *The Very Busy* *****
- 3) Name Postman Pat's cat.

Primary School

- 4) What causes Zach's death in *Goodnight Mr Tom*, by Michelle Magorian?
- 5) In *Harry Potter*, name the four Hogwarts houses and their ghosts.
- 6) How many times must the grandfather clock toll before Tom can enter the garden in *Tom's Midnight Garden*, by Philippa Pearce?

Secondary School

- 7) In *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman, what is the full name of Sephy's daughter?
- 8) In *The Silver Chair* by C S Lewis, what is the name of the Marsh-Wiggle who accompanies Jill and Eustace on their quest?
- 9) Which river is called the 'River Sea' in *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson?

Answers on page 17.

Rainwater: are you paying unnecessarily?

Does your water bill include a charge of £30 for rainwater disposal?

The charge is made on the assumption that the rainwater all goes into the sewer. If that is what happens, the charge is correct. If, however, you have a soakaway into which the rainwater flows, you should not be paying the £30.

It is worth checking.

Pastoral Letter

Are you one of those people who read instructions before you put that piece of DIY furniture together or set up some complex electrical equipment? Or are you someone who jumps straight in and begins assembling or connecting without a glance at the manual?

I have difficulty deciding which one I am. I start by looking at what I'm trying to set up so that I will understand the manual better when I read it to tell me how to do it. Of course the inevitable happens and whilst looking I think I can do this and jump in without looking at the instructions. Naturally, this way of working produces one of two results; if it goes well straightaway I've saved time reading a manual (not to mention trying to find the English version). If it doesn't go well I waste a lot of time undoing it all to start again with the instructions.

The thing is I am a bit of a contradiction; I abhor wasting time but I like being prepared. Our recent move to Willingham tested both of these things. From September to mid-December I cleared or tidied three shelves or cupboards every day in our previous vicarage. Not wanting to waste time from doing important parish work I did most of it between midnight and 3 am. I'm not complaining. I might have

arrived here tired but at least I was prepared for the removal men!

It is difficult though, to be prepared for living in a previously unknown place, amongst new people, a new culture, and new landscape. Above all I'm finding it difficult to remember all the names of the vast number of people I've met in the past few weeks.

We have a God though, who actually knows each one of us by name. Moreover he's numbered every hair of our head. An amazing fact that you might find unbelievable but time and again my experience of God has shown it to be true that He does know us that well. Better even than we know ourselves most of the time. The Bible tells us that God calls us by name; He never forgets us and has engraved us on the palm of His hands (Isaiah 49:16).

As I struggle to remember all of the new names I am meeting in Willingham, please forgive me if I forget yours. More importantly though, remember that God has not forgotten you. How much do you know about Him? He calls your name. His engraved hands are outstretched in welcome. Perhaps it is time for you to get to know Him a little better?

Linda Liversidge
Vicar of St Mary & All Saints'

Old Willingham

Last month we showed this picture of the new gas showroom. No prizes, I'm afraid, for identifying that this is now the library. The showroom was built when gas was first installed to the village. We don't have much history about when the shop closed and became a library but our 'regular correspondent' recalls it being built. He emailed to say: 'Can do better than remember the showroom since my father previously owned the site which had 3 old thatched, white washed, clunch-walled houses on the front facing the Green and the two brick built houses facing into Rockmill End as shown in your picture. He demolished the

front 3 in the 30's just prior to gas coming and sold them the site where they built the showroom and used the two cottages to house employees'.



FEN DRAYTON LAKES

See the stars

Tuesday 15 March, 7.30pm
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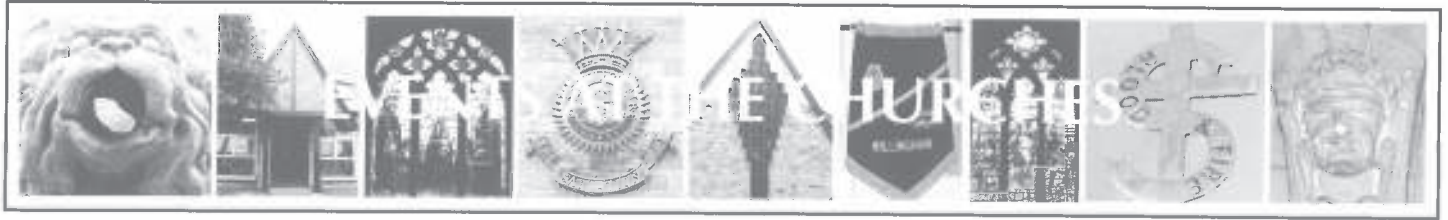
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Parish Church

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 and 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.

Cake Stall: Come and buy home made cakes, jams and chutneys on Saturday, 5 March from 10 00 am.

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.

Messy Church: This a national and international initiative, involving all the churches and is a fun session for the whole family. It is held on the 3rd Sunday of most months in the Church and the Octagon from 4 to 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 these activities. Contact Heather (270063) for further details



Baptist Church

Baby Notes: Mondays 2 30 pm – Mums and carers bring along your young children, newborn to crawling, for a time of music and baby-massage – and make new friends.

TOPS: Tuesday mornings from 9 45 – 11 15 am during term time. This is a group for children from 18 months to 3 years with parents or carers for fun activities and refreshments.

Bumps and Babies: Thursdays at 10 00 am for mums-to-be and those with babies up to 18 months.

Open Door: Thursdays from 10 00 – 11 30 am – a chance to chat with old and new friends over tea and coffee.

Kids' Friday Club: Fridays during term time from 6 30 – 7 30 pm for children of primary school age. An action-packed club with games, craft, music, quizzes and much more.

TGI Sunday: It's church, but not as you know it. Come along for an informal contemporary style presentation to help to understand the Christian faith. Bring your children and your questions. Lunch follows.

Salvation Army

Coffee mornings every Monday at 10 30 am

Craft Meeting every Monday at 2 pm

Luncheon Club every two weeks – 10 March and 24 March at 12 30 pm. For information ring Daphne (260568) or Gordon (260066).

Willingham Women's Institute

The March meeting of Willingham WI will be held on Monday, 14 March at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. The speaker will be Glynis Pilbeam who will be holding a science workshop.

A special thanks to those who made the quiz night so successful. The quiz was attended by 105 people and a fish and chip supper was enjoyed half way through the evening.

We now have 70 plus members so if you would like to join us, you would be made most welcome.

Ring Doreen on 200561 or Jo 261246.



swavesey community choir

With Solos:
Alexander Berman - Tenor
Christopher Law - Bass
Anthony Fort - Organ

Conductor:
Samuel Hudson

Sir John Stainer's
THE CRUCIFIXION

St Andrew's Church, Swavesey
Saturday 2nd April | 7.30pm
Tickets £7, £4.50 concessions, under 18s free

Tel: 01954 231 305
Email: swaveseycommunitychoir@googlemail.com
Web: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk



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

- 6 March**
11 00 am Parish Communion
- 9 March**
10 00 am Ash Wednesday
Communion
- 13 March**
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am Family Service
- 20 March**
11 00 am Parish Communion
4 – 6 pm Messy Church
- 27 March**
8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am Family Service

* BCP = Book of Common Prayer

Evensong will be resumed in the near future

Children are welcome at all our 11 am Services. On the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays, there are activities for Primary School aged 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.

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

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

Charity Lunch

The March charity lunch held in favour of East Anglia's Children's Hospice will be held on Saturday, 19 March at 1 pm at the home of Steve and Heather Mellows at 28 Church Street. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs £3. All are welcome.

£700 was raised for the Motor Neurone Research last year. Thank you to all those who helped raise this sum.

Marian Harrington

**WILLINGHAM TABERNACLE
BAPTIST CHURCH, GEORGE STREET**
www.willinghambaptist.org

March's themes: a.m. Being a mission church
p.m. Lessons from James

- 6 March**
10 00 am The Great Commission
6 00 pm Trials and temptations
- 13 March**
10 00 am Sent by Jesus
6 00 pm Listening and doing
- 20 March**
9 00 am A Message for all
11 00 am A Message for all
6 00 pm Favouritism forbidden
- 27 March**
10 00 am Sent to the world
6 00 pm Faith and deeds

Extra:

Friday, 4 March

- 1 30 pm Women's World Day of Prayer, hosted by Willingham Baptist Church. Speaker: Rev Sheila Anthoney, Colne. Theme: How Many Loaves Have You?

Saturday, 19 March

- 10 00 am Who Let the Dads Out?
An opportunity for Dads to come along with their under 5's and meet other dads and their children. Includes bacon butties and coffee!

THE SALVATION ARMY
SILVER STREET

www.salvationarmy.org/uk/willingham

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| 6 March | 20 March |
| 5 00 pm Worship | 5 00 pm Worship |
| 13 March | 27 March |
| 5 00 pm Worship | 5 00 pm Worship |

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

In March: Earith Road, Elm Way, Fen End,
George Street, The Green
will be in our thoughts.

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
March				
2	A speaker from the Stroke Association	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 – 3 30 pm
2	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm
4	Women's World Day of Prayer	Willingham Baptist Church	The Tabernacle	1 30 pm
5	Saturday Day School	Community Education 01954 288751	CVC	10 am Cost various
7	Gardening Club AGM Speaker Rodney Tibbs <i>Cambridge Colleges & Gardens</i>	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
10	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	12 30 pm
13	Circular Walk round Over & Fen Drayton	Willingham Walkers	Meet at the Duke of Wellington	10 00 am
14	Talk by Glynis Pilbean <i>A Science Workshop</i>	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
15	<i>See The Stars</i> A Stargazing Evening	Fen Drayton Lakes	Meet at Holywell Ferry Road car park	7 30 pm
16	Red Nose Fayre	Willingham Beaver Scouts	Public Hall	6 – 8 00 pm
19	East Anglia Children's Hospice	Charity Lunch	28 Church Street	1 pm £3
24	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	12 30 pm
26	Antiques Roadshow	Friends Of Willingham Library	Willingham Library	2 – 5 00 pm
April				
6	Jacqueline Wiczorek talking about Books on Prescription	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 – 3 30 pm
7 & 14	Managing Your Money course	Christians Against Poverty	Baptist Church	7 45 pm Free but must book
19	Who Let the Dads Out	Willingham Baptists	The Tabernacle	10 am

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I held his hand and we walked onto the pitch where the players stood for the national anthem. I was not allowed to talk to him and he was not allowed to talk to me.

I was then taken back to my Mum and Dad where I got to watch the match with them. I got to keep my kit along with a goody bag.

The actual experience of being an escort only lasted about 10 minutes but I will remember it for the rest of my life. I didn't get home until after midnight and was very tired, so went into school late. My teacher also showed a video at assembly which made me feel embarrassed. My granddad wants me to frame the England kit but I want to wear it.

Stanley Munns
Willingham Wolves Under 9s

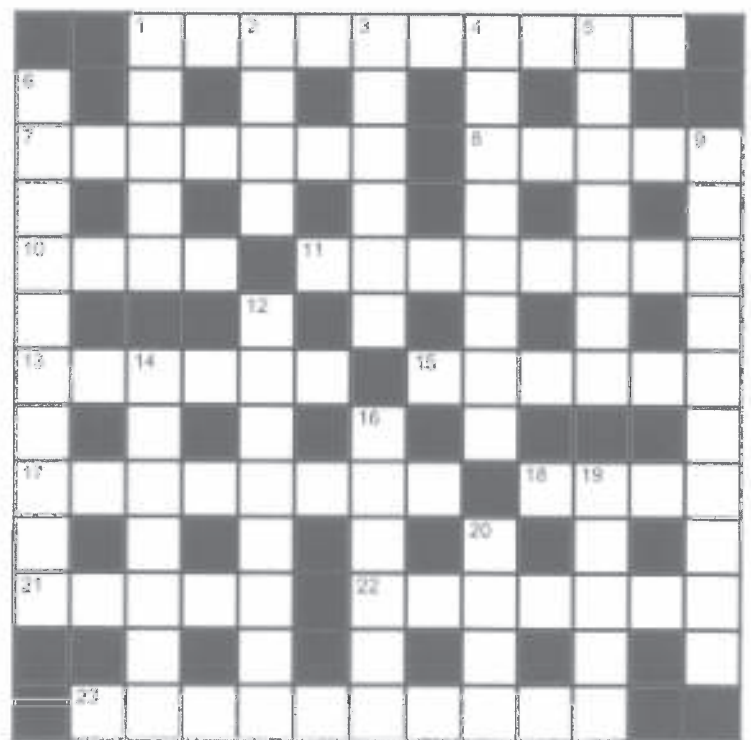
General Knowledge Crossword by Willow

Across

- 1 Scandinavian 15 (6,4)
- 7 Fruit, prunus armeniaca (7)
- 8 Kingdom or domain (5)
- 10 Beams; fish (4)
- 11 False or mistaken belief (8)
- 13/23 Light orange 15 originated in the Severn Vale (6,10)
- 15 Photographer wants this said (6)
- 17 Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera (8)
- 18 French 15 (4)
- 21 Pungent; scandalous (5)
- 22 15 emerged from Somerset in late 14th century (7)
- 23 See 13

Down

- 1 15; horse race (5)
- 2 Lovely French city? (4)
- 3 Shiny fabric (6)
- 4 19th century carriage (8)
- 5 Dissimilar (7)
- 6 African wading bird, herald of the flood (6,4)
- 9 SE European country, capital Podgorica (10)



12 Gesundheit! (5,3). 14 Relating to wives (7).
16 Prophet; wise person (6). 19 Radio detecting and ranging (5)
20 Badger's home (4)

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

Library News

Library Service Review

Reductions in library services have been in the news recently, and Cambridgeshire is no exception. There is a requirement to make large savings and the County Council discussed a review of the Library Service and proposals for major savings on 15 February (after the deadline for this copy). There will then follow a further period of consultations.

It is proposed to focus on libraries serving the largest populations and in communities with the greatest need, with a core complement of paid staff and a large number of community volunteers. For smaller libraries in areas of least community need, two core options are being looked at to make savings: sharing premises with other local public services, in 'community hubs'; and local communities running their library. Library closures will be avoided if at all possible.

Thirteen libraries have been identified as being in areas of relatively less community need, Willingham being one. Community need assessment was based on population served, planned growth of region served, distance to nearest libraries, socio-economic deprivation, rural deprivation, access to public transport and car ownership, and Willingham was 25th out of 25 libraries in the County,

ie has least community need.

There is now a period of further consultation with the chance to supply more information to supplement this assessment. The first step towards salvaging as good a library service as possible for Willingham must be to check the detailed information that went into the community assessment and make sure that all relevant information is taken into account, including the value supplied by the library regarding for example support of the children's summer reading challenge and links with the school, use of computers by the least well off in the community, and support of reading groups. Our County Councillor Shona Johnstone and Friends of Willingham Library will pursue this, with the support of the Parish Council and Willingham Action Group. At the same time, we need to think about imaginative ways in which the library building could be used as a community hub.

It is important that residents who value their library show their support. At this stage in the process this is best done by visiting the library and borrowing books. Please also express your support and tell us what the library means to you via the Comments Book in the library. Regular updates on the consultation process will be available in the library, and if you wish to receive emailed updates, please add your email address in the Comments Book.

Full details of the review can be found on the Cambridgeshire libraries web page, which can be accessed via the library computers by those who don't have internet at home.

Engage in the Afternoon

Come to 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.

Future Speakers:

- Wednesday 2 March – A speaker from the Stroke Association
- Wednesday 6 April – Jacqueline Wieczorek talking about Books on Prescription

Friends of Willingham Library

Antiques Roadshow Saturday 26 March, 2-5 pm in the library. See separate advert for details.

Huntingdonshire Fibromyalgia Support Group welcomes new members

My diagnosis of fibromyalgia syndrome (fi-bro-my-Al-juh) led to a rush of emotions: thankfulness, it isn't terminal; relief, I'm not mad; and a sense of vindication that I am not a hypochondriac. But then a feeling of being very alone as I realized that there is no cure, limited medication and no ongoing treatment programme.

This disorder affects the fibrous tissues of the body. Symptoms include pain, fatigue, sleep disorder, irritable bowel syndrome, chronic headaches, to name a few.

The pain comes from the muscles, tendons, and ligaments. Most patients report feeling as if their muscles have been overworked. It is a chronic problem, which tends to have a waxing and waning intensity. It can show up in people of all ages and is estimated to affect up to 1.76 million adults in England and Wales.

Due to varying levels of pain and fatigue, there is a reduced quality of life. As with many chronic diseases, the

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extent to which patients succumb to the various effects is dependent upon numerous factors, in particular their social support network.

Discovery of Fibromites, a Fibromyalgia support group, quite literally changed my life. It has given me the opportunity to talk to other sufferers, draw on their strengths, experiences and good humour, especially during the difficult times.

The group meets twice monthly in Godmanchester, inviting speakers from a variety of disciplines, and undertakes activities designed to broaden horizons, and provide friendship while ensuring that everybody remains positive.

For more information contact Jackie on 01480 381308 or Anne 01480 454763.

RED NOSE DAY 2011 – Do Something Funny for Money

On Wednesday 16 March, the 1st Willingham Beaver Scouts are raising money for Comic Relief by holding a Red Nose Fayre in the Public Hall from 6 until 8 pm.

Everyone is invited to join in the fun and silliness so please come along and make the Beavers' night a success. Comic Relief is a registered charity No 326568

TENNIS

Swavesey & Over Tennis Club is looking for new members of all tennis abilities. The membership fee is dramatically reduced for the year 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012 and club members can now have free use of the courts for bookings made outside club hours.

Keep fit for less than £1 a week! Adult membership for the coming year is **reduced** to just £49. Couples pay £79, families £89 and juniors (under 16 as at 1 April 2011) £30.

The new fees include club evenings (Monday and Friday 6 30 pm – 9 30 pm) and **free** booking of courts outside club hours.

Adult coaching – members only

New to tennis or want to improve? Eight weekly sessions with a professional LTA accredited coach running from 3 May to 21 June inclusive, for £69.

Children's Saturday Club

Beginning Saturday, 30 April to 18 June inclusive, eight sessions with the same professional coach. Free, if a child is a member of the club through family membership, otherwise £30.

Taster sessions

Why not come along on Friday, 15 April or Monday, 18 April, from 7 30 pm?

Try tennis or brush up your existing skills. The courts are at the far end of the playground, Swavesey Village College.

For further details contact the Club Secretary, Naunton Pugh, (01954) 230393 or naunton.pugh@ntlworld.com or the Club Treasurer, Andy Sederman, (01954) 231669 or ajs40@cam.ac.uk

Friends of Willingham Library March 2011 Quiz – answers begin with N or O

(Answers on page 17)

1. The poet of *The Highwayman*?
*The wind was a torrent of darkness among the gusty trees,
The moon was a ghostly galleon tossed upon cloudy seas,
The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor,
And the highwayman come riding –
Riding – riding –
The Highwayman came riding, up to the old inn-door.*
2. His real name was Eric Blair and he wrote a number of novels including: *Keep the Aspidistra Flying*; *Homage to Catalonia*; 1984; *Animal Farm*; *A Clergyman's Daughter*; *The Road to Wigan Pier*.
3. The author of the acclaimed historical Aubrey-Maturin tales – *Master & Commander*; *HMS Surprise*; *Mauritius Command*; *The Surgeon's Mate*; *The Ionian Mission*; *Treason's Harbour*.
4. *Flowers and Shadows*; *The Famished Road*; *Stars of the New Curfew*. Author?
5. If you are of a certain age, you will remember the wonderful TV series of: *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin* and *The Return of Reginald Perrin*. But who wrote the books?
6. Who hasn't seen that wonderful film of *The Railway Children*? The author of the book?
7. One of our most famous WW1 poets – he was killed a week before Armistice Day, although he had written poems before the war. His humanity for 'his men' shines through: This is part of one of his war poems.
*Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame, all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.*
8. A crime writer – has written several to date: *Death among the Dons*; *Death's Bright Angel*; *Death on site*; *Death of a Partner*.
9. Name the writer of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*.
10. Some of her work has been televised: *A Bouquet of Barbed Wire*; *The Cage*; *Alexa*; *Three into Two won't Go*.
11. She has Marshal Salvatore Guarnaccia of the Florentine Carabinieri as her sleuth; set in Florence her books include: *Death of an Englishman*; *The Marshal at the Villa Torrini*; *The Marshal Makes his Report*; *The Marshal and the Murderer*; *Property of Blood*.
12. John Gardner created the Boysie ----- series. Fill in the blank.
13. *The Two Pound Tram*. 'Enchanting....a bittersweet testament to the magic of childhood.'
14. Following the success of her 3rd novel, *Purge*, this Finnish-Estonian writer has something approaching rock-star status in both her native countries. Who is she?
15. Funny and endearing. He wrote *One Day*.

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 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. 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 to see what we do, and to speak to members and the committee informally.

In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and other places of interest.

Contact Celia on 01954 261394 or just turn up to a meeting.

Club Meetings/Presentation and Outings

Monday - 7 March the meeting will include the AGM and the speaker will be Rodney Tibbs, who will speak to us about the 'Cambridge Colleges and Gardens.'

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

The first of such visits is likely to be the weekend of 21st/22nd May.

CAMBRIDGE CANCER HELP CENTRE

Do you have cancer?

Are you caring for someone with cancer?

Have you lost a loved one to cancer?

Cambridge Cancer Help Centre is there for you, offering support and understanding.

Taking that first step to visit us will not be easy, but once you step through our door you will be assured of a warm and friendly welcome. The centre also welcomes families, carers and friends.

Most of the people there will have experienced what you are going through.

Why not pay us a visit?

We are open on Mondays from 10 00 am to 1 00 pm and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 00 am to 4 00 pm, or telephone us on 01223 840105 and speak to our Coordinator, Ann Dingley

You will find us at The David Rayner Centre, Scotsdales Garden Centre, 120 Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, Cambridge, CB22 5JT.

Relief for South Cambridgeshire businesses

Businesses facing tough times in South Cambridgeshire are being reminded that support and advice is available from their council.

In April last year South Cambridgeshire District Council set aside a total of £150,000 to help local firms weather the economic downturn.

£25,000 of this was put into the Business Rates Hardship Relief Scheme where qualifying businesses could get a reduction on their business rates, particularly where the closure of a business would harm the level of services in an area.

There is still £15,000 remaining.

SCDC has discretionary powers to reduce business rates in certain circumstances as long as they meet the following criteria:

- The business ratepayer is suffering financial hardship; and
- It is in the interests of SCDC's council taxpayers to do so.

Any local businesses experiencing hardship should visit the SCDC website to see if they meet the criteria or contact SCDC on 03450 450 500. In some cases, business rates may be reduced to nil.

For further information regarding Business Rates visit <http://www.scambs.gov.uk/Business/nndr.htm>

Business Link – Call 08457 17 16 15. Funded by central government, Business Link offers a free confidential health check for small/medium businesses over the phone. Advisors ask specific questions to identify how the business is performing and to highlight any potential issues. Business Link advisers can also offer more in-depth support in the workplace. For further information visit: www.businesslink.gov.uk/east

Friends of Willingham Library present

The Willingham Antiques Roadshow

Saturday 26 March 2 to 5 pm
Willingham Library

Dust off granny's heirlooms!

Stephen Drake from Willingham Auctions will look at your antiques on a first-come first-served basis, one item per person

Last ticket issued at 4 30 pm

Fen Edge – the possibilities are endless

The Fen Edge Community Association (FECA) has funds available to member clubs to help them with the odd piece of capital outlay and seed money for projects. The Fen Edge 'jurisdiction' covers Cottenham, Willingham, Waterbeach, Landbeach and Rampton. Now Willingham Action Group has a seat on the FECA Planning and Finance committee, and closer links are already being forged. This year we are joining in the celebrations surrounding the **Fen Edge Family Festival**, which takes place from 23 to 26 June. Our own contribution will be in the form of a music night in the **Social Club on Friday, 24 June**, with **Keith Pearson's Coup de Grass** topping the bill, and an **80's Disco on Saturday, 25 June** in the **Ploughman Hall**.

It is also hoped that Willingham Primary School and our churches will be involved in other activities on the agenda. These will be announced shortly, once the programme has been finalised, and we will be doing our best to maximise Willingham's participation. This shouldn't be difficult as it looks as if the events being put together by Mike Smith and his FECA Family Festival Committee will sell themselves.

The Family Festival website is at <http://www.fenedgefestival.co.uk>. A Twitter account is available at @FenEdgeFest, as is a Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fen-Edge-Family-Festival-23-26-June-2011/178842692157041>.

WAG's FECA Family Festival activities coordinators are Mike Tidball 01954 260647 and Graham Mumby 01954 260553. Give them a call if you want to add something of your own to the programme!

Clubs and individuals in Willingham wishing to join the **FECA** as members and/or would like to know more about its workings should come along to the **AGM** at Cottenham Village College on **Tuesday, 26 April**, starting with a **free! glass of wine and nibbles** at 7 30 pm. Contact: Paul Knighton 01954 270194.

New Crime Website

A new national website has been launched to give you more local information about crime and anti-social behaviour at a street level. The online map will allow you to view figures for all crimes and anti-social behaviour in your area, at the touch of a button.

The maps display dots which mark the approximate location where a crime or incidence of anti-social behaviour has been reported to the police. To ensure privacy of individuals, incidents of crime or anti-social behaviour are mapped to a point on, or near, the street where it happened.

You can see the site at www.police.uk. Enter your postcode for more details on crime and anti-social behaviour where you live.

Digital Television Switchover – When, what, how?



Cambridgeshire
County Council

On 30 March, the BBC2 analogue channel will be switched off in Cambridgeshire, followed by the remaining analogue channels on 13 April. From then on, if you are not set up to receive digital, you will be unable to watch your television.

This can be a worrying prospect, and at Cambridgeshire County Council's Trading Standards Service we want to ensure that you know where to go for advice.

How will it affect me?

If you have Sky TV, Freesat from Sky, Freesat or Virgin Media you do not need to do anything (but note, additional TVs in the house may be affected).

If you have Freeview, BT Vision or Top Up TV you will need to re-tune your television 5 times in 2011. Guidance on re-tuning can be found on Digital UK's website (see below). Alternatively you can pay a trader to re-tune it each time.

If you currently have five channels or fewer, you have three options:

Option 1: get a digital box. If you already get a good analogue picture through your aerial, you could purchase a Freeview set top box. Other options are satellite services 'Freesat from Sky' or 'Freesat'. Once purchased, these do not have a monthly fee. For even more channels, consider a monthly subscription service from Sky, BT Vision or Top Up TV. Your existing TV should work fine with any of these, provided it has an aerial or Scart socket.

Only Freeview requires an aerial and, in most cases, if your current analogue picture is OK, your aerial should work fine with Freeview. If you do need a new aerial, contact the Registered Digital Installers Licensing Body 01353 644040 or visit www.rdi-lb.tv for a list of registered installers.

Option 2: buy a new Freeview recorder with twin tuners. This will receive digital television, acting as a digital box, and is also a recorder, allowing you to watch one channel while recording another. After the switchover, if you do not have a digital recorder, you will only be able to record the channel you are watching.

Option 3: buy a new television that has a built in digital tuner. Look for –



Where can I go for advice?

You can contact Digital UK on 08456 50 50 50 for advice or visit their website www.digitaluk.co.uk. If you have a hearing or speech impediment, contact the textphone service 0845 2340380.

What is the Help Scheme?

A Help Scheme is available if you are 75 or over, have lived in a care home for over six months, receive certain disability benefits or are registered blind or partially sighted. If you are eligible you should have received a letter from the Scheme, but if you are in any doubt, contact the scheme 0800 4085900 or visit www.helpscheme.co.uk.

Willingham Walking Group

March Walk – Sunday 13 March

This month we have planned a circular walk taking in Over and Fen Drayton.

Meet at the Duke of Wellington at 10 00 am. We should be back in Willingham by about 1 00 pm unless you decide to stay in Fen Drayton for lunch.

Please let Linda or Mike know if you are planning to come along and if you will need a lift or can offer lifts to others.

So far all the walks have been planned/guided by different members of the group. If you have a favourite walk you would like to share, please let us know as we are always looking for new ideas.

Contacts: Linda Horne via email

lhorne@hal-consultancy.com or phone 01954 202072

Mike Tidball via email m.tidball@btinternet.com

Advance notice: 10 April – a local walk starting from the Duke.

Dog Fouling in Long Lane

This has become a major problem, as anti-social Willingham residents let their dogs foul the pavements. If you see this happening, please report it to the police.

Let's get Quizzical – Again!

Friday 11th March

Take a duster to the cranial cobwebs, and get down to the fundraising Quiz Night at the Over Day Centre!

Enjoy a brain teasing evening of fun, starting at 7.30 pm on Friday 11th March 2011...

Bring your own team of six, or just come along!

Tea, coffee and home-made cakes will be on sale.

Tickets are available, at £5.00 per person, from the Over Day Centre.

Tel. 01954 231807



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

Registered Charity No: 800829

CHILDREN GO POTTY FOR DAFFODIL FUNDRAISER



Children from Honeypot Pre-school have been busy getting their hands dirty planting daffodils as part of Marie Curie Cancer Care's Mini Pots of Care fundraising activity. They join over 352,400 children from schools and groups across the UK, who will be taking part in the campaign and helping to raise funds to provide free nursing care for terminally ill people in their homes or in one of the charity's hospices.

This educational activity was designed so that the children can learn more about science and nature by planting a daffodil, the emblem of the charity.

In the autumn term, the children planted the daffodils in their own mini pots, and then took them home to nurture and care for them over the winter months. During February, the children celebrated their daffodils in bloom on Mini Pots of Care Day by painting their daffodil pot wrappers and entering a competition for the best design.

So far the children of Honeypot have raised over £105 for Marie Curie Cancer Care and the amount is still growing!

Gina Balaam, Manager at Honeypot Preschool said: 'We are all really enjoying taking part in this creative and educational activity and we are delighted to be raising funds so that Marie Curie Nurses can continue to support even more terminally ill people and their families at a time when they need it most. The children have had fun learning how to plant their own bulbs and we are looking forward to seeing their efforts bloom.'

For more information about the charity or Mini Pots of Care please visit

www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsofcare

Children's Book Quiz Answers

- 1) Daisy. 2) Spider. 3) Jess.
- 4) A bomb in a London air raid.
- 5) Gryffindor – Nearly Headless Nick; Hufflepuff – The Fat Friar; Ravenclaw – The Grey Lady; Slytherin – The Bloody Baron. 6) 13. 7) Callie Rose McGregor.
- 8) Puddleglum. 9) The Amazon

Crossword Answers:

Across: 1 Danish Blue, 7 Apricot, 8 Realm, 10 Rays, 11 Delusion, 13/23 Double Gloucester, 15 Cheese, 17 Browsers, 18 Brie, 21 Spicy, 22 Cheddar.

Down: 1 Derby, 2 Nice, 3 Sateen, 4 Barouche, 5 Unalike, 6 Sacred Ibis, 9 Montenegro, 12 Bless you, 14 Uxorial, 16 Oracle, 19 Radar, 20 Sett.

Answers to Book Quiz

1. Alfred Noyes 1880-1959; 2. George Orwell;
3. Patrick O'Brian; 4. Ben Okri; 5. David Nobbs;
6. E Nesbit; 7. Wilfred Owen (*Dulce et Decorum Est*);
8. Janet Neel; 9. Baroness Orczy; 10. Andrea Newman;
11. Magdalen Nabb; 12. Oakes; 13. William Newton;
14. Sofi Oksanen; 15. David Nicholls.

POLICE MATTERS

Willingham News receives regular emails from E-COPS via our PCSO Claire Whiteman. Details relevant to Willingham are included below. If you see a crime in progress or notice anything suspicious, please dial 999. If your report is non urgent call 0345 456 456 4 or send Claire an email on claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk

To find out more about your local policing team, visit - <http://www.cambs.police.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops>

There have been a few reports regarding parking outside both Over and Willingham primary schools during the school runs. This is a common problem over all villages but the Police are asking people not to park on zig-zags or yellow lines. Please spread the word to anyone who does not read E-COPS. They will be issuing tickets to people who are committing a parking offence.

Police were called to a suspicious incident in Swavesey, where two males had knocked on a resident's door asking to carry out work on their guttering. The resident managed to get the number plate and description of the males involved and the vehicle was spotted outside a resident's property on Rampton End. The males turned out to be two known criminals who had previously been involved in rogue trading and fraud, one of whom has only just been released from prison. Another good bit of work from the residents to help prevent a crime!

Claire is working closely in partnership with Swavesey Village College students to try and get their views and opinions on local policing. Students will now benefit from a special E-COPS designed for them. The E-COPS will cover witness appeals, career advice, personal safety and personal belongings security. Students will have the opportunity to talk freely and openly about what they would like to see the police tackle in their village and it will provide the police with an insight as to why they hang around in certain areas and not others.

Police found a stolen vehicle in Meadow Road in Willingham. The vehicle has been seized for forensics. Should there be a positive result, an arrest will take place.

There have been numerous thefts of diesel, cables, copper and tools from building sites in Longstanton. These thefts are occurring approximately every two weeks and usually at night. Please report any suspicious behaviour and try and get vehicle licence numbers to help Police track down suspects.

The Great Ouse Trefoil Guild is one year old on 8 March.

If you are a lady (or girl at heart) and would like to join like minded ladies to have fun and enjoy life, please come along to the Parish Council Meeting room in Bar Hill on Tuesday 8 March at 7 30 pm and help us celebrate. We are part of the Guide movement but you need not have been involved to join. We have lots of good events lined up for the rest of year, including a picnic and punting evening, a ghost walk and BBQ and lots of talks and craft evenings.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. For further details either phone 01954 781381 or email arrowsmith.wendy@hotmail.co.uk

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The impact of the budget cuts on the County Council are now being felt. I am sure you won't have missed the fact that some 450 jobs will be going – and given the number of staff employed at Cambridgeshire, it may well be that one of them is you. That thought doesn't give me any pleasure and I worry about the impact on the most vulnerable members of the community. The most noticeable impact will be the loss of all subsidized bus services over the next four years and that includes the evening service 15 from Cambridge to St Ives. I have already received representations from parents whose children will no longer be able to enjoy an evening out in Cambridge unless they can rely on 'Mum's Taxi Service' (or Dad's!) to get them home at the end.

Equally worrying is the fact that Willingham Library is to be reviewed. All community libraries in Cambridgeshire have been rated for their performance and community factors and then ranked. Of the 25 libraries assessed, Willingham comes 20th for performance and bottom for community, something I find very difficult to believe. Community factors include population served, socio-economic deprivation, rural deprivation and access to public transport and car ownership. In other words, this means that Willingham is ranked as being more affluent than villages such as Linton, Comberton and Cambourne – a fact I find very hard to believe. I have therefore arranged to meet with the head of the library service along with the cabinet member for libraries to see how these figures were reached and to try to secure the future of the library. In the meantime the old adage applies – 'use it or lose it.'

Finally, the Over Day Centre, which offers a lifeline to the frail and elderly in Over and many surrounding villages will see its grant from the County Council cut by 3% next year. Since we had anticipated this some time ago and had planned for a much bigger cut, hopefully our clients will not notice a difference in service, but nevertheless future prospects do remain a cause for concern.

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

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WILLINGHAM WOLVES

Willingham Wolves are currently riding high at the top of the BIS5c League and have got to the last 8 of the League Cup.

Forthcoming fixtures are as follows.

5 March	Home 3 pm KO v Girton Utd A
12 March	Away 3 pm KO v Swavesey Res
26 March	Home 12 30 pm KO v Little Downham Swifts Res
2 April	Away 3 pm KO v Witchford Res
9 April	Away 3 pm KO v St Ives Rangers Res

Coffee, teas and cakes are served at half time.

Village Directory

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	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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	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
Schools	Urgent Care Cambridgeshire		0330 123 9131
	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3-6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201567
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	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
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	Honey Pot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
Halls	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles/Messy Church	Rev L Liversidge/	01954 263187/
		Heather Mellows	270063
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	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
	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
Clubs	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
	Bookings	Julie Stock	01954 202221
	Allotments – See Willingham Combined Charities below		
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	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
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	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
Churches	Willingham Wheels	Jackie Rooks Maynard	07760227970
	Willingham Photography Club	Christopher Cross	01954 260790
	Willingham Walkers	Mike Tidball	01954 260647
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
Churches	Hockey	Teresa Hutchcraft	01954 260177
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261562
	Willingham Running Club	Sally Carroll	07771 834393
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	David Clarke	01954 260600
Churches	Willingham Wheels cycling club	Paul Knighton	01954 270194
	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
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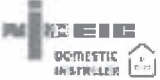
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