

WILLINGHAM NEWS



April 2011

Willingham Library is under threat of closure.

If you value your
Library
– SUPPORT IT!!!!

Come into the Library and
borrow books and other
items, use the computers,
sign the Comments Book.

Write to Shona Johnstone,
our local County Councillor,
let her know how much we
need a Library – it is well
used by the children of
Willingham and the
surrounding area, the
computers are necessary –
not everyone has a home
computer, the books are
essential and titles not in
stock may be requested.

A meeting to discuss
alternative provision or
closure will be held on
TUESDAY 12 APRIL at
7 30 pm in **WILLINGHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

**DO COME ALONG – YOUR
HELP IS NEEDED TO KEEP
THE LIBRARY OPEN.**



*Amelanchier; Willingham High Street; The
Backs; blue tit; swans
Photographs by members of Willingham Photo
Club. The club meets on the third Monday of the
month at the Baptist Church from 8 pm, and is
always happy to welcome new members.*



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Dear Readers

Beginning this month, we have made arrangements for the editorial content of *Willingham News* to be included on the Willingham village website: willinghamlife.org. For more information about the website, see page 18.

By the time this copy of *Willingham News* reaches you, spring will – we hope – be here, and we are celebrating it with the photographs on the front page, contributed by members of Willingham Photo Club.

A new feature this month is a message from our Police Community Support Officer, Claire Whiteman.

The Editor

Bin Collections

6 April	Green and blue bins
13 April	Black bin
20 April	Green and blue bins
28 April (Thursday)	Black bin

Police Contacts: 08454 564564

The email of our PCSO Claire Whiteman is
claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Please contact

advertswillinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk
with any advertising queries.

Advertising is sold on an annual basis for an insert into 12 issues beginning in January. We can carry one-off black and white ads during the year, subject to availability of space, at a cost of **£55** per issue for 1/4 page black and white ad. Ads should be supplied in advance of the monthly deadline in PDF format. **Cheques** should be made payable to **Willingham Parish Magazine** **BEFORE PUBLICATION** and delivered to Rosemary Mumford, 6 Priest Lane, Willingham CB24 5HZ. Please send copy to the above email address, or leave at the library.

For the May issue: **Please note the deadline is 10 April**. Please send material to the following e-mail address: willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk and if possible, send your copy as an e-mail attachment NOT incorporated into the e-mail. Paper copy may be left at the library.

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From the Parish Council

County Council News Report

New innovative ideas were being discussed for additional use of the Willingham Library to enable it to stay open. Further news will follow.

The Car-Share scheme was taking shape. Plenty of volunteers have come forward to drive; however, a volunteer co-ordinator was required for the drivers. If any person would be interested in this role, please contact the County Council or the Parish Council.

District Council News Report

The District Council had set a 0% increase this year on Council Tax. However, with cuts from central government to the budget, Council Tax will increase by 3.5% next year.

Business Rates have been handed back to the District.

The District Council were being forced to pay the Government share of Council housing rental income for the next ten years in one lump sum by April 2012. This would amount to £205,000,000. The money would have to be found in the form of a long term loan which would change the District Council from a debt free Council to a Council with a considerably large debt.

There had been a resolution on the vicinity of any wind farms or single turbo near domestic dwellings. It had been decided that the distance should not be less than 1.25 miles.

Police News

The Police Panel, hosted by the Parish Council and held at the local school on 22 February had been well attended and had been a positive meeting. The Police would be issuing a monthly report for *Willingham News*.

Vandalism at the Ploughman Hall

There has been an increased spate of vandalism at the Ploughman Hall, guttering broken almost on a weekly basis and recently a velux window has been broken. It seems that games of football in the car park are to blame as the ball marks are clearly visible on the guttering. The Parish Council are liaising with the Police on this issue and CCTV footage is being examined to determine the culprits.

The Parish Council reminds parishioners that this area is not for playing. There is a designated play area behind the Ploughman Hall and a Recreation Ground opposite with a football wall on it. Whilst public money is continually spent on repairs to existing facilities, no additional or new facilities can be considered.

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.

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:–

Mr H Awal	01954-204526
Mr I Barratt	01954-261609
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
Mr M Borland (Leisure and Amenities Lead Councillor)	01954-203347
Mr A Cook (Chairman of the Council)	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)	01954-261036
Mr P King (Vice Chairman)	01954-260780
Mr B Kirkman (Green and Boundaries Lead 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.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 6 April 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.



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

Our surgeries at Willingham and Longstanton will be closed on:

Good Friday 22 April • Easter Monday 25 April • Royal Wedding Day Friday 29 April • May Day Monday 2 May

Please remember that you should only ring 999 or attend A & E in critical or life threatening situations. In all other emergency circumstances please ring Urgent Care Cambridgeshire on 0330 123 9131 who will advise and offer an appointment at Chesterton Medical Centre or a home visit where appropriate. **Every time someone goes to A & E and is discharged without needing further treatment the cost to the NHS is £124.** Parking is free at Chesterton Centre but not at A & E.

The Mobile Blood Donor Van will visit Willingham Surgery on Wed 20 April. Appointments can be made from **9 45 am – 12 00 noon and 2 10 – 4 10 pm.** **Please ring 0300 123 23 23 quoting postcode CB24 5LB.**

The CAMTAD Clinic for the hard of hearing will also be visiting Willingham Surgery on **Wed 20 April from 2 00 – 4 30 pm.** Just come along with your hearing aid for advice or replacement NHS batteries. No need to make an appointment.

Retirement Sarah Pullar has finally hung up her green nurse's dress and retired after 25 years working at the practice both as a nurse and in the dispensary. We will all miss her. Thank you to everyone who left a message in her Retirement Book or contributed to her gift. We wish Sarah and Laurence a happy retirement.

Text messaging For several months now we have been using a free scheme which operates through the NHS network whereby we can send a text reminder to your mobile phone to remind you about your appointment at the surgery the following day. It is hoped that if you no longer need the appointment this will give you the opportunity to let us know so that we can offer it to someone else. This seems to be working successfully but we would welcome your feedback if you found it helpful.

Mobile phone numbers It is extremely helpful to us if we have your up-to-date mobile phone number in order to send text reminders of your appointments but more importantly in case we need to contact you urgently, for instance if a doctor is unwell and unavailable for a surgery session. Forms are available in reception to give us your contact numbers or you can ring in with them.

Comment Boxes are available in reception at both surgeries. Please feel free to put your comments and suggestions in the box, either anonymously or otherwise, or to speak to a member of staff if you prefer.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

WILLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Founded 1937

Ever tried Lawn Bowling?

If not, then come and join us at
Willingham Bowls Club

We are a friendly bowling club situated on the Willingham rec

We are currently looking for new members (of ALL ages)

Whether you are looking for a bit of social fun,
friendly 'roll up' game

Or even a challenge in the competitive leagues,
then come down & join us

We currently have teams in the – Business house league
Cambs & district league – Division 4
Ely & district league – Division 2

Dates for your diary –

20th April at 7pm – At the bowls club for an opportunity to
meet current & new members going into the pre-season

30th April at 2pm – Everyone welcome to come and join us at
the rec for a friendly 'Roll up' & introduce your selves to bowls

1st May at 2pm – The first match of the new season
'The George Green cup', Come down & support the club

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

Linda Aspinall on 01954 261562 or
e-mail: tony@aspinall.co.uk

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/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

WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787 NORMAL OPENING 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

From the police . . .

You will now be able to read a monthly update and witness appeal from your local policing team. PCSO Claire Whiteman and PC Steve Gilbey are your local officers. We also cover Longstanton, Over and Swavesey.

WITNESS APPEAL: We are looking for witnesses to a burglary that took place in Willingham. The crime took place at Willingham Auctions on 1 March at 8 18 pm.. The offender stole four pieces of fine pottery. Did you see anything? Please email me on claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

We are receiving a high number of complaints about parking surrounding the primary school. We will be issuing drivers with £30 fines if anyone is committing an offence.

Have you registered with ECOPS? If you would like to receive weekly updates from your local team, then log on to our website and sign up for free. All you need is your email address, postcode and house number.

If you have any issues that you would like to raise in your area, please come to our next panel meeting. To find out more about your local policing team, visit - <http://www.cambs.police.uk/myneighbourhood>.

If you wish to report a non emergency incident or crime then please call us on 0345 456 456 4. If you require an emergency response please call 999.

Claire Whiteman
(PCSO 7321 Claire Whiteman
Histon Police Station
Email: claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

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(Solution on page 17)

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Letter to the Editor



Pass the Pot

When I last decided to repaint my front door I discovered that the paint in the pot, which I had carefully cleaned up, sealed and put away a few years earlier, had unfortunately 'gone off'. I went out to buy another pot of the same colour and discovered it was only available in the expensive, standard 750 ml size or larger. Such a shame as I was only going to need a small amount. It occurred to me that in these times of austerity and when we are increasingly being encouraged to recycle our household waste, clothes, shoes books and so on, we could possibly consider recycling our paint or 'passing the pot' on.

I subsequently passed my pot on to someone else wanting to use the same 'Oxford Blue' gloss paint for external use and there was still plenty left for it to be passed on at least once more. With spring approaching many of us may be considering a spot of DIY or sprucing up the front door, gate, french window and so on. Consider the number of pots of paint which will be purchased, dipped into, hardly used and then put away for future use but only wasted. If they were stored carefully they could be quickly passed on.

So although it was only a light-hearted thought is there any mileage in creating a 'Paint Circle'?

I am hoping my pot is still OK to be passed back!

Liz Saxton

Willingham Library Children's Book Quiz

Under 5s

- 1) In the *Funny Bones* books, what are the 'Funny Bones'?
- 2) In the *Bob the Builder* books, what is the name of the yellow truck?
- 3) What is the name of the little girl in *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*?

Primary School

- 4) In *Danny, Champion of the World*, what fruit does his father tell Danny pheasants love?
- 5) In *Jiggy McCue – The Killer Underpants*, what is the three Musketeers' motto?
- 6) In *Through the Looking Glass*, who says to Alice 'Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast'?

Secondary School

- 7) What is the title of the first book in the *Saga of Larten Crepsley*, by Darren Shan?
- 8) In *Mortal Engines*, by Philip Reeve, which war almost wiped out human civilisation?
- 9) Name the latest Alex Rider book, due for release later this year

Answers on page 17.

Pastoral Letter

Journey towards Easter

There is a story about a TV reporter who interviewed a group of youngsters. He chose one six year old and asked 'What does the Easter bunny mean to you?' The boy replied without hesitation: 'Jesus died for our sins and then rose from the dead.' The reporter quickly asked: 'But what does that have to do with the Easter bunny?' The boy said 'Nothing.'

There is no day to compare with Easter Day. Early on the first Easter morning a mighty act of God took place - Christ rose from the dead. That day became a source of hope and happiness for millions of people throughout the centuries. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead confirms that death is not the end of us. We are meant for more than this present life.

Without Jesus's resurrection there would be no Christianity. St Paul, who only knew the Resurrected Jesus, as their first encounter took place during his life-changing trip to Damascus, left no room for any speculation. He wrote: '...and if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.' (1 Corinthians 15:14).

His preaching was not useless. Today, almost 2000 years later there are millions of people who made the words from the Letter to Romans their own: 'We know that Christ has

been raised from the dead and will never die again. Death has no power over him any more (Romans 6.9).

It is not possible to talk about Easter without talking about death. On Good Friday when Jesus died on the cross, the apostles were very disappointed and decided to go back to their previous employments. Yet a short time later, these same apostles were transformed into people of action. Their lives were transformed. And they were telling anyone who would listen, that Jesus had risen from the dead. They suffered cruel martyrdoms rather than deny that they had seen the Risen Lord...had eaten with him, touched him, spoken with him.

In ancient Rome, there were two distinctive categories of tombstones. Those of the pagan Romans with words on them such as 'Farewell' or 'Nevermore' and those of the departed Christians, in the catacombs, with words such as 'Until we meet again' and 'Alive in the Lord'.

Easter is the answer to all the tears that we shed at the graves of our loved ones, because it reminds us that we have a future greater than we dare to believe in.

This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad.

Fr Edward Tredota MS

Church of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Willingham Youth Trust

We are now entering into a new phase. From 1 April the Trust becomes responsible for the running of Willingham Originalz, a club for those from year 7 up. The first change is the day and time. The club will run from 6.30-8.30 on Tuesdays. Activities include pool, air hockey, table tennis, craft and soon X-box and computer access.

We would like to increase the number of volunteers and can also offer training for those who would like to add to their CV. South Cambridgeshire Council will be running a level one training course in youth work during the summer term. It will involve two Saturdays.

We are also in the early stages of fund raising to provide a dedicated building for youth work in the village. The dream is to have a temporary building adjacent to the Ploughman Hall by next spring with a longer term view of having a permanent building. We also need to raise funds to improve other facilities. We have a commitment from the parish council to cover the cost of professional staffing and rental costs.

If you would like to join the team as a volunteer helper or fundraiser please contact Trevor Rowe, 01954 26193, revtrevrowe@hotmail.com



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 – Saturday 2 April



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.

Christians Together

Messy Church: (a national and international initiative) is a fun session for the whole family, involving all the Churches.

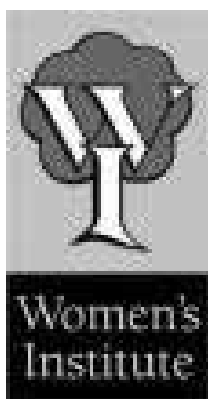
It will be held on either the 3rd or 4th Sunday of most months in the Church and the Octagon between 4 and 6 00 pm. Please see the outside notices for up-to-date information. There will be different craft activities, a story time and a time to eat together (sandwiches and cakes etc). Come with your children to enjoy. Contact Heather on 270063 for further details.

Willingham Women's Institute

The April meeting of Willingham WI will be held on Monday, 11 April at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. The speaker will be Tom Mor. The title of his talk is 'London Craft Guilds 1620'.

We have several activities going on within the Willingham branch. They include Patchwork and Quilting, Watercolour Painting, Walking, Darts and a Lunch and Dining group.

If you are interesting in joining us please ring Doreen on 200561 or Jo 261246.



Salvation Army

Coffee mornings every Monday at 10 30 am to 12 noon.

Craft Meeting every Monday at 2 pm

Luncheon Club every two weeks – 7 and 21 April at 12 30 pm. There is still room left for a few more. Ring Gordon on 260066 or Daphne on 260568.

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.

Mothers' Union

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 25 April at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Our speaker will be Sally Smith, talking about Christian Union. Don't forget the Bring & Buy Stall.



Charity Lunch

The April charity lunch held in favour of East Anglia's Children's Hospice will be held on 16 April at 1 pm at the home of Joy Gourlay at 58 Pyrethrum Way. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs £3. All are welcome.



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

3 April

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am Mothering Sunday Family Service

10 April

11 00 am Communion

17 April

8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
11 00 am Palm Sunday Family Service
4-6 pm Messy Church

Services during Holy Week

Monday, Tuesday
& Wednesday 7 30 pm Evening Service
Maundy Thursday 7 00 pm Agape Supper
(details 263187)
Good Friday 10 00 am United Service and Walk of
Witness to the Green and
back for Hot Cross Buns in
Octagon
2 00 pm An Hour at the Cross
(a reflective service)
24 April 8 00 am Holy Communion (BCP)*
10 00 am Easter Day Family Service
followed by a short
Communion Service for those
who wish to stay
11 15 am United celebration on the
Green to place flowers on the
cross. With puppets and
Easter egg hunt.

* 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 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.

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

In April: Green Street, Haden Way,
High Street, Jeeps Close
will be in our thoughts.

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

3 April

10 00 am Mothers Day celebrations with the scout
groups
6 00 pm Joseph the dreamer

10 April

10 00 am The attractive church
6 00 pm Joseph the accused

17 April

9 00 am All hail the King
11 00 am TGI Sunday – the King is coming!
6 00 pm Joseph the prisoner

22 April

Good Friday Walk of Witness beginning with a
united act of worship at St Mary & All Saints at
10 00 am.

24 April

10 00 am Easter celebration with communion
11 15 am Easter party on the Green for the village –
including Easter egg hunt, Coverdale Puppets,
placing flowers on the cross.
6 00 pm Joseph the ruler.

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

Saturdays 5 pm (Anticipatory); Sundays 8 and 11 am.

Palm Sunday

Maundy Thursday

7 30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

3 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7 30 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9 00 pm Easter Vigil

Easter

8 00am and 11 00am

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

3 April

5 00 pm Worship

10 April

5 00 pm Worship

17 April

5 00 pm Worship

24 April

5 00 pm Worship

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
April				
3	Pre-season nets	Cricket Club	Recreation Ground	10 30 am
4	Club meeting	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
6	Jacqueline Wieczorek talking about books on prescription	Engage in the Afternoon	W'ham Library	2 – 3 30 pm
6	Parish Council meeting	Parish Council	The Octagon	7 30 pm
7 & 14	Managing your money course	Christians against Poverty	Baptist Church	7 45 pm Free but must book
10	April Walk	Willingham Walkers	Meet at Duke of Wellington	10 am
11	Talk by Tom Mor 'London Craft Guilds 1629'	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
12	Public meeting on the future of the library	County Council	Willingham Primary School	7 30 pm Tel 260780
16	Charity Lunch	Charity Lunch Group	58 Pyrethrum Way	1 pm
19	Who let the Dads Out	W'ham Baptists	The Tabernacle	10 am
25	Talk by Sally Smith 'Christian Union'	Mothers' Union	The Octagon	2 30 pm
May				
4	Rev Linda Liversidge of St Mary & All Saints Church: My journey to becoming a vicar	Engage in the Afternoon	W'ham Library	2 – 3 30 pm
6	Quiz Night	Cricket Club	Social Club	8 pm
8	Five Pub Challenge	Willingham Walkers	Meet at Over Day Centre	11 am
15	Annual Fun Run	Willingham School Assn		
June				
1	Rosy Thornton, local author, talking about aspects of her writing	Engage in the Afternoon	W'ham Library	2 – 3 30 pm

Cottenham Summer School at Cottenham Village College 1st – 5th August 2011

www.cvcweb.net
Email: community@cvcweb.net
01954 288751 (Ext.1742)

Once again, we are running our Summer School in August. Courses run for 1 to 5 days in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere with very experienced tutors.

Included in the price is a 2 course lunch and refreshments

There is a wide variety of courses.
For full details see the brochure.

To view a brochure, please visit our website:
www.cvcweb.net (click on 'Community Education') or
phone/email us for more information

INTERESTED IN PLAYING VILLAGE CRICKET?



ARE YOU NEW TO THE AREA?
DO YOU PLAY CRICKET?
OR DO YOU JUST FANCY GIVING IT A GO?



Willingham Cricket Club are looking for
new players to play either 1st or 2nd team cricket.

INTERESTED?

Then call Matthew Leach on 01954 260336 or
e-mail willinghamcc@gmail.com

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

Put 12 April in your diary for the public meeting concerning the future of the library – see separate item.

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. Last month we had a very informative talk on strokes by an entertaining speaker, Peter Rose, from the Stroke Association. We collected £60 at the session for the Stroke Association so thanks to all who donated.

Future Sessions as follows:

- Wednesday 6 April – Jacqueline Wiczorek – Books on Prescription – A partnership between GPs and Libraries.
- Wednesday 4 May Rev Linda Liversidge, St Mary & All Saints Church, Willingham, – 'My journey to becoming a Vicar'
- Wednesday 1 June – Rosy Thornton, Local author talking about aspects of her writing

Books on Film

We currently have a collection of DVDs for rent which are film adaptations of books, together with the books themselves. Why not borrow both to compare and contrast! DVDs cost £2.75 a week to rent and the books are of course free.

News from Willingham Primary School

We are already half way through the Spring Term and such a lot has happened since September. If you have a child at Willingham School you will know how busy we have been.

Here are some of the highlights:

We opened our wonderful school extension – three new classrooms and a 'break out' area - and this is proving to be a real asset to the school. The Year 4 and 5 children love their 'new home'.

The Carol Service in December was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the chance to hear our fantastic orchestra play and our children sing. It is always a special occasion.

Two of our year groups have staged their wonderful performances – Reception children a *Nativity Musical* and the Y1 children *Stella the Starfish*. I am always amazed by the talent and the confidence of the children; they thoroughly enjoy being given the chance to 'shine' and look perfectly at home on the stage.

This term we have two more year groups preparing for their performances and I am sure they will be of a similar high standard. Please come and join us if you can.

Our Korfbal, Tag Rugby and Netball teams continue to work hard to practise their skills and the matches they play enable them to enjoy a healthy competitive spirit.

The older children have been enjoying deep water

swimming at the Ivo centre and the younger children are looking forward to the Summer term when they can swim in our little pool here on the school site.

Recently we have welcomed Rev Linda Liversidge to our school. She comes in to lead assemblies and is becoming a firm favourite with the children. We hope she will be happy here in Willingham.

As well as being very busy with 'business as usual' things, there are many changes afoot. Education is characterised by change and continues to be a political 'football'. Change can be quite threatening and worrying, and for some people the fear of the unknown is unsettling. But, facing change can often force us to look at what and how we do things and ask, can we do things differently without compromising quality?

The next few years are going to be challenging and we will all need to work together as a school and a community to ensure our young people get the futures they deserve.

Here at Willingham Primary School we are committed to offering the very best to all of our pupils. Our days here are full of interesting activities and learning opportunities and it is such a pleasure to be amongst such talented young children who bring the sunshine into all of our lives.

Jo Brearley
Headteacher

Farewell to a Willingham Centenarian

Olive Raven (nee Dodd), long-time resident of Willingham, celebrated her 100th birthday with her family on 13 February 2011, and passed away peacefully just six days later.

Olive was born in Newtown (now Rook Grove) in 1911, the youngest of six children (hence her family name 'kid' that endured into old age!). Having married her childhood sweetheart Ewart Raven, she moved just a few doors down the street to the Raven family house. Here, they raised their son Tony, and eventually retired to Newington in 1970. Sadly, Ewart died within a year, yet with the support of family and friends Olive found solace in Willingham village life, and through the Tabernacle in particular. She moved to Long Lane in 1987, before eventually making the hardest decision of her life to move to a home in York to be near Tony in 1999.

It is impossible for most of us to imagine life in Willingham in 1911 and to appreciate the huge social and technological changes that we now take for granted. Like many Willingham families, we are fortunate to have a legacy of photos of earlier times – the wild orchids in the pastures, trips to Hunstanton, the village events and family reunions.

Throughout her life, family, chapel and the village were the greatest influences on Olive's life, wherever she lived. In the last few months she became a great-great-grandmother! She remained an avid reader of Willingham Life, and her final wish was to return to Willingham where she now rests.

Colin Raven
Grandson



Friends of Willingham Library Shakespeare quiz (Answers on page 17)

About the man

1. When was Shakespeare reputed to be born and when did he die?
2. Where was he born?
3. Who did he marry and in which year?
4. How many children did he and his wife have?
5. What happened to his son?
6. What was the name of the company he wrote and acted for?
7. A group of them later bought a theatre. Its name and location?
8. Which monarch of England did he last perform for?

Name (a) the plays from which these quotations are taken and (b) the characters who speak them:

9. Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow,
Creeps in this petty pace from day to day,
To the last syllable of recorded time;
10. I come to thee for charitable license,
That we may wander o'er this bloody field
To look our dead, and then to bury them;
To sort our nobles from our common men;
For many are princes, woe the while!
11. Come, sit thee down upon this flowery bed,
While I thy amiable cheeks do coy,
And stick musk-roses in thy sleek smooth head,
And kiss they fair large ears, my gently joy.
12. Blow, winds, and crack your cheeks! rage! blow!
You cataracts and hurricanes, spout
Till you have drench'd our steeples, drown'd the cocks!
13. This island's mine, by Sycorax my mother,
Which thou tak'st from me. When thou camest first,
Thou strok'dst me, and mad'st much of me;
Wouldst give me water with berries in 't;
14. It doth appear you are a worthy judge;
You know the law, your exposition
Hath been most sound;
15. Wilt thou be gone? It is not yet near day:
It was the nightingale, and not the lark,
That pierc'd the fearful hollow of thine ear;
16. Mad let us grant him, then; and now remains
That we find out the cause of this effect,
Or rather say, the cause of this defect,
For this effect defective comes by cause;

Name the Play; the clue is the Characters

17. Orsino and Olivia and Viola
18. Don Pedro and Don John
19. Katharina and Bianca
20. Priam and Achilles
21. Rosalind and Celia
22. Ferdinand and Miranda
23. Cassio and Brabantio
24. Mistress Quickly and Sir John Falstaff

Concert in Over Church

Jennifer Thompson, Paul Ingle, Gordon Hewlett
and friends

will give a concert on 16 April at 7 30 pm.
Price £5, payable at the door.

Willingham Gardening Club

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

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.

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 to see for yourself what we do.

Club Meetings/Presentations and Outings

Monday – 4 April the meeting will include a speaker whose name and subject will be advised.

Our first outing of the new season will be on Saturday 21 May. The venue is Blickling Hall, Norfolk. This is a fine house dating back four centuries. Its history embraces the Boleyn family and latterly it had associations with the RAF in the Second World War. The Long Gallery houses the most important book collection in the National Trust stock. Visitors may follow Blickling's wartime history through the RAF museum. There are fine gardens and parkland. Food is available in the restaurant and Courtyard Cafe'. There is a plant centre and garden shop for the green fingered.

The start time will be announced in the next edition of the magazine.

The cost per person is £13 for NT members - Non-members must add £8.75p entry fee for the house and gardens. If you wish to join us on this outing to Blickling Hall contact Celia on 261394.

Plant Stall

Our annual plant stall will be located next to the Post Office in the High Street, Willingham on Saturday 28 May. Please remember us when you are planting your seeds for the new season and put a few more in ! More details in the next issue.

Cricket Club fixtures

1st XI

7 May Wimblington (away)
21 May Littleport 2nds (home)
28 May Haddenham (home)

2nd XI

7 May Witcham 2XI (home)
14 May Elsworth 2XI (away)
28 May Soham 2XI (away)

Pre-season nets will begin on Sunday 3 April at 10 30 am on the recreation ground.

Willingham Walking Group

April Walk – Sunday 10 April

Caroline Hay is leading a local walk starting from the Duke of Wellington at 10 am and you will be back at the Duke before 1 pm.

Please let Linda or Mike know if you are planning to join us.

Sunday 8 May: we plan to join the annual 'Five Pub Challenge' in aid of the Over Day Centre. This is an 11½ mile walk, leaving Over Day centre at 11 am, and taking in **The Pike & Eel, The Ferry Boat** (for a free cup of soup and a roll), **The Three Tuns** and **The White Horse**. The walk finishes with a complimentary home-baked cake at **The Admiral Vernon**.

Bacon rolls, tea and coffee will be on sale at Over Day Centre at the start.

The entry fee is £6 in advance (closing date 2 May), or free entry if you collect minimum £20 in sponsorship Or you can pay £8 on the day after 10 30 am.

Information from either Mike or Linda or download the forms from www.overdaycentre.co.uk (01954 231807)

Contacts: Linda Horne via email lhorne@hal-consultancy.com or phone 01954 202072

Mike Tidball via email m.tidball@btinternet.com

Willingham Fun Run Sunday 15th May 2011



Register at school between 9.00 - 10.00am
to collect your race number

then please walk to Rockmill End for the start:

7.7 mile race starting at 10.15am

4.5 mile race starting at 10.30am

Fen Edge Family Festival

What's on in 2011

It may not quite be time for the school holidays, but in anticipation of a hot summer ahead, the June 2011 Fen Edge Family Festival is promising the **hottest ever line-up**. The fourth Festival to take to the streets of Cottenham in the past six years and this year the fun extends to **Willingham**, which is for the first time hosting some events of its own during this action-packed weekend, adding a great new dynamic to the offering.

Heading the line-up will be a **Medieval Re-enactment** by Lincolnshire's **Knights of Skirbeck** who will be camping out in true medieval style throughout the Festival weekend. There's a diverse range of **live music** for every taste from the traditional Cottenham Brass Band to Big Mouth + VoxPop + Tongue Twisters collectively Singing for Fun. There's a jazz band, buskers tent, youth band competition and plenty more. There are **dance** displays, breakdance, a disco and open workshops and performances by Cottenham Theatre Workshop. For **arts and culture** there are glass making workshops, flower sculpture competition, local photography exhibition, open church tower tour, farm machinery displays, animal petting, animal blessing, dolls house display and Cottenham's most amazing array of open gardens. Looking at some of those beautifully manicured lawns and flower beds last time would convince even the most sceptical of gardeners that Cottenham benefits from its own tropical micro-climate! Come and meet **Bob Flowerdew** of **Gardeners' Question Time**.

As if that were not enough to whet the appetite we also have a wide range of **activities** including Drama

Workshops, Archaeological Dig, Fitness and Martial Arts Displays, Willow Weaving, Den Building, Children's Assault Course (run by Waterbeach Barracks), a Bart Golf Competition. For the thrill seekers, there's Zorbing Balls (don't ask, just see the Events Gallery and you'll be amazed), TOPS Drive a car experience for ages 14+, quad bikes, mini boating lake, a human gyroscope and dog agility exercises. Plus Trampolining, Football, Table Tennis, Speedminton, Scalextric, Roller Hockey and Skating. If your shoe leather becomes worn, or your legs become weary, there's a market stall or two that can cater for your nourishment and relaxation - **food and drink** aplenty and a **local craft** and a **produce market**.

Evening events are most popular and tend to book up early. On Thursday June 23 the marquee will be hosting a Girl Guides disco and on Friday 24 June, Cottenham Primary School PTA is hosting its annual dance. Saturday 25 June sees a jazz concert (full details still to be announced) and on Sunday a very special tribute event is due to be announced shortly.

In addition to the Friday activities for **school students**, there will be a Pre-school Bouncy Fun Day on Cottenham Green and a Tea Dance at Cottenham Village College. Also on Friday 24 June, in Willingham Social Club, Keith Pearson's Coup de Gras takes to the stage with four local support bands from the Cambridge scene performing in an evening of bluegrass and folk. On Saturday 25 June, there's a 1980's Disco at the Ploughman Hall. Willingham church with its wonderful wall paintings may be open.

Follow us on Twitter at @FenEdgeFest and **Facebook**.

Does Speeding Annoy You?

Are you fed up with vehicles speeding through your village? Are you concerned about the risk to you and your children? Does speeding traffic reduce your quality of life? The questionnaire circulated prior to the Parish Plan revealed that nearly 90% of you were concerned.

In response to your concerns the Willingham Action Group, in association with the Parish Council, signed up to the Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Speedwatch initiative. This provided us with the means to measure the speed of vehicles and report speeders to the police for action. The results were startling; a week long automated police survey on the Earith Road showed 10,000 cars exceeding the threshold for prosecution with speeds up to 80 mph. Subsequent police action including camera vans and radar gun patrols resulted in a large number of prosecutions.

Whilst these actions have had an impact, overall the problem persists. If you are concerned about speeding traffic, would like to show your concern and have an odd hour to spare why not join the speedwatch campaign. Although the campaign has been successful so far, without additional help the campaign cannot continue.

If you would like further information or to join email or phone me.

Reg Purnell 01954 205257 reg.purnell@ntlworld.com



Cultural Homestay in Europe is celebrating twenty years of placing students with families to give them the experience of living with, and learning about our culture whilst attending college to improve their English. We are looking for families who would like to take part by hosting a student.

The students are here for three weeks. They are transported each day from their home stay area to the college.

Weekends are spent with the families joining in with family life and learning about our culture.

We pay £16 per night.

If you would like to know more, please contact me.

Sue Rayner

Telephone: 01954 200015

Email: sue@suerayner.co.uk

The Great Ouse Trefoil Guild was a Year Old on 8 March. We are part of the Guide movement but you do not have had to be 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, plus lots of talks and craft evenings.

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

Sudoku solution

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

Willingham Cricket Club Presents

Quiz Night

Friday 6th May

@ Willingham Social Club **8pm Start**



£5 per person (which includes food)

If you wish to book your team in advance

Call Ron (01954) 260144 or e-mail willinghamcc@gmail.com

Children's Book Quiz Answers

1) Skeletons; 2) Scoop; 3) Sophie; 4) Raisins; 5) One for all and all for lunch; 6) The White Queen; 7) *Birth of a Killer*; 8) The 60 Minute War;; 9) *Scorpia Rising*

Answers to Shakespeare Quiz

1. Born 23 April 1564; died 23 April 1616; 2. Stratford upon Avon; 3. Anne Hathaway in 1582; 4. Three - Susanna (1583); twins Hamnet & Judith (1585); 5. Hamnet died, aged 11; 6. The Lord Chamberlain's Men; 7. The Globe – sited on the south bank of the Thames; 8. James I; 9. Macbeth spoken by Macbeth; 10. King Henry V spoken by Montjoy, a French herald; 11. A Midsummer-night's Dream spoken by Titania; 12. King Lear spoken by King Lear; 13. The Tempest spoken by Caliban; 14. The Merchant of Venice spoken by Shylock; 15. Romeo and Juliet spoken by Juliet; 16. Hamlet, Prince of Denmark spoken by Polonius; 17. Twelfth Night; 18. Much Ado About Nothing; 19. Taming of the Shrew; 20. Troilus and Cressida; 21. As You Like It; 22. The Tempest; 23. Othello, the Moor of Venice; 24. The Merry Wives of Windsor.

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

It seems a long while ago now, but the annual budget meeting of the council was the most enlightening that I have ever experienced in 18 years as a councillor. There were some real highlights in terms of the quality of the debate, but there were also low lights, including the actions of 'rent-a-mob' (as opposed to genuine protestors), who constantly disrupted proceedings, including barracking the Humanist representative who was leading reflections (in place of the prayers that we normally start with) and a member of the public trying to present a petition against the ending of a local bus service.

It resulted in the council meeting being adjourned – one of three occasions that the meeting was suspended during the day because of protests from the public gallery. Despite the disruption, the Chairman wisely refused to clear the gallery completely and hold the meeting behind closed doors, which happened in Cambridge City a couple of days later. So those who genuinely wanted to hear what was being said were able to remain, and many did throughout a very long day. Perhaps the most depressing action of the irresponsible protestors was to superglue the doors of Shire Hall in the early morning before we arrived. The repairs will cost the taxpayer over £500 – not a lot, but a total waste of money.

When I arrived at Shire Hall I was met by members of the unions demanding to know how I would vote; I gave them my views, that it was not a decision I was looking forward to, but as a councillor I cannot just take popular decisions. Many placards demanded that we resign before signing, but I have to say I am not sure what good that would have done, other than prompt a by-election with all the costs involved. Whether we like it or not councillors are legally required to set a budget. Failure to do so could

prompt intervention from the Secretary of State and while I don't like the budget we have produced, I think I would like one produced by Eric Pickles even less.

The debate itself lasted for seven hours, including three adjournments, so I don't think anyone can accuse us of rubber-stamping the result. It was the longest council meeting I have ever been at. There was also a motion from the sole Green councillor, requiring us to reduce the allowances paid to councillors by 5%. It sounds good on paper, but that would save the council only £3,770.00, which equates to roughly 0.0008% of the Council's overall budget and would not have saved a single job and it was not passed. Councillors' allowances are set by an independent panel which meets every three years, but for the past two years and again this year, we have agreed not to take the recommended uplift in our allowances. My allowances and details of my claims can be found on the Cambridgeshire website – www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Despite the length of the debate, in many ways, that was the easy bit. The real work starts now, with officers having to implement the decisions that we made.

So, can I make a plea now for a good turnout at the meeting fixed for Tuesday 12 April to discuss the future of Willingham Library. Details of the meeting are elsewhere in the magazine, but it is important that as many people as possible attend to give their views on this very valuable service.

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

Shona Johnstone
Highfield, 5 Lowburyholme Road, Over CB24 5NP
Tel: 01954 230565
e-mail: shona.johnstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The Willingham Website – if only, if only, if only, if only!

If you haven't had a look at the Willingham website (www.willinghamlife.org) run by Willingham Action Group please do. In it you will find a very full directory of all the businesses and services available in the village as well as all the clubs and activities to join in with. There is an events calendar, village news, have your say, photo galleries, a history of Willingham and much, much more.

We are continually seeking to improve and add to the website so

If you run a business, service or activity in the village check you have an entry on the site. If you do not please contact us and we will include you, and if you have one already then we are happy for you to send us much more detail about your business and we will add it.

If you have any news items, be they personal or of general interest, then send details in and we will add them to the news section.

If you have some computer skills and are interested in helping to run the website as an editor of a section, such as the news desk, then contact us. We will familiarise you with the running of the site.

If you have any ideas for new sections on the site, things you think others would like to see or benefit from than please let us have your ideas.

You can get in touch using the 'contact' link on the website home page or email m.tidball@btinternet.com or phone 01954 260647

Village Directory

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

Council	Parish Council (<i>See full details on page 6</i>)		01954 261027
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	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
	School Governors Chairman	Rob Laycock	01954 203528
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
Children	British School Trust	Richard Foster	01954 261293
	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	HoneyPot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046
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/ Heather Mellows	01954 263187/ 270063
	Bumps and Babies Group	Pam Buckridge	01954 780714
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
Local Representatives	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
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
Clubs	The Octagon	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
	Bookings	Julie Stock	01954 202221
	Allotments – See Willingham Combined Charities below		
	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Alan Leeks	01954 250061
Sport	<i>Cambridge News</i> Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
	Willingham Combined Charity	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	Sarah Rutherford	07989 242155
Churches	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 Photography Club	Christopher Cross	01954 260790
Churches	Willingham Walkers	Mike Tidball	01954 260647
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Hockey	Teresa Hutchcraft	01954 260177
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
Churches	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261562
	Willingham Running Club	Sally Carroll	07771 834393
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	David Clarke	01954 260600
	Willingham Wheels cycling club	Paul Knighton	01954 270194
	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
Churches	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic Priest	Fr Edward Tedota	01480 462192
	Salvation Army	Captain Knights	01954 260608
	Parish Church	Rev Linda Liversidge	01954 263187