# WILLINGHAM NEWS



May 2011

# **Steve's stART Success!**

stART is a South Cambridgeshire initiative to support development of the arts. There are five local managers working with South Cambridgeshire District Council and based in the village colleges. The managers work with local people to develop art in its widest sense including all types of music, storytelling, filmmaking, photography, painting, dance, etc.

Each year there is an award ceremony for members of the local communities who have made a major contribution to development of any of the activities mentioned above. The awards, called the 'Chairman's Arts Awards' (Chairman of SCDC) were ably hosted by Jack Holdsworth and Dan Schumann.

Steve Lockwood had been nominated for an award by Willingham Action Group for his teaching of the harmonica and his promotion of local musicians through his support for Willingham Jam Club (although Steve would be the first to say that the success of the Jam Club depends on many other volunteers and Social Club members who give their time freely.) If you haven't been to the Jam Club it takes place at Willingham Social Club on the last Monday of each month starting about 8 30 pm. There is a small charge for entry of £2 per person and for this you get excellent service at the bar from the friendliest of bar staff and hours of listening (and playing!) to all sorts of music from folk through soul to rock, all performed by amateur and very talented musicians.

The awards trophies were duly presented to the winners, eighteen in all, with Steve biting his nails as he was the last to be announced: a fine ploy by the organisers as they were then able to get Steve to close the event with a brilliant rendition of 'Summertime' followed by a jaunty blues number. If you are not sure of who Steve is then have a look at http://www.steve.ms/ where you can listen to his music or go into the video section to see a brief biography.

If you want to delve further into the local art world you can go to www.start-arts.org.uk or contact the manager for our area, Amy Wormald at amy@start-arts.org.uk To get an idea of the possibilities that exist (and have a good laugh at the same time) have a look at 'School of Lego' by Sawston Cinema Club http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/movies/#school-of-lego



The photo shows Steve receiving his award.



Signs of Spring photo by David Stephenson



### 01954 200351

### **Bin Collections**

5	May (Thursday)	Green and Blue
18	May May May	Black Green and Blue Black

### Police Contacts: 08454 564564

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

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#### For the June issue: **Please note the deadline is 10 May.** 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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#### **County Council**

Stagecoach has been approached to see if they can lessen the impact on the Cambridge and St Ives evening bus services following the subsidy cuts. They say that there is nothing they can do as without the subsidy the routes are not economic.

Work has commenced cutting down the trees along the river bank to the north of Willingham. This is preparatory work for major strengthening of the embankment to prevent further subsidence.

A Coordinator is still needed for the Community Car Scheme. Please will anyone who feels that they could offer some voluntary time for this worthy cause contact the parish office or Shona Johnstone.

More news from Councillor Johnstone is contained in her jottings on page X.

#### **District Council**

It has been confirmed that SCDC will have to take on some £200 million of debt to share the burden on past council housing expenditure incurred nationwide. Those councils that have run up very large debts will gain, whilst those like SCDC who are debt free at the moment will lose. It appears that prudence is being punished and there is no guarantee that there is not more pain to come.

It is not entirely clear what the final outcome will be on Gypsy and Traveller directives. For the time being there seems little point in identifying further sites that may not be needed. The case for proportionality has been recognised in a recent decision.

On Northstowe things do seem to be happening. A new formal agreement has been signed and a master plan is due in September. Work has begun on demolishing some of the buildings. It is likely that the new town will proceed albeit at a slower pace.

Central government's Localism Bill is still very much under discussion. If passed in its present form it will have a big impact on Parish Councils.

#### **Parish Council**

Resignations have been received from Councillors Borland and Tsmondo due to other work commitments. The Parish Council is most grateful for the service they have given. Any person interested in community affairs and in helping to maintain a good community to live in by becoming a Councillor should contact the parish office.

With kerb side collections now well established the can banks and glass banks behind the Co-op are being removed. A clothes bank, small paper bank and new media bank for books, CDs, DVDs, cassettes and video tapes will remain by kind permission of the store.

#### Help for heroes

A national problem has been identified with some ex service personnel finding it hard to adjust to civilian life. Volunteers across the country are trying to help and Chris Ginn, the president of Over Royal British Legion has agreed to be the 'Heroes Contact' for Willingham, Swavesey and Over. It means that when a person is discharged from service their unit will put them in touch with the local Heroes Contact and encourage them to join their local RBL Branch who will be able to offer a sympathetic ear and advice on where to go for more help and support.

There is far too much happening to include more than a few items in this brief column. For full information on what your Parish Council is doing to support your village please look at the website or see the minutes of meetings which are in the library or come along to any of the meetings which are all open to press and public.

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

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Mr H Awal	01954-204526
Mr I Barratt	01954-261609
Mr H Berry	01954-204575
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

Meeting dates are published on the website, the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street and at the library. The next full Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be held on Wednesday 4 May 2011 at The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street.

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.

The Over Players present one of the best-loved musicals ever written

# South Pacific

Over Community Centre Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th June at 7.45 p.m.

Tickets: £8.50; Concessions: £6.50; Children: £6.

Box Office: 07521 099146 www.overplayers.org.uk



### 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

Welcome to our new nurse You may have noticed a new face at the surgery. Karen Prince joined our nursing team in April and has settled in well with both staff and patients. I am sure you will soon get to know her and want to join us in welcoming her to the surgery team.

**Hay fever** If you suffer from seasonal allergies please remember that most of the medicines that our GPs prescribe can be bought in a pharmacy and will be much cheaper than a prescription charge. The pharmacy staff can give you details.

**Repeat prescriptions** If you like to order your repeat medication **by telephone** the correct number to ring is **01954 260073.** Alternatively you can leave a **written request form** at either Willingham or Longstanton surgeries. Please always give clear instructions on your **chosen collection point** of either Willingham or Longstanton surgery to ensure that you and your medicines meet up successfully! If you would like to try our **online ordering facility** ask the dispensary staff for details on how to set this up.

Holiday vaccinations As we approach the holiday



season please remember that if you are travelling abroad you will need to enquire early from your travel agent what vaccinations will be required for your chosen destination. Some vaccination courses will need to be started **six weeks before your travel date**. Book an appointment with one of our nurses in plenty of time or ring for a nurse telephone consultation if you are unsure what vaccinations are recommended.

**Acknowledgements** Thank you to family and friends for your generous donations to the Willingham Surgery Equipment Fund in memory of Mr William Peacock.

#### Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

	WILLINGHAM NORMAL OPEN	
Monday Appointments Tuesday Appointments	8 30 - 1 00 8 30 - 11 00 8 30 - 1 00 8 30 - 11 00 8 30 - 11 00	
Ante Natal/Baby		2 00 - 4 00
	8 30 - 1 00 8 30 - 11 00	
Thursday Appointments	8 30 - 1 00 8 30 - 11 00	Closed from 1 00 pm Half day
Friday Appointments Emergencies	8 30 - 1 00 8 30 - 11 00	
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Friday	0 00 - 1 00	2 00 - 0 30

### CATTELL'S MILL, WILLINGHAM NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND

#### OPEN SATURDAY 14 MAY and SUNDAY 15 MAY 11 00 am - 4 00 pm

Your local windmill, Cattell's Mill, Mill Road, Willingham, will be open for this year's National Mills Weekend on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 May when many of the country's wind and watermills open their doors to the public.

The mill, and an exhibition showing details of the mill's history and other artefacts, will be open to visitors. Cream teas, cakes and refreshments will be served from our cafe to raise funds for the continued restoration of one of the largest smock mills in East Anglia. A 'mill to mill' radio link will be run once again courtesy of Cambridge Amateur Radio Society.

All proceeds go to the Cattell's Mill Restoration and Preservation Trust who are, as always, extremely grateful to all our supporters and volunteers. Disabled facilities are available. All welcome.

### It's all about us!

For people in need of social care, Self-Directed Support gives them choice over when and how they are supported to live their lives. A new film called *It's all about us!*, made by a group of individuals who use social care services, their carers and social care professionals together with Stories Projects in Film and Cambridgeshire County Council, shows how Self-Directed Support really can change lives. It demonstrates how despite age, disability or ill health, Self-Directed Support enables people to lead a life as fulfilled as possible.

You can borrow a copy of the film from your local library. The stories featured are also available on the County Council website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social/ selfdirectedsupport/

If you think you may be eligible for social care support you should phone Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202, or if you have a mental health need speak to your GP.

### **Cryptic Crossword by Willow** Solution on page 17 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 20 18 19 21 22 23 24

#### Across

- Put short grain in a jar with fruit (7)
   Manager's chucked four out to run
- 9 Discussion group remains chaotic
- (7)
  Embarrassed about pass being
- withdrawn (7)
  11 Top class model's brought back
- artist's head-dress (5) 13 Irish town's team needed to open
- wine? (9) 15 Easy way up to castle; a smashing
- alternative (9) 18 Lose grand from bet on horse's
- pace (5) 21 Adult's party includes the odd
- wine! (5-2) 22 Sick American journalist's badly treated (3-4)
- 23 Keyholders in changing rooms? (7) 24 Struggled with French you com-
- 24 Struggled with French you commanded after getting ship (7)

#### Down

- A second place is thing of value (5)
   Dance to a bit of drum, bass and lead guitar (5)
- 3 Meet student, sense problem and
- help to see more clearly (7,6) Dread Tory leader's gaffe (6)
- 5 Not so many take in sad musical (3,10)
- 5 Shake dart holder (6)
- 7 Hayfield gets cut about end of June nowadays (6)12 One knight comes back with flag
- (4)
- 14 Real distress of nobleman (4)15 Swallow and seabird nearly sucked
- in by weird fen (6)16 Very tall footballer has to hunker
- down (6) 17 Endlessly kind, sit on shift with keyboard worker (6)
- 19 Is lamb stew lacking original
- Moroccan herb? (5)
- 20 Number indeed sadly expired (5)

### Letter to the Editor

Hi everyone, Jimmy Ryan here letting you know that I am running in the Edinburgh Marathon on Sunday 22 May in aid of East Anglia's Children's Hospices. Many of you will have heard about EACH and



the marvellous work they do to give care and support to life-threatened children and their families. Please help me to raise much needed funds by sponsoring me online at www.justgiving.com/james-ryan2 or alternatively see either Myra, Claire or myself to sponsor me directly.

Thanking you in advance for your support .

Jimmy.

### Shakespearaphobia

Rehearsals for WSC's summer production of *As You Like It* get underway this month but the cast have not been sitting idle for the last few weeks. Instead, they have been getting to grips with the play through a number of workshops.

Two things are likely to strike fear into the heart of any actor at the prospect of taking part in a Shakespeare play. Firstly: the concept of trying to understand what on earth he is talking about; at first sight some of the language seems unrecognisable, almost foreign. And secondly: speaking the verse. It is almost as if Shakespeare has deliberately written reams of unpronounceable tongue twisters.

Both these issues were explored at WSC's workshops. The cast went through scenes together, unpicking the meanings of phrases and speeches and putting together the stories of the characters.

It turns out that *As You Like It* is a very timely play full of very modern themes: people's desire to escape the stresses of a busy working world; men's and women's assumptions about the other gender; sibling rivalry and the fundamental quest for the meaning of life... Stay tuned...

### Willingham Library Children's Book Quiz

### Under 5s

- 1) Who plays with a Bucketful of Dinosaurs?
- 2) What is the name of Topsy's brother in the series of books?
- 3) Who wrote the Paddington Bear books?

### **Primary School**

- 4) In *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo, which war does the horse fight in?
- 5) In *Wolf Brother*, by Michelle Paver, which clan does Torak join?
- 6) What is the name of the Lion in *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*?

### **Secondary School**

- 7) In *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, what is the name of the boy who wears the Striped Pyjamas?
- 8) In *Artemis Fowl The Arctic Incident*, who kidnapped Artemis Fowl's father?
- 9) In Robert Muchamore's *CHERUB* series, what is the name of the main male character?

Answers on page 17.





### Pastoral Letter

### The Waiting Game

We've all played it. From the child that has only recently learned to talk to the oldest member of the family. The waiting game - no sooner have we set out on the journey when the cry rings out, 'Are we nearly there yet?' Waiting for an appointment, an interview and the outcome, exam results, Christmas, birthday treats or the sale of the house. It's all the same - we have to wait and we don't want to. We become impatient. *Or, how about when we are waiting for someone* to turn up for a date, relatives arriving, husband or wife getting ready to go out, meeting some friend in town? Waiting is never easy. I have an aversion to queuing! There will always be a better time to make the purchase when there is no queue and I won't have to wait. I will admit that I am impatient. And why is the bus always late when you are waiting? And why is it that the traffic light that is nearly always green happens to be red the day you are in a hurry, and there is a *tractor up ahead!* 

Easter has gone. Christians all around the world have celebrated the coming back to life of Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, after a brutal death that was meant to be the end of him. Now that he has risen he meets the disciples and tells them to wait in Jerusalem, (Acts chapter 1 verse 4). He promises that a gift will be given to them. A



# Huntingdonshire's Traditional Markets take place as follows:

Huntingdon	Wednesday & Saturday	8am - 4pm
St Ives	Monday & Friday	8am - 4pm
Ramsey	Saturday	8am - 4pm
Contact: 014	480 388388	

strange gift promised by His Father, the gift of the Holy Spirit. I wonder if the disciples had any idea what Jesus was talking about. In the three years that they had spent with him they had seen him do some amazing things. He had even told them that they would do even greater things. My guess is that found that hard to believe. After all, they had even seen him bring some back from the dead. That doesn't happen every day! They still had a few questions but Jesus did not give them an answer. He just told them to wait and they would receive the Holy Spirit. He didn't even tell them how long they would have to wait or what would happen on the day.

We are in that time between Easter and Pentecost, (the time the disciples received their gift.) Are we anticipating anything special? Is it not just another religious occasion? The truth is, nobody has to wait for God. He is closer than you think. In fact, He is right alongside you right now as you read this. He is within reach. He always is. You can talk anytime and He will listen. He may not give the answer you want, but it will be the best answer for you. He may even ask you to wait! Good things are always worth the wait but you can ask God right now to take control of your life and wait and the wait and see what he can do with you.

Trevor Rowe Willingham Baptist Church

### **Red Nose Fayre**

1st Willingham Beaver & Cub Scouts would like to thank everyone who came along and supported us and made our evening such a success.

We raised £560.69 for Comic Relief.

Winners for the night were: Guess the weight of the wellie – Louise Gamon; Name the Edam – Jim Ramsden; How many Spaghetti Hoops – Jared Winkel; Balloon Walk –Henry Bray, Grace Llewellyn, Nicola Marks, Suzie Rice; Moving Spaghetti Hoops –Teddy Chamberlain, Ella Chamberlain, Tristan Lenk; Tallest sugar tower – Meadow Wooldridge, Lizzie Traherne, Howard Berry; Guess the pose sweepstake – Emma Berry; How many sweets in the jar – Grace Llewellyn





### **Parish Church**

**Bubbles** is held in the Octagon every Friday during school termtime from 10 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.



**Cake Stall:** Come and buy home made cakes, jams and chutneys Saturday 7 May.

**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 3 30 and 5 30 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 May meeting of Willingham WI will be held on Monday May 9 at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.

The speakers will be Joan and Lesley Elphick . Their talk is entitled 'Rural Life in Ghana'.

This is also the Resolutions meeting.

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







# Salvation Army

**Coffee Morning Monday 10 30 am – 12 noon**. You are very welcome to come and join us for a coffee, tea and cake and a chance to chat with old and new friends

**Craft Meeting 2 oo pm Monday** Bring your knitting, sewing, card making and come and join with others. Tea and Coffee and good company provided!

**Luncheon Club every two weeks, 5 and 19 May** Come and join us for a home cooked lunch. There is still room left for a few more. Ring Gordon on 260066 or Daphne 260568.

# Willingham 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-tobe 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.

### Willingham Youth Club

Willingham Originalz, the village youth club, meets in the Baptist hall every Wednesday of term time at 6 30 pm. The club restarts on 4 May.

We are looking for new volunteers to help with running the club, (phone Trevor 261193) and with fund raising, (phone Mike 260647). We hope to have a dedicated building for youth work in the village before too long. In the short term we are hiring premises but are installing new equipment. A new Xbox is the latest addition to the club with internet to follow soon.



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

1 May	
11 00 am	Communion
8 May	
8 00 am	Traditional Communion (BCP)
11 00 am	Family Service
15 May	
11 00 am	Communion
22 May	
8 00 am	Traditional Communion (BCP)
11 00 am	Morning Service
3 30-	-
5 30 pm	Messy Church
29 May	
11 00 am	Family Communion
* PCD - <b>P</b> oo	k of Common Brover

\* BCP = **B**ook of **C**ommon **P**rayer

Children are always welcome! Sunday school takes place in the Octagon on 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month. On the 2nd and 5th Sundays activities are provided in the service so that we can worship together as the whole family of God. 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 Rev Linda (263187) know.

### **Mothers' Union**

Our next meeting will be our Deanery Festival in St Mary & All Saints Church on Tuesday 24 May at 2 30 pm. Our rector Linda Liversidge will be our speaker. Literature Stall will be available. Anyone is welcome to come and join us.



### Sunday 19 June

Visit of Bedford Salvation Army Band 5 00 pm St Mary and All Saints

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

In May Lacks Yard, Long Lane, Lordship Close, Loves Lane and Meadow Road will be in our thoughts

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

May 1	
10 00 am	The Armour of God
6 00 pm	Taming the tongue
May 8	
10 00 am	The belt of truth
6 00 pm	Two kinds of wisdom
May 15	
9 00 am	The breastplate of righteousness
11 00 am	No TGI Sunday service as the church will joining in to help with the Fun Run
6 00 am	Submission
May 22	
10 00 am	The gospel of peace
6 00 pm	Boasting
May 29	
10 00 am	The shield of faith
6 00 pm	Patience and prayer

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

<b>1 May</b> 5 00 pm	Worship	<b>22 May</b> 5 00 pm	Worship
<b>8 May</b> 5 00 pm	Worship	<b>29 May</b> 5 00 pm	Worship
<b>15 May</b> 5 00 pm	Worship		

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

<b>1 May</b> 5 00 pm	The Emmaus Road
8 May	
	at Willingham.
5 00 pm	at Waterbeach Salvation Army
15 May	
5 00 pm	Coming Fishing?
22 May	
5 00 pm	Worship led by Commissioners Ray and Judith Houghton
<b>29 May</b> 5 00 pm	The Great Commission

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
May				
2	A talk by Stephen Poyser on <i>Bee keeping and the gardener</i> .	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
4	Rev Linda Liversidge: My journey to becoming a vicar	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham 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	10 45 am
9	'Rural Life in Ghana' by Joan and Lesley Elphick	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
14	Charity Lunch		13 Priest Lane	1 00 pm, £3
15	Annual Fun Run	WSA		
21	Trip to Blickling Hall	Gardening Club	The Green	8 30 am
24	Deanery Festival	Mothers' Union	St Mary and All Saints Church	2 30 pm
28	Plant Sale	Gardening Club	Next to Post Office	From 9 am
June				
1	Rosy Thornton, local author, talking about aspects of her writing	Engage in the Afternoon	W'ham Library	2 – 3 30 pm

# Village Diary

### Oldwillingham.com Photo of the Month

This month we see a picture of the High St, probably about 70 years ago. There are no pavements and the road looks treacherous and icy. The Public Hall can be seen on the right and the shop in front of it is most likely Haines grocery store, built about 1920 after the previous building on that site burned down. I once commented to an old resident that the roads

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must have been very muddy in winter to which he replied that the real problem came in summer since milking cows would be driven through daily and there was no 'clear up after your pet scheme.' Imagine the flies!

If you have stories to share about life in past Willingham, please drop a note to Jon Edney at 31 High St. or email oldwill@oldwillingham.com





Please support your local Scout Group



Tuesday		2 30 – 7 00 pm
Wednesday		
Thursday	10 00 am – 12 30 pm	2 30 – 7 00 pm
Friday	10 00 am – 12 30 pm	
Saturday	10 00 am – 12 30 pm	

### **Library News**

#### Library Review Public Meeting on 12 April

Mike Hosking, Service Director for Libraries, Learning and Culture, and Chris Eaton from the Library Service at Cambridgeshire County Council presented results of the recent library review aimed at saving money. They told a packed school hall that following an assessment based on community criteria and performance, Willingham was one of 13 libraries where the community would be asked to pay for staff and running costs, and explore sharing the building with other services, or face closure. Residents questioned the results of the assessment, which did not tally with local experience, and asked exactly what this contribution would entail. There was some anger as they also spoke about how much they valued the current Library and its staff; it was an excellent facility, particularly well used by children. There will now be a further period of consultation, seeking ideas for raising the required contribution and looking again at the assessment. If you wish to be involved, please visit the library to put your name forward: community support is vital to keep our library.

### **Scout Group News**

The 1st Willingham Scout Group held their bi-annual car wash at the Ploughman Hall in March. The weather was kind again and the sun shone.

This is the fourth car wash we have had at the 'new' location of the Ploughman Hall and it is working really well. It was very well supported again and approximately 70 cars were washed. The now famous bacon rolls and refreshments were available while your car was washed. There was a book stall and tombola too. As usual the Beaver Scouts were quite happy to get more water on themselves than on the cars. They, and the Cubs and Scouts, all had fun and we raised  $\pounds$ 500 towards the cost of equipment we are purchasing. Thanks to everyone who came, all those who paid to wash their own car and finally the Parish Council for the use of the Ploughman Car Park.

You'll have to wait until October now for the next one.

In the meantime please continue to support and use the library.

#### Engage in the Afternoon

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

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

Wednesday 6 July – Philip Saunders, Cambridgeshire Archives – Willingham in the Cambridgeshire Archives

#### **Books on Film**

We still have the display of DVDs which are film adaptations along with their book versions for loan. Don't forget DVDs and books can be requested free of charge in the library or via the website at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries by library members. DVDs cost £2.75 for a one week loan, books can be borrowed free of charge for 3 weeks.

#### Friends of Willingham Library

Last month S t e p h e n Drake from Willingham Auctions was stationed in the library, c o m p u t e r and reference books at the ready, to share his



extensive knowledge in a local version of the popular 'Antiques Roadshow'. Though the turnout was slightly disappointing, a wide range of interesting objects were brought in, some more alarming than others.





### Friends of Willingham Library April 2011 Quiz – answers P or Q

### (Answers on page 17)

- 1. The Butterfly House by .....?
- 2. *Eugene Onegin*. The Russian who wrote this long, narrative poem?
- 3. Her books include: An academic Question; Quartet in autumn, Jane and Prudence; The Sweet Dove Died; A Few Green Leaves; An Unsuitable Attachment. Who was she?
- 5. Another poem: Give the poet's name. Here is one of the verses:

Then, me thought, the air grew denser, perfumed from an unseen censer

Swung by Seraphim whose foot-falls tinkled on the tufted floor.

'Wretch,' I cried, 'thy God hath lent thee – by these angels he hath sent thee

Respite – respite and nepenthe from thy memories of Lenore!

*Quaff, oh quaff this kind nepenthe, and forget this lost Lenore!* 

Quote the Raven, 'Nevermore.'

- 6. *The Follower*. This is a story of a man's search for his missing wife. He flew home to New York and instead of finding her in their flat, he found a corpse, the body of her ex-fiancé.
- 7. A Bradford man, he wrote several well-known novels and plays: An Inspector Calls; The Good Companions; Angel Pavement; Out of Town etc.
- 8. His crime novels feature the cop, Bob Skinner. Give the author's first name ...... Jardine.
- 9. The author of *Dr Zhivago*?
- 10. She created Brother Cadfael for her crime novels.
- 11. The Blue Movie Murders; The Greek Coffin Mystery; The Murderer is a Fox. This 'author' is composed of two cousins – Frederic Dannay and Manfred B Lee. Home is on West 87th Street, New York.
- 12. The Private Eye, Spenser is his creation. He died 18 January 2010.
- 13. For her crime novels, Sheila Radley has created Chief Inspector ......
- 14. Described as 'The Master of Mystery' possibly before most of us were born, William Le ...... penned one of his most successful books – *Twice Tried*.
- 15. The spy created by Adam Hall for his books.
- 16. In Henry James' book, *The Turn of the Screw*, what is the name of the master's dissolute valet?

### 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 (see below) and plant lovers and from time to time on subjects of wider interest. Meetings on average last about one and a half hours. There is a plant raffle at each meeting.

The Club welcomes new members at any of our monthly meetings. We are a group of people with an interest in plants and gardening. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us to see whether you want to become a member at a very modest annual subscription of £10. You may attend one meeting to see what we do, and to speak to members and to the committee informally.

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

**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 2 May – the meeting will include a talk by Stephen Poyser on Bee keeping and the gardener.

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 had associations with the RAF in the Second World War. The Long Gallery houses the most important book collection in the NT 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 Café. There is a plant centre and garden shop for the green fingered.

The start time will be 8 30 am from The Green, Willingham.

The cost per person is £14 for National Trust members - non-members must add £8.75 entry fee for the house and gardens.

#### **Plant Stall**

Our annual plant stall will be located next to the Post Office in the High Street, Willingham on **Saturday 28 May from 9 am**. Please remember us when you are planting your seeds for the new season and put a few more in! We usually have a good supply of annuals, perennials, some shrubs and vegetable plants. Do drop in to see us.

#### **Future Attractions**

We have a number of topics about which future speakers will talk to us including *Fruit and Vegetables in a Modern Garden, Soft Fruits Pruning and Propagation, The History and Use of Herbs,* and *Fuchsias and Geraniums* to name but some.

### **Charity Lunch**

The May charity lunch held in favour of East Anglia's Children Hospice will be held on 14 May by Jacqueline Hodkinson and Ruth Weedon at 13 Priest Lane. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs  $\pounds_3$ . All are welcome.

### Willingham Walking Group

### May Walk - Sunday 8 May

Join the annual 'Five Pub Challenge' in aid of the Over Day Centre. This is an  $11\frac{1}{2}$  mile walk, leaving Over Day centre at 11 am.

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.

You can start with bacon rolls, tea and coffee on sale at Over Day Centre. The walk takes in **The Pike & Eel, The Ferry Boat** (for a free cup of soup and a roll), **The Three Tuns** and **The White Horse**, finishing with a complimentary home-baked cake at **The Admiral Vernon**.

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

Either meet at the Over Day Centre at 10 45 am or at the Duke of Wellington to share cars at 10 30 am.

Please contact Linda or Mike if you need a lift.

Contacts: Linda Horne via email lhorne@halconsultancy.com or phone 01954 202072

Mike Tidball via email m.tidball@btinternet.com

Summer School Courses At Cottenham Village College 1st – 5th August 2011 www.cvcweb.net Email: community@cvcweb.net Tel: 01954 288751

We're running 26 courses and below are a selection of courses that might be of interest. For full details, visit our website

BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATION (5 days) – learn how to produce a botanical watercolour drawing from pencil studies to a finished watercolour. Beginners welcome.

INTRODUCTION TO FELT MAKING (5 days) – learn to make nuno felt and produce some beautiful items to keep.

WEAVING ON A TABLE LOOM (5 days) – learn to weave on a 4 shaft table loom with different yarns and colour combinations

GUITAR ADVENTURES (4 days) – a blues infused workshop to enliven and expand your guitar skills. Suitable for those who already know basic chords.

SILVER JEWELLERY (5 days) – make an item of jewellery each day. For beginners and the more experienced.

FLOWER ARRANGING (3 days) – relax and have fun working with plant material making different designs each day. Beginners welcome.

START TO DRESSMAKE (5 days) – make a well fitted garment – learn a variety of techniques and develop confidence to help you create your own clothes.

### **Digging for bones and prehistoric forests** Discovering the environmental history of Willingham Mere

You've watched the TV programmes, now you can put on a brightly coloured jacket, pick up a trowel, and unearth a bit of local history at Willingham Mere.

Archaeologists from Cambridge Archaeological Unit of the University of Cambridge have been excavating sites ahead of Hanson's Needingworth Quarry workings. The archaeologists have previously discovered Bronze Age and Iron Age archaeology and evidence of the hunting of beaver and rare wetland birds such as Dalmatian pelican at Ouse Fen. These species once thrived in a huge natural wetland that existed before drainage – including Willingham Mere, a now disappeared lake. This spring, they are offering a limited number of places for local people to join an excavation at Willingham Mere, between Monday 30 May and Friday 10 June.

Preference will be given to people who are available to help for at least three days of either week, or both days of the middle weekend.We'd also like to hear from people who could offer less time. To register your interest and book your free place(s), please phone 01954 233260.

You will be provided with hard hats, high-visibility jackets and tools but will need to bring sturdy boots. You will be working from 10 am to 4 pm daily, with a lunch break. Participants will need to be reasonably fit, as some of the digging is likely to be heavy. However, if you don't fancy digging there will also be opportunities to work on some of the finds – we are expecting preserved prehistoric plant remains, trees and other evidence of the lost wetland to be found. Please state your preference at time of booking. Regrettably, young children are not able to participate in the fieldwork but are welcome with parents on site tours. Access is not suitable for baby buggies or wheel chairs.

The results of previous archaeological and environmental work will also be displayed at the site, which is between Willingham and Earith, throughout the period, from 10 30 am to 4 00 pm daily. Limited parking is available nearby in the lay by on B1050 Shelford's Road.

Pedestrians and cyclists can arrive from Willingham via the network of public bridleways. The dig site is at TL402735, adjacent to a bridleway on Weathersome Common.

If you're not able to get involved with the digging, you are welcome to come for a free tour. Short guided tours with an archaeologist will run daily, starting at 11 am and 2 pm. Longer guided tours, will take place on the Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons, immediately after the archaeology tours.

These guided walks will also look at the wildlife that is now recolonising Ouse Fen, which is being recreated by the Hanson-RSPB Wetland Project. The evidence from previous archaeology informs the restoration plans after sand and gravel have been extracted. Many wetland birds are already appreciating the rapidly-developing reedbeds and new meres.

This work is funded by a Knowledge Transfer grant from the University of Cambridge and with the support of Hanson, RSPB and A G Wright & Son (Farms) Ltd.

For further information, please contact neil.renwick@rspb.org.uk or 01954 233267 or 077 399 21459.





### Village College Student News

Year 9 students took part in a BBC Newsday, with each student taking a different role. Will Sanders was Sports Editor. The group reported on many different topics such as sport both nationally and within the College, current news stories and interviews with teachers. Mr Gibbs and two students were on Radio Cambridgeshire speaking about what they were doing. The final report was put on the college website. The whole day gave students the opportunity to experience what it was like to be in a newsroom meeting deadlines and writing articles. All of the students who took part really enjoyed the day.





Babies and Children welcome (0-5 years) with Mum, Dad or other carer

- Wednesday 10:00-11:30 (during school term)
- Salvation Army Hall, Silver Street
- Q Variety of toys
- Baby area with baby chairs, soft toys and other toys
- Inside and Outside play (weather permitting)
- Craft Table
- Singing Time
- e Healthy Snack Time
- @ Adult Drinks



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# Love playing and listening to music? Come to the Willingham Jam Club

The Willingham Jam Club has been running for over three years and provides a great opportunity for people to come and play or listen to a mix of musical styles.

We meet on the last Monday in each month at 8 00 pm at the Social Club, Fen End, Willingham, as a varied mix of harmonica players, guitarists, bassists, drummers, vocalists, brass, keyboards, to jam and play music together.

It's an informal set-up – if you want to play, we'll ask you to put your name on a list. Someone from the club will have a chat to find out what and how you want to play. People are welcome to play solo or join others to play in duos or bands. We love it when people mix and chat and say 'Hey, how do you fancy playing so and so.... OK, we need a vocalist and bass player' and so it develops!

Everyone is made welcome and every effort is made to give everyone who wants to a chance to play (but it can get busy so get your name down early). Our nights have succeeded in attracting performers with a wide range of experience, and from an equally wide age range. Many are from Willingham and the surrounding villages, but people come from a lot further away too.

There's a stage with PA, drums and backline amps provided, but feel free to bring your own if your prefer. Beginners are particularly welcome and can be assured of support.

### **Come along!**

It's amazing how much talent there is locally. Whether you are an experienced musician, or a beginner, or just want to listen, come along and join us! All styles are welcome, in fact the more variety the better. And there's a bar!

- For more information go to:
- http://willinghamjamclub.org.uk/
- http://www.myspace.com/willinghamjamclub
- The club can be contacted at willinghamjamclub@live.com

### **Crossword Solution**

Across: 1 Apricot, 8 Execute, 9 Seminar, 10 Removed, 11 Tiara, 13 Corkscrew, 15 Escalator, 18 Amble, 21 Grown-up, 22 Ill-used, 23 Lockers, 24 Tussled.

**Down:** 1 Asset, 2 Rumba, 3 Contact lenses, 4 Terror, 5 Les miserables, 6 Quiver, 7 Meadow, 12 Iris, 14 Earl, 15 Engulf, 16 Crouch, 17 Typist, 19 Basil, 20 Ended.

### **Children's Book Quiz Answers**

Harry. 2) Tim. 3) Michael Bond. 4) World War I.
 The Raven Clan. 6) Aslan. 7) Shmuel. 8) The Russian Mafia.
 James Choke/James Adams.

### **Answers to Library Quiz**

 Marcia Preston. 2) Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin
 Barbara Pym. 4) Quinquireme. 5) Edgar Allan Poe (The Raven). 6) Patrick Quentin. 7) J B Priestley. 8) Quintin (Jardine). 9) Boris Pasternak. 10) Ellis Peters. 11)Ellery Queen.
 Robert B Parker. 13) Chief Inspector Quantrill. 14) William Le Queux. 15) Quiller. 16) Peter Quint.

### JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I have just returned from the meeting held to discuss the future of Willingham Library and I would like to thank the editorial team at *Willingham News* for agreeing to extend their deadline to enable me to report on the meeting.

Around 150 residents of Willingham, Over and Longstanton were packed into the hall and the officers told me afterwards that it was one of the best attended meetings they have held so far. The meeting started with a presentation by the Library Service, giving the background to the current position. The County Council has to make budget reductions of £160m over the next five years and the share by the library service is some £3.2m, or 48% of the library budget. Given that staff costs account for 60% of the library budget, then cuts in staffing will be inevitable.

It is intended that the County's libraries will be run by an independent charitable Trust from April 2012. There are a number of financial advantages to this; first a considerable reduction in the business rates paid by the libraries and second, the Trust will be able to apply for grant funding not available to the County Council. It is also hoped that the Trust will be able to respond more flexibly to changes in individual library circumstances than the County Council is currently able to do.

Self service facilities will be extended to all libraries and the work processes will be streamlined, although there was no explanation of what this will actually entail. The County Council is looking to the local community to provide either funding to pay for staff costs, or volunteers to help run the library.

There were inevitably many questions from the audience, including some concern about how the self service system would operate, and the importance of library staff being on hand for visitors to talk to. The value of the library to the community, particularly the elderly and children, was also raised by many people and it was confirmed that 51% of books borrowed were children's books.

Willingham Library has been identified as one of seven libraries who are considered to be performing less well and with less community need than some of the county's other libraries. The community figures were challenged by a number of people. I was able to say that I have already met the library service twice to go through the figures because they do not reflect the Willingham that I know. I am not convinced that the population will fall, given the recent building in Willingham; I am also concerned that the large traveller population is not reflected in the figures. The officers have agreed to look at these figures again.

The next stage is for a follow up meeting, hopefully with the Friends of Willingham Library and Willingham Parish Council. I also hope that some members of the seven reading groups supported by the Library might want to become more involved, including some representatives from Over.

While the future does still remain uncertain, I am encouraged by the turnout at tonight's meeting and also by the comment of the head of the library service to me this morning, 'Our aim is to keep all the libraries open, by hook or by crook'. With goodwill and support from the local community I believe that the future for Willingham is positive.

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

### WAG Environmental Group

An Environmental Group has now been formed by WAG with the following intended scope of activity and areas of interest: To initiate and manage projects, which enhance the appearance and environment of Willingham, and to contribute to the stewardship and amenity value of the green areas including trees, working with the relevant councils and authorities as appropriate.

The activity areas will include: **Green areas** – trees, preservation orders and planning issues – identify potential tree/bulb planting sites, nature reserve/wood, community orchard – set up volunteer group, ie assisting WPC with cemetery maintenance/planting bulbs. **Litter, cleanliness, fly tipping and recycling** – periodic targeted litter picks/clean ups and awareness campaigns – recycling and collection/disposal initiatives. **Footpaths and cycle-ways for leisure** – maintenance, campaigning for improvement and information **Set up smaller task groups** – utilising apples and other excess fruit and vegetables, seasonal markets.

The following areas are identified in the initial stage of

the project: - Clearing and planting of trees/shrubs along the perimeter around the play area beyond the Ploughman Hall to improve the amenity value of the area – Targeted litter pick days and tackling specific problem areas – Making a local Rights of Way map available plus suggested walks – Creation of a Community Orchard/Nature Area by restoring an abandoned orchard – Local produce sales in season, bring and buy on a Saturday morning – Ivy clearance in the rear cemetery area as a volunteer task on behalf of WPC.

These are suggestions from the initial Environmental Group meeting, but what do you want to see happen, what would be your priorities and are you willing to get involved? The WAG Environmental Group can do the background work but project planning and execution will require the help of volunteers and a larger core group. If you think these ideas are of value and you want them to happen then we need to hear from you! If you wish to get involved/want to find out more e-mail/telephone Graham Mumby, graham@gwmumby.co.uk Tel 260553

# **Village Directory**

### Please notify Willingham News of any changes

Council	Parish Council (See full details on page 6)		01954 261027
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police		0845 456 4564
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260073
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
~ 1 1	Urgent Care Cambridgeshire		0330 123 9131
Schools	Primary School		01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3-6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201567
	School Governors Chairman	Rob Laycock	01954 203528
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
Children	British School Trust	Richard Foster Mrs M Dellar	01954 261293
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only) Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	01954 201567
	Old Buttery Nursery School	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 260046
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 261296 01954 203347
	Bubbles/Messy Church	Rev L Liversidge/	01954 20334/
	Bubbles/Messy Church	Heather Mellows	270063
	Bumps and Babies Group	Pam Buckridge	01954 780714
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Little Notes Music group	Emma Tregenna	01954 201195
	Rock Solid (Baptist Church)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Kids' Friday Club (Baptist Church)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
Halls	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
	Bookings	Julie Stock	01954 202221
Local	Allotments - See Willingham Combined Charities b	below	
Representatives	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Alan Leeks	01954 250061
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Mrs R Mumford	01954 260934
	Willingham Combined Charities	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
Clubs	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910
	Social Club	Sarah Rutherford	07989 242155
	Willingham Stagecraft (drama group)	Ms R Wilson	07809 220651
	Willingham Youth Club	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Women's Institute	Mrs Doreen Young	01954 200561
	Willingham Jam Club	Julian Eales	01954 201818
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124
	Willingham Photography Club Willingham Walkers	Christopher Cross	01954 260790
Sport	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	<u>Mike Tidball</u> Claire Few	01954 260647
sport	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 203001 01954 260446
	Ladies' Hockey	Teresa Hutchcraft	01954 200440
	Badminton	Mr J Fuggle	01954 260478
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 2004/0
	Willingham Running Club	Sally Carroll	07771 834393
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	David Clarke	01954 260600
	Willingham Wheels cycling club	Paul Knighton	01954 200000
Churches	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
	Roman Catholic Priest	Fr Edward Tredota	01223 /00//0
	Salvation Army	Captain Emma Knights	01954 260608
	Parish Church	Rev Linda Liversidge	01954 263187