WILLINGHAM NEWS



June 2011

Celebrating the Royal Wedding in style!

About 90 of us gathered in the Baptist Church to watch the wedding on a big screen! We invited our friends from TOPS, Baby Notes, KFC, Bubbles and anyone else we knew who liked to party to join us for a memorable day.

Amidst lines of bunting and flags there was a great party atmosphere as we enjoyed the festivities. Children were entertained with a range of craft activities including making crowns, dressing 'the bride and groom', making their teddy bears look patriotic and designing wedding cakes! Union Jacks adorned many faces and days later some could still be seen with their Union lack tattoos!

After the ceremony ended, and before the expected kiss on the balcony and fly-past, we celebrated with a BBQ and patriotically-themed cakes! We finished off our day with awarding prizes for the best 'wedding hat' – well done Laura Pearson - and for our quiz about William and Kate – Alison Pinney proved she was a true Royalist!!

Thanks to everyone who made it such a great occasion and watch out for our next excuse to get the bunting out...perhaps the Diamond Jubilee in 2012....!!!











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KEEPING OUR LIBRARY OPEN – THE NEXT STEP – A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE AT 7 30 PM AT WILLINGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL – ALL WELCOME – SEE PAGE 8



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DOING A TRAFFIC SURVEY

The children at The Phoenix School have been doing a traffic survey in the village as part of our maths curriculum. This is an activity that will be carried out every year and we will begin to build up a picture of the changes that go on in our village. We have recently had an OFSTED inspection and are truly delighted with the 7 outstanding grades and

4 good grades awarded to us. Please feel free to make an appointment to come and see us any time that is convenient to you.



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Police Contacts: 0345 456 4564

The email of our PCSO Lee Page is lee.page@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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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 July issue: Please note the deadline is

10 June. 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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Library

Following an exceptionally well-attended public meeting on the future of Willingham library the Parish Council discussed what positive measures it could take to help secure this highly-valued service. As was made clear at the meeting the key lies in harmonising volunteer help and funding, with funding on a long-term basis probably needing to come through the precept. The Parish Council has written to the head of library services expressing strong support and requesting an early meeting with them, the County Council and Friends of Willingham Library to coordinate the best way forward.

Meanwhile the Parish Council has once again pledged support for the summer reading challenge with a grant of \pounds 500. This excellent scheme promotes children's reading and is very popular.

Minerals and Waste

The independent public enquiry has been scheduled for the end of June. It will be a wide ranging review covering the long term strategy for much of Cambridgeshire. Willingham is affected by the proposal to extend extraction from the current Needingworth site to cover a large area to the north-west of Willingham stretching between Over and the Earith Road. At the request of the Parish Council a public meeting was held last year. The Council has already submitted written comments and these will be followed up with a further written submission and a request to speak at the enquiry. It is unlikely that the proposal will be rejected by the independent examiner given the huge requirement for aggregates in Cambridgeshire over the next twenty years. The Parish Council will concentrate on trying to obtain safeguards to mitigate the impact on our village of noise, dust and, very importantly, HGV traffic.

Police

Mindless vandalism at the Pavilion has blighted what has otherwise been a good start to the year with a reduction in criminal activity in the village and just sixty-two crimes recorded since the beginning of January. Much of the credit for this goes to our local police team who has worked closely with the Parish Council. Particular thanks should go to our PCSO, Claire Whiteman, who has been very proactive in following up leads. Sadly, Claire is moving on to new duties but we will be getting two new PCSOs, Lee Page and Paul Butcher. The Parish Council will keep in close contact with our local police and wish our new PCSOs all success.

Youth

The Parish Council is still actively pursuing the provision of a permanent youth club facility in discussion with Willingham Youth Trust. The council has earmarked some funds for this which under the terms of their provision will need external matching. Hopefully progress can be made on this later in the year. Meanwhile the Council is providing support for both the clubs being held in the Tabernacle and the Connections Bus.

Vacancies

Following the resignation of two Councillors the legal process for their replacement is in hand. It is likely that this will lead to the co-option of two new Councillors in June or July. If you are interested in helping your local community by serving on the Council, please contact our clerk at the parish office. You will receive a warm welcome.

Other Matters

Your Parish Council is involved in many other local matters including planning, management of public halls and other buildings, management of open spaces such as the recreation ground and village green and the care of the cemetery. All of these matters are regularly discussed at our meetings which you are welcome to attend. At most meetings you will also have the opportunity to ask questions or make brief statements. All agendas and minutes are published on the parish notice board outside the public hall in the High Street and in the library or can be seen on the website.

Your current 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 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

The next full Parish Council Meeting will be will be held at 7 30 pm on Wednesday, 1 June at the Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street.

The Parish Council office is open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 1 pm, except Bank Holidays. You can make an appointment or just call in and take pot luck. There is an answer-phone service outside office hours.

The contact details are: 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



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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

Bank Holidays We hope you all enjoyed the holidays and our lovely weather. Thank you to all of you who took notice of our advice and planned ahead with your medication requirements. This helped our pharmacy and dispensary staff to give the best service during a particularly busy time. **Willingham Fun Run** Congratulations to all who took part in the Fun Run and to those who helped to organise both the Run and the School Fête. Keep up the good work and the healthy life style.

Measles outbreaks are occurring in France and other European countries and these cases can easily spread to England with modern day travel throughout Europe. Our young adults and children are particularly vulnerable and it is important to check that they are fully protected against this disease which can have serious side effects. They need **two doses of the MMR vaccine to ensure full protection**. If you think your children have had only one of the recommended injections or they have not been vaccinated at all, please ring for a telephone appointment with one of our nurses so they can check the vaccination status on the computer records and if necessary arrange



appointments to bring the vaccinations up to date. This is very important to protect not only your children but the community at large.

Travel cover Measles vaccination is available if you are travelling to an area affected by the outbreaks so it is wise to check your vaccination status before you leave. Be sure to check with one of our nurses or your travel agent what vaccinations are required for your travel destination and book an appointment in plenty of time before your holiday. Six weeks is preferable but ring anyway even if you have left it a little late.

Dental treatment If you are having trouble finding an NHS Dentist you **can ring NHS Direct on 0845 46 47** and ask for their **dental helpline**. If you have a dental problem you will need to see a dentist and not your GP who will not have the specialist dental knowledge or equipment to help you.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

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Your Library is still under threat!

You obviously value your Library as such an exceptionally large number of you turned out to support it at the open meeting on 12 April - thank you all very much!

It was made clear at that meeting that the future of the Library is in our hands as the community will be asked to contribute towards the costs of staffing and the building.

The Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) will have a key role to play in determining that future.

So we now need your support again – FOWL are holding their AGM on

Wednesday 8 June at 7 30 pm at the School

Everyone interested in the future of the library should come along.

We need new people on the committee and a new chairman to take forward discussion with the County Council, the Parish Council – who have already indicated strong support – and other interested village groups to keep the Library open.

For further information or to register your interest ahead of the meeting please contact Linda King, FOWL Secretary, through the Library or by phone on 260780 or email LJD10@cam.ac.uk.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

MAGPAS yesteryear Road Run

On Sunday, 17 April, Willingham saw the arrival of over 400 vintage vehicles passing through on the Annual Yesteryear Run which raises funds for MAGPAS, the emergency medical charity. You may have seen the refreshment stall located at the Garner's Farm, Green Street. We are very pleased to report that £425 was raised through sales of cakes and bacon rolls, all kindly donated. Our thanks go to Kerry and Owen Garner, their family and friends who all contributed to its success. The estimated donation to MAGPAS this year from the whole event is likely to be in the region of £20,000 and to-date it has raised over £150,000 the biggest fundraiser for MAGPAS. Special thanks to the organisers and regular helpers who have continued to make this event so successful as without them it wouldn't have been possible. The road-run will continue with the MAGPAS organisation taking a greater role in the coming years.

Sudoku

Solution on page 17



Willingham Library Children's Book Quiz

Under 5s

Complete these Beatrix Potter character names

- 1) Tom
- 2) Jemima
- 3) Peter

Primary School

- 4) In *How to Train Your Dragon by Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III* by Cressida Cowell, why does Hiccup have to catch a dragon?
- 5) What kind of creature grants the children's wishes in *Five Children and It* by E Nesbitt?
- 6) In Asterix and Obelix, what is Obelix's favourite food?

Secondary School

- 7) In *The Recruit* by Robert Muchamore, how old is James Choke when he becomes part of CHERUB?
- 8) In *Lirael* by Garth Nix, what is the name of Lirael's closest companion?
- 9) What does the Harpy call Lyra in the land of the dead in the book *The Amber Spyglass* by Philip Pullman?

Answers on page 17.

The Over Players present

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

Dear Readers

EDITORIAL

Prizes for YOUR Willingham News

The Cambridge News writes that 'the region's top community magazines are basking in glory after scooping a clutch of prizes.' Indeed *Willingham News* won two awards at the Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards ceremony held at Cambridge Airport – the first for the most improved magazine, but second, **the Gold award** for being the best among the high frequency magazines (10-12 issues a year).

The Silver award went to *The Link*, which serves Stansted Mountfitchet, and the Bronze to *Fen Drayton Magazine*. There were over 40 entries in the high frequency category.

Stephen Mitcham, chief executive at the Cambridge Building Society said that 'this year's awards have been a huge success. The quality of the material submitted has been outstanding.'

The judges were Brian Hayes, a trustee at Cambridgeshire Acre, Marion Sutcliffe, vice-chairman of the Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes, Louise Bateman, head of people at the Building Society, Linda Iggulden, manager of the Bar Hill branch, and Chris Elliott, chief reporter of the *Cambridge News*.

The three trophies will be on display in Willingham Library. Keep sending in your contributions. Many thanks to you all.



Bill Kirkman, Rebecca Mead, Jane Dowle, Liz Kinnear



Colin Brown (left December 2010)



Liz Saxton (joined January 2011)

Willingham Gardening Club

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

The Club welcomes new members at our monthly meetings. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us to see whether you want to become a member at a very modest annual subscription of £10. You may attend one meeting to see what we do and 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 Meeting: Monday, 6 June – the meeting will include a talk by Graham Parnell on *Fuchsias and Geraniums*.

Outings – Details of our next outing will be published in the July edition of this magazine.

Future Attractions

Among other topics, future speakers will be coming to talk to us on:

- Fruit and vegetables in a modern garden
- Soft fruits pruning and propagation
- The history and use of herbs
- Pots and containers

Share your car journeys and save money

When you car share you can:

- save money by splitting your fuel costs
- meet people in your community
- help your environment, because car sharing means less traffic, less pollution and a healthier community

Cambridgeshire has its very own free online car sharing service, CamShare (camshare.co.uk). Simply register your journey, contact those people who share the same journey as you, then arrange to car share as little or as often as you like. For more information call Cathryn Rutangye on 01223 715692 or email camshare@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

CamShare is provided by Cambridgeshire County Council and the Travel for Work Partnership. Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport to discover your travel options



Parish Church

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



Cake Stall: Come and buy home made cakes, jams and chutneys – Saturday 4 June.



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

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 June meeting of Willingham WI will be held on Monday, 13 June at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.

The speaker will be Rex Freeman. His talk is entitled *Growing Old Disgracefully*.

This meeting will include a Bring and Buy sale.

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 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, June 2, 16 and 30 Come and join us for a home-cooked lunch and dessert for $\pounds_{3.50}$. There is still room left for a few more. Ring Gordon on 260066 or Daphne 260568. Please book in advance if possible.

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 (KFC): 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.

Willingham Youth Club: Willingham Originalz, the village youth club, meets in the Baptist hall every Wednesday of term time at 6 30 pm.

TGI Sunday: Come along for an informal contemporary style presentation to help understand the Christian faith on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11 am. Bring your children and your questions. A shared lunch follows.

Advance Notice of the Holiday Club: Mission Rescue 1 -5 August. Watch out for more details in the *Willingham News* and around the village.





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

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5 June	
11 00 am	Communion
12 June	
8 00 am	Traditional Communion (BCP)
11 00 am	Family Service
19 June	
11 00 am	Communion
6 00 pm	Songs of Praise – All Churches
26 June	
8 00 am	Traditional Communion (BCP)
11 00 am	Morning Service with Baptism
3 30-	
5 30 pm	Messy Church

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. 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 the Vicar (Linda) know.

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 27 June at 2 30 pm in the Octagon. Our speaker will be Molly Franklin, talking about Work as a Physiotherapist. Don't forget the Bring & Buy Stall.



Sunday, 12 June

Pentecost Praise Party beginning 12 30 – 3 00 pm on the green. BBQ followed by entertainment by Ladybird Borland Dancers, Over drummers and singers, Coverdale Puppets, a guest band plus bouncy castle. Come wearing bright colours!

Sunday 19 June

Visit of Bedford Salvation Army Band At 6 00 pm at St Mary and All Saint's Church

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF WILLINGHAM.

In June, Mere Way, Mill Field, Mill Road and Newington will be in our thoughts.

WILLINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, GEORGE STREET www.willinghambaptist.org

5 June	
10 00 am	The Helmet of salvation
6 00 pm	Preparing for Pentecost (C)
12 June	
10 00 am	Pentecost (C)
12 30 pm	Pentecost Praise on the green
6 00 pm	No Service
19 June	
9 00 am	Sword of the Spirit
11 00 am	TGI Sunday with the GenR8 Team visiting
6 00 pm	Fellowship Sunday (C)
26 June	
10 00 am	Keep on Praying (C)
6 00 pm	What every church should be!

(C) = Communion

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

5 June 5 00 pm	Worship	19 June 5 00 pm	Worship
12 June 5 00 pm	Worship	26 June 5 00 pm	Worship

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

5 June 5 00 pm	Heroes of Faith: Abraham Genesis 22:1-19
12 June	
3 00 pm	United Service for Pentecost at Willingham 3 00 pm on the Green, with barbecue and lots of fun activities including Lady Borland dance troupe, Over Drummers and Singers, puppets, magic, live music and bouncy castle.
19 June	
6 00 pm	Visit of Bedford Salvation Army Band – Songs of Praise at 6 00 pm at St Mary and All Saints' Church
26 June 5 00 pm	Heroes of Faith: Moses. Exodus 3:1-4:17

Village Diary

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
June				
1	Rosy Thornton, local author, talking about aspects of her writing	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 – 3 30 pm
1	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	The Octagon Willingham	7 30 pm
1-4	South Pacific	The Over Players	Over Community Centre	7 45 pm; £8.50 £6.50 concessions £6.00 children
5	Jog/Stroll with your dog. See advert page 18	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Milton Country Park	£2 pp plus £2 for car parking all day
5	Cambridgeshire County Show	Cottenham Young Farmers	Wimpole Home Farm	10 am – 5 pm
6	Willingham Bowls	Bowls Club	Cottenham	2 15 pm
6	<i>Fuchsias & Geraniums</i> by Graham Parnell	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
8	Willingham Bowls	Bowls Club	Waterbeach	6 30 pm
8	Keeping our Library Open – the next step AGM & open meeting	Friends of Willingham Library	Willingham Primary School	All welcome 7 30 pm Tel: 260780
9	Willingham Bowls	Bowls Club	Gamlingay	6 30 pm
10	Custard Comedy Night	Swavesey Arts	Swavesey Village College	8 pm Tel: 234476
11	Book Sale	Library	Willingham Library	10 - 12 30
12	Pentecost Praise Party	Churches Together	Village Green	12 30 pm; live bands; bouncy castle; free BBQ
13	Talk: <i>Growing Old Disgracefully</i> Rex Freeman	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
14	Story session	Starship Children's Centre	Bar Hill Library	3 30 pm Tel: 200473
15	Willingham Bowls	Bowls Club	Cottenham	6 30 pm
18	Charity Lunch in aid of East Anglian Children's Hospices		13 Rockmill End	1 pm; £3 All welcome
18	School Fête	Willingham Primary School	School	2 – 5 pm
18	Soul Music Evening	Over Community Centre for "Children in Need"	Over Community Centre	8 pm – midnight £5/£7 – 01954 201963
19	Story session	Starship Children's Centre	Bar Hill Library	3 30 pm Tel: 200473
19	Visit of Bedford Salvation Army Band: Songs of Praise	Churches Together	St Mary & All Saints	6 00 pm
20	Willingham Bowls	Bowls Club	Burwell	2 15 pm
21	Story session	Starship Children's Centre	Swavesey Library	4 – 4 30 pm Tel: 200473
21	Willingham Bowls	Bowls Club	Fenstanton	6 30 pm
22	Sponsored Trundle	Tiggers	Jubilee Field Willingham	10 – 11 30 am Tel: 202005
23–26	Fen Edge Festival	Fen Edge Festival	Various	See programme
27	Talk: <i>Work as a Physiotherapist</i> Molly Franklin	Mothers' Union	The Octagon	2 30 pm & Bring & Buy Sale
29 July	Willingham Bowls	Bowls Club	Little Shelford	6 30 pm
6	Philip Saunders – Willingham in the Cambridgeshire Archives	Engage in the Afternoon	Willingham Library	2 – 3 30 pm
28-30	As You Like It	Willingham Stagecraft	Grounds of Parish Church	7 30 pm – £5 Sat – 2 pm matinée
August				
1-12	Various – See article on p17	artsMASH	Impington or Cottenham VC	ages 8+ or 11+



Library News

Your Library is still under threat! See page 8 and in the meantime, please continue to support and use your library. As well as book borrowing and internet facilities there are the following special events:

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 Speakers:

- Wednesday 1 June Rosy Thornton Local author talking about her work.
- Wednesday 6 July Philip Saunders Willingham in the Cambridgeshire Archives

Bumper Book Sale

On Saturday, 11 June we will be having a book sale during library opening hours, 10 am – 12 30 pm. Come along and grab a bargain read to take on holiday. Lots of books for both adults and children.

Summer Reading Challenge

This summer the theme for the hugely popular children's reading game will be the circus. Watch this space for further details!

Willingham Events and the Fen Edge Festival 23 – 26 June

By now every household should have received a card and a programme advertising the Fen Edge Family Festival. There are far too many events to list here so please look at the programme – there is something for everyone. All activities to-date have been held in Cottenham but this year Willingham Action Group is organising two events so besides there being plenty to enjoy in Cottenham there will be a music evening at Willingham Social Club and a disco at the Ploughman Hall.

Friday, 24 June – Music evening costs £7.50. Tickets available from The Duke of Wellington, the Social Club and the Post Office. Doors open at 7 30 pm with the bands playing from 8 pm – 11 30 pm. Three bands are playing and we hope to follow the success of the concerts held during past Feast weekends. The bands are:

- Alchemy a Cambridgeshire-based guitar and vocal band that covers a wide range of musical styles.
- PLC from the heart of Cambridge. Three stalwarts of the local music scene bring a fusion of their original numbers with guitar-and-harp adaptations of songs from a wide range of blues, soul and rock sources.
- Keith Pearson's Coup de Grass needs little introduction and we bring them back by popular demand after their performance during the Feast of 2009. If you missed them, see them now. They are one of the top blue-grass bands in the UK with a finely-tuned performance which mixes humour with a serious approach to the genre by talented musicians.

Saturday 25 June – 80s disco at the Ploughman Hall. Tickets are £5 from The Duke of Wellington and the Post Office. Doors open 7 30 pm with music from 8 pm to 11 30 pm. The 80s was an impressive decade for changes in music and fashion and whether you are 20 or 60 years old you won't be able to resist getting those feet moving to Rick Astley, Frankie, Duran Duran, Simple Minds, Robert Palmer, Human League, Madonna . . . A bar will be available if you need Dutch courage to strut your stuff! The disco is organised by one of the top national mobile disco companies who I'm sure will play your requests (if you get fed up with the 80s.)

Proceeds from both events will go to charity so please give them your full support. Tickets usually sell out in advance so get yours early.

Oldwillingham.com photo of the month

Here is a picture of Longstanton station in the early 1900s. This was of course the main station for Willingham and included sidings for goods wagons. The station master's house (shown here) can still be seen where the new guided busway crosses the B1050. The line was opened in 1847 and led to expansion of Willingham and especially local horticulture. Parts of the line gradually closed down in the 1960s as road haulage grew and the last train service to Cambridge ran in 1970. In its heyday the line was used as a diversion when the main line was blocked and even the Flying Scotsman came through on occasion.

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



Story sessions at your Libraries by the Children's Centre

Sharon Stevens is a fantastic story teller and she is available to tell stories to your children in a library near you!

Sharon takes the children around the world in a bath, or through the woods to find a bear and sometimes even hangs up a washing line of funny pants! It's all about making the experience of reading more fun for our children.

There is an advantage for libraries holding these events too. John Pook, Chair of the Library committee in Swavesey says that 'story times help us to achieve targets and continue to have the support of the Library service for the village'. Book loans have gone up as much as 25% since we have had the Children's Centre story sessions.

Please look out for posters at your local library for Story Time sessions or call the Starship Children's Centre on 01954 200473.

Swavesey Library session will be on 21 June 4 – 4 30 pm **Bar Hill sessions** are: Tuesday, 14 June at 3 30 pm and Tuesday, 19 June at 3 30 pm

Bourn to Run 2011 A charity fun run of 10 km and 3km to take place in Bourn, Cambridgeshire on **Sunday**, **25 September** in aid of Bourn Primary School. For more information, go to www.bourntorun.com.

Early Bird Discount for sign up before the end of July. Thank you again to those who replied. Everyone who supports really helps and makes a huge difference.

As Yon Like Jt



Thursday 28th — Saturday 30th July 2011 (7.30pm and Saturday Matinee 2pm)

At St Marys and All Saints Church, Willingham Bring something to sit on, a bar will be provided

> Get your tickets from Tylers Estate Agents, opposite the Co-op in Willingham (open 6 days a week)

> Tickets will also be available on the door Tickets cost £5

Friends of Willingham Library June Quiz – answers R or S

(Answers on page 17)

- 1. Author of the series *Strangers and Brothers*.
- 2. *The Wave* the story of how a history teacher, while teaching about The Third Reich, demonstrated how people could have become caught up in such a movement. The author?
- 3. Creator of Maigret?
- 4. Inspector Rebus crime books belonging to the Tartan noir genre. The author?
- 5. To A God Unknown; The Grapes of Wrath; Of Mice and Men etc. Who wrote these?
- 6. She wrote the delicious *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. Who was she?
- 7. Writes psychological crime novels as well as having invented Chief Inspector Wexford for her straight crime novels. Also writes under the pseudonym, Barbara Vine.
- 8. She is one of Iceland's foremost thriller writers. Her books feature lawyer Thora Gudmundsdottir. Her latest book in the UK is *Ashes to Dust*. Name her.
- 9. *Bluestockings* is 'an inspiring story of defiance and determination, of colourful eccentricity and at times heartbreaking loneliness as well as of passionate friendships, midnight cocoa-parties and self-discovery'. This tells how British women fought for the right to be undergraduates from 1869 when five women first enrolled at university. The author?
- 10. *Scarlet and Black* or *Le Rouge et le Noir*. Who wrote this book about the army and the church?
- 11. A romantic novelist whose first name is Danielle.
- 12. A British writer who writes about Inspector Thanet?



Police Contacts

Dear All

When you read this, I will have moved to the Cottenham/Oakington beat and your two new PCSOs will have replaced me – PCSO Lee Page and PCSO Paul Butcher. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last 14 months and I have enjoyed every minute working the two beats. Thank you.

PCSO Claire Whiteman

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Dear All

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I am the new PCSO taking over the Willingham, Over, Swavesey and Longstanton beats from 9 May. My apologies if you were not aware of the impending changes and that PCSO Whiteman has moved to another beat. A new PCSO Paul Butcher will also soon be joining the Histon team to work alongside me and PC Steve Gilbey when he has finished his training in June, so there will be three of us.

I will, of course, be liaising with PCSO Whiteman and do my best to ensure that 'our' attention is paid to any ongoing issues. If you wish to e-mail me directly or copy me into any correspondence you may forward to PCSO Whiteman until then, please feel free to do so on my following e-mail address:

lee.page@cambs.pnn.police.uk or 0345 456 456 4.

I hope to meet as many of you as possible within the weeks and months ahead.

Kind regards PCSO 7049 Lee Page

Great Ouse Trefoil

We are a group of ladies aged between 18 and 82 that meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Even though we are part of Guiding you do not have to have any connections to join us.

We have talks by various people, do crafts, enjoy food, help out with Guiding events when asked, go on visits, and generally have lots of fun.

If you would like more information, please contact me. Contact Wendy Arrowsmith on 01954 781381 or arrowsmith.wendy@hotmail.co.uk

The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. www.rosieinstitches.org.uk

If you have any spare ribbons or yarn we are in urgent need of your donation.

Activities afternoon Bar Hill School Playing Field

Saturday, 11 June 12 noon to 4 pm

Bar Hill Fete, Cambridgeshire Saturday, 2 July

Thank you for all your support

Cottenham Young Farmers' Club

(with many members from Willingham)

will be showcasing their talents on Sunday, 5 June, 10 am – 5 pm at the Cambridgeshire County Show. This is a small but very traditional show organised by local Young Farmers and their supporters. It is held at the National Trust property, Wimpole Home Farm. Details can be found at www.cambscountyshow.co.uk

The show has 4 main aims:

- 1) To create a traditional County Show, how they used to be.
- 2) To promote British Food and Farming.
- 3) To provide the local Young Farmers Clubs with a display area for their annual competitions.
- 4) To create a real family day out with something for everyone.

Features will include traditional crafts, livestock, food hall, rural crafts and display, fairground, vintage tractors, ring events, bring your dog for the amusing dog racing. Trade stands, from garden furniture to country clothing, plus more.

Our Young Farmers have a competition programme with entries in metalwork, cookery, art and Morris dancing to name but a few. Cottenham Young Farmers always welcome new members between the ages of 10 and 26. Come along to our stand and have a chat to see what we do, or contact Henry on 07737 799885. We're a friendly crowd and you don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer!

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 plus 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 as fulfilled a life as possible.

A copy of the film can be borrowed 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.

ARE WILLINGHAM RESIDENTS THE RICHEST IN SCDC AREA? CAN WE AFFORD VANDALISM?

This headline is my way of getting Willingham residents to discuss this article with their children. Since the new Sports Pavilion was brought into service in September 2008 Willingham youngsters have caused continual mindless vandalism. This can be backed up by CCTV evidence, intervention of the police and personal identification. Some of the catalogue of damage was done by boys under 8.

- Firstly, damaging the walls of the Pavilion by throwing bricks.
- This was followed by damage to the guttering of the Pavilion. As soon as the damaged guttering was repaired, further vandalism took place.

Eventually the Parish Council paid for guttering protection to be put up costing over £600. What followed?

• It was the turn of the roof to be attacked plus damage elsewhere costing over £500.

The Parish Council listened to the guilty youngsters who were subsequently provided with a goal wall and goal posts. Recently a net was added to the goal posts at the request of the youngsters but unfortunately...

- after only a few weeks this was pulled down more deliberate vandalism.
- In June 2010 three youngsters set fire to a bench at the rear of the Pavilion. Had this not been spotted, the bench could have been totally destroyed and the Pavilion further damaged. CCTV identified the three boys who were visited by the Police. The boys/families paid £50 each towards the damage.

The latest acts of vandalism against the pavilion have prompted me, out of frustration, to write this article. What has happened this time?

• The front door and exterior walls of the pavilion have been damaged so badly that to replace the glass in the front door will cost hundreds of pounds and thousands to repair and repaint the wall damage.

This is why I ask if Willingham residents are the richest in the SCDC area. All the above come at a cost to Willingham residents – monies spent on repairing or protecting against such vandalism come out of the precept that we pay. If none of this expense was necessary, then Willingham residents mightn't have to pay as much Council Tax.

The Parish Council has highlighted this vandalism in the village through *The Willingham News*, yet vandalism continues. Do parents know what their children get up to? If this article could be read and its contents relayed to youngsters, perhaps vandalism and the costs involved would be reduced, making Willingham a better place. The majority of the damage is caused by only a minority of our youngsters but it affects the majority of the Council Tax-paying residents. This majority can, and should take a stand to ensure this anti-social behaviour is reduced and stopped completely. If anybody sees anyone causing damage to the Pavilion or other facilities in the village, please challenge them or call the police. This problem can be beaten but needs everybody to make a concerted effort to prevent the minority from spoiling it for the majority.

SCAMS – Watch out!



Shutting the door on bogus prize draws: advice from Trading Standards

Many of us receive junk mail through the post, with the vast majority going straight into the recycling bin. However, for some it can be tempting to try your luck on a 'prize draw' letter that comes through the letterbox.

The organisers of these scams are smart – the letters look professional, they are often personalised so they have your name throughout (sometimes appearing to be handwritten), and there is often a short deadline to respond so that you don't have time to think. By replying to just one of these letters, your information will be shared by other scammers who will then write to you, inundating you with letters.

The message from Trading Standards is simple: if it looks too good to be true it probably is and if it asks for money upfront, even in the form of an admin charge for processing your winnings, it is almost certainly a scam.

If you are in any doubt or think you may have responded to a scam, Consumer Direct provides advice on behalf of Trading Standards and can be contacted on 0845 4040506.

Most of the scams we come across have affected older residents, many of whom experience loneliness. If you are over 60 and could do with having someone visit you for a chat on a regular basis, or perhaps you know someone who would benefit from this, then Age UK (Age Concern and Help the Aged combined) may be able to help you. They offer a voluntary visiting scheme for residents across the County, and you can ring to find out more on 0845 5213481.

You can register with the Mailing Preference Service which is free. It won't cut out all scams but it should significantly reduce the amount of marketing mail you receive. Their phone number is 0845 7034599, you can register online at www.mpsonline.org.uk or you can write to Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 29 LON20771, London, W1E oZT.

If you are tempted by prize draws because you are struggling financially, speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureau. They can provide you with free, confidential and impartial advice and check you are receiving all the financial benefits and allowances that are available to you. You can telephone 0844 411 1444 or visit www.adviceguide.org.uk to find your local bureau.

Charity Lunch

The June charity lunch, held in favour of The East Anglian Children's Hospices, will be on 18 June at 1 pm at 13 Rockmill End, hosted by Cliff and Dianne Hopkins. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs \pounds_3 . All are welcome at this worthwhile event.

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arts MASH

Creative Holiday Workshops

This summer the all new artsMASH programme offers a range of creative holidays workshops for young people aged 8 - 19. The sessions are run by a great team of artists and practitioners who are all CRB checked. For a full programme of activities running across South Cambridgeshire please visit www.startarts.org.uk/artsmash/ – or read on to find out about workshops happening in your area:

• On Stage!

Monday – Wednesday, 1–3 August at Impington Village College

Join Elle Lyons and William Tombs for a 3-day workshop in theatre, puppetry, mask and music. If you loved the Academy – you'll love this! For age 8+.

Circus Skills workshop

Thursday, 11 August, 10 am – 4 pm at Cottenham Village College

A day of juggling, diabolo and much more circus madness! Sharing for family and friends from 3 30 pm. For age 8+.

Stage Make-up

Thursday, 11 August, 10 am – 4 pm at Cottenham Village College

Spend the day working with professional make-up artist, Avril Iles, covering lots of different aspects including special effects and character make-up. For age 11+.

• Make Me a Movie Monster

Friday, 12 August, 10 am – 4 pm at Cottenham Village College

Design and create your own movie monster, apply the special effects and shoot your own horror film with assistance from professional filmmaker Peter Harmer. Not for the faint-hearted. All participants get a DVD copy of the film they make. For age 8+.

Manga drawing workshop

Friday, 12 August, 10 am – 4 pm at Cottenham Village College

Discover more about the Japanese cartoon art form of Manga and draw your own characters. For age 11+.

For more details or to book on any of the courses running in Cottenham and Impington please contact local Arts Development Manager Amy Wormald on 01954 288748 or amy@startarts.org.uk



Tiggers Fundraising Fun!

On Wednesday, 22 June, the toddlers from Tiggers will be holding a very special event. Instead of our usual meeting in the Salvation Army hall, we will be meeting at 10 am at the children's playground. There will be games and activities and we will be doing a sponsored trundle around the Jubilee field.

Half of the money that we raise will be donated to the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, whilst the other half will be used to buy new toys for us to enjoy at our weekly sessions. Join us if you can for a really fun morning and to raise money for a worthy cause!

For more information, please come to a Tiggers session, Wednesday (term time), 10 – 11 30 am at the Salvation Army Hall or contact Sarah on sarah.custance@googlemail.com or 01945-202005.



Sudoku Solution

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

Children's Book Quiz Answers

 Kitten. 2) Puddle-Duck. 3) Rabbit. 4) To become a full member of his tribe. 5) A Psammead or Sand Fairy. 6) Wild Boar.
12 years old. 8) The Disreputable Dog. 9) Liar.

Answers to Library Quiz

- 1) C P Snow (Lord Snow). 2) Morton Rhue. 3) Georges Simenon.
- 4) Ian Rankin. 5) John Steinbeck. 6) Mary Ann Shaffer.
- 7) Ruth Rendell. 8) Yrsa Sigurdardottir 9) Jane Robinson.
- 10) Stendhal. 11) Danielle Steel. 12) Dorothy Simpson.

JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The last month has seen both good and bad news on the transport front. The bad is that as a result of the cuts, the County Council is to end all its subsidised bus services. These are generally the evening and weekend services and for Longstanton, Over and Willingham it means the loss of the evening service 15. I did go to see Andy Campbell, the Managing Director of Stagecoach in Cambridge to see whether there was any possibility of at least retaining either the Friday or Saturday later night service, to enable people wanting an evening out in Cambridge to use public transport. As the cost for just one trip would have been £140, the Council was unwilling to make an exception for this area.

However, the Guided Busway was finally handed over to the County Council on 21 April. This does not mean that buses will start running in the next few weeks. BNL now have until 19 May to fix the defects, which I do not expect them to do. Once this date has passed, the Council will be able to bring in its own contractors to put right what BNL is refusing to address, as well as some other jobs that were outside the original contract. One of these is to tarmac the surface of the bridleway between Cambridge and Swavesey. Originally the plans only provided for a tarmac surface as far as the Longstanton Park-and-Ride, but I am very pleased to say that funding has been found to extend this as far as Swavesey. I hope that one day it will go as far as St Ives. Once the Council has some certainty as to how long the outstanding work will take (some of which is very weather dependent), we will be in a position to give an opening date for buses to start running. Given that I have long wanted to



be on the first bus, I am willing to bet that this will be while I am on holiday!

Also on the transport front and partly to mitigate the effects of the cuts to subsidised services, the County Council has invested in community transport schemes in the County. A scheme covering Longstanton, Over, Willingham and Swavesey will shortly be starting although a volunteer is still needed to co-ordinate the scheme. If you have a few hours to spare each week and would be interested in the role, please let me know and I can pass on your details.

As I write this, I have just returned from the (now annual) 5-Pub Challenge. This is a sponsored walk in the beautiful countryside around Over, Fen Drayton and Swavesey to raise money for the Over Day Centre. The Day Centre provides a lifeline for many frail and elderly not just in Over but also the surrounding villages. Although it has a contract with the County Council to provide a number of places, it still relies very heavily on fundraising and I am extremely grateful to all those who gave up so much time to organise the walk. It was a lovely day and I'm sure the 200+ people and dogs who took part had a great day out – aided by soup at Pub 2 and very welcome cakes at the end.

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

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