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Have you seen this man? He was last seen on The Green but has since disappeared.



**Spring?** 

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## **They Made It!**





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## EDITORIAL

At the time of writing snow is still on the pavements and there are the remains of numerous snowmen in various parts of the village, but is spring just around the corner? British summertime begins on 25 March when we put our clocks forward one hour. But...just a thought. On 2 June 1975 snow fell in many parts of the country, including locally. Whatever the weather it always gives us something to talk about.

#### **Bin Collections**

7 March	Blue and Green bins
14 March	Black bin
21 March	Blue and Green bins
28 March	Black bin
4 April	Blue and Green bins

#### Police Contacts: 0345 456 4564

Our PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) for Willingham and Over is Tom Baugh. His email is: Thomas.Baugh@cambs.pnn.police.uk and his mobile number is 07736 555441.

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

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

For the April issue: Please note the deadline is 10 March. Please send material to the following email address: willinghamnews(a)vahoo.co.uk with Willingham News in the subject heading and if possible, send your copy as an email attachment NOT incorporated into the email. Paper copy may be left at the library.





#### a million voices for nature

## Latest News from the Hanson–RSPB Wetland Project

Hanson and the RSPB are working together in an innovative partnership to restore Needingworth Quarry to the largest reedbed in the UK demonstrating how carefully planned restoration following large scale mineral extraction can help wildlife.

The latest news from the wetland project is that a new bridleway has been created by Hanson overlooking the newly created reedbeds opposite Bluntisham and Earith east of the Great Ouse. The waymarked route runs just west of Brownshill Staunch (TG371727) to No 18 Drove near Hermitage Lock, Earith (TG391744) along the perimeter canal.

Overlooking the site from the perimeter canal, the new route provides excellent views over 85 ha of newly restored wildlife rich habitat which has not previously been visible. Have a look out for brown hare, skylark and reed buntings in the grassy margins and the many wildfowl and wading birds in the wetlands. The site is particularly rich in birds of prey at this time of year with a chance of seeing hunting marsh harriers, hen harriers or a barn owl.

This route is the latest opportunity to enjoy the created reedbeds and forms part of 32 km of new public rights of way being rolled out over the lifetime of the project. Path creation will continue this year with further routes and viewpoints being created around the restored reedbeds near Over and around the settlement lagoons at Needingworth.

#### Chris Hudson, RSPB Warden Hanson–RSPB Wetland Project and Ouse Fen

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## WILLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

#### **A Challenge from Willingham Bowls Club**

# To all residents of Willingham & local villages

Willingham has had a bowling club since 1937 and this season will be our 75th year.

As with most clubs our numbers fluctuate and we badly need an input of new members.

As the saying goes – if you don't use it, you will lose it. Once it has gone it will be very hard (especially in the present climate) to get the bowling green & club back.

We currently run three teams – one in the afternoons and two in the evenings, but to keep the club going we NEED more members.

Bowls is not rocket science, but like any game some degree of skill is desired for enjoyment and success. Experience shows that with a bit of practice (which we will arrange) most newcomers acquire this skill without difficulty and carry on to enjoy the game. We visit a variety of greens and meet members from other clubs which is interesting, challenging, enjoyable and all part of the feel good factor.

So why not take up the challenge! Come with friends, neighbours or on your own and we will help you form into a team. Ladies, do come along too as finesse and accuracy are far more necessary than brute force.

You don't have to wait until retirement, the younger you are the better it is.

Details for the start dates at the end of April will be in next month's magazine.

If you have any questions of queries then please contact: Linda Aspinall – 01954 261562

Alan Davis – 01954 200339

## Willingham Women's Institute

The next meeting is on Monday 12 March at the Social Club.

The speaker is Chris Savage, Workplace Chaplain: 'Why dog collars in the workplace?' New members always welcome; please contact Jacky on 261831.





## **Charity Lunch**

The March Charity Lunch supporting the Alzheimer's Disease Association will be held on the 17 March at 1 pm by Jaqueline Hodkinson and Ruth Weedon at 13 Priest Lane.

The meal consists of soup, cheese and bread and costs £3 All are welcome.

## **Willingham Cricket Club**

Please note the April Quiz will now be on 27 April and not 13 April.

The Cricket club received a call from a lady wanting to play cricket for the village. Unfortunately incorrect information was given. Could the lady concerned, and any other ladies or gentlemen interested in playing cricket for Willingham please call 01954 260336.

## **Queen's Diamond Jubilee:** London coach trip

A coach trip to London is planned on Saturday 9 June, to see the Diamond Jubilee Decorations. The coach will pick up in Willingham at 2 pm. The coach fare will be £10 each.

Anyone interested please contact Ken Jeeps, 3 Haden Way, Willingham. Telephone 01954 260150. PLEASE BOOK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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**OVER & DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** 

April sees the 90th anniversary of our formation and we are holding two events in celebration.

Firstly, we are hosting a concert on Saturday 28 April in St Mary's Church, Over, commencing at 7 30 pm. THE BAND OF THE PARACHUTE REGIMENT will be coming from Colchester to entertain you. Tickets will be on sale from 1 March.

Secondly and more formally, the branch will be laying up its old Standard and dedicating a new one at a special service on the following afternoon at St Mary's Church Over. Standards from other branches will be on parade in our support. Please come along at 3 pm.

These two events will also signal the start of celebrations for the Jubilee year of our patron, Her Majesty The Queen, in conjunction with Over Parish Council.

On 21 March, one of our committee members, Mike Leggett, will be doing a sponsored skydive with his son, David, and would appreciate your support for our cause. If you would like to sponsor Mike, he can be contacted on 01954-200586 or email: michael.leggett3@ntlworld.com

The RBL supports serving members of the armed forces as well as ex-servicemen and women who have returned from service. Often they are injured or have lost their way due to the stresses of active service. Their families and dependants are also cared for by the RBL. Veterans and exservicemen and women often need help as they grow older. Mobility equipment is often provided, respite care homes are funded and the RBL aims to help them live with the pride, dignity and respect they rightly deserve.

#### 350 Lottery

Tickets for our annual lottery club are already on sale from committee members at £5 each. There are two weekly prizes of £10 for 20 consecutive weeks.

On week 20 the final prizes will be

1st prize £100 2nd prize x 2  $\pounds75$ 3rd prize x 2 £50 4th prize x 6  $\pounds 25$ All proceeds will go to the Royal British Legion.

Don't forget to let me know if you need transport for our 'Chinwag Evening' on 22 March at the Admiral Vernon.

Please let us know if any of our members is sick or in need of a visit.

Chairman: Bruce Moyes Secretary: Jan Whipp

Tel: 01954 203607

#### **Fantastic Food & Fun for all the Family!**

Come to Willingham Baptist Church Birthday Party At the Ploughman Hall 24 March from 4 - 6 pm. Tickets free from Trevor Rowe (revtrev@hotmail.com) 261193

Or Hilary Wyllie (hilary.wyllie@btopenworld.com) 260051

## We made it!

After five days trekking on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, the Kilimanjaro Climbers finally reached the summit on Thursday 2 February. This sixth day was tough – we started climbing just before midnight, ascended 4100ft to the summit and then descended 9100ft to camp. The view from the roof of Africa was magnificent; glorious sunshine, clouds below us and vast glaciers on the lower slopes. But at 10 degrees we didn't loiter!

We had travelled through rainforest to alpine desert, camped in sub-zero temperatures, were encouraged to drink 5 litres of water a day to counteract altitude sickness and fought for breath in less than half the oxygen levels found here in Willingham. Our porters and guides were superb, knowledgeably advising and leading, enthusiastically encouraging and always smiling and happy.

We are also delighted to confirm that we have raised well over  $\pounds13,000$  for our four charities – Tearfund, Sick Childrens Trust, Arthur Rank Hospice and Prostate Cancer.

We would like to thank all those who have supported us in this venture, both financially and in thoughts and prayers. We have been touched by the overwhelming encouragement we have received and are delighted to have successfully reached the summit. Without your help it would never have happened. Thank you!

Andrew Jackman



## Do you enjoy living in Willingham?

Your Parish Council is committed to improving the quality of life of our residents. To this end we have already commissioned a Parish Plan which has proved to be a great catalyst for change but we would like to achieve more.

The Parish Council is required, by statute, to hold an annual meeting in which the public is specifically invited to take part. The purpose of this meeting is to encourage rate payers to have a greater say in influencing the decisions of their elected officials and to receive an annual report and a statement of accounts, which are presented to the residents for discussion at the meeting.

Support of the Annual Parish Meeting has never been great and in recent years has declined even further. The Parish Council have discussed this and agreed that with the government set to give ratepayers more powers over local decisions, the relationship between residents and the Parish Council needs to be improved.

We hope to improve the running of the meeting and increase residents' participation. We will invite other organisations, such as the police, county council and district council to take an active part. Clubs and societies will be invited to have a greater involvement since they can have a significant impact on quality of life.

We have seen a significant increase in the number and support of clubs since the Parish Plan and the Parish Council would like to help generate further increases and improvements to facilities. We have already started informing clubs/societies of our plans but if your club has not been included please get in touch with Reg Purnell at the Parish Council offices.

At present we expect the annual meeting to be held on 16 May. Make a note in your diary now and commit yourself to attending. More news of this meeting will follow.

Reg Purnell Willingham Parish Council

## Willingham Originalz Youth Club

Wednesday 7 March, 6-7 15 pm in the Octagon Wednesday 14 & 21 March, 6 30 pm -8 pm in the Octagon Wednesday 28 March, 6 30 -8 pm Baptist Hall

The youth work in the village has entered a new phase. Plans have been drawn up and submitted to the County Council to provide a dedicated youth facility in the Ploughman Hall on two floors. We are looking for help in fund raising to pay for the work to be completed in the latter half of this year. We are also hoping to start a second session even before the new facility is opened. If you would like to help as a fundraiser or as a youth club volunteer please contact Trevor Rowe 261193.

## **UNWANTED TOOLS CAN LIVE AGAIN**

Do your unwanted tools still have a purpose in life? Tools With A Mission (TWAM) is an Ipswich-based charitable organisation which collects and refurbishes tools and equipment that are no longer required, and ships them abroad to some of the world's most needy people. There, the tools can help people to earn a living and so make the initial step from aid-dependency to self-sufficiency. If you have hand tools you no longer need and are happy to give away - for carpentry, motor mechanics, building, plumbing, electricians...lathes, saws, power tools for drilling, sanding or planning, garden forks, spades, hoes, rakes, sewing machines; even laptops and flat-screen computers (but not electric mowers, please). Bring them to 27 High Street, or phone 01954 260051 for us to pick up, between 17 March and 21 March. There are more details about TWAM on their website: http://www.twam.co.uk

Andrew & Hilary Wyllie

## The Five Pub Challenge Sunday 13 May

Join us again on our popular 11.5 mile sponsored walk via five local pubs, and help us to raise much needed funds to keep the Day Centre in Over thriving.

Starting at 11 am from the Over Day Centre, follow a route map through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to The Pike & Eel, The Ferry Boat (for a hot dog or burger), The Three Tuns and then The White Horse. Finish with a complimentary home-baked cake at The Admiral Vernon in Over.

 $\pounds 8$  entry fee in advance, or free entry if you collect just  $\pounds 20$  in sponsorship.

£10 entry on the day from 10 30 am.

Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by downloading from www.overdaycentre.co.uk or telephoning 01954 231807.

Certificates for all finishers.

Under 18s are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for young children!

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Enquires and orders can be taken from Monday–Friday between 9 am - 12 30 pm on 01354 696650.

## WILLINGHAM 'FAT BOY'

In 1890 Herbert E. Norris wrote a booklet entitled '*The Village of Willingham*'. He wrote it for his mother who probably lived in the village at some time. The booklet was printed by Jarman and Gregory, printers and publishers of St. Ives. In the booklet Norris says 'Willingham is noted for its 'admirable church, Belsars Hill and the 'Fat Boy'. The boy's name was Thomas Hall, son of Thomas and Margaret Hall'.

In 1774 particulars of this unfortunate little boy were communicated to the Royal Society, by Mr Almond of Willingham. It was not until Mr Dawkes, surgeon of St Ives, examined and measured him, that Thomas became well known. The pamphlet on Thomas, *Prodigium Willinghamense* was written by Mr Dawkes and was sent to Dr Mead FRS and read to the Royal Society in 1745. Dr Mead referred to Thomas as a prodigy of nature who had 'engaged the attention of the curious in this neighbourhood.'

Dr Dawkes' report of 1774 said: 'I went to a village called Willingham alias Wivelingham, about six computed, but ten measured miles north of Cambridge to see a boy then just two years and ten months old, of whom I took with the utmost accuracy the following dimensions:

Height: 3 feet 8 inches Round neck: 14 inches Waist: 23 inches Wrist: 6 inches Femur: 10 inches Thigh: 14 inches Tibia: 9 inches Foot: 6 inches Calf: 10 inches His weight: 4 stone and 2 pounds.

The hair of his head is long, strong and curly. He is very strong, I saw him take up and throw from him a blacksmith's hammer, which weighed 17 pounds. When he is provoked by other children (he goes to school) he does not fight with his fists nor legs but collars them and lays them prostrate by mere strength thus they tell me he will frequently serve boys of 8 or 10 years of age.

His voice is extremely manly, a deep bass and he pronounces very distinctly. He has something a little savage in his look, though they tell me he is not quarrelsome. He eats and drinks with great moderation. His understanding seems to be equal to that of a six year old, he is quick of apprehension and has a retentative memory.'

He was not made a public show of but walked about and played with other children.

His father was a little man, a labourer and his mother a woman of middle stature. Thomas died aged six and some of the inhabitants of Willingham 'unwilling that so rare an instance of creating wisdom should be lost for future ages' informed Mr Dawkes of their inclination to contribute a monumental stone to the remembrance of this rare and curious piece of natural history. An inscription in Latin was translated by Herbert Norris as follows:

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Continued from previous page Stop traveller, And, wondering, know, Here buried lie the remains of Thomas The son of Thomas and Margaret Hall, Who Not one year old Had the signs of manhood Not three Was almost four feet high Endowed with uncommon strength A just proportion of parts And a stupendous voice Before six Died As it were of an advanced age He was born in this village Oct.xxxi, mdccxli and in the same departed this life Sept 111,mdccxlvii

I wonder if any Willingham residents have ever heard stories of this little boy handed down through the generations and whether he was buried in Willingham?

With thanks to Paul Thompson who rescued the booklet from a skip!

Jo Bonar

## **ROSIE IN STITCHES**

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

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

Follow us on the Rosie in Stitches facebook page.

During 2012 we are selling raffle tickets at  $\pounds 1$  each for an exquisite hand-embroidered double bed quilt worth  $\pounds 2000$  to be drawn at our AGM in 2013. You can buy tickets online through our website as well as from our Tea Bar, at the AGM and our many stalls (see below).

Our Annual General Meeting is on Monday 5 March from 12 45 pm to 2 30 pm in Seminar Room 4 at The Rosie Hospital, refreshments will be served at 12 30 pm.

#### FORTHCOMING STALL DATES

Tea Bar, Rosie Hospital Outpatient Clinic

Community Market, Bar Hill

Saturday 3 March 10 30 am to 12 30 pm

Saturday 14 April 10 30 am to 12 30 pm

Outpatients at Addenbrooke's Hospital

Tuesday 27 March 10 am to 4 pm

## WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Meetings are on the first Monday of each month and start at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers and from time to time on subjects of wider interest. Meetings on average last about one-and-a-half hours. There is a plant raffle at each meeting.

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 interested in plants 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  $\pounds 10$ .

You may attend one meeting for a small charge of  $\pounds 2$  to see what we do and to speak to members and to the committee informally.

In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and other places of interest which will commence in the spring. **Provisional** 2012 dates for your diaries are

• Saturdays - 19 May, 14 July, and 22 September and

• Wednesday 7 November for the Xmas Shopping trip. **Contact Celia on 01954 261394** or just turn up to a meeting to experience what we do or to join.

#### **Reminders for Members**

The Club AGM is on Monday 5 March – The talk will be on *Fruit and Vegetables in a Modern Garden*.

Your annual subscriptions will be due and payable at the April meeting.

#### Apology

It was not possible to contact all members prior to the date of the last scheduled meeting on 6 February which was cancelled because of the weather conditions and for this we apologise. In an effort to avoid similar difficulties in the future we intend to ask all members to submit or re-submit their contact details at the March meeting.

#### Letter

#### WILLINGHAM WINE APPRECIATION SOCIETY

My name is Clive Pawsey and I have lived in Willingham with my wife Cat for 18 months and we love it here.

I am the manager of Cambridge Wine Merchants in King's Parade Cambridge and have been involved in the wine trade for 25 years. My approach to wine is that it should be enjoyed, without too much snobbery, and I was wondering if there are any more like-minded people in the Willingham area who would like to get together on a monthly basis to share, enjoy and learn more about this wonderful subject. This would be in a very informal setting where we will be able to share experiences and knowledge, and the odd bottle (or few), and I can share my knowledge with tutored tastings of wines from various regions around the world. I am hoping that the emphasis of such a group would definitely be on the social side.

Anyone interested please get in touch with me at clive.pawsey@gmail.com and I will give further details.

## Willingham Library

#### www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library 0345 0455225



Monday		5 00 – 7 00 pm
Tuesday		2 30 – 7 00 pm
Wednesday	Closed	
Thursday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm	2 30 – 7 00 pm
Friday	10 00 am - 12 30 pm	
Saturday	10 00 am – 12 30 pm	

#### Engage in the Afternoon

Come and join in with these special sessions for adults on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 pm 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.

In February we enjoyed learning how to improve our photographs via a few simple techniques with Derek Law from Willingham Photography Club.

- o Wednesday 7 March Spring Flowers Flower Arranging with Carol Bailey
- o Wednesday 4 April *Magistrates Courts* and How to Avoid Them with Phil King

#### Friends of Willingham Library

At the time of going to press, we are still waiting to hear precise details of the County Council's plans for Willingham Library from April, though we now know that it won't shut. The best way for a community to keep a thriving and professionally run library is to show that it is well supported. To celebrate National Libraries Day on Saturday 4 February, the Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) offered coffee to loyal Saturday morning users, plus some extra visitors, and signed up new members.

If you would like to show your support, and have your say on future plans, then please become a member of FOWL. It costs just £5 per year and membership forms are available in the Library, or by telephoning Linda on 260780.

**Reginald B Johns** died peacefully on 16 January 2012. As Lord of the Manor of Willingham he lived at his family's home in the High Street, with his wife Connie since the last war, where they commercially grew fruit and flowers until retirement. Illness struck in 2003 and they moved to Bristol and Reg eventually resided in a local nursing home where he died. A former member of the Parish Council, he was a much loved, kind and generous eccentric and will be missed by many.

## Pastoral Letter

How many of January's New Year Resolutions are still in force? Of the three I made, one is going strong, one is struggling to survive and one has more or less vanished. When I look at the difference that the one that is still in force has made to my life I am pretty pleased and amazed. Surely it would be worth it to persevere and make the effort with the others that I've experienced set backs with?

william, one of my grandsons once showed great perseverance when he decided it was time to learn how to get out of his high chair. Choosing the one occasion that mummy, Susie, in a rush, had only put the top half of his straps on, be waited until she popped into the kitchen to get the next part of lunch then skilfully slid himself out feetfirst landing upright on the floor under the table. At this point, being only eight months old, be could only fall facefirst onto the wooden floor. Susie was alerted to this partly by the thud, but mostly by William's older, but much less adventurous brother, Thomas. Having witnessed the scene belplessly from bis bigb chair be screamed and cried 'Mummy I couldn't help it - he just did it'. Poor Thomas needed lots of comforting; William, meanwhile, lay on the floor smiling from ear to ear with the glow of victory and achievement that at last he had managed to escape. For William, the problem of smashing one's face on the floor was but a small price to pay for the many opportunities now opened up to him. No pain, no gain.

Life is hard for many people at the moment, and for far more serious matters than failed resolutions or escaping a high chair. When we encounter set backs in life we have a choice. Do we see them as problems or as opportunities to grow? Scott-Peck, in 'The Road Less Travelled' said: 'It is for this reason that wise people learn not to dread but actually welcome the pain of problems. In the Bible St James writes: 'Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything'. He was talking about faith but it is true of all life. St Paul said: 'suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope'.

My bope is that those finding it bard to come through difficulties will come to know that we have a God who loves and cares for us. In Jesus we see Him present more in our struggles than in the easy times and never more than when He journeys with us through Lent towards the Cross.

Linda Liversidge Vicar of St Mary's and All Saints'

## **PROFILE: VICKY HOPE**

Vicky is possibly best known to most of our readers, both young and those not so young as 'Mrs Hope'. Vicky lives in Over but has spent most of her working life in Willingham, teaching at the Primary School. Her association with the primary school began in January 1980, and she is in fact, the longest serving teacher at the school and is now teaching the children of past pupils.

Vicky's first teaching post was in Cippenham, Maidenhead and she lived in Slough with her husband, Rob. Her family home had been in Evesham, Worcestershire where she lived with her parents and two older sisters, and

the move to Willingham prompted by a was decision to return to a rural area. Vicky's first visit to Cambridgeshire was on the day of her interview when she drove husband her to Cambridge, arranged a place meeting and, without knowledge of the area, then continued on to Willingham, driving through the disused airfield at Oakington. Her interview was successful and Vickv returned to Cambridge to collect Rob

who would then look for his own employment in this area. For the first six months of the teaching post in Willingham, and while house hunting, Vicky drove from Slough to Willingham early each Monday morning and returned home again on a Friday evening, lodging locally during the week. She remembers how lucky she was as the weather was never bad enough to prevent early morning travelling during the winter months. The first time Rob saw their first home in Over was the day they moved in!

Vicky has worked under three different Heads at Willingham and has had a variety of responsibility roles along with her classroom teaching, during this long and happy association with the school. She was at first in charge of 'girls'welfare', then became the Science Co-ordinator, before becoming the Special Needs Co-ordinator. Vicky has also taught different age groups at the school. She has now chosen to work three days a week and is the Health and Safety representative. Many past pupils will remember her as being very sporty, running all the netball teams, among other things, with great enthusiasm. Vicky has never wanted or chosen to pursue a headship role. Her heart is most definitely within the classroom and she strives to encourage and enable pupils to achieve the best they can. She recognises that all children have individual qualities and though some may not necessarily be great readers or mathematicians, their talents may lie elsewhere. She encourages pupils to recognise their abilities and areas of strength.

During this long and happy teaching career in the same school Vicky must have seen many changes. She thinks that although children now are more 'techno savvy', they still have the same kind of things which concern and worry them as they did thirty years ago. Information technology is one of the big changes. When she first began there were no computers within the school. Now she has four in her own classroom as well as an interactive whiteboard and of course there is the recently opened computer suite. However, 'teachers are still very concerned about the basics.

> Computers are not a substitute but are a great teaching aid. Teachers keep learning with the pupils'.

> Vicky is full of praise for the current Head, Jo Brearley, who 'leads from the front. She has made such a difference to the school, to what it has achieved and to the amenities it has. It is a very happy school'.

> Away from school and in her spare time, Vicky continues to play Squash and is the Secretary of the Fenland Squash club.

She loves the theatre and is a fan of great movies. Art and Art Deco is a passion and both she and husband Rob love to travel and when possible combine both interests. On one holiday to the USA, Vicky arranged that they stopped off in Chicago especially to see a painting, 'Nighthawks' by Edward Hopper!

I wondered how Vicky has managed to remain the Peter Pan of teaching. She hardly looks any different to thirty years ago when I was a parent with a child in her class. What's the secret? Perhaps some of it is down to her Italian mother but I suspect it is mostly due to her youthful optimism, enthusiasm and tireless energy and to doing a job which she so clearly loves and... Mrs Hope 'doesn't know where the exit door is'.

It is natural for all children to have favourite teachers, and for many past and present pupils of Willingham Primary, Vicky is that teacher. (Editor's words and thoughts, not those of Vicky!) She remains totally self-effacing and unaware that she has been an inspiration to hundreds of Willingham children. I have first hand experience of knowing just how much of an influence Vicky was on my own children's education and to the children of friends. Current pupils describe her as being fun and on 'Facebook' past pupils describe her as being a legend! There are no doubt, a few young teachers in various parts of the country who have chosen their careers, having been inspired to do so by 'Mrs Hope'.





## Parish Church

**Bubbles** – is held in the Octagon every Friday during school term time from 10 –11 15 am. Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers a time to meet others and be creative.



Messy Church – is a fun session for the whole family, involving all the Churches in Willingham. It is held in the Church and the Octagon between 3 30 and 5 30 pm, on the third Sunday of the month. 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 or Linda at revlin@me.com

time4T – a friendly get-together that is open to everyone to be held every Friday 2 - 4 pm in the Octagon. Good company. £1 includes tea and biscuits. More information available from Alan (261349), Rosemary (205718) or David & Mary (261353).

**Bric-a-brac** is always on sale at 19 Fen End, the home of Rene Gould. Proceeds from the Bric-a-brac Stall go to the Building and Restoration Fund.



**Baby Notes:** Mondays 2 30 pm **except** for the **last** Monday of each month. Mums and carers bring along your young children, newborn to crawling, for a time of music and baby massage – and make friends. **To be held in the Octagon** 

**TOPS:** Tuesday mornings from  $9\ 45\ -\ 11\ 15$  am durin term time. This is a group for children from 18 months to 3 years with parents and carers for fun activities and refreshments. **To be held in the Ploughman Hall.** 

**Bumps and Babies:** Thursdays at 10 am for mums-to-be and those with babies up to 18 months. To be held in the Ploughman Hall.

**Open Door coffee morning:** Thursdays from 10-11 30 am – a chance to chat with old and new friends. To be held in homes around the village. To find out where, or to ask for a lift, phone Cynthia Nolan, 202240

**Kids' Friday Club (KFC):** Fridays during 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. To be held in the Salvation Army Church Hall in March.

On the weekend of 24 and 25 March the Baptist Church celebrates 136 years in Willingham with two days of special events with the incoming president of the Baptist Union, Rev Chris Duffet.

#### Saturday 24 March

10 am - 12 pm Training session *How to Give Away your Faith* 4 - 6 pm The Big Birthday Party in the Ploughman Hall. Bring the family and celebrate with us.

#### Sunday 25 March

- 10 am Family celebration
- 4 pm Celebration tea followed by Songs of Praise
- 7 pm Ask the President

**Sunday Family Worship:** Up to 18 March will take place in the Ploughman Hall. From 25 March back in the Baptist Hall, George Street.

## **Salvation Army**

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

'Nimble Fingers' Craft Meeting: Monday 2-4 pm. Bring your knitting, sewing, card making and come and join with others. Learn the skills of embroidery. Tea and coffee and good company provided!

**Luncheon Club:** Every two weeks 8 and 22 March. Come and join us for a home-cooked lunch and dessert at a cost of  $\pounds 3.50$ . There is still room left for a few more. Ring Gordon on 260066 or Daphne 260568. Please book in advance if possible.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group.** Thursday 15 March from 2-3 pm. All are welcome to come and join us for an informal time of study and chat and prayer with a cup of tea.

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

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

## **Mothers' Union**

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 26 March at 2 30 pm.

The Rev Linda Liversidge will be taking the Lady Day Service in Church.

Please support the Bring and Buy Stall. All are welcome to join us.





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

#### 4 March

8 00 am Communion BCP (said) 10 30 am Morning Worship 6 00 pm Evening Service at Over

#### 11 March

9 00 am Communion Service 1030 am All-Age Service 6 00 pm Evening Service at Willingham

#### **18 March**

9 00 am Morning Prayer

1030 am Mothering Sunday Family Service followed by a Short Communion for those who wish to stay 400 pm Messy Church at Longstanton

#### 25 March

- 9 00 am Communion Service
- 10 30 am Morning Worship
- 6 00 pm Evening Service at Longstanton

We have a variety of styles of worship and we hope you will find one that suits you. You will be warmly welcomed whenever you come.

#### 9 am Traditional

This service uses traditional Church of England communion and Morning Prayer services. Please note that there is no Sunday School provision for children at this service.

#### 10 30 am Informal and Child friendly

Modern worship with a Sunday School for children in the Octagon on most Sundays during term time. On the 2nd Sunday of the month (and 5th when there is one) we stay together in church for 'All Age Worship'. Children are always welcome. Fidget bags are available for use in the pews.

#### 6 pm Team Services

We are beginning to work towards becoming a Team with Over and Longstanton by holding evening services around each of the three churches. Initially service formats will vary whilst we settle into these arrangements.

If you know of anyone who is ill or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let the Vicar (Linda) know.

#### **CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART** 19 Needingworth Road, St Ives

www.sacredheart-stives.org

#### Week-end Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5 pm Sundays at 8 am and 11 am

At Bar Hill church centre, 6 pm on Saturdays

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

#### 4 March

5 00 pm **11 March** 5 00 pm

Acts of Kindness - Luke 10:25-37

Worship 24/7! Romans 12:1-2

#### **18 March** 5 00 pm

Mothering Sunday Café Church!

**25 March** 500 pm

Exercise in prayer! Jeremiah 29:11-12



BAPTIST CHURCH

George Street, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LJ info@willinghambaptist.org www.willinghambaptist.org

Sunday family worship up to 18 March in the Ploughman Hall. From March 25 back in Baptist Hall, George Street.

#### 4 March

- 10 am The struggle to do the right thing
- 5 pm Service with the Salvation Army

#### **11 March**

- 10 am Life with God's Spirit
- 5 pm Service with the Salvation Army

#### **18 March**

- 10 am TGI Mothers' Day (with the Scout Movement)
- 5 pm Service with the Salvation Army

#### **25 March**

- 10 am Church Anniversary celebration with Chris Duffet, incoming President of the Baptist Union
- Celebration tea followed by Songs of Praise 5 pm
- 7 pm Ask the President

#### WILLINGHAM SURGERY & LONGSTANTON BRANCH SURGERY



Reception Tel: Willingham 260230 Longstanton 207600 Dispensary 260073

Out of hours cover: Urgent Care Cambridgeshire 0330 123 9131

When the surgery is closed please ring Urgent Care Cambridgeshire 0330 123 9131 or NHS Direct 0845 4647 for advice only

Willingham Medical Practice website www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk is now up and running. Please take a few moments to have a look. We would welcome your feedback.

**Carers** Looking after someone? If you are looking after a relative, friend or partner who is ill, frail or disabled and you would like your doctor to know that you are a carer, please let the surgery know and your records will be updated. Get recognised and get some support! If you would like to be put in touch with the local Carers Support Team, please contact the surgery.

Our surgery has access to other information which may be of use to you so please contact us and we will try to help.

Want to lose weight for the summer? Now is a good time of year to start a healthy well balanced nutritional diet plan to help you look your best in the warmer weather. Healthy eating does not have to be all carrots and lettuce. Come along to the Willingham Surgery Slimming Clinic every Wednesday 3 - 4 pm or 5 45 - 6 15 pm. £2 50 per session. Karen will give you an individual consultation with lots of useful tips, menu plans and advice about how to lose weight but still allow yourself a few food treats now and then. Our own surgery staff slimmers have worked out that if we lose a pound or two each week we will be at least one stone lighter by July and maybe even two! Act now to get a head start this year.

National No Smoking Day on Wednesday 14 March so take the leap and give it a go. Visit the British Heart Foundation www.WeQuit.co.uk website or for a more individual approach make an appointment with one of our practice nurses for help and support. We can supply a full range of nicotine aids on an NHS prescription including gum, patches and lozenges.

Make 2012 the year you finally give up smoking and have a healthier lifestyle. No time to make an appointment? Why not pop into Willingham Pharmacy and speak to our smoking cessation advisors who can also provide a confidential service. Products are available on an NHS prescription or can be purchased over the counter. For information about giving up for good call the Quit Line 0800 00 22 00 or the NHS Smoking Helpline 0800 169 0 169 or go to: www.givingupsmoking.co.uk

Acknowledgements Our thanks go to friends and family of Nancy Foster for their donations to the Willingham Surgery Equipment Fund in her memory.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

#### WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 - 1 00	2 30 - 6 00
Appointments	8 30 - 11 00	3 00 - 6 00
Tuesday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 6 00
Appointments	8 30 - 11 00	3 00 - 5 30
Ante Natal/Baby	/ Clinic	2 00 - 4 00
Wednesday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 7 00
Appointments	8 30 - 11 00	4 30 - 7 00
Thursday	8 30 - 1 00	Closed from 1 00 pm
Appointments	8 30 - 11 00	Half day
Friday Appointments Emergencies	8 30 - 1 00 8 30 - 11 00	2 00 - 6 00 3 00 - 5 30 4 00 - 6 00

#### WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787 NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 - 1 00	2 30 - 6 30
Tuesday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 6 00
Wednesday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 7 30
Thursday	8 30 - 1 00	CLOSED
Friday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 6 30

## **Willingham Walkers**

#### Sunday 11 March

This month we have planned a circular walk via Fox and Hounds corner, across to the Guided Busway and back along Station Road

Meet at the Duke of Wellington at 10 am. We should be back in Willingham by about 1 pm. Please let Mike know if you are planning to come along.

Contact Mike Tidball: email m.tidball@btinternet.com or phone 260647.



Willingham Walkers on their February walk on Devil's Dyke at Reach

## **The Connections Bus**

#### www.connectionsbusproject.org.uk

The youth bus is parked on West Fen Road every Wednesday 7 - 9 pm for young people aged 11-18 (free entry).

So often it is difficult to quantify the effect that the charity's work has on people's lives, but at the charity's AGM in October there was some excellent feedback from some young people who have had direct experience of the service. The following are some direct quotes but with names changed.

'The thing I remember was a feeling of security, even on the occasions when people from my school went along. I wasn't the 'fat nerdy' kid on the Connections Bus, I was just Anne.'

'I used to bend the ears of the workers, trying to make them understand how I was feeling. They always listened attentively and looking back it's a little embarrassing to think of all the things that I said. I thought they were so significant at the time and the workers there did very well to encourage me to talk and think about how I was feeling. They never once rolled their eyes or ridiculed me and were always on hand with advice and support. Sometimes it was enough just to have them listen.'

'As for me, the team advised and encouraged me for several weeks until they found the job I am in at present and have been for the last four years. Without this help I wouldn't have known of its existence.'

'I have gained key skills for example compiling my Curriculum Vitae, (which is a bit of a struggle for many) and gaining interview skills, also the team boosted my confidence considerably.'

#### Young Volunteer scheme

This scheme allows older young people who are already attending to become more involved in the bus sessions in their village. It includes an induction process to establish what they would like to help with and their motives for doing so, and then a training programme on the relevant equipment. Initially young people have assisted youth workers by running the tuck-shop, changing computer games, and leading craft activities. Some have also played a role in identifying particular issues that may require youth worker involvement. As part of the scheme they also take part in some distance learning looking at: the needs of young people, the values and skills a youth worker may possess, and an evaluation of their time as a volunteer.

Anyone interested in volunteering they should get in touch with Alan Webb (Project Manager) 01223 232978 or admin@connectionsbusproject.org.uk

## Willingham Craft Fair

Saturday 17 March

(and every 3rd Saturday of each month)

2 pm to 4 pm The Ploughman Hall, Willingham

Sock Monkeys, Handmade Jewellery, Cards and Candy, Cakes, Patchwork and more.

## Sudoku

Solution on page 18

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## Friends of Willingham Library March Book Quiz

Complete the missing word with a number – cardinal and/or ordinal (Answers on page 18)

1. Field of ..... **Dick Francis** 2. .....Buckle my shoe Agatha Christie 3. *The* ..... *Echo* H E Bates 4. *The ..... Man* Manning Coles 5. Look ..... Ways at Murder John Creasev 6. The ..... Steps John Buchan 7. The .....Curtain Rov Fuller 8. The Secret of Annexe ..... Colin Dexter 9. The ..... Bells and Bladebone Martha Grimes 10. The ..... Man Graham Greene 11. The Night of the ..... Michael Gilbert 12..... Patricia Highsmith 13. .... Men in a Boat Jerome K Jerome 14. The Last ..... Seconds Simon Kernick 15. The ..... Taps Ronald Knox



## **From the Parish Council**

#### www.willingham-pc.org.uk

#### B1050:

As all of you who have driven up to Earith recently will know, the road north of Willingham that runs alongside the river is in a very poor state of repair. The problem is in the subsoil which was originally formed from material dredged from the river. It is soft and spongy and simply not capable of supporting the volume and weight of the traffic it now carries. A significant amount of money has already been spent mending and patching but a more permanent solution is needed.

A lively and well attended public meeting took place at the beginning of February to hear from Cambridge County Council's Highways Department about their plans, which although not yet finalised, are looking at underpinning the current highway and at the same time widening it slightly in the narrower parts. The plan would involve the complete closure of the road for several weeks or even months with the aim of strengthening it sufficiently to carry the current and future load. Costs for this work are currently estimated at £2.6 million.

Doubts were expressed from the floor of the meeting about the effectiveness of the proposed solution. The road has been described as 'like a pudding with a crust of tarmac floating on a soft interior'. It was stated that underpinning would need to be very substantial indeed to solve the problem, almost certain to cost well in excess of  $\pounds 2.6$  million, and even then not likely to succeed in the long term. There was a view that this would simply be yet again a waste of time and money.

There was strong support from most of those present for other solutions either in terms of a bypass or a HCV (formerly referred to as HGV) ban. The Highways Department said that a bypass was simply not affordable in the foreseeable future but Councillor Johnstone for the County and Councillor Manning for the District argued eloquently that there could be ways of funding it through loans and made the point that rather than spend  $\pounds 2.6$  million plus on a repair it was far better to find a permanent solution that took into account the effects of Northstowe.

A lengthy debate followed on the alternative and immediate solution of an HCV ban. The Highways Department were reluctant to consider this because of the knock on effect on other roads such as the B1049 through Cottenham. Many good arguments were made by those present for this to be reconsidered as a more cost effective solution with considerable benefits to the environment, safety and quality of life of those living close to the road.

Highways have gone away to review the matter and we will keep you informed of their decision. Although at the moment it seems likely they will proceed with the  $\pounds 2.6$  million repair they need to try and think outside of the box. There could be a win win solution for everyone but it will need holistic thinking to achieve it. Do let them know directly what you think or let us know and we will pass on your comments.

#### **Buses**:

More changes are planned to local services which will reduce the number of direct buses into Cambridge to one every two hours and provide no direct service to St Ives. There will be a Monday to Saturday hourly service feeding either the Longstanton Park and Ride or the Swavesey Guided Bus stop. Stagecoach have been approached several times by the Parish Council and the County Council regarding changes to the service and the provision of a regular shuttle bus feeding links from the local villages to the guided bus. In response Stagecoach have made some small changes but say that it is simply impractical for a commercial organisation to do more without subsidy. The Parish Council will be discussing with County and other local villages what else can be done.

#### **Ploughman Hall:**

Plans for conversion of the north western part of the Ploughman Hall into a permanent youth centre have been drawn up and discussions are in hand with Willingham Youth Trust. Formal approval for this and for improvements to the car park will be submitted shortly. Investigations are also in hand as to whether solar panels can be installed. The south roof offers an almost perfect aspect for solar panels and they could provide significant energy savings but the scheme will be dependent on grant aid to meet the capital cost.

#### **Contact Details:**

Agendas, minutes and much more are on the website or for the latest news and updates you can twitter Willingham pc. Your current Parish Councillors are:-

four current Parish Councillors are:-	
Mr H Awal	01954-204526
Mr I Barratt	01954-261609
Mr D Clarke	01954-260600
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 R Manning	01954-261235
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 on Wednesday 7 March and the Annual Parish Meeting on 16 May, both at the Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street at 7 30 pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend and speak or ask questions.

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. There is an answer-phone service outside office hours.

Our parish clerk is Mrs Dawn Spouge and our Admin Assistant is Mrs Amanda Powell. The contact details are: Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954-261027: E-mail email@willinghampc.org.uk

## JOTTINGS FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

I was pleased to see so many people at the recent meeting about the B1050. As I write this article I have just received news that the road is to be shut again on 12 February to spend another £16,000 on further repairs. I always try to retain a sense of proportion and balance, but I really do feel that the situation has now gone on for long enough and needs to be sorted once and for all. And that 'sorting' has got to be a bypass. We know that Northstowe is going to generate considerable additional traffic through Willingham, even if the vast majority does go to the A14. My biggest concern remains construction traffic. At present it is anticipated that the aggregates for Northstowe will be sourced from the Mepal and Needingworth quarries and will be routed along the A1096, through St Ives and the A14. The Highways Agency have said that upgrading of the A14 does not need to happen for Phase 1, yet it is intended that a development the size of Willingham can be constructed by using the A14 as the sole transport route. I suspect the residents of St Ives will not be that pleased either. Surely taking a longer term view, it will be more cost effective - and better environmentally - for a Willingham bypass to take construction traffic.

In the meantime, I am continuing to urge the Council to implement the HCV ban that was promised some eighteen months ago. I accept that it will mean lorries going on other roads, probably through Cottenham, but as I said at the meeting, I don't represent Cottenham – and I will continue



to fight for my constituents – even at the risk of upsetting some of my council colleagues! There will be a meeting with officers from the County Council in March to look at what can be done, but I will keep up the pressure.

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 Twitter: @ShonaFJ

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This month we see yet another of the village pubs that closed to business in the 1990s. It is the White Hart, pictured in the 1960s. There were many popular pubs in the village and each had their own regular 'clientele.' This is seen in photographs of village parades where members from each pub would compete with other pubs – often for the most outrageous fancy dress! The White Hart was a coaching inn with stabling at the rear from days when horses were normal transport. The collection also has photos from the 1920s before the front was extended as shown here. The pub is now a private residence and has recently been subject to a very tasteful restoration.

If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or oldwill@oldwillingham.com

#### Janet Hart made contact about last month's photo

'The driver in the photo is of Robert 'Bob' Few, younger brother of my Grandfather, Henry Few. He had a carriers' business collecting from Longstanton Station. In the 1901 Census he is aged 17 and is a 'Carrier



to Great Eastern Railway'. He remained unmarried and lived with his parents (father: Jonas Few) in Manor Lane. His nephews Frank Few and Ernest Few (my father) continued with the carriers' business.'

## VILLAGE DIARY

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MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO			
MARCH							
2	Time4T	Parish Church	Octagon	2 – 4 pm £1			
3	Stall	Friends of the Rosie	Community Centre Bar Hill	10 30 am - 12 30 pm			
4	Nets Practice	Cricket Club	Hills Road	9 – 11 am			
5	AGM Fruit & Veg in a modern garden	Gardening Club	Octagon	7 30			
5	AGM	Friends of the Rosie	Seminar Room 4, The Rosie	12 45 - 2 30 pm			
7	Spring Flowers with Carol Bailey	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm			
7	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm			
7	Coffee morning & raffle	Wilford Furlong Sheltered Housing	Wilford Furlong	10 30 onwards			
8	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Silver Street	£3.50			
9	Time4T	Parish Church	Octagon	2 – 4 pm £1			
10	Craft Fair		The Memorial Hall Swavesey	10 – 12 noon Contact 260079			
11	March Walk	Willingham Walkers	Meet at Duke of Wellington	10 am			
12	Why dog collars in the workplace? with Chris Savage	WI	Social Club	7 30 Contact 261831			
14	Coffee morning & raffle	Wilford Furlong Sheltered Housing	Wilford Furlong	10 30 onwards			
16	Time4T	Parish Church	Octagon	2-4 pm £1			
17	Charity Lunch	For Alzheimer's Association	13 Priest Lane	1 pm £3 per person			
17	Craft Fair		Ploughman Hall	2 pm – 4 pm			
19	Photography Club Taster Session	Willingham Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 pm Contact 07903 724659 or 260790			
21	Coffee morning & raffle	Wilford Furlong Sheltered Housing	Wilford Furlong	All welcome 10 30 onwards			
22	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Silver Street	£3.50			
22	Chinwag Evening	Royal British Legion	The Admiral Vernon, Over	7 30 pm Contact Jan Whipp 203607			
23	Time4T	Parish Church	Octagon	$2-4 \text{ pm } \pounds 1$			
24	Baptist Church Birthday Party	Willingham Baptist Church	Ploughman Hall	4 – 6 pm Contact 261193 or 260051			
26	Lady Day Service	Mothers' Union	Parish Church	2 30 pm			
27	Stall	Friends of the Rosie	Outpatients Addenbrookes	10 am to 4 pm			
28	Coffee morning & raffle	Wilford Furlong Sheltered Housing	Wilford Furlong	10 30 onwards			
30	Time4T	Parish Church	Octagon	2 – 4 pm £1			

## **Answers to March Book Quiz**

1. Thirteen;	9. Five;
2. One, Two;	10. <i>Third</i> ;
3. Triple;	11. Twelfth;
4. Fifth;	12. Eleven;
5. Three;	13. Three,
6. Thirty-Nine,	14. Ten;
7. Second;	15. Three.
8. Three;	

Sudoku	
Solution	

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## VILLAGE DIRECTORY

## Please notify Willingham News of any changes

Council	Parish Council (See full details on page 16)		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
	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
	Phoenix Prep School	Mrs Jackie Daire	01954 263113
	School Governors Chairman	Rob Laycock	01954 203528
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Richard Foster	01954 261293
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
Children	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	Wits Wi Dellai	01954 200045
		Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Gustance	
	Old Buttery Nursery School	DI ST Colorit Martinella Daire	01954 260046
	Holiday Playscheme	Phoenix School, Mrs Jackie Daire	01954 263113
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Bubbles/Messy Church	Rev L Liversidge/	01954 263187/
		Heather Mellows	01954 270063
	Bumps and Babies Group	Catherine Rowe	01954 261193
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Little Notes Music group	Emma Tregenna	01954 261775
	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	Rosemary Mumford	01954 260934
	Baptist Bookings	Julie Stock	01954 202221
Local	Allotments - See Willingham Combined Charities below		
Representatives	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE)	David Hart	01954 260204
	Fen Edge Community Association	Alan Leeks	01954 250061
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Rosemary 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)	Charlotte Prince	01954 230837
	Willingham Youth Club	Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
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