



# WILLINGHAM NEWS



May 2012

## Could you let someone dig a hole in your garden?

The Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG) are looking for about a dozen locations in Willingham in which secondary school students could, under supervision, dig one metre square archaeological test pits, on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May. The purpose is to give the students a 'higher education experience' and to encourage them to consider continuing studying to degree level.

The HEFA is organised by Carenza Lewis and her team from Access Cambridge Archaeology within the University of Cambridge Archaeology Department.

The students will come from a number of different schools across the region and will be working in small groups to carry out the excavation of the pits in a structured way, following instructions as to method and, importantly, the recording of their processes and what they find.

They will excavate, record and backfill the pits within the two days. Your garden will, of course, show signs for a while of where the pit has been; but the aim is that it should be left so that it returns to normal as the soil settles and the replaced turf (or whatever was there) grows again. During the dig the students will be accompanied by an adult who

may be from one of their schools or from the University. There will also be several visits during the two days by professional archaeologists to address any queries and advise the students (and you) about what they have found in the pits.

On the following day the students will be in the University to learn more about archaeology and about higher education studies. In due course they will also write a report on their involvement in the project. You can find out much more about the HEFA at this website: <http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/aca/fieldacademies.html>

You can also follow links there to see what has been found during previous such exercises in Cottenham and elsewhere.

FEAG is assisting with the process by locating sites for the test-pits. Please get in touch if you could help or if you have any questions. We need to have available about a dozen locations but they may not all be used.

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FEAG

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# EDITORIAL

On our front cover this month are some Spring garden and allotment photos, reminding us that although we have already enjoyed some lovely displays of spring flowers, there is more work to be done in our gardens (particularly weeding!). Perhaps you are already wondering how you will manage in this very dry part of the country to keep your garden or allotment productive? Perhaps you have already thought about how you will adapt? If you have any tips about conserving water or planting for dry conditions, then please do share them with the village through *Willingham News*. Or send in your own photos – contributions from younger and older readers all welcome. And don't forget the Gardening Club's plant sale on 26 May to re-stock your own patch.

## Bin Collections

2 May	Blue and Green bins
10 May	Black bin
(Thursday)	
16 May	Blue and Green bins
23 May	Black bin
30 May	Blue and Green bins

## Police Contacts: 0345 456 4564

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Meetings are held at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End, Willingham 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 £10.

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

Contact Celia on 01954 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to experience what we do or to join.

## Reminders for Members

The next Club meeting is on Monday 2 May when the speaker will be Neil Renwick of the RSPB on The Wildlife Garden.

Your annual subscriptions of £10 are due if as yet unpaid.

The meeting scheduled for 4 June will not be held. Instead we shall be joining with other users of the Social Club for a barbeque and events to mark Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. More details at the May meeting

## Outings

**Anyone can come whether a Club member or not.**

Our first outing of the year will be on Saturday 19 May leaving the Green, Willingham at 9 am.

Speak to Celia on the above number if you are unable to make your way to the Green.

We shall be visiting Coton Manor Gardens, Guilsborough, Northamptonshire. These gardens are included in Rae Spencer-Jones' publication *1001 Gardens You Must See Before You Die* which includes gardens worldwide. The garden is described as an 'exquisitely planted garden' and has been in the Pasley-Tyler family since the 1920s. There are terraces with seasonal planting, a

water garden with flamingoes, Mediterranean climbing and scented plants, a conservatory, a mixed rose garden and a wild garden. There is ample seating in this 10 acre temperate garden and woodland built in the Arts and Crafts style. Visitor facilities include a cafe, a garden shop and a plant nursery. *Gardeners World* TV programme paid the gardens a visit in 2010. We shall make a coffee stop en route at Buckden – Frosts Garden Centre.

The cost of coach travel and entry is £20 per person payable on the day by cash or cheque.

## Future attractions

1. We shall be holding our annual **Plant Stall** next to the Post Office on High Street, Willingham on **Saturday 26 May from 9 am**. We usually have a wide variety of plants for sale at competitive prices. These varieties include perennial and annual varieties of flowers including bedding plants, vegetable plants and small shrubs. Members – if you are sowing your seeds or planting out your seedlings now please plant a few extra for sale at the stall.

2. On Wednesday 20 June we have arranged an outing to Peckover House and Gardens at Wisbech. This is a National Trust property with a Georgian House (open to the public and included in the cost of our visit) with a Victorian garden. The cost per person is £13 for NT members and £19 for non-members. **Remember to take your membership card with you**

3. On Saturday 14 July we shall be visiting Beth Chatto's Garden and plant nursery in Essex. This is a superb garden built from scrubland by Beth Chatto and her husband over many years. The cost is £20.50 per person, 9 am start from the Green. More details next edition.

4. On Saturday 22 September we shall be visiting RHS Gardens at Hyde Hall near Chelmsford. Cost is £15 per person for Club members. A small additional charge will be levied from non-members on this visit.

**Annual Horticultural Show** The show will be held as always at the Willingham Primary School. The date for your diaries is Saturday 1 September.



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In our 30th anniversary year one of my ambitions for your local Cambridge & District Branch is to try and increase the number of our local volunteers. Ideally I would love to have 30 volunteers to match our 30th anniversary. Volunteering does not have to take up a huge amount of time, if you can spare a couple of hours a month or would be happy to attend some events and help sell merchandise, or run raffles I would love to hear from you. I would also dearly love to have a database of people who could help out occasionally but who do not want to commit to regular meetings etc. New committee members would of course be very welcome but I do appreciate that committee work does not appeal to everyone. Perhaps you would like to train as a speaker and go out into the community letting people know about our work? Would you have time to socialise a puppy before it goes on to its specialist sound work training? There are so many ways in which volunteers help the charity and all of their work is vital to us. We literally could not function without our helpers.

Later on this year there will be a 30th anniversary 'Strictly Come Walkies' sponsored walk in the grounds of Wimpole Hall. In conjunction with Milton Country Park we will again be having a fun dog show and many other dog activities and games – more details of both events will be published later in the year but please mark 16 September in your diary as a day out for you and your dog.

If you would like to know more about the work of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People or would like to offer to help please give me a call or drop me an email – all offers of help will be warmly welcomed.

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- Who: All under 5's and their carers

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## WILLINGHAM WALKERS

A reminder that the May walk will be the Five Pubs  
Challenge in aid of Over Day Centre. Full details are in the  
April issue of the *Willingham News*. The walk is 11 miles,  
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(bacon butties, tea or coffee on sale) and takes in pubs such  
as the Pike and Eel and Ferryboat (burgers on sale). Entry is  
£8 in advance (by 7 May) or £10 on the day. Meet at the  
Over Day Centre at 10 45 am or at the Duke of Wellington  
at 10 30 am. Contact Linda or Mike if you need a lift (Linda  
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The June walk will involve use of the Guided Busway,  
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## OLD TOOLS OFF TO WORK AGAIN

Andrew and Hilary Wyllie want to thank all the Willingham folk who generously donated their tools to the Tools with a Mission Charity last month.

## WAG Environmental Group

### Big Tree Plant application

In previous issues we have reported on our plans for tree planting in the village – village and parish planting, the Jubilee Field and the planting of a community orchard and woodland trees on the Old Recreation Ground.

The application for funding has been made to the Defra/Forestry Commission Big Tree Plant (BTP) fund and can be viewed on the willinghamlife website, along with an application to the SCDC Community Chest fund for picnic area seating on the Jubilee Field. We will also be following this up with applications to other sources to fund wild flower and habitat enhancement.

We hope to be able to announce the result of our BTP application in the June issue but in the meantime check on the website for breaking news!

If we are successful we will be making plans to manage the project so if you wish to be included and make a contribution please contact Graham Mumby, WAG Environmental Group, [graham.mumby@gwmumby.co.uk](mailto:graham.mumby@gwmumby.co.uk) or tel 260553.

## Charity Lunch

The May charity lunch supporting the Alzheimers Disease Association will be held on 19 May at 1 pm by Ruth Weedon and Jacqueline Hodgkinson at 5a High Street. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs £3. All are welcome.

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## Pastoral Letter

Noah and his family had no doubt spent years building the ark. Now Noah and his family were inside the ark and the Lord Himself had closed the door. The waiting now began. For seven days Noah and his family waited. And waited. I wonder what went through the mind of Noah during these seven days of waiting? Did Noah wonder whether God would be faithful to His promise? Did Noah ever fear his work had been in vain? These seven days of waiting must have seemed like an eternity! But finally, any questions Noah might have had were answered as the sky began to grow dark and the rain began to fall. The waiting was over!

The next two months hold the two events that have been much talked about seemingly for months: The Queens Jubilee and the Olympics in London 2012. Maybe you are planning to celebrate or even attend (if only by watching the TV!) these events? Maybe you've been waiting for them to arrive or even to finish for ages? At The Salvation Army we are celebrating the Jubilee by having a Jubilee Lunch at our lunch club on Thursday 31 May, with flags, bunting and lots of food. We'd love to see you!

Sometimes God instructs us to wait. I don't know about you – but sometimes I'm not very good at waiting. Jesus had spent 40 days with his disciples, transforming them from a bunch of people who argued with each other into a group who were convinced about the resurrection, who believed in the kingdom of God and who knew about the power of the Holy Spirit. This group of people became fearless warriors of the gospel – even dying for their faith. They knew Jesus had risen. But first, Jesus told them to wait; to stay where they were and wait. The wait for the Holy Spirit may have been hard but it was also worth it. The Holy Spirit was sent so that God would be with and within his followers after Christ had returned to heaven. The Spirit would guide, comfort them, remind them of the truth and give them the right words to say. The Holy Spirit would also give them power. But the Holy Spirit was not just for the disciples then. It's for all believers everywhere. It's available for us today. All we have to do is to ask and pray and wait.

Captain Emma Knights  
Salvation Army

## Willingham Runners

The evenings are officially lighter and it's a great time to:

- Renew your motivation to get fitter
- Join up with running partners that suit your ability
- Arrange times to run and train together that suit your lifestyle
- Train with others to get faster
- Share running advice
- Share local routes
- Share news about races
- Share lifts

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## Old Willingham

In the past parades were an important part of village life and everybody took part. Great efforts were put into costumes to match the theme of the event. Here we see a parade, probably in the 1930s-40s. The girls are walking up Long Lane. Today the primary school would be on their right although, of course, it was not to be built for another 40 years. On their left are Thoday's extensive greenhouses which covered most of the space from Long Lane to Rampton Road and, at that time, grew peaches and grapes.

If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or [oldwill@oldwillingham.com](mailto:oldwill@oldwillingham.com)

OldWillingham.com






# Join me for a delicious Cake Break!

I am hosting a Cake Break and invite you for a slice of cake and a cuppa to help raise funds to support people affected by MS throughout the UK.

Host HILARY WYLLIE  
 Venue WILLINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH  
 Day/Date Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May  
 Time 10am - 12; 6.30 - 8pm  
 Other details: phone 01954 260051





The MS Society does vital work supporting people with multiple sclerosis; running valuable programmes to improve the quality of life of those affected. They also fund research into the cause, cure and symptoms of MS.  
To find out more please visit [www.mssociety.org.uk](http://www.mssociety.org.uk)

## Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

0345 0455225



### Opening Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10 am – 1 pm      2 – 5 pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	4 – 7 pm
Friday	10 am – 1 pm
Saturday	10 am – 1 pm

### Library News

**Friends of Willingham Library AGM Wednesday 30 May 7 30 pm in the Library with wine and nibbles**

The Library has been saved from closure but we are being asked to make more use of the building, and the long-term future is likely to depend on how well we achieve this. The FOWL AGM will be an opportunity for everyone in Willingham and Over who supports the library to listen to ideas, make their own suggestions, and really make a difference. We need to find other organisations and clubs to rent the building, and also arrange more activities within the library such as storytime sessions for children, helping novices to use our unique resource of free internet access, and events of local interest. And we need to encourage more book borrowing. Remember that any of the thousands of books held in Cambridgeshire libraries can be ordered free of charge for collection at Willingham.

### Engage in the Afternoon

Come and join in with these special sessions for adults on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee/biscuits and a chance to change books and use the computers.

It's free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

In April, at a well-attended talk, Phil King gave us an interesting insight into the Magistrates Courts.

### Future sessions:

- o Wednesday 2 May – *Carry on Cooking: Putting the Fun Back into Cooking*. Lisa Bulbeck from Age UK
- o Wednesday 6 June – *Diamond Jubilee Special!* Bring along your memories and souvenirs of Royal Celebrations past and join us in a Reminiscence session with Jubilee buns.

- o Wednesday 4 July – *Fen Skating*. Talk by Bob Burn-Murdoch from the Norris Museum.

### Children's Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme will be **Story Lab** – an imaginative adventure that knows no bounds. The brainchild of Professor Cortex, Story Lab is an amazing hi-tech 'Story HQ' that attracts stories from all over the world, sending them spinning throughout the city – and beyond! Professor Cortex has asked the Story Lab kids, Will, Rani, Evie and Lex, to recover three lost items and bring them back to the Story Lab. Can the children find the bronze coin, silver mirror and gold medal and boost the imagination of the Story Lab?

Watch this space and get ready to sign up for the summer holidays!

If you are aged between 12 and 15 and would like to volunteer to help us with the challenge, please come down to the library and have a chat about how you can join in the fun

## CATTELL'S MILL, WILLINGHAM

### NATIONAL MILLS WEEKEND 2012 12 – 13 MAY

Your local windmill, Cattell's Mill, Mill Road, Willingham, will be open for this year's National Mills Weekend on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May when many of the country's wind and watermills open their doors to the public.

The mill and an exhibition showing details of the mill's history and other artefacts will be open to visitors from 1 pm to 5 pm. Cream teas, cakes and refreshments will be served from our café. Postcards and real stone ground flour (not ours yet!) will be on sale to raise funds for the continued restoration of one of the largest smock mills in East Anglia. A 'mill to mill' radio link will be run once again courtesy of Cambridge Amateur Radio Society.

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

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

An elderly gent from the Over Road area fairly recently wished 'Good Morning' to six other pedestrians, who all ignored him, before he reached Long Lane. It is good village manners to reply with a 'Good Morning', 'Hi' or 'It's a lovely day' etc. A courteous reply is most unlikely to lead to any prolonged conversation unless you invite it. We are a village, not some anonymous commuter suburb.

Yours sincerely  
Caroline Hay

## Staying independent, safe and well

### Adult social care roadshow to visit libraries

Library visitors have the chance to find out about local services to help them stay independent, safe and well at a series of roadshows taking place throughout 2012. The roadshow has been visiting libraries across the county since the end of January. It will be visiting Cambourne Library from 14 May to 9 June and Cambridge Central Library from 11 June to 7 July.

Each event will feature a display of information leaflets, presentations about assistive technology resources to help you remain independent, and details of Trading Standards approved trader scheme Buy With Confidence.

Demonstrations of Your Life, Your Choice Cambridgeshire's adult social care website and AskSARA, an online guide to equipment to make staying independent easier, will be taking place on the last Saturday of each of the roadshows. Trading Standards staff will also be on hand to tell visitors more about the Buy With Confidence scheme. If you are interested in assistive technology resources please check with the library for the dates of these presentations.

For more information about the roadshows and the full schedule visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social) telephone 0345 045 5225 or

email: [yourlifeyourchoice@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:yourlifeyourchoice@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

If you are unable to visit one of the roadshows but require information about staying independent, safe and well phone Cambridgeshire Direct on 0345 045 5202 or see the Your Life, Your Choice website at [www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk](http://www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk)

## Friends of Willingham Library May Book Quiz

Complete the missing word with a town/city or country  
(Answers on page 15)

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|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. <i>They came to .....</i>    | Agatha Christie      |
| 2. <i>The Long .....Kiss</i>    | Craig Russell        |
| 3. <i>Crime at .....</i>        | Freeman Wills Crofts |
| 4. <i>The ..... Murders</i>     | Glyn Daniel          |
| 5. <i>C.....</i>                | Gabriel Chevallier   |
| 6. <i>Love in .....</i>         | Nicolas Freeling     |
| 7. <i>The ..... Allegation</i>  | Paul Geddes          |
| 8. <i>C.....</i>                | Mrs E C Gaskell      |
| 9. <i>Funeral in .....</i>      | Len Deighton         |
| 10. <i>Back to .....</i>        | Michael Dibdin       |
| 11. <i>..... Rock</i>           | Graham Greene        |
| 12. <i>The 10.30 from .....</i> | Sebastien Japrisot   |

## South Cambridgeshire Youth Council

Nominations have opened for young people interested in becoming councillors and sitting on South Cambridgeshire's all new Youth Council.

There are 20 places available for young people aged 13 to 18 years old who want to have a say about the things that matter to them in their local area, and across the district as a whole.

The role of a youth councillor is to represent the views and opinions of all young people in South Cambridgeshire, and to become involved in, and contribute to, the well-being of local young people and the wider community. There are a lot of things that youth councillors may want to work with South Cambridgeshire District Council on, including new housing developments, sports and arts activities, jobs and businesses, climate change and energy, and communication with residents. Youth councillors will develop leadership skills, gain confidence, get involved in decision-making and help organise youth and community events.

Officers from South Cambridgeshire District Council have visited the district's nine village colleges, and the Connections Youth Bus that tours the area, throughout April to talk to young people about what is involved in becoming a youth councillor, answer any questions, and help them sign up and stand for election.

Tracy Mann, South Cambridgeshire District Council's Development Officer, said: 'Young people really care about all sorts of things that affect them, and the youth council will help them get involved in democracy at an early age. If you live in South Cambridgeshire and believe you should have a say in the decisions that are made on your behalf, then please volunteer to become a youth councillor and really help us to help you make a difference.'

Young people can nominate themselves until the closing date on 1 August. If there are enough candidates who want to stand on the new Youth Council an election will be held in September.

For further information, or if you, or someone you know, would like to become a youth councillor, please contact Tracy Mann on (01954) 713342 or email [tracy.mann@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:tracy.mann@scambs.gov.uk).

Residents of all ages can also follow the youth council by 'liking' its Facebook page. Log in to Facebook and search for South Cambridgeshire Youth Council.

### Willingham Women's Institute

The next meeting is on Monday  
14 May at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.

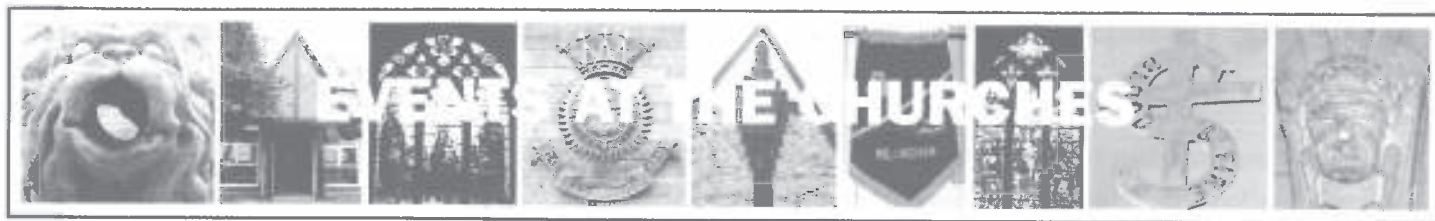
#### Fashion Show

featuring clothes from the Edinburgh Woollen Mill with WI members as models! This is open to non-members from 8 pm onwards.

New members always welcome; please contact Jacky on 261831.

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN





## 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 and 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.

**Cake Stall** This is on the first Saturday morning of the month (Saturday 5 May) at the church. Proceeds from the sale of cakes will go to the Restoration Fund. Joyce Bowen wants people to make cakes – and of course to go along and buy them. Let her know if you are willing to help.

## 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:** (held once a fortnight) the 3rd, 17th and 31st. Come and join us for a fabulous home cooked lunch and dessert. £4.00 There is still room left for a few more. Ring Daphne on 260568. Please book in advance if possible. 31st May will be a Jubilee lunch.

**Bible Study and Prayer Group.** Thursday 24 May 2 – 3pm. All are welcome to come and join us for an informal time of study and chat and prayer with a cup of tea.



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

**The Baptists are back home!** The Baptist church family have returned to their own building after two months of internal alteration and now have a new much larger modern kitchen and a new access into the small hall. Everything is looking spick and span with a new coat of paint in the new hall and even the floor has been spruced up. All regular activities are now back in their usual home. We are grateful for great work done by local companies in building, plumbing, electrical, flooring and kitchen fitting work. We are also grateful to St Mary's, the Salvation Army and the Parish Council for the alternative accommodation we have been able to use during the refit. We hope to be able to make more use of the kitchen in future events.

### Regular activities

Monday	2 30 pm Baby Notes
Tuesday	9 45 am TOPS
Thursday	10 am Bumps and Babies 10 am Open Doors coffee morning
Friday	6 30 pm KFC

**As from 3 May Little Notes will meet in the Baptist small hall at 9 45.**

### CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF WILLINGHAM

In May

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

## Mothers' Union

There will be no monthly meeting in May. Instead there is the Deanery Festival on Monday 14 May at Impington Church.





**ST MARY AND ALL SAINTS**  
**CHURCH STREET, WILLINGHAM**  
[www.willinghamchurch.org](http://www.willinghamchurch.org)

**6 May**

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

**13 May**

9 00 am Communion (with hymns)  
 10 30 am All Age Worship  
 6 00 pm Evening Service (Rogation Sunday)

**17 May**

7 30 pm Ascension Day Service

**20 May**

10 30 am Communion (guest speaker from Street Pastors)  
 3 30 pm Messy Church at Willingham  
 4 00 pm Messy Church at Longstanton

**27 May**

9 00 am Communion Service  
 10 30 am Churches Together United Service  
 (to celebrate Pentecost)  
 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](http://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

**WILLINGHAM SALVATION ARMY**  
 Silver Street, Willingham CB24 5LF

01954 261108 Email: [emma.knights@salvationarmy.org.uk](mailto:emma.knights@salvationarmy.org.uk)

**6 May**

The fruit of the Spirit  
 Galatians 5:22-23

**13 May**

Stretching...  
 2 Peter 1:3-11

**20 May**

Take time to rest  
 Mark 6:30-32  
 All at 5 pm



**Willingham**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

George Street, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LJ  
[info@willinghambaptist.org](mailto:info@willinghambaptist.org) [www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org)

**May 6**

10 00 am Personal Prayer  
 6 00 pm The Resurrection Body

**May 13**

10 00 am Prayer Matters  
 6 00 pm Heavenly Dwellings

**May 20**

9 00 am and  
 11 00 am Mountain Moving Prayer  
 6 00 pm The Bible and the Future

**May 27**

10 00 am Pentecost – Waiting in Prayer  
 6 00 pm NO EVENING SERVICE



## 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**

**Bank Holiday** Just a reminder that our surgeries and pharmacy will be closed on Monday 7 May. Cover will be provided by UCC on 0330 123 9131.

**Travelling abroad** for holiday, business or a gap year? Please remember to **make an appointment with one of our nurses at least 4 weeks before you travel** to make sure you get the full course of vaccination cover for your trip. We can provide most travel vaccinations and anti-malarial cover and are a registered Yellow Fever Centre.

**Unsure whether you will need any vaccinations?** You can ring reception and make a request for the nurses to check your vaccination status. Useful websites which give details of the cover required in the countries you will be visiting and other travel advice are: [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk) and [www.nathnac.org](http://www.nathnac.org)

**Travelling at short notice?** Ring reception and explain your circumstances. They will ask a nurse to check what vaccination cover you already have and whether it is possible to provide extra cover in time before you travel.

**Enjoy your holidays** Make sure you enjoy a healthy and problem-free holiday. Visit our pharmacy to stock up with all those essential holiday supplies such as sunscreen products, insect repellents and other remedies for your holiday first-aid kit. Neil and his team can help you with any queries.

**Going to Sixth Form or University in September?** Often a change in environment can lead to outbreaks of preventable diseases such as mumps and measles. Our nurses would be happy to check your immunisation status and provide any routine vaccinations needed. Just book a nurse appointment.

**On line appointment booking for doctors and nurses** is available at both our surgeries. If you would like to use this service please ring reception to register.

**Willingham Pharmacy Survey** Our pharmacy staff would like to thank everyone for the very kind comments received in the recent community pharmacy survey questionnaires. We were delighted with the high scores and excellent feedback.

**Patient Group** We held our first meeting in March and everyone felt this was a success. If you are interested in becoming involved please ask reception for details or visit our website on [www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk)

**Willingham Fun Run** takes place this year on Sunday 13 May and all funds raised go directly to Willingham

Primary School for the benefit of the children. Entry forms are available at our surgery reception and the school. We are pleased to provide first aid cover for this event and we wish good luck to all of you taking part whether you are running or walking the long or the short course. All exercise is good for you! If you are asthmatic don't forget to take your inhaler with you. Most importantly enjoy the day and keep up the regular exercise in whichever way suits you best.

*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	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Emergencies		4 00 – 6 00

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

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

The Over Players present

**Outside Edge**

by Richard Harris

**May 24–26**

**Over Community Centre**

The famous comedy about relationships, marriage, hopes and dreams, and with a little bit of cricket thrown in for good measure is on at Over Community Centre, May 24–26.

**Tickets from 07521 099146 or  
[www.overplayers.org](http://www.overplayers.org)**



## From our PCSO

Hello All

It seems we have had an increase of pedal cycle thefts over the past month in Willingham. Please may I ask that when your bike is left unattended you keep it secure. We have found that offender(s) have been gaining access to victims' gardens so it might be an idea to lock them away in a house, garage or shed.

Speed checks were carried out on the 31 March along Earith Road, Willingham. One person was caught speeding and was dealt with accordingly.

Can I also make you aware that I will be conducting regular patrols in and around Willingham Primary School during drop off and pick up times of children? I will be issuing fixed penalty notices if I see any vehicles parking in an illegal or dangerous manner, so please be considerate with your parking.

If you would like to report an incident at a later date please call our new non-emergency number which is 101.

If you have any issues or concerns in your area and would like to discuss them with me please contact me via e-cops or my work email. My email address is Thomas.baugh@cambs.police.uk.

Kind Regards

PCSO Thomas Baugh 7048

## Swavesey & Over Tennis Club

Want to play tennis? Why not join your local, friendly club? Club nights are Mondays and Fridays, 7 30 pm start on the courts at Swavesey Village College.

We've again secured the services of Dave Papworth, who took the coaching last Spring and Summer. He'll take adults coaching on eight Tuesday evenings starting 1 May and running to 26 June but excluding 5 June, a public holiday. If you want to take part please let us know soon. The cost for club members is £50, and for non-members £75.

Our children's Saturday Club will also run for eight sessions, starting 5 May and running to 30 June but excluding 2 June, also a public holiday. The sessions will run on Saturday afternoons, at 2 30 pm for 5 – 8 year olds and at 3 30 pm for 9 – 11 year olds. If you want your child(ren) to take part please email [naunton.pugh@ntlworld.com](mailto:naunton.pugh@ntlworld.com) for a form – they should have also brought a form home from school. Up to two children from a family can attend the club free of charge if they are members as part of a family group, otherwise it is £30 for non-members. Further information from the secretary, Naunton Pugh (230393, email as above) or Andy Sederman (231699, [ajs40@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ajs40@cam.ac.uk)) or go to [www.sotennis.co.uk](http://www.sotennis.co.uk)

## ANSWERS TO THE BOOK QUIZ

- 1) Baghdad; 2) Glasgow; 3) Guildford; 4) Cambridge;
- 5) Clochemerle; 6) Amsterdam; 7) Ottawa; 8) Cranford;
- 9) Berlin; 10) Bologna; 11) Brighton; 12) Marseille

## Do you wish to influence change in Willingham?

In the March edition of the *Willingham News* I informed you of the forthcoming annual Parish meeting and your opportunity to influence change to the benefit of residents. I reminded you of the improvements in our quality of life since together we produced the Parish Plan and the Parish Council's commitment to continue with this improvement process aided and abetted by many village clubs/societies. Since the last article the Parish Council and other dedicated organisations have sought planning permission for premises to house a dedicated youth club. We have plans to improve the play equipment for the young and an outdoor gym for the not so young. We are planning to improve the facilities in the Pavilion and the Ploughman Hall and to improve the environment of the village by tree planting, picnic areas and outdoor social areas. However, to ensure the success of these undertakings and to secure other improvements we need your help. We need your views to ensure that we have correctly interpreted your wishes and to demonstrate to the various funding bodies that their investment will be welcome by residents.

So come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on the 16 May in the Octagon and make your views known. Don't let apathy ruin our enjoyment of living in Willingham. Obviously this invite is also extended to the many clubs and societies who serve the residents of Willingham. Let the Parish Council know of your hopes and aspirations so that we may be able to help you grow and improve. It is also an opportune time to let the residents know who you are and what you can achieve.

Papers for the meeting will be posted on the Willingham Parish Council website (<http://willingham-pc.org.uk/>) sometime from 1 May.

I look forward to seeing you on 16 May.

Reg Purnell  
Willingham Parish Council

## SUDOKU SOLUTION

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# From the Parish Council

[www.willingham-pc.org.uk](http://www.willingham-pc.org.uk)

## Annual Parish meeting:

Every month we extend a warm invitation to Willingham residents to our monthly meeting. In May there is a bonus of another meeting, namely the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 16 May at the Octagon. Again all residents are warmly invited to this, where the Council and groups from within the village provide updates on what they have done over the past year and their future plans.

## Pavilion kitchen upgrade:

At the time of putting these notes together a contract has been placed for improving the kitchen to bring it up to current legislation. This will see an additional sink being provided, an improved wall surface to allow easier cleaning and a commercial extractor fan. Some funding has been received from the SCDC Community Chest.

## The Ploughman Hall and Willingham Youth Trust:

Another step has been made in the provision of facilities at the Ploughman Hall for the youth of the village. A planning application has been submitted to the SCDC planning department which parishioners can either see at the PC office or by going online. The planning application also includes improvements to the car park, disabled access ramp and traffic calming. Funding is another building block in providing these facilities and the Willingham Youth Trust are actively seeking funding for the youth project.

Parents should be reminded that the car park area of the Ploughman Hall is not a playground. The Parish Council have provided alternative areas for sporting activities including a goal wall and a full sized football goal which are only a short distance away and they should encourage these to be used. Damage has been caused to the fabric of the building by balls being kicked against it costing Willingham residents unnecessary expense. CCTV footage has allowed identification and is with the police for action.

## Village Green:

The village map has been commissioned and it is hoped to be in place in a few weeks time. This has been funded by a contribution from the SCDC Community Chest. Residents are reminded that further grants are available for projects but grants are limited to five from within the Parish Council area in a financial year.

The village sign has been refurbished to a high standard and the Parish Council pass on their thanks to Sarah Taylor for restoring the damaged scenes. As you drive into the village from Rampton the change in the village sign is very noticeable - a great improvement!

## Northstowe Planning Application:

The first stage of the Northstowe development has hit the streets with opportunities for local residents to voice their opinions on the plans submitted. Likewise the Parish Council have had the same opportunity and a response has been formulated which raises concerns about the increase in the volume of traffic on the already busy B1050 and the roundabout at Bar Hill.

## B1050 Update:

Unfortunately there is no update on the progress regarding the poor state of the B1050 by the river. Despite meetings, no long term fix has been identified and no policy change regarding HGVs using the road. All motorists can do is drive carefully, keep to the speed limit or less and pray(!) that other drivers do the same. It seems that the B1050 can not be dealt with in isolation and the traffic profile of the whole area needs looking at before a decision is made. Other roads in Cambridgeshire are in a similar state and the County Council are having to go to government to seek extra funds for urgent repairs.

## Non emergency Police contact number:

Please be advised that 101 should be used to call the police for **non emergency** events. The 0345 number has been switched off although there will be a message to use 101 instead.

People should continue to call 999 when an immediate response is needed, for example if a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or someone is in danger.

## Dog fouling on the Recreation Ground:

Dog fouling still seems to be a problem on the Recreation Ground (plus other areas of the village) and notices are in place requesting 'No Dogs' on the field. It is obvious the dogs can't read them but hopefully their owners can so please use the alternative walks that exist a short walk away from the Recreation Ground. The Recreation Ground is used by the sporting groups of the village and the dog fouling, as well as being an anti social habit, can cause health problems. Again it is the minority of dog walkers that cause the problem.

## Contact Details:

Your 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
Mr J Watson	01954-200245

Meeting dates are published on the website, the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street and at the



library. The next full Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 2 May at the Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street. There will also be the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 May, this is a meeting specifically for the Public /local community, it will be held at the Octagon at 7 30 pm.

*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 answerphone 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.*

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Our 7 and 19 mile routes start at Jesus Green, Cambridge whilst the 12 mile walkers begin at The Motorboat Club, Waterbeach. We'll be welcoming back walkers with refreshments at the end of their walk.

Riverwalk is a fantastic event to be part of; whether you walk alone, with your dog, with friends, with family or with colleagues you know that every step you take is helping to raise vital funds for those affected by cancer.

This year we are also delighted to announce the brand new Corporate Challenge courtesy of Cambridge Trophy and Engraving Centre.

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For more information and to register, please visit [www.macmillan.org.uk/walking](http://www.macmillan.org.uk/walking). If you have any questions, please call the team on 0300 1000 200 or email [riverwalk@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:riverwalk@macmillan.org.uk). If you can't take part but you'd still like to get involved, we have lots of volunteer opportunities so please contact us on the details above.

## **The Village Green**

During the past few years, great efforts have been made to enhance the Village Green. The Parish Council arranged for the whole green to be grassed over. A seat, given by a parishioner, was installed last year. Thanks to a grant from the District Council Community Chest fund, we shall have a map on the Green, showing key parts of the village.

It is rather sad to find that people have been dropping litter on the Green (where there is an adequate litter bin). This is anti-social behaviour, to the detriment of the village.

## **ETHIOPIA BULLETIN number 3**

Religion does play an important part in Ethiopian life. The majority of people here are Orthodox Christians while others may be Catholics or Muslims.

Not long after I arrived in Mekelle to carry out my VSO work I had to adjust to the fasting period before Easter. Their Easter is a week after ours and is an enormous celebration from Friday to Sunday then back to work on Monday. The fasting however lasts for fifty five days. I haven't quite got my head around why that long; I can appreciate the forty days and nights in the wilderness and maybe add onto that the Holy Week seven, but fifty five? Anyway, that means strictly no animal products are eaten. I took a potato salad to a 'do' the other week and had to sort out a different dressing as salad cream has eggs and milk in it. The eggs are still on sale in most places – how can you tell a chicken to stop laying, or cows to stop producing milk?

During this time meat is difficult to come by and I have become accustomed to being a vegetarian. Just before the 'fast' began everyone had a huge meat eating feast and this was repeated at the end. During the following month it seems a case of frugal fare while saving up for the next celebratory feast. Saint George is important here: even the big beer company is 'St George'! In fact they celebrate him on the 23rd of every month but the one in April is seriously big. Uniformed brass bands sometimes practise for feasting at weekends which are quite a spectacle even while practising. I noticed that not many weddings happened during the fasting season so I expect there will be many afterwards when no doubt there will be plenty more meat available. Weddings are big white religious affairs and after the ceremony the convoys of cars spread out right across roads as they cruise from the church all through the streets. Guests hang far out of the windows shouting while blasting their horns – don't mention health and safety here.

The weather is warmer now although the wind gets up at odd times, which keeps it at a good temperature – but it does blow the dust about. We have also had a few thunderstorms in the evenings which are quite dramatic in terms of watching the sparks fly from the wiring between the street lights ...and don't worry, I have a good supply of candles at the ready for when the electricity finally gives out! On my tiny protected balcony my little plants in their make-shift grow bags are doing well and I hope to have my own salads soon. I think sometimes about your greener

*Continued overleaf*



## VILLAGE DIARY

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
<b>MAY</b>				
2	Carry on Cooking Putting the Fun Back into Cooking with Lisa Bulbeck from Age UK	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm
2	The Wildlife Garden with Neil Renwick from RSPB	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
2	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm
4	Cake Break	For MS Society	Baptist Church	10 am – 12 pm 6 30 – 8 pm
5	Cake Stall	Parish Church	Parish Church	10 am
12 – 13	National Mills Weekend	Cattell's Mill	Cattell's Mill, Mill Road	1 – 5 pm
12	Fun Day	Scout Group	Recreation Ground	2 – 5 pm
13	Fun Run	WSA	Register at school	9 – 10 am. 10 15 am start
13	Five Pubs Challenge	Willingham Walkers	Duke of Wellington or Over Day Centre	10 30 am 10 45 am
14	Fashion Show	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
16	Annual Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm
19	Visit to Manor Gardens	Gardening Club	Meet at the Green	9 am
19	Charity Lunch	For Alzheimer's Association	5a High Street	1 pm
20	Jubilee Teddy Bears Picnic	Tiggers	Salvation Army Hall	10 – 11 30 am
24-26	<i>Outside Edge</i> play by Richard Harris	Over Players	Over Community Centre	Tickets 07521 099146
26	Plant Sale	Gardening Club	Next to Post Office	9 am
27	United Service	Churches Together	Parish Church	10 30 am
30	FOWL AGM	FOWL	Library	7 30 pm
31	Jubilee Lunch	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	Daphne 260568

gardens in Willingham, warming up now for summer planting too!

And so, if I am in the office this is my walk to work...

With a shawl round my shoulders, I grab the small rucksack which I carry in front of me, 'Shalom' to the cleaner on the stairs and avoid skidding in the latest mopped floor, then smile at the guard – he grins back showing the teeth he has left. Waving to the shop keeper outside on his stone stool, I cross the road avoiding a few three-wheeler taxis, horse-drawn carts or donkey trains - which don't necessarily keep to the right side of the road. Then it's past the dusty waste ground littered with charred ox bones (from the last feast) and into the main street towards town. I always nod to the uniformed guards outside the hotel as they sit in the shade clutching their little bomb detectors and I check out progress of the weaver birds nesting above in the beautiful trees there. From here the route is full of little shops and bars or fruit juice cafés busy with men sitting outside on their low stools chatting. Women may be washing their front pavements and the

shoe-shine boys have a brisk trade along this stretch. Negotiating parts of the path is tricky and I know where to avoid tripping on the wobbly slabs, the open holes to the storm drains, the huge drop down from the kerbs, plus the sleeping beggars and the pavement sellers. Some of these sell a variety of eucalyptus sticks which are used generally to chew as teeth cleaners; it seems to work. If you can also imagine a school nearby with 1,350 children, all walking there in ragged uniforms and flip flops, coming from every direction for the start of their day, some lads kicking anything round or girls arm in arm stretched across the street, then that is where I leave them to turn into the rough track to the City Education Office. I may have had a call along the route of 'forenji' (which means foreign), which I don't mind really since as a white person I am an oddity, but some school children know me now and call out 'teacher, teacher!' which is really lovely. Progress!

Valerie McKee

# VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

<b>Council</b>	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
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	Urgent Care Cambridgeshire		0330 123 9131
<b>Schools</b>	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
<b>Children</b>	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeyptot Pre-School (term-time only)		01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Old Buttery Nursery School		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/ Heather Mellows	01954 263187/ 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
<b>Halls</b>	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
<b>Local Representatives</b>	Allotments – See Willingham Combined Charities below		
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	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Workers' Educational Association	Rosemary Mumford	01954 260934
<b>Clubs</b>	Willingham Combined Charities	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 260446
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<b>Sport</b>	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
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	Badminton	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261562
	Willingham Running Club	Sally Titmus	07771 834393
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	David Clarke	01954 260600
<b>Churches</b>	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
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