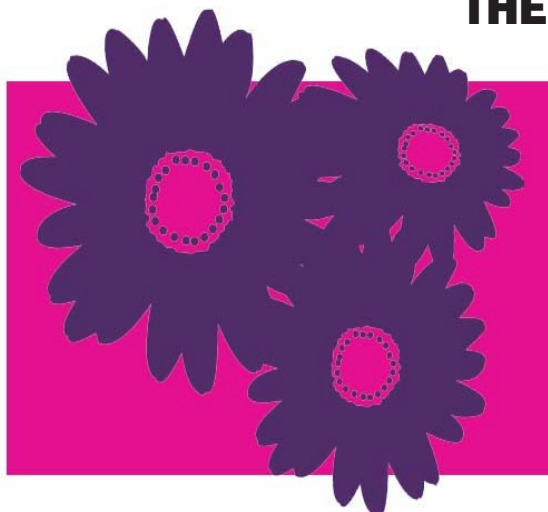




October 2012

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Full details on leaflets delivered to all households.

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Willingham Bowls Club held their Annual Finals Day on Sunday 2 September.

The sun shone brightly for a change, there were some great bowls played and a great day was enjoyed by all. Neville Denson won the men's pairs at last, after 36 years of trying, with partner Ian Jolley, and then went on to win the triples with Mark Davis and David Morris. New member, Jason Williams won the singles title beating Mark Davis in the final.

Do any readers have bowls (woods) sets/shoes, collecting dust in their cupboard/attic/garage that they would be happy to donate/lend to our club? They would be very useful to encourage new players to take up the game and join our club.

If you can help please contact Alan on 01954 200339.

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EDITORIAL

At the time of writing we have been enjoying the hoped for Indian Summer. The Paralympics have finished and the British public have just turned out in their thousands to cheer and welcome both teams of athletes in their parade through London. Let us hope the good weather holds out for the Feast weekend and that Willingham residents will turn out and enthusiastically support the village activities throughout the action packed weekend. Look out for the flyers, which have been delivered to all houses, for details about the proposed events. Details are also available on the village website www.willinghamlife.org

And then as the evenings become darker we will no doubt begin to think about Christmas. Why not use the *Willingham News* Christmas Greetings page in the December issue to send your Christmas wishes to friend and neighbours and at the same time you will be supporting a local charity? Details on page 11.

Bin Collections

3 October	Blue and Green bins
10 October	Black bin
17 October	Blue and Green bins
24 October	Black bin
31 October	Blue and Green bins

Police Contacts: 101

Our PSCO (Police Community Support Officer) for Willingham and Over is Claire Whiteman. Her email is: Claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk and her mobile number is 07525 227459

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For the October issue: **Please note the deadline is 10 October.** Please send material to the following email address: willinghamnews@yahoo.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.

Willingham's past brought vividly to life

At 5 pm on Saturday 27 October there will be an excellent opportunity to look back at life in the village through some of the *Slides of Old Willingham*. Jon Edney, who looks after the wonderful collection of these slides, has kindly agreed to put on a show in the Octagon, behind the parish church.

We shall have a panel of three people, Pete Cornish, Janet Hart and Paul Ingle who have great knowledge of the village to comment, and answer questions.

This event will offer a reminder of the widely varied aspects of village life to people who have lived here for many years – and an excellent insight for residents who have come to the village more recently.

It should also offer a very appropriate way of celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. **Do come** – and enjoy a splendid evening.

The Slides of Old Willingham evening will serve as a good climax to a week in which local history archives (from Over and Willingham) will be on show to the public in the library. Chris Jakes, the local history librarian from the **Cambridgeshire Collection**, based in the Cambridge Central Library, will give a talk about the archives, in the library, at 7 30 pm on **Wednesday 24 October**.

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Churchyard Trees

You may not be aware of the fact that the churchyard and boundary wall around St Mary & All Saints Church is the responsibility of South Cambridgeshire District Council. As part of their care and maintenance of the churchyard, the trees have all been inspected by their tree officer and we are very sad to have to report that the cherry plum trees along the south boundary and an apple tree on the west side of the churchyard have all been deemed unsafe. The trees have reached the end of their natural lifespan and many are diseased to the extent of being unsafe – the main limbs being at risk of falling during a winter storm. SCDC has, therefore, instructed its contractor Acacia, to undertake work on the trees during the week commencing 29 October. This will involve the felling and grinding out of stumps of these trees. SCDC has offered to supply replacement trees under their Parish Planting scheme.

Janette Mullett, on behalf of the PCC

Willingham Walkers

The October walk will, as part of the Feast, be the Ely Pilgrimage. The walk is 13 miles and takes just under four hours. Lifts will be provided back from Ely, if you need a lift back please contact Mike Tidball on 01954 260647. We will have drink/snacks in a pub, The Prince Albert, before coming back. We will meet on the Green at 9 am on 7 October. It is sensible if you let us know you are coming so we can wait for everyone before setting off – contact Mike Tidball.

Calling all litter-pickers

We are planning to hold another litter-picking session
possibly on Saturday, 10 November.

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Willingham and Over Celebrate!

The Friends of Willingham Library are organising a Local History Event in Willingham Library. Do come along:

- From **23 to 27 October** there will be a display in the Library of photographs and newspaper cuttings from the Cambridgeshire Collection, mostly of how Willingham and Over have celebrated past Jubilees and Coronations. This will be during normal library opening hours.
- Additionally, on **Wednesday 24 October** the display will include loans from the Cambridge Record Office of Birth, Baptism, Marriage and Death Registers from their collection. This display will be open from 9 30 am to 12 30 pm and from 1 30 to 4 30 pm.
- **Wednesday 24 October** at 7 30 pm Christopher Jakes, Librarian in charge of the Cambridgeshire Collection, will give a talk in the Library.
- The week ends on **Saturday 27 October** at 5 pm with a showing of the ever-popular 'Old Willingham Slides' in the Octagon behind the Parish Church. Everyone is welcome

POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion is looking for a poppy appeal coordinator for Willingham.

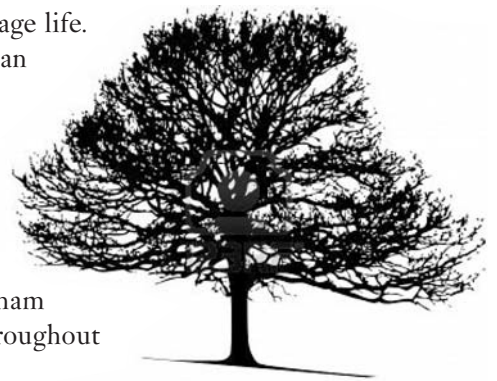
The job entails receiving the poppy boxes from the RBL, delivering them to the shops and pubs, collecting them in afterwards and then sending the money off.

The contact for anyone interested is Adele Richmond tel 01480 432753 or arichmond@britishlegion.org.uk

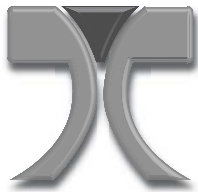
CAROLINE HAWKINS-HAY – A TREE IN HER MEMORY

Family and friends of Caroline, who died in June, have plans to plant a tree in her memory in the village. She was involved in a number of village clubs and participated in various aspects of village life.

Donations (in an envelope) are invited from all those who wish to contribute and may be left at Willingham Post Office throughout October.



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Saturday 6 October

3 00 – 6 30 pm

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BOOK QUIZ

(Complete the gap with a town/city or country)
(Answers on page 14)

1. *Passenger to*..... Agatha Christie
2. *Our Man in*..... Graham Greene
3. *Goodbye to*..... Christopher Isherwood
4. *When in*..... Emma Lathen
5. *The* *Murders* ... Dilwyn Rees
6. *K*..... Sir Walter Scott
7. *The Man From* - Georges Simenon
8. *The*.....*Murders* Guillermo Martínez
- 9.....*Highflyer* Andrew Martin
10. *The*.....*Connection* Helen MacInnes
11. *When in* Ngaio Marsh
12. *The Dogs of*..... Henning Mankell

Rosie In Stitches



The Friends of the Rosie Hospital, with your help, are making the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies.

During 2012 we are selling raffle tickets at £1 each for an exquisite hand-embroidered double bed quilt worth £2,000 to be drawn at our AGM in 2013. You can buy tickets online through our website as well as from our

Tea Bar, on the wards and our many stalls (see below). How about treating your friends and relatives to a potentially winning ticket instead of a Christmas card this year?

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

Stall dates for the Autumn

Saturday 6 October 10 30 am – 2 pm Church Centre, Bar Hill

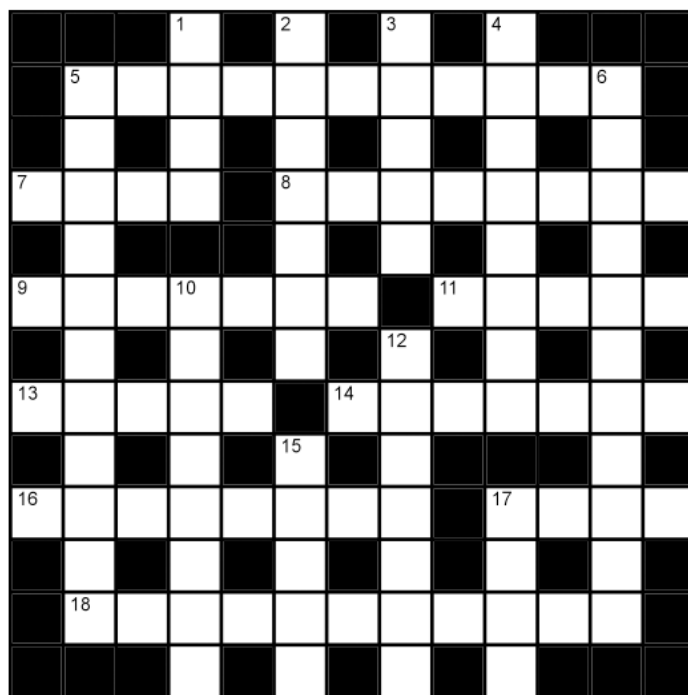
Saturday 3 November 10 30 am – 4 pm Church Centre, Bar Hill

Addenbrooke's Outpatients

There will be a large display of our toys and clothes in October, November and December, dates will be on our Facebook page once booked.

Cryptic Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 14



Across

- 5 If Winston's ill, it is probably some common infection (11)
- 7 Ring Winnie back (4)
- 8 Judge former dictator about to make volte-face (8)
- 9 It's clear old boy's against taking on debts (7)
- 11 Macho types are chicken around me! (2-3)
- 13 Old PM fell (5)
- 14 Notices broken bit (7)
- 16 Agents return carrying wound dressing for shard under skin (8)
- 17 Benefit of Japanese drink? (4)
- 18 Reliable value behind financial arrangement's unknown (11)

Down

- 1 Photograph of card game? (4)
- 2 Puzzled about dim ex getting raise (5-2)
- 3 Capone's betrayer turned up in part of church (5)
- 4 Booming mucks up net broadcast (8)
- 5 Model with money in Moscow gets drug from dangerous locality (7,4)
- 6 Essential to pursue elk set loose on Floridian island; it can get through any door! (8,3)
- 10 Arouse interest in bit of geometry before university entry begins (8)
- 12 Umpire admitting poor work gets talking-to (7)
- 15 Government lost seat. About time! (5)
- 17 View report of plot (4)



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Willingham Women's Institute

The next meeting is on
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'Wedding Memories'

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We would love you to bring along a wedding dress so we
can look at styles from across the years. Photos and
videos/DVDs are fun to look at – perhaps we could have
a 'guess the bride' quiz!

There will be a wedding themed general knowledge
quiz, wedding cake and fizzy wine!

Please join in the spirit of the occasion and come
prepared to share some wedding related memories!

New members always welcome; please contact Jacky on
261831

WI News

Monday 22 October – Group Meeting at Longstanton
The speaker will be Keith Baldwin on 'All the Queen's
Horses and All the Queen's Men' at £2 per ticket. If you
would like to attend this, please ring Jacky on 261831.

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We come out to play every Wednesday
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We are a friendly play group, with a designated baby
area. We set up a variety of toys, a craft table and a
quiet activity each week. This term our craft-table
theme is "seasons". At snack-time we provide a
choice of fruit/veg, savoury and sweet biscuits, with
a drink of squash, milk or water, while the adults
enjoy a hot or cold drink. Songs are chosen by the
children for us all to enjoy singing at the end of each
session.

This term we are also looking forward to:
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Pastoral Letter

I count myself fortunate as I have three children and five grandchildren and my wife and I have a very close relationship with all of them. So it was a great sadness to us when, earlier this year, our daughter announced that her husband had a new job in the USA and they moved out there in June. I know that there a number of families in Willingham who have had similar experiences. We have just returned from a visit to see where they are now living and we can be relaxed in the knowledge that they have settled well and the grandchildren are enjoying their new life. Family life is important to all of us, whether we have family living with us, close to us or at a distance.

We can have a special relationship with each family member, especially if we have a forgiving and understanding spirit. There will always be times when a family member does something that causes us grief. How do we respond? Write them off? Lose our temper? Decide that we will have nothing more to do with them? I hope not. I once saw a caption on a fridge magnet or something that said 'Be nice to your children for they will choose your care home!' Of course we know that may be said in jest. We should be nice to our children just because they are children. We should love our parents just because

they are our parents. So how should we respond when there has been an issue and they have upset us?

Consider the biblical principle of loving everyone as you love yourself. Consider how often God forgives us when we screw up big time. One of the disciples once asked Jesus, 'How many times should we forgive someone? Seven times?' Peter thought that was sufficiently tolerant. Jesus answered, 'Seventy times seven.' By this I don't think he literally meant 490 but rather we should go on forgiving as God does us. So who do you need to forgive? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness? Do you know how much better you will feel? It will feel like a huge burden lifted from your shoulders and you will walk with a lighter step. Many people carry with them years of unforgiveness and it festers inside like a cancer, but one that could be cured. Our heavenly Father is one who always forgives, no matter what we have done. Why not start there by asking his forgiveness and then exercising the loving spirit by forgiving those who have upset you? Go on, you know you'll feel better.

Trevor Rowe, Baptist Minister

Letters to the Editors

Dear Editors

Last month we three Parish Councillors resigned from the Parish Council. We believe the residents who supported our election to the council deserve an explanation for this somewhat drastic action.

It has for long been a requirement that at the start of any Parish meeting Councillors declare any interests appertaining to the agenda items and then if necessary withdraw from the meeting when those items are discussed, or at least take no part in the decision making process. In addition the Clerk keeps a written copy of any financial interests which might affect the decision making process. This is a realistic and acceptable process that we have supported.

However, this year, as part of the localism agenda, the Government has introduced an Act which requires Parish Councillors to declare much greater details of savings, club membership, charity and trade union associations etc, etc. and details of wife/partners interests. The declaration form contains some 14 sections on 10 sides of paper. Additionally is the requirement that this highly personal data be posted on the Parish Council website making it readily available to the world and his dog.

We believe the detailed information required is more than can be expected of Parish Councillors but more importantly, in these days of identity theft, putting such personal details on the web is a recipe for disaster. Since failure to complete the 'Declaration of Interest Forms' can result in a CRIMINAL conviction we had no alternative to resign. We hope residents understand our action.

Reg Purnell; Christopher Jones; Ian Barratt

Dear Editors

Why are the residents of Willingham having to wait while the local councils dither about what is to be done about the B1050? We have already waited far too long while they look for the money that is not there to do the job.

The simple solution would be to surface the causeway from Aldreth to the Fox and Hounds corner on the Rampton Road and then along Sandy Pond Drove. At the bottom of the drove they would only be a couple of hundred yards from Northstowe. Gallahers or whoever is going to build Northstowe should foot the bill and it should be completed before a single brick is laid at Northstowe.

John Raven, Earith Road

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Story and Songs for Under 5s Tuesday 2 October - 2pm With Sharon Stevens.

Come along to the library with your little ones for this fun story and singing session. It will finish in time for you to pick up at school.

Willingham and Over Celebrate! 23-27 October: Local history exhibition and talk in the library

The Friends of Willingham Library are organizing a Local History Event in Willingham Library on the theme of how Willingham and Over have celebrated past Jubilees and Coronations. From 23 to 27 October there will be a display of photographs and newspaper cuttings from the Cambridgeshire Collection. This will be during normal library opening hours. Additionally, on Wednesday 24 October the display will include loans from the Cambridge Record Office of Birth, Baptism, Marriage and Death Registers from their collection. This display will be open from 9 30 am to 12 30 pm and from 1 30 to 4 30 pm.

- On Wednesday 24 October at 7 30 pm Christopher Jakes, Librarian in charge of the Cambridgeshire Collection, will give a talk in the library. All are welcome to this free event and drinks will be served.

Children's Author Event - October half-term

Thanks to Willingham Parish Council's generous sponsorship of the Summer Reading Challenge, we will be inviting an author to give a talk/workshop for children during the October half-term week. Tickets will be free but will be snapped up quickly so keep your eyes open for posters about this at the library.

Willingham Photographic Club Exhibition – Feast Weekend

There will be an exhibition of the club's excellent work in the library over the Feast weekend – Saturday 6 October 2 30 – 5 pm and Sunday 7 October 11 am – 4 pm. Free entry.

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 September we had a large turnout for Chris Hudson talking about the wetland nature reserve stretching from Over to Needingworth, created by a partnership between Hanson and the RSPB, and the return of bitterns to this part of the Fens.

Future speakers are as follows:

- Wednesday 3 October – Barbara McGhee – East Anglian Air Ambulance
- Wednesday 7 November – Lisa Bulbeck from Age Concern – 'Carry on Cooking'
- Wednesday 5 December – Liz Wright from the Donkey Sanctuary

ETHIOPIA BULLETIN

In just a couple of hours it is possible to walk into the hills around Mekelle. The countryside is beautiful especially now it is very green and full of flowers. The cacti fruit is on sale along streets in towns as is corn on the cob, barbecued over tiny charcoal burners. Sheep, goats and cattle are herded up into the hills to graze and the little farms have a one-roomed stone farm building for the family, plus another round one for the animals. A few vegetables are grown near the house and a wall or tall cacti hedge surrounds it all. Corrugated iron is the roofing material with a few rocks holding it down, so in the rain is incredibly noisy. I have yet to see a hyena but did see a wolf on one trip and both are a real danger for farmers. The birds are lovely exotic varieties. In my office garden there are some hoopoes which are smaller than I imagined but really beautiful. Starlings here are more the colour of kingfishers and sparrows have coloured chests and tails; either deep red or bright blue. There are plenty of other birds from very small bee-eaters

to larger birds of paradise and even larger vultures and buzzards. Needless to say the plants are amazing.

The last month of the Ethiopian year is number 13. It is logical really. 12 months each with 30 days and the few remaining days in another extra month, hence the proud boast that Ethiopia has 13 months of sunshine! The New Year celebrations coincide with the end of the rainy season and then the sun starts to burn up again in earnest so for these people it makes sense.

You probably know about the Ethiopian Prime Minister's death recently but you may not know that the long serving High Priest died too. So the country has lain to rest two of its most important leaders within one week. Yet again it has been an incredibly sad time for Ethiopians. They have lurched from one dreadful disaster to the next and it has been only in the past ten years the record has been marginally more stable.

Mekelle is a working town and doesn't have many tourist

sites. There is the Palace of Emperor Yohannes IV dating from the 1880s in the centre and a modern monument in the Hawelti district but that is about all. The Ayder School here also has a museum of dreadful mementoes following the bombing there in 1998 during the most recent war with Eritrea. The Orthodox Christian faith is strongest here in northern Ethiopia and Mekelle is a good stop-off point to visit the rock hewn churches of Tigray. They are amazing, and nobody quite knows how many there are as they are so difficult to spot and not easy to reach either, but some are well worth a visit. Once you have located the priest and negotiated the climb up to the entrance, inside can be found the most beautiful paintings or carvings, a nave, Holy of Holies, an Ark...all complete and in regular use which is hard to believe.

There are occasions when the Hawelti monument is a focal point for the people. It is usually a quiet place; just two sets of huge, simple statues of ordinary people and a fairly plain but extraordinarily tall central obelisk surrounded by gardens. Once I did go there for a special remembrance day held for the martyrs of a particular destructive fight about 30 years ago. The bigger ceremony was an evening candle-lit vigil but I got up early the next morning and went at dawn. Sunrise and the people up at the top were all workers with a pick axe/shovel/crow bar or similar tools. Half were women and some of those had their babies on their backs. I joined them, crouching together on a low step, chatting in halting phrases before the traditional music was played over loud speakers. Then the Mekelle brass band took over and played their marches. Huge wreaths of palms branches and local flowers were laid, each one accompanied by the 'Last Post'. Afterwards we heard a few speeches and everyone moved to the sides of the hill as lots of tree planting took place. The monument has some good sculptures of local fighters on one side but ordinary suffering people and a donkey on the other. I walked back, through town to the office to start my working day. I was totally bowled over by it all and being a part of it all felt such a privilege.

Valerie McKee

Swavesey & Over Tennis Club

Cambridge Business Houses' Lawn Tennis League

The men's doubles team rounded off its season with a 5 – 3 home win over Milton/Waterbeach, thus reversing the score when the two sides met at Milton.

Playing as No 1 pair, Andrew Papworth and Naunton Pugh won three of their four sets, though they struggled a bit to get a 7 – 5 victory in the second set against Milton/Waterbeach's second string.

The other pairing of Tony Martin and Matt Russell won two of their four sets, to help secure the win. In this division each team has four players, each pair playing two sets against the other club's two pairs.

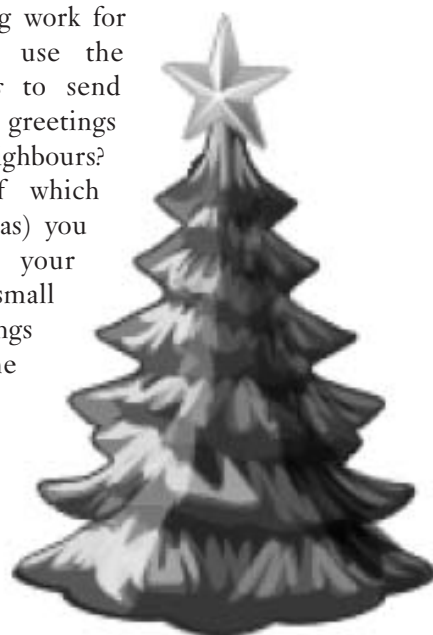
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Let us do the leg work for you! Why not use the *Willingham News* to send your Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours?

For £6 (all of which will go to Magpas) you can place your greetings in a small box on a Greetings Page in the December issue.

Simply let us know what you want to say and we will do the rest, or you can personalise

your box with your own design, font and words and send it to willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk, or leave it at the library, addressed to *Willingham News*. Cheques should be payable to Willingham Parish Magazine and can be left at the library or posted through 54 High Street. You can do this any time between now and November 10 but why not get one Christmas task completed early? We will file all Christmas Greetings ready for publication in December.



Friday 19th October

Willingham Social Club

Quiz Night



7.30 for 8pm Start
Maximum 6 people per team
£5 per person (food included)



To
Book
260144



EVENTS AT THE CHURCHES

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 Octagon between 3 30 and 5 pm. The dates this Autumn Term are Saturday 20 October and Saturday 1 December. 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 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).

Cake Stall – this happens at 10 am on the first Saturday of each month. It is held in the church porch and proceeds go towards the work and upkeep of St Mary and All Saints.



Salvation Army

Coffee Morning: Monday 10 30 am – 12 pm. You are very welcome to come and join us for coffee, tea, cakes 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, 4 and 18 October. Come and join us for a fabulous home cooked lunch and dessert for £4. There is still room left for a few more. Ring Daphne on 260568. Please book in advance if possible.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

13 October 10 am – 12 30 pm
Wilford Furlong Community Centre
Nearly New, Bric a Brac, Books
Cakes and Raffle



Willingham
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Baby Notes: Mondays 2 30 pm for 0 – crawling, 3 for crawlers and walkers. There is no Baby Notes on the last Monday of each month.

CAP Money Course: Mondays 1, 8 and 22 October at 8 pm.

TOPS: Toddler group: Tuesdays 9 45 am – for 18 months plus. There is currently a waiting list for this group.

Little Notes: Thursdays 9 45 am

Open Door Coffee Morning: Thursdays from 10 – 11 30 am – a chance to chat with old and new friends over tea and coffee.

Bump, Babies and Beyond: Thursdays at 10 15 am for mums-to-be and those with babies up to 18 months.

Kids Friday Club: 6 30 pm for children of primary school age.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF WILLINGHAM

In October,
Shepherd's Court, Short Lane, Silver Street and
Spong Drove
will be in our thoughts

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 29 October at 2 30 pm. Lorna Hayes will be speaking to us about the NHS. Please support our Bring and Buy Stall. All are welcome to join us.



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WILLINGHAM

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

7 October

- 8 00 am BCP Communion Service (said)
- 10 30 am Morning Service
- 6 00 pm Salvation Army Band

14 October

- 9 00 am Communion Service
- 10 30 am Family Service
- 6 00 pm Evening Service

20 October

- 3 30 pm Messy Church (please note this is Saturday!)

21 October

- 10 30 am Communion Service

28 October

- 9 00 am Communion Service
- 10 30 am Morning Service
- 3 00 pm Memorial Service (short service for the bereaved)

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*

These are traditional Church of England Communion and Morning Prayer services. 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.

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

Annual Prayer and Giving Day for the life and work of the church.

Friday 18 October 9 –10 am and 6 – 10 pm

The church will be open during the day as usual but someone will be available to receive offerings between 9 – 10 am and 6 – 10 pm. This also provides an opportunity to stop awhile and pray if you would like to. There will be a leaflet with some prayer suggestions should you require it.



WILLINGHAM SALVATION ARMY
 Silver Street, Willingham CB24 5LF
 01954 261108
 Email: emma.knights@salvationarmy.org.uk

7 October Feast Sunday.

- 3 00 pm Norton Salvation Army Band on the Green
- 6 00 pm Songs of Praise at SMAS

14 October

For such a time as this...
 Esther

21 October

Bible Sunday

28 October

Majors Fred and Elaine Eardley

All at 5pm



Willingham
BAPTIST CHURCH

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info@willinghambaptist.org www.willinghambaptist.org

7 October

- 9 00 am Harvest Festival
- 10 30 am Harvest Festival
- 6 00 pm United Songs of Praise at SMAS

14 October

- 10 30 am Samuel: A man for all seasons
- 6 00 pm 'Follow me'

21 October

- 10 30 am David and Goliath: one man to save all
- 6 00 pm Faith and Healing

28 October

- 10 30 am Saul: how the mighty have fallen
- 6 00 pm 'Calm down dears, it's only a storm'

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

Weekend mass times:

Saturdays at 5 pm Sundays at 8 am and 11 am
 At Bar Hill church centre, 6 pm on Saturdays



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

Visit our Practice Website www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk for more info about us.

Olympic legacy – Calling all local sports and healthy activities groups. Please give us your details. We would like to promote local activities and clubs by displaying a list on our surgery and pharmacy notice boards and hopefully encourage more people to take up sport and physical activity.

Flu clinics We will be holding several special Flu Clinics during October. Please ring for details. Flu vaccination is free under the NHS to all people of 65 years and over, pregnant women, and to those of any age with a long term medical condition, for example diabetes, heart disease, kidney or liver disease, asthma or any breathing disorder. Carers (in receipt of Carers Allowance) are also eligible. Please enquire if unsure.

Shingles vaccine If you have ever had chickenpox there is a 1 in 4 chance you will develop shingles at some point in your life and this occurs more frequently in people aged 50 years and older. Shingles is usually mild although unpleasant but can cause long term pain and may affect the eyes. There is now a limited supply of vaccine available in this country which can be supplied on a private prescription. Please ask in pharmacy for details.

Acknowledgement Thank you to the family and friends of Leslie Wayman of Willingham and Janet Kilborn of Longstanton who have made donations in memory of their loved ones to the Surgery Equipment Fund.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

Charity Lunch

The October charity lunch, supporting the Alzheimer's Disease Association will be held on 13 October at 1 pm by Ken and Jean Taylor at 37 Rampton End.

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

All are welcome.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across: 5 Tonsillitis, 7 Hoop, 8 Examiner, 9 Obvious, 11 He-men, 13 Heath, 14 Section, 16 Splinter, 17 Sake, 18 Trustworthy.

Down: 1 Snap, 2 Mixed-up, 3 Altar, 4 Strident, 5 Trouble spot, 6 Skeleton key, 10 Intrigue, 12 Reproof, 15 State, 17 Site.

ANSWERS TO BOOK QUIZ

1) Frankfurt; 2) Havana; 3) Berlin; 4) Greece; 5) Cambridge; 6) Kenilworth; 7) Newhaven-Dieppe; 8) Oxford; 9) Blackpool; 10) Salzburg; 11) Rome; 12) Riga.

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 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	CLOSED
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30



1st Over (St Mary's)
Scout Group



Quiz Night



SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2012 @ THE
CHURCH HALL, OVER

£6 Per Person



Teams of up to 8

7:30pm – 11pm

Raffle

Bring your own food and drink

For tickets call: 07774 924083

Or email quiznight@over.craftshillscouts.org.uk

PROCEEDS TO 1ST OVER ST MARY'S SCOUT GROUP

Profile: Bill Kirkman

Bill Kirkman, who has recently retired as Editor-in-Chief of *Willingham News*, brought a journalist's experience to our village publication, and has overseen its development to an award-winning local magazine.

Bill has worked in journalism since joining the *Wolverhampton Express and Star* on graduating from Oxford University. Moving to *The Times*, he became the Commonwealth and Africa correspondent. It was an exciting time to be a journalist in that part of the world, and Bill visited 18 African countries in two years as he reported on a period of rapid independence.

Finding frequent travel not easily compatible with enjoying time with his young children, he accepted a job with the Oxford University Careers Service, while still retaining his interest in journalism by freelancing, both in printed media and broadcasting.



Moving to head the Cambridge University Careers Service, Bill moved to Willingham in 1968, and has played an active role in many local organisations. He was a governor of Cottenham Village College in the 1970s, and of Willingham Primary School in the 1980s. From 1974 to 1991, he was a trustee of the Willingham British Schools Trust (the first trustee who was neither at school nor born in Willingham, although his children were pupils there), as the old school was sold, the proceeds invested, and the trust deed (dating from the 1850s) re-written. The trust still provides grants to Willingham residents for educational purposes.

Bill has been a church warden and a parish councillor for over 10 years. He is lead councillor for Green and Boundaries, and is particularly proud of the improvements that have been made to the Green, culminating very recently in the installation of the village map.

Despite retiring from his Careers Service position at the age of 60, Bill's journalism has continued, and he continues to write his column of 18 years standing for *The Hindu*.

His editorial colleagues on Willingham News are grateful to him for the huge part he has played in the magazine's development, and will very much miss his enthusiasm and guidance.

All welcome . . .



in loving memory

Memorial & Thanksgiving Service

**St Mary and All Saints
Sunday October 28th, 3pm**

**Short & simple service to help remember
deceased loved ones before God
and light a candle in memory of them**

Tea and biscuits will be available afterwards

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From the Parish Council

www.willingham-pc.org.uk

Village News and Events:

Plans are moving forward to resurface the Ploughman Hall car park. The concerns raised by the Environment Agency have been addressed and the Parish Council has now selected a contractor to carry out the work. This should commence in the very near future.

The Parish Council are in the process of purchasing a storage container for the Recreation Ground which will be positioned discreetly and will greatly improve the storage facilities for the clubs who regularly use the grounds for sports activities.

The Parish Council have also agreed to adopt QE2 status for the Recreation Ground and the Jubilee Field. This is a scheme initiated by 'Fields in Trust' and was discussed at the AGM. The adoption of this status not only protects the open spaces for generations to come but will also make it easier for groups to raise funds to carry out planned improvements on these areas. If you have any suggestions as to improvements you would like to see or can offer your time to help make improvements, please contact the office.

On a negative note, anti-social behaviour seems to be a continuing problem particularly around the Pavilion and the Ploughman Hall areas. The Pavilion roof has been damaged yet again and a large Euro bin has been stolen from the side of the Ploughman Hall. As we have stated before, this all costs money to remedy and this has to come from public funds – funds which could be used to much greater effect. We ask that residents and visitors to the area please be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior either to our PCSO, Claire Whiteman or by dialing the non emergency number 101.

Don't forget you can also follow the Parish Council on twitter @willinghampc

New Councillor

The Parish Council welcomes a new Councillor on board – Cllr Derek Law. October will also see a few more new faces on the Parish Council, Details will be published in the next *Willingham News*.

B1050

We are still waiting to hear from the County Council with regards to their plans for the B1050.

Police Issues: Histon Police Station

There have been some concerns raised with regards to the Police Authority having to make cut backs at the moment

and the impact that this may have for Willingham. The County Council has assured us that there are no current plans to close Histon Police Station.

Superfast Broadband

If you would like to see superfast broadband in this area, please do register your interest on the County Council website.

Contact Details:

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

Mr H Awal	01954-204526
Mr D Clarke	01954-260600
Mr A Cook (Chairman of the Council)	01954-260325
Mr R Foster (Halls Lead Councillor)	01954-261293
Mr D Jacques	01954-261353
Mr P King (Vice Chairman)	01954-260780
Mr B Kirkman (Greens & Boundaries Lead Councillor)	01954-260393
Mr R Manning	01954-261235
Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mr G Pake (Cemetery Lead Councillor)	01954-260534
Mr J Watson (Leisure & Amenities Lead Councillor)	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 held on Wednesday 3 October in the Octagon at 7 30 pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend and speak briefly 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. Contact details are: Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. 01954-261027; email@willinghampc.org.uk

Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge Admin Assistant: Mrs Amanda Powell

Willingham Running Club

If you would like to join in with members of Willingham Running Club, either for gentle runs around the village to keep fit, or for more strenuous runs further afield, then please contact Gerry on 07512 512997. We try to have regular outings twice a week.

WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Meetings are held at the Social Club, Fen End, 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. 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 members of the committee informally.

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

In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and other places of interest. Our next outing will be **Wednesday 7 November for the Christmas Shopping trip to Ipswich**. Cost for the shopping trip is £16 per person, payable on the coach. Call Celia on the above number to reserve your seat. We shall depart from the Green at 9 am. Outings are open to members and non-members.

Reminder for Members

The next Club meeting is on **Monday 1 October** when the speaker will be Roger Skipper on 'South African Garden Route.'

Future Attractions

There will be a talk on holly wreath making at our meeting on **5 November**.

Report from the Horticultural show will be published next month.

Willingham Baptist Church Christmas Fayre

Will be held on Saturday 1 December from
2 pm – 4 30 pm

Put this in your diary – come and enjoy mince pies,
home produce and crafts for the children!

Over Jazz
present

Alan Gresty/Brian White Ragtimers
Saturday 20 October

Over Community Centre (CB24 5NW)

Doors open at 7 30 for 8 pm start.

Tickets are £9. Please contact Julia Warren on
01954 230056 or Val Baker on 01954 230655,
or email julia_warren@btinternet.com

Old Willingham

Here is photo of a splendid car taken in the 1930s. It is parked outside a rather nice house with railings. Both the house and the adjacent building still exist in the village but they are hard to recognize. In fact it is 'Berry Cottage' just to the left of Berrycroft Stores. It has for some time been converted into a workshop/store and is now painted white. The two lads sitting on the running board are Milford and Roland Jeeps. Milford still lives in the village today.

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



The Over Players present

Cinderella

DECEMBER 4-8
OVER COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets are on sale NOW for
The Over Players' Pantomime, Cinderella.

Once again we are presenting a brand new script
featuring topical jokes, local jokes, new jokes and, of course,
lots of old jokes too!

Cinderella is traditional family panto fun with great songs
old and new, bright colourful costumes,
professional backdrops, stunning lighting effects and a cast
of 40. It is a show not to be missed!

The box office is now open – but hurry! Last year we
played to more than 750 people and the matinée sold out in
48 hours!!

**Bookings can be made by phone – 07521 099146 or
online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/overplayers** (Please note
there is a 10% booking fee payable
for booking online)

VILLAGE DIARY

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
OCT.				
1	South African Garden Route with Roger Skipper	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
1	CAP Money Course	Baptist Church	Church Hall	8 pm
2	Story and Songs for Under 5s	Library	Library	2 pm
3	Talk <i>East Anglian Air Ambulance</i> with Barbara McGhee	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm
3	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm
4	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	Tel 260568
6	Cake Stall	St Marys and All Saints	SMAS Porch	10 am
6	Wetland Safari	RSPB	Venue given when booking	3 – 6 30 pm Tel 233260
7	Walk to Ely	Willingham Walkers	Meet at Green	9 am
8	Wedding Memories	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm
8	CAP Money Course	Baptist Church	Church Hall	8 pm
13	MacMillan Coffee morning	Wilford Furlong Community Centre	Wilford Furlong Community Centre	10 am – 12 30 pm
13	Charity lunch	For Alzheimer's Association	37 Rampton End	1 pm
18	Annual Prayer and Giving Day	St Marys and All Saints	Parish Church	9 –10 am, 6 –10 pm
18	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	Tel 260568
19	Quiz Night	Cricket Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
20	Messy Church	St Marys and All Saints	Parish Church and Octagon	3 30 – 5 pm
22	CAP Money Course	Baptist Church	Church Hall	8 pm
24	Record Registers Display	FOWL	Library	9 30 am – 12 30 pm 1 30 pm – 4 30 pm
24	Talk – <i>Archives from the Cambridgeshire Collection</i> with Christopher Jakes	FOWL	Library	7 30 pm
27	Craft fair	Local Crafters	Swavesey Memorial Hall	10 am – 2 pm
27	Slides of Old Willingham	FOWL	Octagon	5 pm
28	Memorial and Thanksgiving Service	St Marys and All Saints	Parish Church	3 pm
29	Talk – <i>The NHS</i> by Lorna Hayes	Mothers' Union	Octagon	2 30 pm

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

Council	Parish Council (<i>See full details on page 16</i>)		01954 261027
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230565
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230168
	District Councillor	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213221
Services	Police		101
	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	Mrs V Francis	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	Jonathan Lewis	01954 283030
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Lynda Blunt	01954 261309
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	Mrs G Balaam	01954 201567
	Tigger Toddlers	Jenny Rayner	01954 270122
	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
	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 Representatives	Allotments – See Willingham Combined Charities below		
	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
	<i>Cambridge News</i> Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393
	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Mike Tidball	01954 260647
	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
	Women's Institute	Jacky Sparks	01954 261831
	Willingham Jam Club	Julian Eales	01954 201818
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124
	Willingham Photography Club	Christopher Cross	01954 260790
	Willingham Walkers	Mike Tidball	01954 260647
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 203001
Sport	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Cycling Club	www.willinghamwheels.com	
	Ladies' Hockey	Teresa Hutchcraft	01954 260177
	Badminton	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Bowls Club	Mrs Linda Aspinall	01954 261562
	Willingham Running Club	Gerry Mears	07512 512997
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	David Clarke	01954 260600
	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 261193
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 700778
Churches	Roman Catholic Priest	Fr Edward Tredota	01480 462192
	Salvation Army	Captain Emma Knights	01954 260608
	Parish Church	Rev Linda Liversidge	01954 263187