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### EDITORIAL

Another new year! Yet again New Year resolutions and our hopes, maybe, of turning over a new leaf. What does this year have in store for us all? Looking at our front page photos from last year – some of us will view them and the weather with apprehension and others with glee – but with anyone with a Scottish connection, there is Burns' Night to look forward to on 25th – and haggis. A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to everyone.

<b>Bin Collections –</b>	Wednesdays or as shown	
4 Jan (Friday)	Black	
10 Jan (Thurs)	Green and Blue	
16 Jan	Black	
23 Jan	Green and Blue	
30 Jan	Black	

#### **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

#### Hello everyone

I am writing to make you aware that I will be leaving Cambridgeshire Constabulary from 9 January to work with South Cambridgeshire District Council in the housing services. I wanted to make you all aware before it was announced to the public.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support throughout my four and a half years with the force. I have really enjoyed working as a PCSO with all of you and I wish you the best in the future.

If I see you about in my new role please come and say hello!

Take care Claire

### **Advertising**

Advertising is sold on an annual basis for an insert into 12 issues beginning in January.

For any queries about advertising during the year please email advertswillinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk

For the February issue: **Please note the deadline is 10 January.** 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 Cricket Club AGM

Thursday, 10 January – at 8 pm in the Willingham Social Club

The Club needs new players so anyone interested in joining please come along.

### **Willingham Walkers**

#### New Year Walk Sunday, 13 January

Why not start the year by joining the Willingham Walkers on Sunday, 13 January? We are planning a local walk, leaving from the Duke of Wellington car park at 10 am. We should be back between 12 30 and 1 pm.

Please let Linda Horne know if you are planning to come along, either via email lhorne@hal-consultancy.com or phone 01954 202072

We walk on the second Sunday of each month. For regular updates about walks check *Willingham News*, and Willingham Life website, events section, or contact Mike Tidball via email m.tidball@btinternet.com, phone 01954 260647 or Linda as above.

### **Photography Club**

#### Monthly meetings at 7 45 pm at the Baptist Hall

**21 January** – Book cover (book titles) – Photographs to represent book titles.

**18 February** – Photoshop workshop – covering lighting, contrast, saturation and sharpening. Please note this is a 7 pm start and an equipment request.

18 March - Self portrait.

15 April — Photoshop workshop – covering HDR, B&W and layers. Please note this is a 7 pm start and an equipment request.

If you wish to come to any of our evenings, you are welcome to attend as a guest.

The current running format of our evenings is split into two parts: The first half we show photographs taken by members from the set assignment, we then break for coffee and time for members to chat and catch up with one other. During the second half we run through the next assignment that has been set, as well as a question and answer time and any technical information - time allowing.

We have also started an in-house monthly competition the subject is what the month means to you. This is very informal with people entering anonymously. There is a ballot box set up for members to vote on their favourite photograph.

Our website is: photo.ballandia.co.uk if you want to know more about the club and view members' photographs.

### Willingham Women's Institute



The next meeting is on Monday, 14 January at 7 30 pm in the Social

Club. This will be the Annual Meeting We will be making a corsage with Doreen Young and there will be a display of the work of the Quilting Group.

New members always welcome; please contact Jacky on 261831.

### Just Karate Classes in Impington and Ely

Whatever your level of ability, you can join *Just Karate* classes being held at Impington Sports Centre every Sunday from 6–7 pm and Paradise Centre in Ely every Wednesday from 7–8 pm. New students are welcome to join at anytime and there are no membership fees. Classes are on a pay-as-you-go basis. Both adults and 5+ children are welcome to attend. Contact us on 07714 201 555 or email info@justkarate.co.uk. Our website is www.justkarate.co.uk.

### WILLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Neville Denson, Chrissie Hampton and Alan Davis received the Piggott cup at our annual presentation and dinner held on 17 November at the Black Bull in Willingham where Bill and Maggie once again served all present a wonderful three-course dinner. David Morris, our new chairman, presented the trophies and a good evening was had by all.

May we remind readers that the club still would like any unused sets of bowls that may be collecting dust in attics/cupboards. They would be well-cared for and would be helpful in promoting bowling for beginners which we hope to start next season. Alan is prepared to pick them up (01954 200339).



We wish all our friends and members, past and present, a prosperous New Year.

### WAG volunteers hard at work!

Early in December a dedicated band of Willingham Action Group volunteers helped by the Willingham cubs set about planting a half ton of bulbs around the village under the supervision of Marion Barber. The bulbs were very kindly donated, free of charge, by Brian Green at Mistletoe Farm whom we thank for his gift to the village. Hopefully the fruits of the labour will be obvious to all in the spring as half a ton is an awful lot of bulbs!





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### New group hits Willingham

I have recently been inspired by the success of the Facebook group featuring children's items for sale in Elv and I am trying to recreate this in Willingham. The Ely group has over 2000 members and is a fantastic place to sell children's clothes, books, toys and equipment. Unlike Ebay there are no seller fees to pay and in most cases mutual arrangements are made for collection so there are no postage and packaging charges either. With such a large number of babies and young people in Willingham, I am sure that we would all welcome an opportunity to declutter, make some money and help out friends and neighbours all at the same time!

How does it work? Simply log on to Facebook and search for the group entitled Willingham baby and children's items for sale. This is an open group which anyone can join. Once you join the group, you can start listing your items immediately. As with Ebay it is advisable to provide a good picture and an accurate description of the item. You would also post the price you would like for your item. People who are interested in your item can ask questions or simply say that they would like to purchase it from you on the 'wall' page. You could also post 'wanted' messages for items you require. For obvious reasons please do not put discussions about addresses and phone numbers on the openly visible page - use the personal message option instead.

This is to be a self-regulating group - only for items related to babies and children. Please do not be tempted to use this page to advertise other goods and services as this would put people off using it and prevent it from becoming the success that it can be.

As a start I have posted a couple of items on the page to show how it could work. If you have any questions about the group, please message me through the page. I look forward to seeing you on 'Willingham baby and children's items for sale' soon!

Catherine Atkins

### **Changes to the busway** A/B services:

New 07:40 - A - Between St Ives Park & Ride and Cambridge railway station (Monday to Friday when schools begin)

New 17:20 - B - Between Cambridge, Drummer Street bus station and St Ives bus station (Monday to Friday) Existing 07:50 and 08:05 - A - Between St Ives, Hill Rise and Cambridge railway station will now operate Monday to Friday (currently Monday to Friday when schools open)

Should you have any queries regarding these changes please call Stagecoach on 01480 453159. Email: passenger.transport@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Post: Passenger Transport Team, Box CC 1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP

### Sudoku

### Make Supporting the Youth of Willingham Your New Year's Resolution!

### And help us get a piece of £500,000!

If one of your New Year's Resolutions was to be a bit more charitable – here's your chance. Support the children and young people in Willingham and double the impact you can make at the same time. They say charity begins at home!

Willingham Youth Trust and Willingham Action Group are working together to help deliver a number of initiatives for our children and young people within the village. Based on the Parish Plan and consultation undertaken recently, we are looking to fundraise for:

- The creation of a Youth Council to be established, to ensure a voice for the youths of the village in future plans and projects;
- A purpose-built youth centre/space where young people can meet and drive activities themselves;
- An ambitious overhaul of the Jubilee Field as a much improved and more age appropriate recreation and playground facility.

A project team is hard at work fund-raising for these projects through a variety of funding bodies but we need YOU, the people and parents of Willingham, to help as well - and we have found a way of helping your donations make even more of an impact!

Willingham Youth Trust is a registered charity and has registered with Localgiving.com - a website and service promoting charitable giving to small local charities and community groups in the UK. Similar to Justgiving.com it allows you to make a donation online to a specific charity or cause in your area.

### Grow Your Tenner campaign

In September 2012, LocalGiving.com launched their 'Grow Your Tenner' campaign setting aside  $\pounds500,000$  to match fund donations. From 25 September until all  $\pounds500,000$  is gone, they'll match the first  $\pounds10$  of every donation made on Localgiving.com. So, if you give  $\pounds10$ , they'll double it to  $\pounds20$ . If you claim Gift Aid, it becomes  $\pounds22.50!$ 

But nearly  $\pounds 375,000$  has gone already to causes nationally – so we need to act quickly to claim our share!

For more information on the 'Grow Your Tenner' campaign and to make that all important donation visit www.localgiving.com/willinghamyouth

Please support these great initiatives so that we can start to give the children of Willingham the facilities they deserve. And just think – you will have achieved your New Year Resolution before the end of January!

(Solution overleaf)

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### Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

#### (Answers overleaf)

Find ten different calendar months to complete this month's titles.

- 1. .... is a Wicked Month, by Edna O'Brien.
- 3. A Week in ....., by Sebastian Faulks.
- 5. The Adventures of Augie ...... by Saul Bellow.
- 6. The Last ....., by Elizabeth Bowen.
- 7. The Hunt for Red ....., by Tom Clancy.
- 8. Frost in ....., by Antonia White.
- 9. ...., by David Mamet.
- 10. ...., by Lisa Moore.

### **Profile – Chris Warren**

Certainly Chris Warren's face will be familiar to most village residents. He has been the sub post master at the Post Office for the past twenty-seven years, taking over from Alan Robinson in 1986. In those days a first-class stamp cost 18p and red sealing wax was melted on the string tying parcels! And how many of you can remember the Post Office counter and shop being to the right of the building which now houses the sorting office? A considerably smaller Post Office back then.

Before moving to Willingham Chris lived in Over with his mother and father who ran the Post Office there. In fact, Chris' father bought the Post Office in Over from Alan Robinson's father. Little did Chris realise that he would be doing the same thing years later!

Over the years Chris and his wife, Linda, who run the Post Office with the help of Marion, have seen many changes to the village and the users of the Post Office. There was a time when Chris knew 90% of the people in the village by name and could say exactly where they lived. He has fond memories of some of the old characters. In the past on a Monday morning, there would regularly be a dozen or so people queuing outside waiting to collect their pensions or child benefits and this would make up most of their day to day work. The main custom now is postage sales but a lot of this is for Ebay parcels. While the volume of mail has dropped significantly as more and more people use the internet, the delivery of packets and parcels has increased tenfold, making heavier loads for the six postmen and women, most of whom have been pedalling our streets for many years.

Technology has also had an impact on the necessary paperwork. Years ago everything had to be written down in large, hard-backed ledgers and the weekly accounts had to



be done manually, taking up to four hours, but now using a computer these can be completed within half an hour. The only process which has remained unchanged is the issuing of stamps from the stamp books.

Willingham Post Office is one of the bigger sub Post-Offices. Up to 50% of the day-to-day work is to customers from surrounding villages. Passports and renewing car tax bring in a lot of passing trade and the road closure in the High Street in November had a dramatic effect on the business.

In his spare time Chris enjoys sport and plays golf and table tennis and likes watching all sport on TV. He also has an interest in real ale and has opened a small bar specialising in the sale of real ale in the premises that was once Lloyds bank.

### **Willingham Primary School**

A BIG thank-you to everyone who supported the school Christmas Fayre in December - over £1000 was raised. This year was even bigger and better than last year! A record number of stall holders came to sell their gifts including jewellery, plants and handmade toys. We are also thankful to village businesses who donated prizes for our Golden Crackers. Children were able to buy small gifts for grownups in the Secret Santa Shop, and Santa himself made his usual appearance giving out presents in his grotto.

The school choir entertained everyone beautifully with a selection of music from their O2 Young Voices repertoire; meanwhile mulled wine and mince pies kept everyone warm and cosy! This year the Baptist Church sponsored the creation of a crib scene which was displayed in the entrance hall of the school after the event.

We look forward to seeing you at more Willingham School Association Events in 2013!

### **Sudoku Solution**



Answers to FOWL quiz:

August. 2. April. 3. December. 4. July. 5. March.
 September. 7. October. 8. May. 9. November. 10. February.

### Pastoral Letter

Another round of Christmas celebrations has just ended. We have all eaten too much and spent too much and just to make it worse we have probably gained a few pounds in weight. But what was it all about? Around Willingham and across the country many homes were festooned with lights inside and out. Of course, I am not bab-humbugging it all. Christmas is a key festival for Christians and churches worldwide. It marks the coming of Christ who said 'I have come to give life in all its fullness'. Christ gives meaning to life itself. Now as we await the arrival of those dreaded credit card statements that we briefly forgot in the run-up to Christmas, we wonder how we are going to pay for it all. As a nation, along with many other western nations we are in the middle of a 'double dip' recession. We are in the depths of winter with cold temperatures and dark nights and it could all be so depressing. Hear again those words of Jesus, whose birth we have just celebrated, 'I have come to give life in all its fullness."

God, who designed us in the first place, has a master plan for our lives. If we follow the Maker's instructions we can truly live a full life. Christ is not just for Christmas but for every day of the year. He cares deeply for each one of us and wants us to know that. Whatever you do, wherever you are, whatever you are facing, he is right there with you desiring you to have the best life possible.

Hopefully, spending extra time with family has been a great joy, even if a few toys are already broken and you didn't want to watch the same TV programmes, (don't worry, the one you missed will be repeated anyway!) The angels announced joy to the world as God came down to earth to become one of us and so wishes to be part of the family.

The start of a new year is an opportunity to look back at 2012 and look ahead into 2013 and perhaps re-assess what we want to do with our lives. How can we make things better? How can we repair some issues we have with others? How can we give more meaning to how we live? Can I suggest you start by including Jesus who wants you live life to the full. I have been a Christian from the age of 8 and I have never had any regrets about following Jesus. If you fancy a fresh start, why not pop into a local church or make contact with one of the church leaders. (Contact details in the Village Directory.) Give God a chance and see the improvement in your life.

Trevor Rowe, Baptist Minister

### Look like you're to the manor born – for £6,700 by Andrew Dickens

The Lordship of the Manor of Willingham is up for sale for offers of about £6,750, through Manorial Auctioneers of London. The title has been owned by Reginald Johns since 1970 but his executors are now offering it for sale. It dates from between 996 and 1001 when it was left by Ufi, a Saxon, in his will to the Abbot of Ely. The new Lord or Lady will be able to use the title on passports, cheque books and credit cards and be eligible for membership of the Manorial Society of Great Britain.

Robert Smith, director of Manorial Auctioneers of London, who is organising the sale, said: 'The usual procedure of owning a lordship is that people ring up for a catalogue of what the title involves before deciding whether or not to make a bid.' In 1599, Bishop Heton sold the title to Elizabeth I, who conveyed it two years later to Myles Sandys, created a baronet by James I in 1612. It was acquired by Richard Holman in 1664 and at the end of the 18th century obtained in marriage by Sir Thomas Hatton of Longstanton. The family later changed its name to Finch-Hatton and their heir conveyed the title to W M Francis in 1922, before being sold to Mr Johns.

Interested? Contact Robert Smith on (02075) 821588

(TAKEN FROM *THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS – AND ABRIDGED*)

### Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library 0345 0455225



Opening Hou	rs		
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

#### Engage in the Afternoon

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

It's free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

In December Liz Wright came to speak about the Donkey Sanctuary and its work worldwide taking care of these affectionate and often ill-cared for animals. It was an interesting and enjoyable session.

#### Future speakers are as follows:

- Wednesday 2 January James Nicol Books you had for Christmas and Books to read in the New Year – a general discussion
- Wednesday 6 February Rob Wallace Community Navigators

#### You'll be Surprised..

...at what's in your library. As well as books we have magazines, talking books and children's DVDs for loan. If you don't see what you want on the shelf, just ask the staff who will be happy to request items for you from another library in the county - free of charge.

Library members can have one hour's free Internet access a day on the library computers and can also access the library system on-line from home to search the catalogue, make requests and renew books as well as being able to access reference websites such as *Encyclopaedia Britannica* – the junior version of this is excellent for helping with homework.

The library can be hired for meetings during closed times so get in touch for further details.

### Eat, drink and be merry this New Year!

As the New Year approaches, many of us are watching the pennies. Everybody likes a bargain, especially when all sorts of expenses are chipping away at our bank balances but with this in mind, Trading Standards would like to warn readers about the pitfalls of buying alcohol from unconventional sources such as car boot sales, strangers in the pub, workplace or selling from the back of a vehicle or any other unusual sources.

Recently there has been an increase in counterfeit and fake alcohol found in the county. Counterfeit alcohol, just like any other counterfeit product, mimics a genuine branded article and tries to pass itself off as the same. Usually the counterfeit product is very convincing and most consumers wouldn't notice any difference in the packaging.

As well as counterfeit alcohol there are drinks designed to look like new and appealing brands. Often these products do not meet the required legal standards of composition – either having too little or too much of certain required ingredients or featuring ingredients that shouldn't be present at all. Often these ingredients can be harmful to health.

Indeed, both counterfeit and other fake drinks should be avoided at all costs. They may contain either much more or much less alcohol than stated on the label and than is required by law but worse than this, however, is the fact that many counterfeit and fake drinks contain chemicals that are normally used in products such as cleaning products, antifreeze and screen wash. For example methanol, isopropyl, propan-2-ol, acetone and chloroform are commonly found in illicit alcohol. These products can be dangerous if consumed and pose a risk to health. People have been known to be sick or suffer dizziness, breathing difficulties, kidney damage, blindness and even death after consuming fake alcohol. Nobody can tell what's in a bottle of fake drink and so the risks are unpredictable. The simple message is not to buy or consume any drink of questionable source.

So if you choose to eat, drink and be merry this New Year, please do so in a way that is safe and doesn't risk your health or that of your guests.

If you see any alcohol that you suspect to be counterfeit or fake, please contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.

### **Charity Lunch**

The January charity lunch supporting the Alzheimer's Disease Association will be held on 19 January at 1 pm by Steve and Heather Mellows at 28 Church Street. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheeses and costs £3. All are welcome.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

#### Dear Editors

I wanted your readers, some of whom have supported my fundraising, to know that I have a place on the ski course with Back Up in January 2013. I still need to raise more money, so please put on your thinking caps and get in touch with any ideas for me to make money.

Many thanks Regards Avril Williams

#### Dear Editors

Having been born in Station Road, Longstanton and having lived on this road on and off for the last 65 years, I have seen many changes. Between the ages of 8 and 10, I would sit on the grass verge with my friends and take car numbers (never more than 6 to 10 on any day and a few tractors) but certainly no lorries (as freight was all carried via the railway). Now in 2013, it would be impossible to count the 6,000 cars and enormous lorries.

Unfortunately for the residents of Station Road, we now live on a very dangerous road. The pathway running alongside the road is used as a path for pedestrians (particularly for access to the guided bus) and joggers and also doubles up as a cycle path.

Before there is a serious accident, I would ask that all users of this pathway use it with caution. There is very limited visibility for residents when leaving their property, particularly by car, because of trees and hedges near their gateways. Cyclists often wear earphones and cannot hear cars approaching from driveways and are travelling at high speed, which is a danger not only to themselves but also to other pedestrians and motorists using the path.

As a resident, not only is it very difficult to exit our drive, but also entering it proves to be a problem. Although cyclists see your vehicle indicating to turn, they try to race you to your gateway so they do not have to stop and give way. The give-way issue is unclear, as no one seems to know who has the right of way.

There have been many accidents along this road and several deaths. Could we all please try to think 'safety first' before anyone else is hurt? If anyone can think of any safety measures that could be put in place to protect all users of this pathway, please put them to your local councillors.

Christine West Station Road, Longstanton

#### Dear Editors

I would like to say thank you to everyone at Willingham Surgery and dispensary for all their care and support during Barry's illness. Also thank you to everyone who bought his plants and flowers every year which he sold in aid of Leukaemia Research.

Janet Hales

### **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION OVER & DISTRICT BRANCH**

#### Current Programme of events planned for 2013

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Bingo in Over Community Centre
350 Club Lottery
Annual Flower & Produce Show
Bingo in Over Community Centre
AGM, Town Hall at 7 30 pm
Christmas Bingo & Draw in the
Church Hall

This programme serves to raise money for the work of The Royal British Legion separately from the Poppy Appeal

#### **POPPY APPEAL 2012**

Collections for this are still coming in so we do not yet have a total to announce. The Branch extends its heartfelt thanks to all who contributed so generously. This money goes towards funding the much-needed welfare work of the RBL.

#### **ARMISTICE DAY**

Armistice day was observed in all three villages with Officers representing the branch at all services. We were joined by Air Force & Army cadets, the Scouting movement and other village organisations and we thank them for their support and interest.

Owing to the success of our fund-raising this year, the branch has been able to donate a total of  $\pounds600$  to Royal British Legion Homes in Bridlington and Cromer. A further  $\pounds1,000$  will be donated to the RBL welfare fund in the New Year.

The branch thanks you wholeheartedly for your continuing support.

For contact purposes:

President	Mr Chris Ginn	01954 230509
Chairman	Mr Bruce Moyes	01954 232155
Secretary	Mrs Jan Whipp	01954 203607
Treasurer	Mr Malcolm Sawyer	01954 202272

### Willingham WEA

The Spring Term starts on Monday, 7 January at 10 am in the Baptist Church Hall, George Street.

The course this term is 'Helms, Hatchments & Hedgehogs -An introduction to heraldry'.

Heraldry is all around us. It can be seen in Cambridge colleges and schools, on pub signs and when we visit country houses, churches and cathedrals.

The Tutor is Chloe Cockerill

The fee is £36 for an 8-week course

For more information please telephone Rosemary Mumford, Secretary, 01954 260934.

### WEA AGM

The AGM of the Willingham Branch of the WEA will be held on Monday, 21 January at 12 15 pm at the Baptist Church, George Street.



### **Parish Church**

**Bubbles** – is held in the Octagon every Friday during school term time from  $10 - 11 \ 30$  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 Octagon and Church. The next one is on Saturday, 26 January from  $3\ 30-5$  pm. 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.  $\pounds$ 1 includes tea and biscuits. More information available from Alan (261349), Rosemary (205718) or David & Mary (261353).

Cake Stall - There will be no cake stall in January.



### Salvation Army

**Coffee Morning:** Mondays 10 30 - 12 noon. 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: Mondays 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 on 17 and 31 January. Join us for a fabulous home-cooked lunch and dessert for  $\pounds4.00$  There is still room left for a few more. Ring Daphne on 260568. Please book in advance if possible.

#### **Ducklings Parent and Toddler Group!**

A new group on TUESDAY mornings at the Salvation Army from 9 45 - 11 15 am. £1.00 per session. Starts 15 January 2013.

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

In January, Balland Field, Belsar's Close, Berrycroft, Bourney's Manor Close, Brickhills will be in our thoughts Willingham BAPTIST CHURCH George Street, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LJ info@willinghambaptist.org

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

**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 - 1130 am. This is 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: at 6 30 pm for children of primary school age.





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

#### **6 January**

8 00 am	BCP Communion Service (said)
10 30 am	Morning Service
6 00 pm	Evening Covenant Service for New Year!
<b>13 January</b>	
9 00 am	Communion Service
1045 am	Remembrance Service
20 January	
10 30 am	Communion Service
26 January	Saturday
3 30–5 pm	Messy Church
27 January	
9 00 am Co	mmunion Service
10 30 am Mo	rning Service

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.

#### 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: Saturdays at 6 pm



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

**6 January** Following a Star! Matthew 2:1-12

**13 January** Going Deeper – Commitment Sunday 2013 Ephesians 3:14-21

#### **20 January** United service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at the Salvation Army

#### **27 January** Going Deeper – Praise and Thanksgiving Hebrews 13:15

All at 5 pm



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

#### **6 January**

10 30 am Stewardship – 'I want to break free!' 6 00 pm In the presence of a mighty God

#### **13 January**

- 10 30 am 'The winter of discontent'
- 6 00 pm God's great plan for us

#### **20 January**

- 10 30 am New beginnings
- 5 00 pm United service at Salvation Army for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity

#### **27 January**

10 30 am 'Put a spring in your step' 6 00 pm The remnant of God's people



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NEW YEAR - NEW YOU? Willingham Surgery Slimming Clinic is a great way to lose weight. Wednesdays 3 – 4 pm and 5 45 – 6 15 pm. Informal chat with Karen, a healthy eating diet and a weekly 'weigh in' only £2.50!!! Just come along. Proceeds to Willingham Surgery Equipment Fund.

**Christmas Lucky Squares**. Thank you to all of you who donated prizes or bought our lucky squares. Details of how much you raised for MAGPAS will be in the next newsletter.

Top Tips for Staying Healthy in Winter for our senior citizens

- Get your flu jab
- **Keep warm** Wear layers of clothing and heat the rooms you use
- Have regular hot meals and drinks
- Keep active in the home
- Wear suitable clothing and shoes when going outside Take advantage of grants and benefits
- Have your heating and cooking appliances checked Check on older friends and neighbours

Save money on prescription charges. If you have to pay for your prescriptions, did you know that you can make savings by purchasing a prescription prepayment certificate either for three months or twelve months? The savings you could make on a yearly prepayment are  $\pounds75$  a year for 2 prescriptions per month,  $\pounds170$  for 3 per month and  $\pounds260$ for 4 items per month (at the current charges of  $\pounds7.65$  per item). Ask in our dispensary or pharmacy for details and an application form.

Help with healthcare costs. Some patients are exempt from NHS costs or may be entitled to apply to the NHS Low Income Scheme for help with travel costs to NHS appointments, optical vouchers, free sight tests and dental treatment. Pick up a leaflet from our surgeries.

Loan amnesty. If you currently have one of our Willingham Practice Equipment Loan Items which is overdue for return, please return it to reception at either Willingham or Longstanton surgeries. Don't worry – we won't issue a fine! Please remember though to leave your details with the item so that we can record the return and then we won't send you a reminder in the future.

**Purchase of new equipment.** We are pleased to report that due to your generosity over the past few months we

#### 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

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Tuesday	8 30 - 1 00	2.00 - 6.00	

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

have been able to purchase a Molemate machine. This is a highly specialised item of equipment which will enable us to detect early signs of cancer in moles. Our doctors and nurses have recently received the required training so we now offer this service at the surgery.

Acknowledgements. Our grateful thanks go to the families and friends of Cyril Smith, Henry Park, Frances Butt and Barry Hales who all made donations to the Willingham and Longstanton Surgery Equipment Fund in memory of their loved ones who recently passed away.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

#### JANUARY MEETING

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday, 28 January at 2 30 pm when David Jacques will be speaking to us on *Discovering Medicines*.



All are welcome to join us. Also Bring and Buy Stall

### 'Je hebt mooie benen'

I first started writing to my Dutch pen friend in the mid 1960s when I was about 13 years old. She was called Elisabeth (Els) and lived in Hengelo, near the German border. How did we start writing to each other? Contact between our two families had started during the Second World War.

Dad was in the Tank Corps and had arrived in Hengelo, towards the end of the war, and the men wanted a brew. They parked the tank and knocked on the nearest door to ask the householder if he/she wouldn't mind boiling up some water. The house belonged to the Hutten family and from then till they died, dad and Jan Hutten were friends.

What does the Dutch mean at the top of this piece? Walking around Hengelo

with his wife, Adrienne, and their toddler son, Bert, this is what Jan told dad to say whenever a young woman walked past. It means, '(Young lady) you have lovely legs.'

After the war, Jan Hutten briefly visited my parents in Newcastle. The families corresponded every Christmas and on other special occasions and exchanged photographs.

The first time Els and I met was in the summer of 1966. I sailed over to Holland and stayed in their holiday home on the Island of Texel and watched England win the World Cup. Els travelled back to England with me for two weeks. That autumn we went off to study. In Amsterdam she met Rob, her future husband.

Rob had been born during the war. His family were Jewish and his parents were sent to a concentration camp where they perished. The family split up. The younger ones were taken in by Dutch couples; the older ones went into hiding. Couples who sheltered Jewish children ran horrendous risks. Often they hid their own children in case they were denounced. If the authorities (Dutch as well as German) discovered anyone harbouring a Jew, reprisals meant adults or their children being sent away to forced labour camps or executed.

As my penfriend's elder son, Simon, grew up, Els decided to convert to Judaism in time for his barmitzvah. I hadn't known till then that the Jewish line is carried on through the mother and because she wanted her children to have the same faith as their father, this meant changing her own religion and consequently choosing another name for herself. She chose Shifra.

Now we are both grandmothers; both sets of parents are dead and sadly her husband too but Shifra and I keep in touch. We went to Verona to celebrate our sixtieth birthdays and here we are at a céilidh in 2010. We are currently making plans for our sixty-fifth birthday. Our hope is that our children will keep the link going.

Liz Kinnear

If you have stories to tell - share them with us - Editor



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Spanish Cooking 7 – 9 pm

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British Sign Language ; Sugarcraft for Beginners; Free Machine Embroidery Beginners.

### From the Parish Council

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

#### **Councillor Vacancies**

The Parish Council still has 3 vacancies and would welcome some new faces onto the Parish Council. The job can be both interesting and rewarding. Anyone interested in finding out more can pick up an application form from the Parish Office or give the Chairman or Vice Chairman a call for an informal chat.

#### Car Park

All the major work is now complete on the car park and the outstanding minor landscaping will be completed when ground conditions allow.

#### Flooding on the Recreation Ground

The Parish Council is currently investigating the causes and hopes to be able to resolve the situation in the near future as the flooding has unfortunately had a major impact on those village teams and clubs who use the Recreation Ground.

#### **WAGY Presentation**

At the December Parish Council meeting, WAG youth group made a presentation of their plans for improvements to the play facilities in the field to the rear of the Ploughman hall. Consultations have already been carried out with young people in the community, and more detailed plans will soon be available. The Parish Council affirmed their support for the principles of the proposal and look forward to working with the group.

#### Youth Building

The Parish Council is continuing to work together with Willingham Youth Trust and is hoping to be in a position to start work on the building this year.

#### Willingham Primary School - Car Parking

As most of you are aware there have been some long-term parking issues encountered at the school which have unfortunately resulted in injury to a member of staff. The Parish Council has put forward a request to Cambridgeshire County Council for funding from their Highway improvement Fund.

#### Northstowe

The Parish Council continues to have deep reservations regarding traffic access arrangements for Northstowe. Present proposals include four light controlled junctions between the existing access to the park and ride site and the roundabout. We are represented on all possible forums and working groups, and continue to lobby our District and County Councillors in an effort to seek a workable solution.

#### **Overhanging Trees and Hedges**

We have recently received a number of complaints from

residents regarding footpaths being reduced in width because of overhanging branches and hedges. Not only does this prevent pedestrians safely walking on the pavements, it can also prevent drivers having a clear view of traffic. Would all residents please trim their hedges back to the highway boundary.

#### Thank You

The Parish Council would like to thank WAG for the bulb planting on 8 December and also express their thanks to Geoff Pake for erecting the Christmas lights on the Green.

#### **Contact Details:**

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

Mr H Awal	01954-204526
Mrs S Ayling	01954-260718
Mr A Cook (Chairman of the Council)	01954-260325
Mr N Harris	07792 611226
Mr D Jacques	01954-261353
Mr P King (Vice Chairman)	01954-260780
Mr B Kirkman (Greens & Boundaries	Lead Councillor)
	01954-260393
Mr D Law	01954-202188
Mr R Manning	01954-261235
Mr S Mellows	01954-270063
Mr G Pake (Cemetery Lead Councillor)	01954-260534
Mr J Watson (Leisure & Amenities 1	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, 9 January at 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 and take pot luck. There is an answer-phone service outside office hours. The contact details are: Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954-261027: E-mail email@willinghampc.org.uk Clerk: Mrs Dawn Spouge Admin Assistant: Mrs Amanda Powell

### **Old Willingham**

This month's photo shows the Railway Tavern which, as the name suggests, was right next to the station. This building (now a private house) is still there just by the guided busway. We would estimate that the picture is from around 1900-1910 and everybody wants to be in it, from the uniformed guard on the right, through to the men with the cart (one of who seems to have his beer tankard still in hand) to the woman and children at the window.



Longstanton Station was opened in August 1847 on the Wisbech, St Ives and Cambridge Junction Railway. The line was high specification and capable of handling heavy trains. It had the advantage of bypassing Ely which was very congested with railway traffic. The 1950 timetable shows about two tothree trains an hour and the journey from Cambridge took 20 minutes. For older readers, it is one of the stations mentioned in the Flanders and Swann classic song *Slow Train*.

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

### From the December issue – Old Willingham – Haynes Bros' Shop

Millard Haynes ran the Willingham Shop and his brother ran another shop in Fenstanton. The man on the right of the photo was Ridley Webster.

The upper floor of the shop was a furniture shop. I bought a dining suite from them for £50 when I got married. The ground floor was a grocery shop. The basement (or cellar) was flooded. The electricity meter was on the wall – just above the water-line. In 1940-41 I was the meter reader. The only way to 'safely' reach the meter was to walk on a row of orange boxes to keep my feet above the water level. Regarding the fire in the other shop – the heat was exaggerated as I leaned against the said railings and watched the proceedings.

As for Mrs Raven (Dodd), I believe she died in 2011. Her funeral was held at the Baptist Church in George Street.

Milford Jeeps

### **Police Report**

#### Dear All

The following crimes recently occurred in Willingham:

- 3 wooden chicken coops were taken from a property on Earith Road.
- Tools, copper piping, fittings and tanks were stolen from a property in Earth Road.
- Fuel was taken from a vehicle in Wilford Furlong.

Please be aware there is an organised group of males committing fraud across Cambridgeshire and beyond. They are selling cheap items such as watches, jewellery and leather jackets at grossly inflated prices to vulnerable, often to elderly members of the public. Their MO is to engage members of the public in conversation, saying they need money for petrol. The victim is then offered items to buy, so the situation appears to be a 'win-win'. The males will sometimes embellish the story by asking for directions and then stating that their ATM card does not work.

These con-artists often 'trade' at large, out-of-town supermarket car parks, service stations or retail outlets. Please pass this on to vulnerable members of your family and advise them not to accept watches or part with any money in such situations.

I have been notified of students cycling home from school with no lights on their bikes. If your child is cycling home, please remind them to switch on their lights or arrange for them to have suitable lighting on their bikes. We will be stopping those who are not highly visible.

It's that time of year again when heating oil tanks are being filled up. Over the past few winters oil thefts have occurred in South Cambridgeshire. Below is some basic security advice to try to combat the issue:

- Position tank close to the house where it is visible from one or more windows. Thieves may think twice if there is a chance of their being seen.
- Padlocks: close shackle padlocks are the best design as they have very little of the metal hoop exposed making it more difficult for thieves to use bolt croppers.
- Position a low energy dusk till dawn light so there is sufficient light on the tank to illuminate any suspicious activity.
- Placing gravel around the tank and planting defensive shrubs can also make thieves think twice.
- CCTV is an option dummy cameras that look very realistic can be bought to act as a deterrent for a fraction of the cost.

If you have information regarding any incidents and feel you can help, please contact us on 101 or call Crimestoppers, an independent charity, anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Telephone 999 if life is in danger, a serious offence is in progress, a suspect is at a scene, an alleged offender is identified at any location, there is an imminent likelihood of violence/damage to a person/s or property, or if there is a serious road traffic collision.

See details on page 3.

PCSO 7321 Claire Whiteman, Willingham and Over Beat Histon safer neighbourhoods team E-mail: Claire.whiteman@cambs.pnn.police.uk Telephone : 101 ext 7113228 (mobex)

MONTH	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
JAN				
2	Books you had for Christmas and books to read for the New Year Led by James Nichol	Engage in the Afternoon	The Library	2 - 3 30 pm
6	Karate lessons	Just Karate	Impington Sports Centre	6 - 7 pm. See page
7	Helms, Hatchments and Hedgehogs. An introduction to Heraldry	WEA	Baptist Church Hall	10 am. £36 See page 6
7	No Gardening Club			10
9	Free Taster for Courses	Adult Learners	Cottenham Village College unless otherwise stated	See page 15
9	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	The Octagon	7 30 pm
10	AGM	Cricket Club	Social Club	8 pm
13	Monthly Walk	Willingham Walkers	Meet in car park of Duke of Wellington	10 am. See page 5
14	Making a corsage with Doreen Young & Display of Quilting Group's work	WI	Social Club	7 30 pm Tel: Jacky 261831
15	Duckling Parent and Toddler Group	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	9 45 – 11 15 am See page 12
16	Script read through for Sound of Music	Over Players	Over Church Hall	7 45 pm
17	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Silver Street	£4. See page 12
19	Charity Lunch	For Alzheimer's Disease	28 Church Street	1 pm. £3.
20	United Service	Combined Churches	Salvation Army	5 pm
21	AGM	WEA	Baptist Hall	12 15 pm
21	Monthly Meeting	Photography Club	Baptist Hall	7 45 pm See page 5
23	Sound of Music – Auditions for over 18s	Over Players	Over Church Hall	7 45 pm
26	Messy Church	Combined Churches	The Octagon	3 30 – 5 pm
27	Sound of Music – Auditions for Under 18s	Over Players	Over Community Centre	4 – 6 pm
28	<i>Discovering Medicines</i> by David Jacques	Mothers' Union	Th <b>e</b> Octagon	2 30 pm
31	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	£4 See page 12
FEB				
6	Community Navigation Rob Wallace	Engage in the Afternoon	The Library	2 – 3 30 pm

### **VILLAGE DIRECTORY**

### Please notify Willingham News of any changes

Council	Parish Council (See full details on page 16)		01954 261
	County Councillor	Mrs S Johnstone	01954 230
	District Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261
	District Councillor	Mr B R Burling	01954 230
Services	District Councillor Police	Mrs P S Corney	01954 213
Services	Surgery		01054.260
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 260
	Pharmacy		01954 260
	Over Surgery		01954 261 01954 231
	Urgent Care Cambridgeshire		0330 123 9
chools	Primary School	Mrs V Francis	01954 283
0110 010	Willingham Out Of School Club (3–6 pm only)	Mrs R Tiley	01954 201
	Phoenix Prep School	Mrs Jackie Daire	
	School Governors Chairman	Jonathan Lewis	01954 263
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283
	British School Trust	Lynda Blunt	
hildren	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 261
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	Mrs G Balaam	01954 200
	Tigger Toddlers	Jenny Rayner	
	Old Buttery Nursery School	Jenny Rayner	01954 270
	Holiday Playscheme	Phoenix School, Mrs Jackie Daire	01954 260
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 263
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 261
	Bubbles/Messy Church		01954 203
	bubbles/ Messy Church	Rev L Liversidge/ Heather Mellows	01954 263
	Bumps and Babies Group		01954 270
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Emma Tregenna Trevor Rowe	01954 261
	Little Notes Music group	Emma Tregenna	01954 261
	Kids' Friday Club (Baptist Church)	Trevor Rowe	01954 261
alls	Ploughman Hall Bookings		01954 261
a115	Wilford Furlong Centre	through Parish Council	01954 2610
	The Octagon	December Merchand	01954 2614
	Baptist Bookings	Rosemary Mumford Julie Stock	01954 2609
ocal	Allotments – See Willingham Combined Charities below		01954 2022
epresentatives	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 4135
	Cambridge News Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 2603
	Fen Edge Community Association	Alan Leeks	
	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Mike Tidball	01954 2500
	Willingham Combined Charities	Mrs J Ambrose	01954 2606
	Workers' Educational Association	Rosemary Mumford	01954 2604
lubs	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 2609
	Social Club	Sarah Rutherford	01954 2019
	Willingham Jam Club	Julian Eales	07989 2421
	Willingham StageCraft (drama group)	Charlotte Hockin	01954 2018
	Willingham Photography Club	Christopher Cross	07708 7588
	Willingham Walkers	Mike Tidball	01954 2607
	Willingham Youth Club	Trevor Rowe	01954 2606
	Women's Institute		01954 2611
	Women's Royal British Legion	Jacky Sparks	01954 2618
ort	Badminton	Mrs M Few Sarah Custance	01954 2601
010	Bowls Club		01954 2020
	Cricket Club	David Hart (Secretary)	01954 2602
	Cycling Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 2604
		www.willinghamwheels.com	01054 0 (0)
	Ladies' Hockey Tennis Club	Teresa Hutchcraft	01954 2601
		John Graham	01954 2319
	Willingham Diamonds Netball Club	Hannah Francis	01954 2609
	Willingham Running Club	Gerry Mears	07512 5129
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	Trudy Greygoose	07786 2305
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Claire Few	01954 2030
urches	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 2603
	Baptist Church	Rev Trevor Rowe	01954 2611
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Hilary Cheng	01223 7007
	Roman Catholic Priest	Fr Edward Tredota	01480 4621
	Salvation Army Parish Church	Captain Emma Knights Rev Linda Liversidge	01954 26060





Monday 9.30am, Wednesday 7.45pm and Friday 9.30am at The Ploughman's Hall, Willingham

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