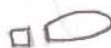


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EDITORIAL

Congratulations to Joe Shears aged 8 his entry in our competition has produced a brilliant front cover for December: *Willingham News*. Although there were many entries, special commendations also go to: Jonathan Hamilton, Thomas Zone, Emily Bird, Alannah Horsten, Emily Morris, Josh Palfreyman, Erin Thomas, Adam Best all aged 7 – 8 from either Willingham Primary School or the Phoenix School.

This is a busy time and it would be good to keep your *Willingham News* handy for all those calendar date reminders and trade advertisements. Before we know it the New Year will be upon us and resolutions made. It would be great if we resolved to take a pride in our brilliant village, to look out for each other and to keep it tidy!

Meanwhile the editorial team send their wishes for a happy and safe festive holiday.

Bin Collections – Wednesdays

4 December	Black
11 December	Green and Blue
18 December	Black
Friday 27 December	Green and Blue

Our PSCO (Police Community Support Officer) is Kerrie Harding.

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Or Phone 101 for your local police station or contact Sgt Paul Rogerson

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Willingham Action Group Report

Willingham Feast week was another success and thanks go to the sponsors: Uttridge Accounting, Vintage Travel and Willingham Motors. We would like to thank those who volunteered, as without you it couldn't happen. We look forward to getting enough support to make 2014 a great feast year, as 2013 wasn't as large an event as it has been in the past.

The **Community Orchard** project is going well. Very soon stock will be bought for the planting phase, hopefully to start early in December, but it is not too late to sponsor a tree (£30 for the tree, planting and supports); you can choose the variety and make a dedication to someone. We would welcome volunteers to help with the planting, see contact details below.

The **QEII** field, a combined project by the Parish Council and Willingham Action Group who are working together to develop the field (behind the Ploughman Hall) with many more amenities and a greater range of equipment. This is a big project and will take time.

Willingham's **Neighbourhood Watch** scheme; having a village-wide NHW scheme would help reduce crime in Willingham. We now have over 20 street coordinators but as an on-going scheme and we still need more volunteers for posts in some key areas such as Long Lane, Newington, High Street and Berrycroft. If you can help, please contact us.

For any further information about any items above please contact Mike on 01954 260647 or email at m.tidball@btinternet.com

Willingham Photography Club

Our Club meets on the third Monday of each month in Willingham Baptist Tabernacle. We aim to learn more about photography and to enjoy ourselves.

The next meeting will be on

16 December at 8 pm

Workshop on resolution, composition and cropping

(Please bring a digital image to work on and a laptop)

Festive refreshments (please bring a food item for sharing)

Introduction to the January assignment – *Three of a Kind*

Technical questions and answers

We cordially invite anyone who takes photographs to come along and see what is on offer. The level of your expertise does not matter; nor does the nature of your camera.



Contact numbers: Anita Salmon 01954 260875

Christopher Cross 01954 260790

*In the meantime, do have a look at our website on
www.WillinghamPhotoClub.org.uk*

Our thanks to all those who came to our Exhibition mounted as part of Willingham Feast and for the encouraging comments.

Old Willingham



A fixture of village life at Christmas used to be the Pensioners' Christmas Tea Party with tea and cake, games and singing and a merry time would be had by all. Here we see most of the assembled party in the old church hall on Church Street. It's interesting to see how the men and women are seated on separate tables. Unless someone can identify faces on the photo it's very hard to date this event – but it is probably mid 1950s. Although we might scoff at the idea of such a formal event these days, it was part of community life and it is still important to remember that some older people can feel lonely and left out at Christmas time.

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com

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

Willingham Women's Institute

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The next meeting will be on Monday 9 December at 7 30 pm in the Social Club

Christmas Party!
for members only

New members always welcome; please contact Jacky on 261831

Why not join us in the New Year – we have some great meetings lined up:

Mon 13 January	General Meeting and <i>Origami</i> with Bobby Alcock
Mon 11 February	<i>Yellow Butterfly Cakes</i> – <i>Sugarcraft</i> with Yvonne O'Neill

Also don't forget the legendary Willingham WI Quiz on Friday 31 January 2014!

Teams of up to 6, £10 per person, including Fish/Chicken and Chips. Contact Jacky as above.

Annual Christmas Fayre

Sunday 1st December

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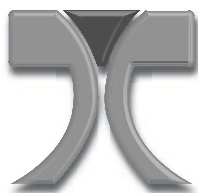
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Book Quiz

(Answers on page 17)

Parties, Christmas and otherwise.

In which book did:

1. Samuel spend Christmas at Dingley Dell?
2. Becky go to the Duchess of Richmond's ball?
3. Jay give lavish parties at West Egg?
4. Jo burn her sister's hair while getting ready for a New Year's Eve party?
5. Charles arrive at a lunch party to find his host eating a plover's egg?
6. The host put a small mammal in a teapot?
7. Rachel lose a diamond after her eighteenth birthday party?
8. Someone drown Joyce while she was bobbing for apples at Halloween?
9. The vicar refuse to dance with Harriet at a ball?
10. Lyra run away from Mrs Coulter's party?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

(Answers on page 17)

1. Mao Tse-Tung or Mao Zedong and his Chinese soldiers travelled at least 6,000 miles in their 'long march'. In which year did this long march begin?
2. How would you translate 'Fidei Defensor'?
3. Who was the editor of the socialist newspaper Avanti who became Il Duce of a fascist party?
4. What is a joey?
5. Which of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World was most help to navigators?
6. How did the 'Black Country' get its name?
7. What was the name of the machine, combining the good points of the spinning jenny and the water-frame, which was invented by Samuel Crompton?
8. What is the main function of haemoglobin in the blood?
9. An ancient Scottish family were called the 'Lords of the Isles'. To which islands did this title refer?
10. Which part of the kingdom of Denmark lies more than 1,000 miles away from the mainland?

Did we get it right?

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What the Dickens? It's Ebenezer the Pantomime!



The box office is now open! Over 160 tickets were sold on the first day – surely a record for the Over Players?

This promises to be a feel-good family show with all the elements you would expect from traditional pantomime. Show dates are Tuesday 10 December to Saturday 14 December 2013 at the Community Centre in Over. In response to requests for family friendly start times, in addition to the Saturday matinee, the Tuesday performance starts early at 7 pm.

Join in with the fun as Ebenezer (Chas Barclay) and his sidekick Mini Miser (Jamie Tipple) have their lives turned upside down by the arrival of the magnificent Marlene (Luke Northfield), the ghost of Ebenezer's former business partner Jacob Marley. All is not as it seems as Marlene, and the three decidedly unscary 'Ghosties', attempt to show Ebenezer the error of his miserly ways and avoid a fate where the Devil definitely does NOT wear Prada.

Meet Bob Cratchit (Alex Turpin), Bobswife (Maria Marshall) and rest of the hapless Cratchit family whose hilarious optimism defies every misfortune. Ebenezer's nephew Fred (Matt Sweeney) is everybody's friend, who would chat with you all day if you let him, and not forgetting Mini Miser's double act with Mini Marlene (Amy Shears). There's plenty of action, laughs, singing and dancing along the way, and of course everything ends happily ever after as Ebenezer finally 'sees the light', and is reunited with his true love Belle (Melissa Jordan), who never gave up on him after all!

Loosely based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and the musical *Scrooge*, this traditional tale has been written especially for the Over Players, and is directed by author Phil Norton. Rehearsals are now well underway under the watchful eyes of musical director (Mike Bernard) and choreographer (Jamie Foster); the cast are mastering a 4 part harmony and dancing to a fabulous selection of songs that will be performed with a terrific live band.

Do book your tickets in advance to avoid being disappointed. It's very easy – book by phone on 07521 099146, send an email request to bookings@overplayers.org.uk or book online www.ticketsource.co.uk/overplayers where you can choose your seats directly (booking fee applies). Tickets cost Adults £8.50, Senior Citizens £7.00 and Under 18s £6.00. Family tickets £26.00 (2 Adults and 2 Under 18s).

A full cast list and details can be found on the website www.overplayers.org.uk

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My Ethiopian Christmas

The Coptic 13 month calendar – 12 months of 30 days and the 13th with all the left over days is standard in Ethiopia. Christmas, or Genna, is celebrated in early January. (I never did figure it out!) The festivities follow yet another massive fast of 40 days which ends with animals being herded, carried on any transport, or simply dragged to back yards. Prayer is important and everyone chooses either to stand through a 3 hour Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service from 4 am to 10 am! Which would you choose?



Ethiopians returning from the shops

Ethiopians don't have cards or wrapping paper; what a pointless exercise when you are busy trying to stay alive! Food gifts are more likely at a family gathering but this can extend to giving clothing to the local poor or disabled. The occasional westernised trees are on sale but they look so crazy; small fake green tinsel conifer trees they simply don't recognise, with strings of heavy plastic baubles of oranges, strawberries, Santas, all wired up on dodgy cables to plug in – electricity permitting.

My landlord, Hailom, had invited me to his house and as the taxi driver was on holiday I set off on the hour long hot dusty walk. I couldn't quite remember the final track so I rang him and was told 'Oh we have left to go to my brother's house. Meet us there.' Marvellous. Luckily I knew where that was, phew, but it meant a further 45 minute walk past a nasty ravine. Looking down I did see a couple of huge hyenas sniffing about. I arrived before he did, so I politely sat, smiled a lot, ate a meal of sour dough injera bread mopping up the spicy chewy meat stews, washed down by the traditional three coffees before he eventually turned up. 'Hurry up we have to get back to mine'. Great. Avoiding the heavy weight pudding, we all piled into the open van and bumped to his house. Thank goodness his brother vouched for me so I didn't have to eat quite a whole meal over again – Vicar of Dibley style – but I did have to swallow a lot more coffee. Being stuffed as well as wired, I needed the walk home before the buzzards and darkness came down. I was glad too I had taken with me a few little gifts of pens and balloons; small but meaningful to people who have nothing much.

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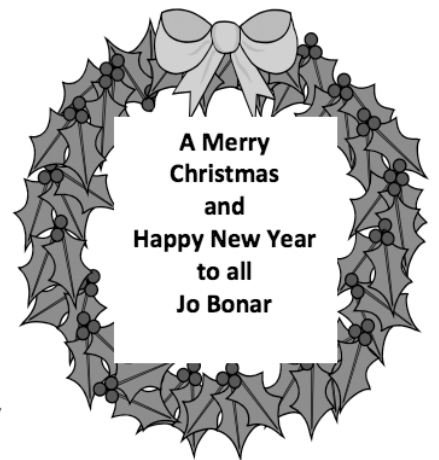


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Love Jill Vass*



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Happy Christmas

**From Valerie
McKee**

Willingham WEA

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The course this term is 'The Victorian Landscape', evidence for positive achievements and reforms of the Victorian Age in the landscape.

Tutor – David Bond Course Fee - £45.30

For further information please ring Rosemary Mumford, Secretary, 01954 260934.

Stay independent, safe and well this winter

If you know someone who needs advice about keeping independent, safe and well this winter, visit the County Council's adult social care websites: Your Life, Your Choice www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk and AskSARA www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara; here you can find information to help older and vulnerable people if they are unable to get about. If you are unable to access the Internet, staff and volunteers in the library can help you to find the information or you can contact adult social care customer services on 0345 045 5202.

You can now 'AskSARA' about daily living advice for disabled children too!

Since its launch last year, AskSARA, Cambridgeshire's online guide to advice and equipment, has been visited by nearly 4,500 people looking for information and advice to enable them, or someone they care for, to remain more independent in their own homes.

AskSARA for adults was a success so a children's version has been launched. AskSARA for children is a quick online guide for finding information about products and services to help children with daily activities in the home and when they are out and about. Also find information and advice about funding, equipment and carer support. To visit the children's site, use the link at the top of the web page at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara

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The Duke of Wellington

The Duke of Wellington held its annual Halloween party on Saturday, 2 November. As usual it was a fun filled night with dressing up and silly Halloween games but doubling as a charity fund raiser; the Trick or Treat Lucky Dip raised £204.45 for the Milton Children's Hospice.

A few similar events have been organised over the past seven years with the generous support of their customers. Barry and many pub regulars grow the 'Mo's' for 'Movember' supporting Prostate Cancer, Fran ran the Great North Run for the Arthur Rank Hospice plus made a sponsored parachute jump for Cancer Research and Nigel Leaney's Race Night supported Help 4 Heroes. Some more daring regulars will remember Bungee Jumping in the pub car park to raise money for the Stevenage Garden House Hospice.

Mr Summer's article in the last edition of the *Willingham News* reminded us of the evolution of the Duke of Wellington over the years and its growth as the village has expanded.

Trying to research the pub's history is surprisingly difficult and considering it's the oldest trading public house left in the village, there isn't a lot of information readily available. We know that it used to be known as the 'Warriors' in 1765. Sadly however, in 2004 it was branded by the Cambridge Magistrate's court as a 'Den of Iniquity' and its licence was revoked after it became the centre of too much public disorder.

So, in 2006, Barry and Fran Todd took on the Duke of Wellington, a huge change from their telecoms and management backgrounds, to work to turn it around by refurbishing plus taking a hard line on unsociable behaviour.

With the traditional village pub under increasing threat, and although there is doubt over the future of the Black Bull, we hope the villagers of Willingham celebrate the fact that they still have the Duke of Wellington and the Bank which offer such a lot to their village and provide good, vital social focal points. The saying 'use them or lose them' couldn't be more appropriate during these times and we're sure Willingham publicans will be hoping to see you soon.

If you have any more information on the history of the Duke of Wellington including photographs and anecdotes, Barry and Fran would love to hear from you.

Email: info@doww.co.uk

Festive Greetings from Willingham Action Group to our volunteers, our supporters including Willingham Social Club, the Feast sponsors (Willingham Motors, Vintage Travel and Uttridge Accounting) our Parish Councillors and all the residents of the village. Happy Holiday!

Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

0345 0455225

Opening Hours

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

Library News

ENGAGE IN THE AFTERNOON

These sessions are for adults from 2 to 3 30 pm on the first Wednesday each month. There is a chance to exchange books, listen to speakers and enjoy light refreshments.

In November Ben Tregenna from Hempsals Community Farm gave a brilliant talk about community farming. He brought a (thankfully empty) beehive and talked about his bees plus the various animals they keep on the farm.

Why not join us in December – we're very friendly! It's free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

Future talks:

- **Wednesday 4 December** – Christmas Social. Bring ideas for books you can recommend and enjoy Christmas themed books as well as a mince pie!
- **Wednesday 1 January** – No meeting
- **Wednesday 5 February** – Jon Mountfort and Scalextric – Talk and a chance to have a go!

Story Times for Under 5s

With these cold damp afternoons upon us drop into our cosy library for our story time. These sessions with Sarah Custance are held in term-times on the first and third Tuesday of the month; **3 December to 17 December, from 2 to 2 30 pm**, leaving plenty of time to pick up the older children from school.

Online Reference Database

Library membership gives you access to an Online Reference Database, via Cambridgeshire Libraries website. Material available includes BFI Screenonline, Cambridgeshire Archives and Local Studies Catalogue, the Times Digital Archive going back to 1785, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Oxford Music Online, Oxford English Dictionary, plus much more. For new drivers there is also Theory Test Pro, a highly realistic online simulation of the UK's driving theory tests.

All at Willingham Library wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Meetings are at the Social Club, on the first Monday of each month (except January and August) at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a plant or gardening subject or of wider interest. Meetings are generally about 1½ hours. There is a plant raffle at each meeting.

The Club welcomes new members at any of our meetings. We are a group of people with an interest in plants and gardening. If you are interested or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us. Membership is a modest annual subscription of £12.50. You may attend one meeting for a small charge of £2 to see what we do and to speak to members and to the committee informally.

Speak to Celia on 01954 261394 or just come along.

Reminders for Members

The **Christmas Party** is on **Monday 2 December at 7 30 pm**; enjoy a buffet, quizzes to stimulate the grey matter, a drink or two, and listen to our speaker who is involved in the running of a farm specifically catering for those with disabilities. For this members can attend free but guests pay £5. If you have not yet picked up your party ticket let Celia know that you will be attending (for catering purposes) and pick up your ticket on the night.

There are no meetings in January, 3 February is the next meeting when our speaker will be Jeff Harrison on *Through the Year in a Nature Photographer's Garden*.

Finally the committee of the Club wish members and those who have helped us during the year a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year.

Openings at Hempsals Community Farm in Willingham for 2014

We are a group of 20 families who share both the workload and the harvest on our smallholding in Willingham, and enjoy the satisfaction of eating our own seasonal organic vegetables and free-range meat, eggs, cheese and milk.

We have a small number of openings for new members to join us from January and will be offering these places on Saturday 4 January 2014 when interested people can come and look around and join in with activities such as nest-box building from 10 am – 1 pm. Come and see for yourself how you could grow your own vegetables, or develop your own animals for farming without the daily responsibilities of feeding duties. There will plenty of opportunity to talk to existing members over coffee and cake. Find out more at www.hempsalsfarm.com

Please could you contact Emma on emma@hempsalsfarm.com or 01954 261775 if you are hoping to come so we can cater accordingly. We look forward to meeting you then!



EVENTS AT THE CHURCHES

Parish Church

Bubbles – is held in the Octagon every Friday during school term time from 10 am to 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 7 December** 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 or 263187.

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

Cake Stall – 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: 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 join with others. Learn the skills of embroidery. Tea and coffee and good company provided!

Luncheon Club: held once a fortnight, The December lunch is the **Christmas Dinner on 5 December**. Come and join us for a fabulous home cooked lunch and dessert, price £4. There is still room left for a few more. If you would like to join us then please ring Daphne on 260568. Please book in advance if possible.

Ducklings Parent and Toddler Group!

Tuesday mornings at the Salvation Army from 9 45 – 11 15 am with craft, singing and stories. Term time only. £1 per session.



Willingham
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

(No groups between Christmas and new year)

TOPS: Toddler group: Tuesdays 9 45 am for 18 months plus in the church. Great place to meet other families whilst the children enjoy the activities and playing. Currently there is a waiting list, please contact Hilary Wyllie for further information – 01954 260051.

Little Notes: Thursdays 9 45 am – half an hour of singing with instruments and actions for all pre-school children aged 0–4 and their parents or carers, followed by:

Bump, Babies and Beyond: Thursdays 10 15 – 11 15 am – free-play, refreshments and a chance to meet other parents or carers. For all pre-school children aged 0–4, with a quieter space set aside for babies under the age of 1. Please contact Emma Tregenna for further information 01954 261775.

Open Door Coffee Morning: Thursdays from 10 – 11 30 am. This is a chance to chat with old and new friends over tea and coffee all welcome. Please contact Cynthia Nolan for further information 01954 202240.

Kids’ Friday Club: at 6 30 – 7 30 pm in the church for children of primary school age, year 1 onwards. Action packed hour with craft, games, songs, drama all based around a bible story. Please contact Lorriane Bald for further information – 01954 261189.

Men’s Breakfast – Saturday 14 December (*second Saturday for this month only*), 7 45 am in the Baptist Church for a Christmas special cooked breakfast and chat followed by Dr Matthew Hunt giving a talk on the *Healing Miracles of Jesus*. All men welcome. Please contact Pete Sacre for more information – 01954 261655.

Charity Lunch

The December charity lunch supporting the Over Day Centre will be held on 14 December at 1 pm in the Octagon

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

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WILLINGHAM

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

1 December

8 00 am BCP Communion Service (said)
 10 30 am Advent Sunday Service

7 December Saturday

3 30-5 00 pm Messy Church

8 December

9 00 am Communion Service
 10 30 am Family Service

15 December

10 30 am Communion Service
 4 00 pm Christingle Service

19 December Thursday

7 00 pm Carols by Candlelight

22 December

9 00 am Communion Service
 10 30 am Morning Service

24 December

4 00 pm Crib Service (for children/families)
 11 30 pm Midnight Communion Service

25 December

10 00 am All-Age Family Service
 10 40 am Short Communion Service

29 December

10 30 am Family Communion

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 Sunday Clubs for children in the Octagon during term-time. (Two groups, one for children up to the age of 11 and another for those of Secondary school age) On the 2nd Sunday of the month (and 5th when there is one) we stay together in church for a 'Family Service'. Children are always very 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:

St Ives: Saturdays at 5 pm Virgil mass before Christmas;
 Sundays at 8 am and 11 am

24 December Midnight mass; 25 December mass at 8 am and 11 am

Bar Hill Church Centre: Saturdays at 6 pm



WILLINGHAM SALVATION ARMY
 Silver Street, Willingham CB24 5LF
 01954 261108

1 December

Welcome meeting for Major Philip and Debbie Nield

8 December

Evening worship

15 December

Evening worship

22 December

Evening worship

29 December

Evening worship

All at 5 pm. All welcome.



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

1 December

9 00 am Jesus encounters Mary at the Tomb –
Traditional Service

10 30 am Jesus encounters Mary at the Tomb –
Contemporary Service **

6 00 pm Worship and prayer

8 December

10 30 am Jesus encounters John the Baptist –
Family Worship **

6 00 pm Advent Prophecies – *Evening Worship*

15 December

10 30 am Christmas encounters – *Altogether Service*

6 00 pm Advent Prophecies – *Evening Worship*

22 December

10 30 am Christmas encounters – *Family Worship*

6 00 pm Carol Service

25 December

10 30 am Christmas Celebration

29 December

10 30 am Christmas encounters, the Magi –
Family Worship

6 00 pm Worship and prayer

** – *Service includes Sunday Club for ages 0 – 11*

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF WILLINGHAM

In December,
 West Fen Road, Westmeadow Road, Whites Path,
 Wilford Furlong
 will be in our thoughts.



WILLINGHAM SURGERY & LONGSTANTON BRANCH SURGERY

Reception Tel: Willingham 260230 Longstanton 207600 Dispensary 260073

Out of hours cover: Ring 111

Website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

SURGERY OPENING HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS

Our surgeries will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

We will be open normal hours on all other days

When the surgery is closed please ring 111

Please remember that Accident and Emergency is intended only for life threatening conditions or if you are likely to need an X-ray. In most circumstances you should ring 111 and you will be directed to the correct service. Please help our emergency services to help those most in need and save yourself a very long wait in the emergency department.

Doctors and staff wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday and New Year

The last date for ordering your repeat prescriptions in time for the Christmas holidays will be Monday 23 December before 1 pm

The last date for collection of medicines will be on Tuesday 24 December by 1 pm at Longstanton or by 6 pm at Willingham pharmacy.

Please ensure that you order your medicines in plenty of time. To prevent wastage please only order those items you need from your repeat medication list.

Remember to visit our pharmacy and stock up with over the counter remedies for your medicine cabinet before the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Lucky Squares in aid of MAGPAS £1 each Available from Reception in Willingham and Longstanton surgeries. Numerous prizes including food hampers, bottles, chocolates, and other Christmas goodies. Please support this worthy cause by either donating prizes or purchasing a Lucky Square. Many thanks.

Willingham Surgery will be closed for staff training from 1 pm on Wednesday 11 December.

This is an initiative from our Local Commissioning Group for Cambridge GP surgeries.

Willingham Pharmacy will remain open.

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

MESSIAH AND MORE
SWAVESEY COMMUNITY CHOIR
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 7.30 pm
ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, SWAVESEY.

Excerpts from Handel's Messiah
Carols and other festive songs.

Chris Jackson :Tenor
Frank Dudbridge: Organ
Chris Jessop: Conductor

Tickets £7, £5 (concessions),
under 18s free
Box office: 07881 824095

From the Parish Council

www.willingham-pc.org.uk

New Clerk

Dawn Spouge, who supported the Parish Council's work for the last seven years, has moved to East Sussex. We wish her every happiness there! Parish Councillors are delighted that Mrs Mandy Powell has agreed to become our new Parish Clerk. Mandy will be known to many of you in her previous role as Administrative Assistant to the Parish Council. We all wish her every success in this new role. The process of appointing a new Administrative Assistant will now start.

Youth Club

Progress with alterations to the Ploughman Hall to include youth club facilities has been slow. The Council has now successfully met all the necessary regulations with respect to changing the Hall structure. Builders will now be invited to re-tender for the alteration work which we hope will start early in 2014.

Ploughman Hall Car Park

The Parish Council have now installed a 2.2 metre height barrier at the entrance to the car park. This will mean the gate can be left open more often enabling easier access to the car park.

QEII Field

The Parish Council have agreed to replace the old worn fence which runs along the Lode in the QEII field. Work should commence on this in the next few weeks.

Street Lighting

Upgrading the village's street lighting has now been in process for nine months! Whilst many parts of the village have benefited from this upgrade there still remain ongoing issues with the installation of lights on some village streets. The Council is liaising with Balfour Beatty to ensure that any outstanding works are completed as soon as possible. The benefit of some new lights is being obscured by overgrown trees which create large areas of shadow. The Council will also work to get this issue resolved.

Cemetery

The old cherry tree has now been cut down and various trees trimmed where necessary. Work on the entrance beneath the gates will start shortly, if the weather permits!

Highways – Regional and Local

Parish Councillors maintain a vigilant overview of local highway developments, contributing to discussions and

decisions where possible. The public consultation on the A14 has now been completed and the responses received have to be analysed by the County Council. Local traffic flows are also being monitored closely by the County Council which help assess the current impact on the village of A14 congestion and the future impact of developing Northstowe. Finally, the Parish Council has expressed an interest in County Council funding to improve the village's bus shelter provision. The Council will also be considering bidding for monies awarded under the County Council's Local Highway Improvement Initiative, 2014-2015.

Contact Details:

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

Mr H Awal	07703 686860
Mr A Cook (Chairman of the Council)	01954 260325
Dr R Croucher	01954 261113
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 S Lambotte	07758 937301
Mr D Law (Planning Committee Chairman)	01954 202188
Mr R Manning	01954 261235
Mr S Mellows	01954 270063
Mr G Pake (Cemetery Lead Councillor)	01954 260534
Mr A Slater	01954 261455
Mr J Smith	01954 261141
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 meeting of the Parish Council and will be held on Wednesday 4 December at the Octagon at 7 30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions. Names will be taken down at the beginning of each meeting, together with the electoral role number to ensure everyone has a fair chance to speak within the allowed 15 minutes in total for all speakers (3 minutes per person maximum).

The parish council office is open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 1 pm, except Bank Holidays and 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 Mandy Powell

Pastoral Letter

'A hundred reasons to celebrate Christmas' the sign in the gift store read in large letters suspended from the ceiling. An impressive display of Christmas gifts glittered attractively under the artificial light as far as the eye could see waiting to be purchased. In themselves these gifts are not reasons to celebrate this special season; in reality there is only one reason to celebrate Christmas and as I looked around there appeared to be little evidence of that.

The real reason for celebrating Christmas is the gift of Jesus Christ. It is a time of year when we take time to say, 'thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15NIV). Look in any store anywhere in the world and you will not find a gift to compare with this one, a gift freely and lovingly given for anyone to receive. No purchase is required only the sincere acceptance of this special gift from a loving Heavenly Father.

The gifts in the store will fade in time and lose their appeal. They will only bring temporary satisfaction and very little fulfilment. But the gift of God, Jesus Christ, will bring eternal fulfilment and joy beyond our imagination. This is the real reason to celebrate Christmas and indeed every day of the year. This is the good news for all mankind. The themes of Advent, joy, peace, hope and love cannot be bought anywhere and here are some messages from the scriptures that tell us this.

'But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:10-11NIV).

'And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9:6 NIV).

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit' (Romans 15:13NIV).

'This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him' (1 John 4:9 NIV).

Christmas is a time for receiving and for giving, a time to reflect on what is really important in life. It is an opportunity to receive the gift of Jesus Christ for yourself and in return give Him your heart and life.

We wish you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas. May it be Christ centred and full of hope for future days.

God bless you!

Philip and Debbie Nield, The Salvation Army.

Cottenham Village College 50th celebration!

Saturday 9 November was a special day at CVC and to mark the birthday of the college a tree was planted by a former teacher Betty Moss, alongside the one planted all those years ago by her majesty the Queen Mother. Many were there visiting the exhibition and to remember the old times including all the CVC head teachers plus Daniel West, a former pupil and a five times representative in Paralympic Games for Great Britain.



Derek Law, Parish Councillor and CVC Governor, representing Willingham Parish Council

Willingham Walkers

The December walk will be on Sunday 29 December – a chance to walk off any Christmas excess and greet the New Year! We will be taking an easy, circuitous route around the parish. Meeting, as usual, at 10 30 am at the Duke of Wellington and finishing with mulled wine and mince pies at 38 High Street. Please let Mike Tidball know if you will walk with us so we can buy enough mince pies! 01954 260647 or m.tidball@btinternet.com

Our January walk will be held on 19 January – details in the January's *Willingham News*.

Holistic Timeout



Thermal Auricular Therapy (Hopi Ear Candling)
Reflexology (Face or Feet)
Back, Neck & Shoulders
Indian Head Massage
Hot Stone Massage
Swedish Massage
Aromatherapy

Bookings & enquiries contact:
Astrid-VTCT Level 3 Diploma-
Phone 07546 094499
Based in Willingham

LOOKING BACK

WILLINGHAM FEAST

The annual Willingham Feast is always highlighted in *Willingham News* but this is how the feast of 1910 was chronicled in the press.

The newspaper of Tuesday 11 October 1910 reported that this annual and much-looked-forward to event had come and gone. Relations and friends were arriving in the Village on Saturday and there have been many family reunions and meeting of old friends long parted. The Church bells early on Sunday morning heralded the festival – how the sixth bell was missed. During the afternoon the yearly parade of the Friendly Societies was held. Assembling on the Green in goodly numbers, the procession was marshalled and headed by the Salvation Army Band, and marched round the village. The band of the People's Mission brought up the rear. The day was fine and the streets were crowded.

On returning to the Green a meeting was held, at which the needs and claims of Addenbrooke's Hospital were set forth. Mr E Ingle presided, and speeches were made by the Rev A C Ashpool (of the Tabernacle), Mr Hills (Old Baptist Chapel), the Rev Quicke (Wesleyan), Mr W Thoday (Over), the Captain of the Salvation Army, and Mr T Langan (People's Mission). Young men with collecting boxes and wearing badges collected on behalf of the Hospital. They visited every house, and appealed to every onlooker and they succeeded in raising between £14 and £15.

During the week the village has been given over to gaiety. Messrs Thurston's motor roundabouts and shows, swings, stalls, were greatly in evidence. The weather on Tuesday and Wednesday was, unfortunately, unfavourable and doubtless many visitors from surrounding villages were kept away.

Messrs Thurston have received permission from the Parish Council to remain on the Green until Saturday evening, and the famous public entertainers devoted their Thursday 'takings' to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Bar Hill International Ladies' Group

Bar Hill International Ladies' Group invite you to join us for our shared meal on Friday 13 December (7 30pm) at Bar Hill.

Please contact Sarah Adams for further details sadams@chesterton.cambs.sch.uk

Willingham ricket lub Presents

Christmas Quiz Night

Friday 6th December



For more information
or to reserve a place for your team
call Ron on (01954) 260144

Cambridgeshire Future Transport

What is CFT?

Cambridgeshire Future Transport (CFT) is a programme that is working with communities to design local transport solutions. We want to know what you think about all aspects of transport including public and car sharing so please keep an eye out for when we will be in your area during December and January. We will let you know using posters and flyers in key community locations, parish websites, our CFT website, cambridgeshire.net and shapeyourplace.org.

Answers to FOWL quiz: 1. *Pickwick Papers*. 2. *Vanity Fair*. 3. *The Great Gatsby*. 4. *Little Women*. 5. *Brideshead Revisited*. 6. *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. 7. *The Moonstone*. 8. *Halloween Party* (Christie). 9. *Emma*. 10. *Northern Lights* (Pullman).

Answers to General Knowledge quiz:

1. 1934. 2. Defender of the Faith. 3. Benito Mussolini – he became the dictator of Italy. 4. A baby kangaroo. 5. The Pharos or lighthouse off the coast of Alexandria, Egypt. Built around 250 BC, destroyed by earthquake in 400 AD and 1375. 6. From the coal mines and smoke from the iron-works and factories. 7. The spinning mule. 8. To carry oxygen from the lungs to all body tissues. 9. The Hebrides or Western Isles. 10. Greenland.

VILLAGE DIARY

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sun 1 Dec	Christmas Fayre	Willingham School Association	Primary School	2 – 4 30 pm, see p6
Mon 2 Dec	Members' Christmas Party	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p11
Tue 3 Dec	Story Time for Under 5s	Library	Library	2 – 2 30 pm, see p11
Wed 4 Dec	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Addenbrooke's Outpatient Hall	10 am – 4 30 pm, see p8
Wed 4 Dec	Christmas Social	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p11
Wed 4 Dec	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 5 Dec	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Fri 6 Dec	Quiz Night	Cricket Club	Social Club	Ron 260144, see p17
Sat 7 Dec	Cake Stall	Parish Church	SMAS Porch	10 am, see p12
Sat 7 Dec	Christmas Peal of Bells	Parish Church	Parish Church	10 am – 1 pm
Sat 7 Dec	Christmas at Denny	Rosie in Stitches	Farmland Museum Waterbeach	1 – 4 pm, see p8
Sat 7 Dec	Messy Church	Christians Together	Parish Church and Octagon	3 30 – 5 pm, see p12
Mon 9 Dec	Christmas Party	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Tue/Sat 10 – 14 Dec	<i>Ebenezer – The Panto</i>	Over Players	Over Community Centre	www.overplayers.org.uk See p7
Fri 13 Dec	Shared Meal	Bar Hill International Ladies' Group	Bar Hill	7 30 pm, see p17
Sat 14 Dec	<i>Healing Miracles of Jesus</i> with Dr Matthew Hunt	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p12
Sat 14 Dec	Charity Lunch	For Over Day Centre	Octagon	1 pm, see p12
Sat 14 Dec	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Craft Fair Ploughman Hall	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Sun 15 Dec	Messiah and More	Swavesey Community Choir	St Andrew's Church, Swavesey	7 30 pm, see p14
Mon 16 Dec	Workshop on Resolution, Composition and Cropping	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 pm, see p5
Tue 17 Dec	Story Time for Under 5s	Library	Library	2 – 2 30 pm, see p11
Thu 19 Dec	Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Sun 22 Dec	Afternoon for Families	Scallywags	Duke of Wellington	5 – 7 pm
Sun 29 Dec	December Walk	Willingham Walkers	From Duke of Wellington	10 30 am, see p16
Sat 4 Jan	Open Morning New Members for 2014	Hempsals Community Farm	Hempsals Community Farm Meadow Road	10 am – 1 pm, see p11
Mon 6 Jan	The Victorian Landscape	Willingham Education Association	Baptist Church Hall	10 am, see p10
Mon 13 Jan	Origami and General Meeting	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Fri 31 Jan	Quiz	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Please notify *Willingham News* of any changes

Council	Parish Council (<i>See full details on page 15</i>)		01954 261027
	County Councillor	Mr R Manning	01954 261235
	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 283033
	Phoenix Prep School	Gill Cooke	01954 263113
	School Governors Chairman	Jonathan Lewis	01954 283030
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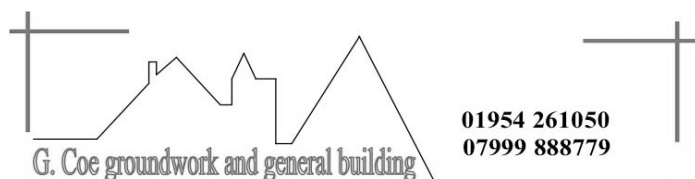
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