Experts from Cambridge Archaeological Unit had a very productive few days excavating the edge of the historic Willingham Mere, with the help of a team of local volunteers.

Aerial photos highlighted the Mere’s location, as the soil was a different colour to the surrounding area. Boreholes were dug in advance, to confirm the exact location of the Mere’s edge, as this was where the archaeologists expected to find a wide range of artefacts.

Thirty six different volunteers got dirt under their fingernails as they uncovered bits of wood, bird bones, plant seeds and pollen that have been buried since the Bronze-Age (around 2000-650 BC). The continual water-logging throughout time has been crucial for preserving the remains.

At times it was 5 metres deep and about 1 kilometre square. Bones have come from coots and mallards, and there were seeds from yellow-flag irises. I think many people were hoping to find bones from beavers or Dalmatian pelicans – both have been found locally in previous excavations. The evidence suggests that beavers were hunted, or even farmed, by one community, and that the pelicans were breeding in the Bronze and Iron Ages, when the climate was warmer, and the landscape was an extensive marshy delta.

I dipped a net into a field ditch next to the excavation site, and hauled out water snails that were identical to some of the shells that were unearthed from the Bronze-Age level.

Archaeologists are excavating sites ahead of digging for Needingworth Quarry, and discovering a vast amount of information about the environmental and human history of this part of the Ouse Valley. By identifying the plants and animals that lived in the area, at different eras, we can build an image of what the landscape was like. This can then inform the way the land-forming is done after aggregate extraction.

This project was supported by Hanson, RSPB and the Wright family, who farm the land. The University of Cambridge awarded a Knowledge Transfer grant to enable the project team to include volunteers and provide access to visitors.
WILLINGHAM NEWS
July 2011

You may have noticed that the front cover looks a little different this month. We hope you approve. It now incorporates the winners’ Logos following our success at the Community Magazine Awards Ceremony. We hope you will also notice and like the minor changes within the magazine. We would like to acknowledge the enthusiasm and expertise of Sean Baker, of Axis Design, Over, who does the layout and design for the Willingham News.

Far from ‘resting on our laurels,’ we are wondering how to maintain the high standard and perhaps win another award next year. We are inviting readers to write in and let us know what you would like to see included in your magazine and how you feel it could be further improved.

Willingham News is now also available on the Willingham Life website but one of our readers has another suggestion regarding electronic access to information. See Kate Worzencraft’s letter on the ‘Letters to the Editor’ page.

When you read this the school summer holidays will be approaching. See the Willingham Library article for one idea to keep the children busy!

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*Apologies for incorrect details last month!*

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**Police Contacts: 0345 456 4564**

The email of our PCSO Lee Page is lee.page@cambs.pnn.police.uk

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

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

For the August issue: Please note the deadline is 10 July. Please send material to the following email address: willinghamnews@yahoo.co.uk and if possible, send your copy as an email attachment NOT incorporated into the email. Paper copy may be left at the library.
Guided Busway:
The County Council assure us that they are getting closer to opening the busway and report that a new contractor has been appointed to remedy the various defects. At the same time work is underway to provide a blacktop surface cycleway all the way to Milton Road, which should provide a much more pleasant and safe route between Willingham and Cambridge. The County Council do ask, however, that no attempt is made to access the route until work is complete as heavy construction vehicles are operating in numerous locations. Warning signs are in place.

Once the defects are remedied and the new work is complete there will be a further period of testing and driver training so opening is still a little way away but we will continue to keep you up to date on progress.

Library:
Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) met in early June for their AGM and to discuss the future of the library. The meeting was again well attended with strong support to find a solution which keeps it open. A further meeting is planned with County, Parish, Library Services and FOWL in mid July.

Maintenance Matters:
The Parish Council receives a large number of reports on maintenance issues. The following are some examples of those currently being actioned. The sunken hydrant on Over Road is being chased with Highways. The lamp posts on the Green have been painted to blend in more sympathetically with the area. Overgrown tress in the Cemetery will be dealt with shortly. The Jubilee field has had various repairs and upgrades with regard to the play equipment and the new kissing gate. Regular checks are carried out by the Parish Council to ensure this is a safe environment to play in and enjoy.

In another example of community spirit, Willingham Action Group has agreed to undertake the task of clearing ivy from untended headstones in the cemetery. They have set a date of the morning of Saturday 16 July. If you have some spare time and are willing to help you will be very welcome. WAG asks you to come along from 10 am onwards with some garden tools and gloves. The contact is Graham Mumby, graham@gwmumby.co.uk – telephone 260553.

Feast Weekend:
October may seem a long way off but it will arrive in a blink and with it once again the Feast Weekend so brilliantly organised last year by Willingham Action Group. More information will follow on this event in coming months but for now we wanted to let you know that Thurston’s Fair, which attends every year, will this year change their days of arrival and departure. They are due to arrive on Thursday 6 October and will depart in the evening on Sunday 9 October.

Art Work:
In a combined effort from youth involved with the Willingham Traveller and the Connections Bus projects, a mural has been produced and will be on display from 17 June on the outside of the Ploughman Hall. It is a very striking piece of work and if you have not seen it already it is well worth taking a look.

New Councillors:
The Parish Council has co-opted two new Councillors. They are Councillor R Manning and Councillor D Clarke. Ray Manning will be well known to many of you and brings valuable experience at both village and district level. David Clarke is new to the council and brings considerable experience of the pavilion and sports activities. The Parish Council welcomes them on board. We are fortunate in having on the council a good cross section of talented individuals and grateful for the time they give.

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

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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 6 July at The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street 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
The CAMTAD service for the hard of hearing will be visiting Willingham Surgery on Wed 20 July 2 00 – 4 30 pm. The team are able to replace NHS hearing aid batteries and give advice.

Introducing new patient services at Willingham and Longstanton Surgeries
We are pleased to announce that we will be offering two new initiatives from 1 July:
• on-line appointment booking
• and a practice email address.
But please don’t worry. This does not mean that you cannot still speak to our friendly receptionists. These are merely extra services we are offering for those that may wish to use them. We want to maintain the personal touch and our receptionists are definitely here to stay!

On-line appointment booking For the first few weeks we will be offering nurse appointments on-line and when we feel that both staff and patients are confident with the new system we will introduce doctor appointments. Please contact reception if you wish to register yourself for this service.

Practice email address: willinghammedicalpractice@nhs.net This is for general non-urgent enquiries about the practice and cannot be used for clinical queries or to make, amend or cancel appointments. We will aim to respond to general queries within 48 working hours.

NHS Choices website: www.nhs.uk will take you to the NHS Choices Website which has a wealth of information about NHS services including details of all GP practices. If you wish to find details about our surgery click ‘Find GP Practices”, enter Willingham or a postcode and then click on ‘Willingham Medical Practice’. This will give you lots of information about our practice. You can search for any NHS service on the website and compare with others. There is also much helpful advice on all aspects of NHS care and medical conditions.

Change to opening hours at Longstanton Branch Surgery
From July 1 we are replacing our short Monday afternoon surgery session with a longer morning surgery. Our new opening hours at Longstanton will be:
Monday – Friday 8 30 am – 1 00 pm.

Childhood immunisations In view of the recent measles outbreaks both in Europe and here locally, we urge all parents to check that their children are up to date with their immunisations and to respond to reminders for overdue vaccinations. It is especially important to ensure that children receive their pre-school boosters on time. Measles can have some serious medical side effects so please protect your children and those around them by making sure that their immunisations are complete. If unsure please ring the surgery for advice.

Giving up Smoking If you have received support, advice and smoking cessation aids from our team please don’t forget to let us know whether you have managed to quit. Similarly, if you have been successful in giving up smoking on your own initiative please tell us so we can update your records. If we have not heard from you we may try to contact you for an update. If you would like to give up smoking please do contact the surgery for an appointment with a nurse or doctor or speak to one of our pharmacy team.

Acknowledgements Our grateful thanks to family and friends of Edward Gilbert who made donations to the Surgery Equipment Fund in his memory.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

WILLINGHAM SURGERY & LONGSTANTON BRANCH SURGERY
Willingham Reception Tel: 01954 260230 Longstanton Reception Tel: 01954 207600
Dispensary Tel for repeat prescriptions: 260073 Pharmacy Tel: 261787
Out of hours: Urgent Care Cambridgeshire (formerly CAMDOC) 0330 123 9131
When the surgery is closed please ring our Out of Hours Service UCC 0330 123 9131 or NHS Direct 0845 4647 For advice only

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

WILLINGHAM PHARMACY   Tel: 01954 261787
NORMAL OPENING HOURS
Monday 8 30 – 1 00 2 30 – 6 30
Tuesday 8 30 – 1 00 2 00 – 6 00
Wednesday 8 30 – 1 00 2 00 – 7 30
Thursday 8 30 – 1 00 CLOSED
Friday 8 30 – 1 00 2 00 – 6 30

Willingham Wheels
The cycling club now has its own website – www.willinghamwheels.com – with a forum, gallery, chat function, routes page and calendar, with thanks to its creator, a newly arrived villager who, incidentally, is a computer, software and electrical wiring wizard. Visit the website for details.
Willingham Library
Children’s Book Quiz

Under 5s
Complete these Beatrix Potter character names
1) Benjamin
2) Jeremy
3) Squirrel

Primary School
4) In *The Magician’s Nephew* by C S Lewis, what fruit does Digory bring back from Narnia to cure his mother?
5) Who was the first child to win a Golden Ticket in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*?
6) In *Stig of the Dump*, what animal escapes from Bottom’s Mammoth Circus?

Secondary School
7) In *Storm Breaker*, by Anthony Horowitz, what type of pet does Herod Sayle keep?
8) What is the name of Dixie’s pet in Jacqueline Wilson’s *Diamond Girls*?
9) What is Mulch Diggums in *Artemis Fowl*, by Eoin Colfer?

Answers on page 17.

Letters to editor

Over Day Centre’s 5 Pub Challenge

The 5 Pub Challenge was extremely successful both in terms of the walkers’ reactions and the funds likely to be raised for the Over Day Centre.

The final amount raised awaits the sponsorship figure but we do know that this year 295 people took part compared to last year’s 240 which has resulted in fantastic progress towards meeting our target to raise sufficient money in the next few years to buy a replacement bus, which will be used to ferry clients to and from Over Day Centre.

Our thanks to all those people who participated and to the pubs which played such a vital part in our success.

Next year the 5 Pub Challenge will be held on Sunday 13th May 2012.

If possible, please make a note in your diary and, perhaps, pass this date on to anyone who needs to know.

See you next year.
John Dyer

Sincere congratulations on the prizes for the *Willingham News*. Truly richly deserved. The magazine has made an incredible difference and is essential to our community fabric. So thanks.

Paul Knighton

As a busy mum and proud resident of Willingham I find, when juggling family, work and other commitments, that I sometimes miss village events. This is partly due to my disorganisation, but other times it’s down to the fact there’s a lot going on in the village, which gets missed when skimming through the hardcopy of the *Willingham News*.

It is great that the *Willingham News* is now online at: www.willinghamlife.org, and our village seems to be going from strength to strength but I wonder if we could add a little more. Could *Willingham News*, or simply reminders about events in the village, be sent via email? We have a new system at the school called, ParentMail, which sends the Newsletter by email to parents. It has had very good feedback from many parents.

I propose that if Willingham residents would like to receive event reminders and/or *Willingham News* via email, they send in their email address to the Editor (which of course would be kept confidential), and have it added to a *Willingham News* email group.

The frequency of reminder emails would have to be decided, but I thought that if more people attend events in the village, particularly those which are in aid of the school and groups, more money would be raised for good causes.

Kate Worzencraft

Editorial Reply

If there is a demand for such a service, we will try to find a way of introducing it. Please let us know your thoughts via the Willingham News email address.

Now open
Allsorts
Tea & Gift Shop

Enjoy tea, coffee & cakes, hot & cold food to eat in or take away.
Gifts include jewellery & glass from local artists, ceramics, home-ware, baby gifts & much more...

Open Monday to Saturday 9 30 am to 3 pm
1D Highgate farm, Over Road, Willingham, CB24 5EU
Family friendly, lots of parking & pedestrian access just inside the hedge

Tel: 07773 123610
01954 261927
Air Cadets Go Under Cover to Prepare for Wing Field Weekend

On Saturday, 11 June, Air Cadets from 2524 (Oakington) Squadron Air Training Corps attended a one-day training exercise at RAF Barnham – near Thetford Forest – in preparation for what they hope will be a momentous Wing Field Weekend in June at RAF Wyton. They took part in practical exercises following weeks of classroom training – including Camouflage and Concealment, cooking lunch from an MoD ration pack, assembling ‘Bashas’ (a small tent like structure made from the use of a poncho, some twine, and tent pegs between two suitable trees), to Tactical Communications – simulating the search and recovery of a ‘lost’ aircraft data pod.

Approximately 450 Cadets as well as 200 members of staff from the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing Air Training Corps descended upon RAF Wyton in Cambridgeshire for their Annual Wing Field Weekend from Friday 10 to Sunday 12 June.

Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing ATC is always seeking new members – both Cadets and Adult Volunteers – for more information please visit www.BedsCambsWgATC.org or telephone 01223 210954

Quick Crossword by Willow

Across
1. Very brief look (7)
8. Legendary animal (7)
9. Wine merchant (7)
10. Clear to see (7)
11. HGV (5)
13. Lazy French of English speakers (9)
15. Among other things (5,4)
18. Tree with very lightweight wood (5)
21. Marine mammals (7)
22. Abstract idea (7)
23. Rhythm (7)
24. Colossal; doomed ship (7)

Down
1. Auctioneer’s hammer (5)
2. Close to the centre (5)
3. Old bike (5-8)
4. Expression of triumph (6)
5. Office drawers (6,7)
6. Spanish wine shop (6)
7. Joins in marriage (6)
12. Portent (4)
14. Flower; flag (4)
15. Accuse someone of a crime (6)
16. Spanish city (6)
17. Surgical knife (6)
19. Long stay abed (3-2)
20. Playful caper (5)

Solution on page 17.
Parish Church

Bubbles – is held in the Octagon every Friday during school term time from 10 am to 11 15 am

Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers a time to meet others and be creative.

Cake Stall – Come and buy home made cakes, jams and chutneys – Saturday 2 July.

Bric-a-brac Always on sale at 19 Fen End, the home of Rene Gould.

Proceeds from the Cake Stall and the Bric-a-brac Stall go to the Restoration Fund.

Coffee Stop: will take place at various homes and gardens in July. There is a notice with details of the venues can be found in church.

Messy Church: there will be no Messy Church in July.

Salvation Army

Coffee Morning Mondays 10 30 am – 12 noon. You are very welcome to come and join us for a coffee, tea and cake and a chance to chat with old and new friends

Craft Meeting 2 pm Mondays Bring your knitting, sewing, card making and come and join with others. Learn the skills of embroidery. Tea, coffee and good company provided!

Luncheon Club every two weeks, July 14 and 28, 12 30 pm Come and join us for a home-cooked lunch and dessert for £3.50. There is still room for a few more. Ring Gordon on 260066 or Daphne 260568. Please book in advance if possible.

Willingham Baptist Church

Baby Notes: Mondays 2 30 pm – Mums and carers bring along your young children, newborn to crawling, for a time of music and baby massage- and make new friends.

TOPS: Tuesday mornings from 9 45 – 11 15 am during term time. This is a group for children from 18 months to 3 years with parents and careers for fun activities and refreshments.

Willingham Youth Club: Willingham Originalz, the village youth club meets in the Baptist hall every Wednesday of term time at 6 30 pm.

Bumps and Babies: Thursdays at 10 00 am for mums-to-be and those with babies up to 18 months.

Open Door: Thursdays from 10 00 – 11 30 am – a chance to chat with old and new friends over tea and coffee

Kids’ Friday Club (KFC): Fridays during term time from 6 30 – 7 30 pm for children of primary school age. An action packed club with games, craft, music, quizzes and much more.

TGI Sunday: Come along for an informal contemporary style presentation to help understand the Christian faith on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11 am. Bring your children and your questions. A shared lunch follows.

Holiday Club: Mission Rescue August 1 – 5. See the separate advert and displays around the village.

Thank you!

Very many thanks to all who supported the ‘Cake Break’ on 20 May. Lots of scrumptious cakes had been baked and many cups of tea and coffee were enjoyed.

Once again this was a very successful and enjoyable village event and £420 was raised for the MS Society.

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

3 July
11 am Communion
10 July
8 am Traditional Communion (BCP)
11 am All-Age Service
17 July
11 am Communion
24 July
8 am Traditional Communion (BCP)
11 am Morning Service
31 July
11 am All-Age Communion

Children are always welcome! Sunday school takes place in the Octagon on 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month. On the 2nd and 5th Sundays activities are provided in the service so that we can worship together. 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.

WILLINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH,
GEORGE STREET
www.willinghambaptist.org

3 July
10 00 am The Call of Jeremiah
6 00 pm Guest Speaker (C)
10 July
10 00 am The Call of Isaiah (C)
6 00 pm Growing church
17 July
9 00 am The Call of Paul
11 00 am TGI Sunday: The Call of Paul
6 00 pm Pleasing God (C)
24 July
10 00 am The Call of Gideon (C)
6 00 pm Christ's return
31 July
10 00 am The Call of Moses
6 00 pm No rest for the wicked!

(C) = Communion

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER
PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE
OF WILLINGHAM.

In July, Osborn Close, Over Road, Pegler Court, Pound Lane and Priest Lane

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Willingham Library
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library
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Library Review Update
The effort to keep Willingham Library open is continuing and is now in the phase of detailed discussions regarding exactly what resources the community will need to find in terms of building costs and staffing, and how these could be found. A meeting is planned between representatives of Willingham Parish Council, Friends of Willingham Library, the County Library Service and our County Councillor at which these points will be discussed, and there will be a report in next month’s Willingham News.

Regarding staffing, at the Friends of Willingham Library meeting on 8 June more than 20 people put their names forward as volunteers to help man the library, so we can safely say that it will not close for lack of volunteers to run it. However, there can never be too big a pool of such people, so if you missed the meeting and would like to put your name forward, please tell a member of the Library staff. Once again the current Library staff were praised for the great job they do and they will be greatly missed in the very likely event that the community will be unable to raise sufficient money to pay them.

One way of contributing to the costs of the building is by hiring it for your meeting or club during the hours that it is closed. It is a welcoming and cozy space, ideal for small groups, so if you are interested please contact the staff.

Engage in the Afternoon
These are special sessions for adults on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3:30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee/biscuits and a chance to change books and use the computers. It's free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

Future Speakers:
- Wednesday 6 July – Philip Saunders – Willingham in the Cambridgeshire Archives
- Wednesday 3 August – How to solve Cryptic Crosswords

Summer Reading Challenge
At a loose end over the summer holidays? Help is at hand with the ever-popular summer reading challenge for children, this year on the theme of Circus Stars. Come along to the Library and pick up your free Circus Stars stage set to get you started. Read your way to success and build your own show!

Willingham Walkers
The July walk will take in the lakes at Earith. It will be a short/moderate walk starting off along the Old Bedford River and then circling around the lakes back to Earith centre. There are fine views of the Fens and wildlife on the lakes. Contact Mike 01954 260647 or Linda 01954 202072 for more details or to let us know you will be walking. We meet at the Duke of Wellington car park (55 Church Street) at 10 am on Sunday, 10 July.

Willingham WEA
The Autumn Term starts on Monday, 19 September 10 00 am, in the Baptist Church Hall, George Street.
The course this term is ‘The Golden Century of Spain.’ The course examines the rise of Spain to become the superpower of 16th Century Europe.
This was based on her extensive empire, impressive military strength and the unifying effect of Catholicism. Course tutor is Mike Muncaster
The fee is £45.
For further information please ring Rosemary Mumford, Secretary, 01954 260934.

The Willingham Website
The website – www.willinghamlife.org – has undergone much improvement since new volunteers joined on our editorial team. As well as a fuller events diary where you can see everything that goes on in the village at a glance, we now have the Willingham News online and you can access back issues on the website should you want to see former articles or look up older information.

Willingham Women’s Institute
The annual summer party will be held on Monday, 11 July at 7 30 in the Octagon, with surprise entertainment! Members are reminded to bring plate, bowl, glass and cutlery.
A big ‘thank you’ to everyone who supported our stall at the fun day. We raised £175 which will be sent off to CAMREAD.
Contacts are Doreen 200561 or Jo 261246.
Tiggers Summer Fun!
Tiggers are pleased to announce that we will be running sessions throughout the summer holidays!

Sessions will run on Wednesdays from 10 00-11 30 at the Salvation Army Hall. If the weather is good there will be indoor and outdoor activities. Other days out may also be organised.

All under 5’s are welcome with their parents/carers. Older children are also welcome but we ask adults to ensure that they behave appropriately.

To end the Tiggers Term in style, the Bar Hill Children’s Centre are running a Messy Play session on Wednesday 13 July. A baby corner will be set up as usual.

For more information, please come to a Tiggers session, Wednesdays (term time), 10 00 – 11 30 at the Salvation Army Hall, contact Sarah on sarah.custance@googlemail.com / 01945-202005 or look under events on www.WillinghamLife.org

Tickets are now on sale for As You Like It!!

*Thursday 28 July – Saturday 30 July 2011*
Performances at 7 30 pm plus 2 00 pm Saturday Matinee

…in the grounds of St Mary’s and All Saints Willingham, sit back and enjoy one of Shakespeare’s most entertaining plays…

Rosalind escapes court disguised as a man and calling herself Ganymede. She enters the forest of Arden and finds her love Orlando, covering the trees in love letters to her. As Ganymede, she begins to tutor Orlando in the ways of love…

But soon she realises that he is not the only one who needs her help, in a forest inhabited by mistreated siblings, moody lords, posing fools and hapless shepherds…

Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased from Tyler’s Estate Agent in Willingham, opposite the Co-op

Friends of Willingham Library
July Book Quiz
Surnames begin with either T or U
(Answers on page 17)

1. Her books include: The Franchise Affair; Miss Pym Disposes; Brat Farrar; The Singing Sands etc.
2. War and Peace; Anna Karenina. Author?
4. He was an actor, raconteur, novelist, all-round entertainer and was made a peer. During WW2 he was one-time batman to David Niven. He later lived in Switzerland. One of his novels was Krummaged. He died in 2004.
5. This Irishman’s first novel was The South. In 2010 he was named the winner of the Costa Novel award for Brooklyn. Has written a number of novels and non-fiction books. Who is he?
6. Which American wrote The Witcher of Eastwick and a series of novels about Harry ‘Rabbit’ Angstrom?
7. The author of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn?
8. The writer of The Slap which tells the story of what happens after a man hits a naughty three-year-old at a suburban barbecue?
10. Lived from 1815 – 1882. The Chronicles of Barsetshire is one of his. His name?
12. Two for Sorrow is her third novel and brings in real-life crime writer, Josephine Tey as the main character. The author of this novel?

OVER JAZZ
present
ROSIE VAL & THE CAMBRIDGE JAZZ COMPANY
on Sunday 24 July 2011
Over Community Centre

Doors open 12 noon for 12 30 pm start
There is a licensed bar at the Centre and filled rolls will be on sale.
There will also be a raffle in aid of MAGPAS
For tickets, priced at £8 each, please contact Julia on 01954 230056 or Val on 01954 230655
Meetings are on the first Monday of each month at the Willingham Social Club, Fen End and start at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers and from time to time on subjects of wider interest. On average, meetings last about one and a half hours. There is always a plant raffle.

The Club welcomes new members at any of our monthly meetings. If you are a plant lover/enthusiast or just want to see whether you could become interested, come and join us to see whether you want to become a member at a very modest annual subscription of £10. You may attend one meeting to see what we do and speak to members and to the committee informally.

In addition to the meetings we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and other places of interest.

**Contact Celia on 01954 261394 or just turn up to a meeting to see for yourself what we do.**

**Club Meeting** Monday 4 July – the meeting will include a talk by Hilary Thomas on Pots and Containers.

**Outings** – Our next outing will be to the world famous RHS gardens at Wisley in Surrey on Saturday 16 July, leaving the Green at 8 30 am. Other pick-up points may be arranged with Celia on the above number. **Non-members are encouraged to join us at a cost of £20 inclusive of coach travel and entry fee. The cost for members is £17.**

There is something for everyone at Wisley. Wisley has one of the best rock gardens in England and the huge herbaceous borders, rose collection and vegetable gardens should be at their best. There is also an area of small display gardens, flowering shrubs and woodland walks. The water gardens and ponds are well stocked with fish and flowering iris and there are plenty of places to sit and relax. The tropical and temperate greenhouse is superb and it is also surrounded by delightful herbaceous borders. There is an excellent plant and garden centre and the refreshment facilities are good. We have visited Wisley on a number of occasions before but these are year round gardens and we have not visited in July for sometime. This is a must for anyone who loves plants.

If you wish to travel with us contact Celia on the above number.

**Future Attractions**

Among other topics, future speakers will talk to us on:
- Fruit and vegetables in a modern garden
- Soft fruits pruning and propagation
- The history and use of herbs

**Reminders**

The annual Horticultural and Craft Show will be held at the Willingham Primary School on Saturday 3 September. This is a village show and gives local people, both young and old, the opportunity to take part by exhibiting items which they have grown or made. The school summer holidays are fast approaching giving children the opportunity to become involved in growing plants or making craft exhibits. Show schedules will shortly be available at shops and the library giving details of the various classes and age ranges. We need your support and participation. Proceeds after expenses are donated to charity.

Last year’s winners of cups and trophies will shortly be contacted to arrange their return to the Club ready for this show.

There will be an outing on Saturday 24 September, the venue for which has yet to be fixed.

The Christmas shopping trip will be to Birmingham (The Bullring and main city centre shops) on Wednesday 2 November. Further details to be published later.

**Charity Lunch**

The July charity lunch, held in favour of The East Anglian Children’s Hospices will be held on 16 July at 1 pm at 43 Rampton Road, hosted by Marian Harrington and Glenda Tillyard. The meal consists of soup, bread and cheese and costs £3. All are welcome.
Willingham Cricket Club Presents

Quiz Night

Friday 22 July
Willingham Social Club 8 pm Start

£5 per person (which includes food)
Call Ron (01954) 260144 or e-mail willinghamcc@gmail.com
if you wish to book your team in advance

This year’s Over Players pantomime is

Beauty & The Beast
By Sean Baker & Bill Handley
Directed by Sean Baker

December 7th–10th
Over Community Centre

Featuring all your favourite characters such as Cogsworth, Lumiere, Mrs Potts and Chip, Beauty & The Beast is fast becoming one of the most popular pantomimes in the country.

Rehearsals begin in September and there are plenty of opportunities to be involved for both young and old.

For more information on how you can be part of this wonderful show, contact Sean Baker:
230963 or seanbaker1@me.com

Recent Over Players pantos have drawn the following praise from the National Operatic and Dramatic Association:
ALADDIN: “extremely professional . . . Inspirational! . . . moments of sheer magic”.
PETER PAN: “a first class production . . . excellent locally written show”.
SLEEPING BEAUTY (2008 Best Panto Award): “a real humdinger of a pantomime . . . The three piece orchestra was excellent . . This show undoubtedly had everything”.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2011
1–5 August 10am–12.30pm
at
WILLINGHAM
BAPTIST
CHURCH
MISSION
RESCUE

Come and have fun being spies & secret agents for a week!

The club is for children aged 5–11 years.

Have fun with games, quizzes, songs and bible stories.

The week will end with a special event on Sunday 7th August at 11am followed by a B.B.Q to which all parents and children are invited.

The week is free, but we do ask you to pre-register if possible.

For more information or to book a place:
Please phone Trevor Rowe on 01954 261193 or Hilary Wylie on 01954 260051 or email Hilary at hilary.wylie@btopenworld.com
See you there!

Located next to Willingham primary school we offer a happy, stimulating and caring environment for children between 2½ and school age.

Running Monday to Friday during school terms we offer a choice of the following session times
9am–3pm / 9am–12pm / 12pm–3pm

Children over 3 years old are able to receive government funding of up to 15 hours a week.

We are now taking bookings for children to start in the September 2011 placement.

We are holding an open morning on Saturday 9th July (9:30-11:30am) for new parents and children to see the nursery setting and meet staff.

For more details please call us on 01954 201567 or visit www.honeypots.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1009789
Pastoral Letter

After five months in Willingham I’m often asked if I’ve settled in. The expected answer is probably ‘yes’ but the truthful answer has to be ‘no.’ Consequently I feel the need to clarify that my ‘no’ doesn’t mean that I don’t like it here or necessarily that I’m finding life difficult. Not feeling settled stems from life in Willingham being very different to life in my previous parish which was set in the Derbyshire coalfields and the difference in culture of the two places is as different as the Fens are from the Peaks.

One of the great joys of being a parish priest is being involved in the momentous points of people’s life-stories. Rites of passage moments: birth, marriage, death and those things happen in all parishes. I have already been immensely privileged to share in all of these special occasions here, greeting newly born babies, dealing with couples whom I will soon be marrying, holding the hand of someone who is dying and of course taking funerals. The same, you may think but handled differently according to local culture. Even knocking on someone’s door is done differently here!

So, no, I’m not settled in. I’m still learning and adjusting to the tremendous wealth of new ways of doing things, all part of life’s rich tapestry. This is also described by a phrase that Jesus uses ‘Life in all its fullness’. Quite literally, God offers us a life that is tremendously rich; full of all sorts of things and never dull or boring if we take up the challenges. But Jesus also meant something else by this phrase. He was talking about life eternal. I can remember a time when I thought this might mean wafting about in white on a cloud, maybe playing a harp. I thought this sounded incredibly boring! Fortunately the Bible makes it quite plain that’s not what eternal life is. Eternal life begins in all its fullness here and now and extends in the same way after bodily death. Heaven will be this world made perfect. Now that sounds a whole lot more exciting and inviting to me. How can we get there? Jesus tells us, saying ‘I am the way’. We will not get there by being good - we only get there THROUGH Him.

If that seems to be a bit of a culture shock in itself, please do come along to one of the Willingham churches and find out more about it. You never know, one day you may be able to ask me in heaven if I’ve settled in. I am certain that my answer there will be ‘yes’!

Rev’d Linda Liversidge
Vicar of St Mary & All Saints

WAG Environmental Group
Cemetery Maintenance

The group agreed to undertake the task of clearing ivy from untended headstones in the cemetery in support of the Parish Council, who are responsible for maintenance. We have set a date of Saturday 16 July so if you are willing and able, and have some time to spare, any available help will be appreciated. Come along from 10 00 am onwards with some garden tools, gloves and a flask.

Graham Mumby <graham@gwmumby.co.uk> Tel 260553

Crossword Solution
Across: 1 Glimpse, 8 Unicorn, 9 Vintner, 10 Evident, 11 Lorry, 13 Franglais, 15 Inter alia, 18 Balsa, 21 Dolphin, 22 Concept, 23 Cadence, 24 Titanic.
Down: 1 Gavel, 2 Inner, 3 Penny-farthing, 4 Eureka, 5 Filing cabinet, 6 Bodega, 7 Unites, 12 Omen, 14 Iris, 15 Indict, 16 Toledo, 17 Lancet, 19 Lie-in, 20 Antic

Children’s Book Quiz Answers

Answers to Library Quiz

OAKINGTON AIR CADETS

2524 (Oakington) Squadron ATC was formed in April 1975 and is run by a team of volunteers. Cadets range from 13 to 20 years old.

Parade nights start with drill practice – drill is an important way of instilling a sense of self-discipline – and we then move on to cover a wide range of projects, lectures, field-craft and initiative exercises. Lectures and projects are an integral part of the cadet syllabus, which ultimately leads to a BTEC in Aviation Studies. Lectures cover the full spectrum of aviation-related subjects, while projects build both personal and practical skills.

The Air Training Corps (better known as the Air Cadets, or ATC) is the RAF’s cadet force, divided into six regions, 36 wings and more than 900 squadrons across the UK.

Our aims are to:
• Promote and encourage a practical interest in aviation and the Royal Air Force among young people.
• Provide training which will be useful in the Services and civilian life.
• Encourage a spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire Wing ATC is always seeking new members – both Cadets and Adult Volunteers – for more information please visit www.BedsCambsWgATC.org or telephone 01223 210954
A few letters and e-mails during the last month has brought home to me that the differing functions of the County and District Councils can be very confusing (even for those who are supposed to know), so I thought I would give a brief rundown of some of the things the County Council is responsible for:

**Highways** – excluding the A14 and M11; we look after the County's roads and footpaths. This includes repairs, surface dressing, potholes and winter gritting; if you have a problem with your road you can now report it using the County’s website: http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm. Although we are responsible for roads and signs, street names remain the responsibility of the District Council.

**Streetlights** – except where they are owned by the Parish Council. County Council lights, which form the vast majority are identified by CCC followed by a number, although as I discovered recently the identity number may be missing; you can report a faulty streetlight by going to: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

**Libraries** – there are 46 libraries and library access points across the County, including at Littlehey and Whitemoor Prisons. A review of libraries is currently taking place and it is expected that the service will be delivered by a charitable Trust in the future.

**Education** – although the County Council does not run schools, it is responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient places and that the quality remains high.

**Museums and Archives** – we run the Cromwell Museum and also hold the County's archive collection, along with material from many parish councils.

**Births, marriages and deaths** are all registered at the County Council, either at Shire Hall, or registration venues across the County.

We support elderly people who need support, either through provision of care packages, or funding for what is called self-directed care; we also support children in need, young people in care and children with disabilities who need additional support.

We work closely with our District Councils because although they are responsible for collecting our waste, we dispose of it (the Civil Servant who thought that one up during local government re-organisation in 1974 must have had a weird sense of humour). We also run nine recycling centres across the county.

In addition to this, we also have responsibility for things such as animal welfare, trading standards, air quality, rights of way and strategic planning.

It is now much easier to report problems, or seek information from the County Council via: http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/do_it_online

Alternatively, I will always do my best to give you an answer, even if I can't always provide a solution.

I can be reached at the address or telephone number below.

Shona Johnstone
Highfield, 5 Lowburyholme Road, Over CB24 5NP
Tel: 01954 230565
e-mail: shona.johnstone@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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**Oldwillingham.com Photo of the Month**

Cecil Gleaves, a Willingham resident of long standing, comments on the May High Street picture:

The shop ‘in front of’ the Public Hall (that is to the south of it) was not Haynes (not Haines) grocery store, but the Co-op. It was a single-storey building, with a high, elaborate facia.

Haynes was at that time where the Co-op now is. It was a grocery on the ground floor, with clothing etc on the first floor. The family lived in the adjoining house (now flats). The shop was still there in the 1940s.

The Haynes building then became the ‘new’ Co-op. For a short time, while alterations were being carried out, the Co-op operated from a temporary building where the car park now is.
Village Directory

Please notify Willingham News of any changes

Council
Parish Council (See full details on page 6) 01954 261027
County Councillor Mrs S Johnstone 01954 230565
District Councillor Mr R Manning 01954 261235
District Councillor Mr B R Burling 01954 230168
District Councillor Mrs P S Corney 01954 213221

Services
Police 0845 456 4564
Surgery 01954 260230
Dispensary for repeat prescription requests 01954 260073
Pharmacy 01954 261787
Over Surgery 01954 231550
Urgent Care Cambridgeshire 0330 123 9131

Schools
Primary School 01954 283030
Willingham Out Of School Club (3-6 pm only) Mrs R Tiley 01954 201567
Phoenix Prep School Mrs Jackie Daire 01954 263113
School Governors Chairman Rob Laycock 01954 203528
School Association c/o school 01954 283030
British School Trust Richard Foster 01954 261293

Children
Beavers, Cubs and Scouts Mrs M Dellar 01954 260045
Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only) 01954 201567
Tigger Toddlers Sarah Castance 01954 202005
Old Butterly Nursery School 01954 260046
Holiday Playscheme Phoenix School, Mrs Jackie Daire 01954 263113
Willingham Guides and Senior Section Lynn McGoff 01954 261296
Ladybird Borland’s School Of Dance Mrs L Borland 01954 203347
Bubbles/Messy Church Rev L Liversidge/ Heather Mellows 01954 261387/270063
Bumps and Babies Group Pam Buckridge 01954 780714
TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group) Trevor Rowe 01954 261193
Little Notes Music group Emma Tregenna 01954 261775
Rock Solid (Baptist Church) Trevor Rowe 01954 261193
Kids’ Friday Club (Baptist Church) Trevor Rowe 01954 261193

Halls
Ploughman Hall Bookings through Parish Council 01954 261027
Wilford Furlong Centre 01954 261445
The Octagon Rosemary Mumford 01954 260934
Baptist Bookings Julie Stock 01954 202221

Local
Allotments – See Willingham Combined Charities below

Representatives
Billavincea Lodge 8719 Mr M Scrivener 01480 413533
Fen Edge Community Association Alan Leeks 01954 250061
Cambridge News Correspondent Anne Kirkman 01954 263093
Workers’ Educational Association Rosemary Mumford 01954 260934
Willingham Combined Charities Mrs J Ambrose 01954 260446

Clubs
Gardening Club Mr T Halsey 01954 201910
Social Club Sarah Rutherford 07989 242155
Willingham Stagecraft (drama group) Charlotte Prince 01954 230837
Willingham Youth Club Trevor Rowe 01954 261193
Women’s Institute Mrs Doreen Young 01954 200561
Willingham Jam Club Julian Eales 01954 201818
Women’s Royal British Legion Mrs M Few 01954 260124
Willingham Photography Club Christopher Cross 01954 260790
Willingham Walkers Mike Tidball 01954 260647

Sport
Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football) Claire Few 01954 203001
Cricket Club Mr R Ambrose 01954 260446
Cycling Club www.willinghamwheels.com
Ladies’ Hockey Teresa Hutchcraft 01954 260177
Badminton Sarah Castance 01954 202005
Bowls Club Mrs Linda Aspinall 01954 261562
Willingham Running Club Sally Carroll 07771 834391
Willingham Sports Pavilion David Clarke 01954 260600

Churches
Mothers’ Union (Branch Leader) Mrs S Hayden 01954 260361
Baptist Church Rev Trevor Rowe 01954 261193
Methodists (Ministerial Contact) Rev Hilary Cheng 01223 700778
Roman Catholic Priest Fr Edward Tredota 01480 462192
Salvation Army Captain Emma Knights 01954 260608
Parish Church Rev Linda Liversidge 01954 263187

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