

**Christmas Carol Evening
Thursday 14th December
6pm to 8.30pm 2017**



This year Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council are delighted to be again joining together with Kim Gardener from the Willingdon Traders for arranging this year's Christmas Carol Evening.

Father Christmas will as usual be visiting with presents for all the good children at the Triangle.

The Kingfisher Scout Band will be performing followed by Christmas Carols with Wealden Brass outside the Parish Office!

There will be stalls outside the office on Jubilee Gardens.

Mulled Wine and Mince Pies will be available and served by the Parish Councillors! The British Queen will also be selling hot food outside!

Please wrap up warm and bring your torches!

**PARISH COUNCIL'S TRIPLE REMEMBRANCE
COMMEMORATION**

On Saturday 11 November at 11am a service was held outside Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council's Office to remember those who gave their lives in the Parish and further afield. A good crowd assembled and were joined by students from Willingdon Community School and other young people. The service was led by Father Kevin Agnew of St Mary the Virgin Willingdon assisted by Rev David Yule of Trinity Church. Luke and Andrew Martin carried the Legion and the Union Flags and Peter Davey sounded the Last Post. The service ended with Piper Ian White playing 'My Home'. Parish Council Chair John Pritchett BEM said it was great to see so many people, especially the students and young people of the Parish, to remember those who gave their lives so that we could live in the freedom we enjoy today.

On Sunday 12 November the young people of the Parish turned out in force for Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council's Remembrance Parade and Service. Marching from Upper Kings Drive and led by the Kingfisher Scout Band, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers from the 1st and 2nd Willingdon Groups, St John's Ambulance representatives, Guides and Brownies supported members of the Willingdon Branch of the Royal British Legion and Parish Councillors for the service at St Mary the Virgin, Willingdon led by Father Kevin Agnew. So great was the support that the church was filled to capacity with standing room only at the back - a wonderful turn-out for such an important event in the Parish Council's calendar. Piper Ian White piped people into the church and ended the tribute in the Garden of Remembrance after the service with 'My Home'.

In the afternoon the Parish Council led the service at the Ruthless Memorial on the Downs with Father Kevin Agnew supported by Deacon Sue Wilkinson and attended by the Mayor of Eastbourne Pat Hearn and MP Stephen Lloyd. On a cold, windy but dry afternoon a good crowd gathered for this special service to honour the American men who lost their lives when their B-24D Liberator Bomber from 506 squadron 44th bombardment group crashed on the Downs in 1944.

Below: Outside the Parish Office joined by students from Willingdon Community School



Over 150 local people at Willingdon Library Public Meeting



Above: Local Residents fill the Church Hall

Queuing to get through the doors, over 150 concerned and angry Willingdon residents gathered in Trinity Church, Willingdon Saturday 28th October to hear about East Sussex County Council's plans to close their local Willingdon library and the mobile library service which serves Wannock.

In a meeting chaired by Chairman of Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council, John Pritchett BEM, residents also heard from Stephen Lloyd MP, Cllr Colin Swansborough, Chair of the County Council's Audit, Best Value and Community Services Scrutiny Committee and Cllr Stephen Shing, County Councillor for Willingdon. County Council officers and Cllr Bill Bentley, the Portfolio Holder responsible for the proposal had been invited but did not attend.

Residents were told by Cllr Pritchett that there had been a library in Willingdon for nearly ninety years and they unanimously backed the strong objection which the Parish Council would be submitting to the proposal.

Cllr John Pritchett said "I must thank all those who gave up their Saturday afternoon to make their views known and to back the Parish Council in the fight to keep our library open. I am very pleased that a number of residents have come forward to form an Action Group to defend our library and look forward to working with them. Our people deserve better than this and I ask all our local residents and local businesses to tell the County Council and in particular the Leader of the Council, Cllr Keith Glazier, how they will be affected and exactly what they think about this proposal."

He added "We are told this cut has to be made to save money and it is staggering how the County Council were insensitive enough at the same meeting to vote through an increase of 9% and Mr Glazier himself a 37% increase in their own salaries, an increase he has actually appeared on television to defend. It is not fair and reasonable and this Parish Council is not impressed!"

Our own Parish Council are all volunteers taking no allowances at all apart from a modest remuneration for the present Chair who uses it to support good causes in our Parish.

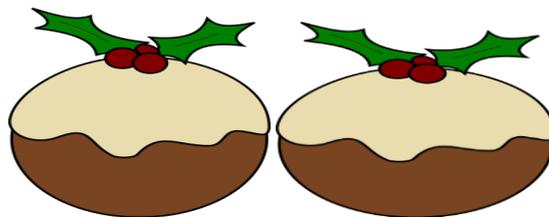
REMINDER – THE EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL LIBRARIES CONSULTATION ENDS 14TH DECEMBER. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE HAD YOUR SAY!

Newly Renovated Pavilion at Huggetts Lane Recreation Ground



The Parish Council is delighted that the newly refurbished Pavilion at Huggetts Lane is now open! Cllr Richard Nunney and the Clerk Steve Keogh oversaw the works carried out by George Stone Ltd. Chairman John Pritchett BEM cut the ribbon on Sunday 10th September to officially open the Pavilion. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in this project!

Office Closure at Christmas



The Parish Office will close on Friday 22nd December 2017 and reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Members and Staff of Willingdon & Jevington Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year. In an emergency please telephone the Wealden District Council helpline on 01323 644422.

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