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Our Changing Seasons



Earith flooded, Stephen Salmon



Summer hailstorm



Cattell's Mill at sunset, Colin Brown



Puddle fun, Danny White

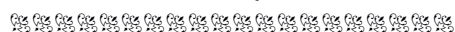
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EDITORIAL

At the time of writing the storms of Christmas and New Year were only just starting to abate and many parts of the country were experiencing serious flooding. The weather in 2013 seemed to go from one extreme to the other and this was a theme taken up in several editions of the magazine. As seen in last February's edition the year started with floods so we have come full-circle, with an extremely cold spring and a summer heatwave. Our cover page reflects some of these changes, captured by local photographers around the village; our thanks go to them for their continued contributions.

If you have a photograph, piece of art-work, or a written piece that you think reflects village life or would be of interest to our readers, we would be pleased to receive it to maintain the varied content of the magazine. Similarly, we would welcome any suggestions for improvements. Please send your contributions or suggestions to the email address below or drop them off at the library.

Bin Collections – Wednesdays

5 February Green and Blue

12 February Black

19 February Green and Blue

26 February Black

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

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Sgt Sandra Davidson

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OWLS celebrates 1000th journey



Driver Vance Wells with Rhoda Bates

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OWLS is run by local volunteers who support the community by giving their time as co-ordinators or drivers. Are you elderly or disabled, unable to access public transport and have no-one who can take you to appointments or to places where you can meet others? Perhaps you have an elderly relative or neighbour in this situation. OWLS Community Car Scheme offers eligible residents a door-to-door return service for a minimal charge (£3 plus 30p a mile for each mile over 10 miles).

For more information please ring the Scheme's mobile 07505 254363 between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday. To book a journey, please give at least 48 hours' notice. If your call is not answered, simply leave a message and a volunteer co-ordinator will respond within 24 hours. Why not spread the word so that those in need can be helped to stay independent and benefit from this local community service.

Black Bull Golf Society Golf Days

Thursday 20 March – Elton Furze
 Thursday 17 April – Ramsey
 Thursday 15 May – Pidley
 Sunday/Monday 22/23 June – Weekend Away
 Thursday 17 July – Brampton
 Thursday 21 August – Wyboston
 Thursday 18 September – St Neots
 Thursday 16 October – Bourne

If you would like to play in any of our golf days, please email sarah_pv@hotmail.com or phone 01954 261252.

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

17 February at 8 pm

Talk by John Margetts ARPS about the Royal Photographic Society including an exhibition demonstrating the Society's Licentiate and Associate levels

Coffee

Introduction to next month's assignment – *Cold Weather*
 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.



If you are over sixteen and would like to model for the Club, please ring Stephen Salmon on 01954 260875

Contact numbers: Anita Salmon 01954 260875

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*In the meantime, do have a look at our website on
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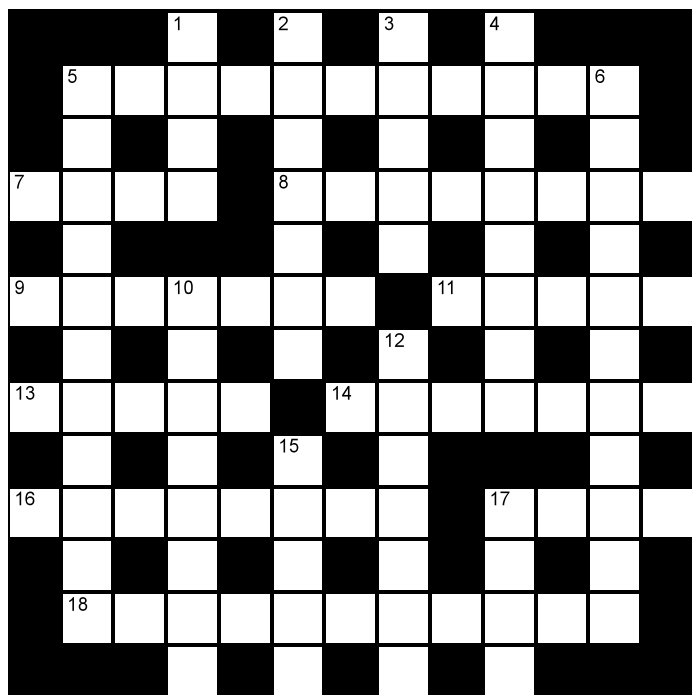
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General Knowledge Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 17



Across

Down

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|----|--|----|--|
| 5 | Father of modern political theory born in Florence in 1469 (11) | 1 | Mountain nymph who loved her own voice (4) |
| 7 | 2011 film directed by Scorsese about an orphan living in a Paris railway station (4) | 2 | Species of hazelnut (7) |
| 8 | Queen's house in Aberdeenshire (8) | 3 | Flap of tissue at the back of the throat (5) |
| 9 | To put off to another time (7) | 4 | Chemical compound for prevention of tooth decay (8) |
| 11 | Pagan withcraft tradition (5) | 5 | Silver coins distributed by the Queen just before Easter (6,5) |
| 13 | Yellowish-brown translucent fossil resin (5) | 6 | English physicist and mathematician born in 1643 (5,6) |
| 14 | Paper manufacturing company (7) | 10 | Orchestral introduction (8) |
| 16 | Intimate meeting with single other person (3-2-3) | 12 | Hypersensitive reaction of the body to certain substances (7) |
| 17 | American star of "Fight Club" (4) | 15 | "The Friendly Islands" (5) |
| 18 | First man in space (4,7) | 17 | South American country containing Machu Picchu (4) |

Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

Who wrote these twentieth century novels?

1. *The Go-Between.*
2. *The Fountain Overflows.*
3. *The Bonfire of the Vanities.*
4. *Oscar and Lucinda.*
5. *The Catcher in the Rye.*
6. *The Color Purple.*
7. *Decline and Fall.*
8. *Kim.*
9. *Lucky Jim.*
10. *The Good Companions.*

Answers on page 17

General Knowledge Quiz – the answers begin with the letter B

Answers on page 17

1. Who wrote the opera *Peter Grimes*?
2. What was George Orwell's real name?
3. Who was murdered on 29 December 1170?
4. On the Stock Exchange, what is the opposite of a bear market? What do they mean?
5. Which French dynasty was interrupted by Napoleon?
6. What name was given to the descendants of the Dutch settlers who colonised South Africa in the 17th and 18th centuries?
7. Who was created a prince and chancellor of the new German empire after the Franco-Prussian War 1870-71?
8. In algebra, what word is used to describe an expression consisting of the sum or difference of two terms, such as $a+b$ or $x-y$?
9. In which castle was Edward II murdered?
10. What name is given to the two tubes which lead from the windpipe to the lungs?
11. Which is the largest island of the Malay Archipelago?
12. Who was the Greek god who was constantly accompanied by Silenus and attended by satyrs?
13. He became chief engineer of the Great Western Railway in 1833.
14. The storming of this prison took place at the start of the French Revolution in 1789.
15. Who wrote the symphony which includes *Ode to Joy*?
16. The name of the Royal Family's Scottish residence?
17. The Communist leader of Yugoslavia who died in 1980 was known as Tito. What was his real name?
18. Who painted the *Birth of Venus*?
19. Capital of Hungary?
20. Give the popular name of the man who walked a tightrope 50 metres above Niagara Falls

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WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Meetings are held at the Willingham Social Club on the first Monday of each month (except January and August), starting 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. Meetings last about 90 minutes. There is a plant raffle at each meeting.

The Club welcomes new members at any of our monthly meetings. If you are interested, come along to see whether you want to become a member at a very modest annual subscription of £12.50. You may also attend one meeting for a small charge of £2 to see what we do and to speak to Club members and the Committee informally. Contact Celia on 01954 261394 or just turn up to a meeting.

In addition to the meetings, we have an annual programme of visits to gardens and other places of interest and a Christmas shopping trip. Our first outing of the year will be to Beth Chatto's wonderful garden and plant centre. Details to follow.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 3 February when our speaker will be Jeff Harrison on *Through the year in a Nature Photographer's Garden*.

Finally the Committee of the Club wishes members and those who have helped us during 2013 a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

Charity Lunch

The February charity lunch will be held on Saturday 15 February at 1 pm by Marian and Tony Harrington at 43 Rampton Road. The charity being supported this year is the Air Ambulance.

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

All are welcome.

School hosts unusual visitors



Local boy Dreuce loved handling reptiles when the Zoolab visited the Phoenix School. The children were fascinated by the different animals on show and also enjoyed watching the albino miniature hedgehog quickly find mealworms using its amazing sense of smell rather than sight!

Buildings of Note



Shortly before Christmas, 12 Green Street (shown above) was demolished to allow the completion of the new development of social housing in Green Street/Short Lane. There seemed to be a feeling of sadness amongst many in the village that this imposing property vanished in a matter of days, having dominated Green Street for over a century. This emphasised how important many buildings are to village residents. Indeed many occupiers of our older properties consider themselves to be custodians rather than owners. Our Old Willingham features very often describe buildings as they were decades ago, but it would be interesting to find out about the more recent history, perhaps from current residents. Do you have a story to tell about your home? If so, we would be pleased to feature it.

The Editor

Willingham Walkers



The February walk will again be a local walk in this area and of moderate distance, perhaps taking 2 hours. Meet at the *Duke of Wellington* on Church Street at 10 am on Sunday 9 February. Please let us know if you will be joining us for the walk by contacting Mike on 01954 260647 or email m.tidball@btinternet.com

The group's December walk was moved to 29 December so we could get rid of some of the Christmas excesses. However, the planning went awry as we finished the walk with much mulled wine and many mince pies, as evidenced by the photo!

Willingham Women's Institute



The next meeting will be on Monday 10 February
at 7 30 pm in the Social Club

Yellow Butterfly Cakes Sugarcraft with Yvonne O'Neill

New members always welcome - please contact Jacky on 261831

Why not join us – we have some great meetings lined up:

Mon 10 March *The Restless River* – a talk about the Great Ouse by David Garner

Mon 14 April *Glass Blowing* with Bob Scott

Willingham Combined Charity Allotment Plots

We have vacant plots at our sites in Church Street
and Over Road

Further details from Pat Dempsey

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Cycle Legacy – Small Grant Fund

One of the greatest sporting events on the planet will be racing along the roads of Cambridgeshire this summer.

On Monday 7 July, Cambridge will host the start of the third stage of 'Le Tour De France'. The riders will set off from Parkers Piece, cycling through the historic city streets and then into the beautiful south Cambridgeshire countryside before heading up to London for the conclusion of the stage on The Mall.

In celebration of this exciting event, Cambridgeshire County Council has announced the Cycle Legacy Small Grant Fund.

Small grants are now available and will be awarded to local groups and organisations to support activities or events linked to and inspired by cycling or the race. The Council is hoping that groups will design and deliver activities within their community that involve and motivate people to create a lasting and positive legacy to mark this historic occasion for Cambridgeshire.

Each grant will be up to a maximum of £500 and additional funding or support in kind will be expected.

The grants are being awarded in three rounds. The deadlines for applications for the remaining rounds are 7 March and 11 April.

For more details and how to apply for a Cycle Legacy Small Grant please contact

Gary Hughes

Lead Officer Growth

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Cambridgeshire County Council

Love Shakespeare?

The Over Players will be holding a read through for everyone interested in participating in *All's Well that Ends Well* on 5 February at 7 50 pm in the Church Hall, Over. Auditions will be held a week later on 12 February (same time and place). Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evening initially. Full commitment will be required for final rehearsals and show week during 14 – 22 June.

Come and Sing!

Swavesey Community Choir would like to thank everyone who has supported our recent concerts. We are always looking for new members, young and old. There are no auditions so it doesn't matter if you don't read music, and you don't even have to live in Swavesey! Enthusiasm and willingness to learn is all that is required. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings 7 30 pm – 9 pm at Swavesey Village College, during term times. If you would like to join, please just come along.

For more information please phone 07881 824095 or email swavesey.community.choir@gmail.com

LOOKING BACK

November's *Willingham News* carried an advert inviting applications for the tenancy of one of the Josiah Smith home's in Over Road. Looking Back, the CIP newspaper of 28 July 1967 had a picture of the official opening of these new bungalows along with an article outlining the background history of the project.

Mr W H Law, chairman of the Parochial Trustees, reported that money and property, including Ivy House, had been left to the parish for them to administer. However it was considered unsuitable as a home for the blind or orphan babies, and the Trustees decided to sell it and build bungalows for the elderly.

The permission for this was not granted by the Charity Commissioners until 1960. In the meantime, the Trustees had had provisional plans drawn up, but planning permission to build in School House Yard, nearer the centre of Willingham could not be obtained.

Fortunately, Mrs James Smith came to the rescue and offered to sell the land on which the bungalows now stand. The first money from the bequest was not handed over by the Commissioners until the end of 1965 and the balance was paid early in 1966. Building began in April 1966.

The bungalows had been made possible by the generous bequests of Miss Hilda Smith and Mr Cyrus Smith in memory of their father, Mr Josiah Smith. They were opened by Miss Agnes Smith, aged 87, the oldest living descendant of Josiah Smith. She received a bouquet from the oldest of the six tenants, Mrs Mary Hopkins, aged 79.

Old Willingham



This building stood on the corner of the green by Priest Lane. Today you would be standing outside the current library to take this shot, but the building itself is long gone. There are two cottages, one having a shop front, and a large shared inglenook fireplace in the middle. This picture was probably taken about 1930, but after World War II the owner, Mr Sutherland, plastered over the brickwork and painted it all white except for black fake timber beams, moulded into the plaster to look like a Tudor style building. He also covered the upper windows and painted three large scenes of sailing galleons at sea with sails billowing in the wind. As one long-time village resident commented 'this was one of the most memorable house fronts in the village'.

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

World War 1 Memories

As mentioned in the last magazine, this year marks the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1. To reflect this, we are hoping that readers will send us accounts of their family experiences of this time so that we can include something in each edition.

This month Martin Hale of Rampton End shares memories of his grandfather.

During 1916 my grandfather William and his brother John were both sent from Nazeing in Essex to fight in the Somme. John was killed in action during November 1916. William was wounded when a German bullet removed some fingers from his right hand as he was firing his trusty Martini-Henry service rifle. He was repatriated as a war casualty.

During the crossing on the hospital ship from France to England, he was so traumatised by the injuries that he witnessed, the painful sounds he heard, the smells of early anaesthetics and consequent deaths, that he swore to

himself that never again would he visit the sea, dentist, doctor or a hospital; when he had a toothache he simply removed the offending tooth himself.

He kept this oath for 53 years, until in 1969 his daughter Audrey, who had settled in Ohio, came to visit. Fearing that she might never see him again and wanting to make a special day out together, she convinced him to visit the sea once more, offering to drive him to Southend-on-Sea. He finally agreed and on arrival they parked along the esplanade

When Audrey opened the car door for him to alight onto the pavement, William's eyes fixed upon an elderly gentleman walking towards him. Their eyes met instinctively and knowingly; they had both recognised each other from when they shared that same hospital ship some 53 years earlier.

Until his death my grandfather always called me Martini Henry, after his service rifle.

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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

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

It's free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

Future Talks:

- Wednesday 5 February – Jon Mountfort and Scalextric – Talk and a chance to have a go!
- Wednesday 5 March – RAF Bomber Command Pathfinder Force. Warrant Officer Jim Blackwood from RAF Wyton will be coming to speak about the vital work of this unit in World War II
- Wednesday 2 April – Andrew Hewitt from Book Aid. Since 1953 Book Aid International has been distributing books to schools, libraries, and communities in Africa. Over the years the charity has expanded its focus and now delivers a range of

projects to improve literacy and teaching skills, but the core belief remains the same: books change lives. Come and hear about the past, present and future of BookAid

Story Time for Under 5s

Next Story Time with Sarah Custance will be on Tuesday 4 February, 2 – 2 30 pm.

As before, it will be on the first and third Tuesdays of the month during term-time. We've had disappointing attendances recently so why not start the New Year with a fresh activity that's fun and free?

You'll be Surprised..

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

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

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

National Libraries Day is on Saturday 8 February. So if you are not a member of Willingham Library, do make a special effort to come along and join on that day, and see for yourself what a warm and welcoming space it is. The best way to keep this very worthwhile facility in the village is to make sure it is well used.

Cambridgeshire County Council needs you to help change the lives of local children and young people.

Foster carers provide a stable family support network for local children and young people when they are unable to live with their own family. Every year we have over 425 children and young people looked after by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The shortage of foster carers means that some children and young people are placed with independent foster carers or residential units outside of Cambridgeshire. They may also be looked after within the county children's homes. We need to recruit more foster carers in order to give them the best possible future.

Foster carers come from all different kinds of backgrounds. It may be that you have your own children or you may have worked with children before. You may have no experience of children or possibly be considering a career change?

Every child is different so we need different foster carers. If you can offer stability, security and the positive

experience of a loving family, then we want to hear from you.

You might be:

- Married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner
- From an ethnic background
- In a same sex relationship
- In work, unemployed or retired

Recruiting local people will mean that children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends.

We offer generous allowances including a start-up package, 24-hour support and full training.

Call our freephone number on 0800 052 0078 or email fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Parish Church

Bubbles – is held in the Octagon every Friday during school term time from 10 – 11 30 am. Bubbles is for pre-school children accompanied by parents or carers. It offers a time to meet others and be creative.



Messy Church – is a fun session for the whole family, involving all the Churches in Willingham. It is held in the Octagon and Church. The date of the next Messy Church will be 1 March, 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, 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.



Willingham
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

TOPS: Toddler group: Tuesdays at 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. No TOPS in half term.

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 am – 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 1 year. Please contact Sharon Sennitt on 01954782345 for further information.

Open Door Coffee Morning: Restarting mid February 10 am – 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 pm – 7 30 pm in the church for children of primary school age year 1 upwards. Action packed hour with craft, games, songs, drama all based around a bible story. Please contact Lorriane Bald for further information – 01954 261189. No KFC in half term.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 15 February at 7 45 am in the Baptist church. A cooked breakfast and chat followed by a talk by Jon Edney about *Kairos Prison Ministry*. All men welcome. Please contact Pete Sacre for more information – 01954 261655.



Salvation Army

Coffee Morning: Mondays 10 30 – 12 noon fortnightly – 10 and 24 February. You are very welcome to come and join us for 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: Fortnightly – 13 and 27 February. Join us for a delicious home-cooked lunch and dessert, price £4.00. There is still room for a few more. If you would like to join us, 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 am – 11 15 am with crafts, singing and stories. Term time only. £1 per session.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday 27 February at 2 30 pm.

Paul and friends will be entertaining us. All are welcome to join us and also support our Bring and Buy Stall.

Women's World Day of Prayer is Friday 3 March – venue to be confirmed





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

2 February

8 00 am BCP Communion Service (said)
 10 30 am Morning Worship

9 February

9 00 am Communion Service
 10 30 am Family Service

16 February

10 30 am Communion Service

23 February

9 00 am Communion Service
 10 30 am Morning Service

Next Messy Church: Saturday 8 March 3 30 – 5 pm

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 00 pm; Sundays at 8 00 am and 11 00 am
Bar Hill Church Centre: Saturdays at 6 pm



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

2 February Evening worship
9 February Evening worship
16 February Evening worship
23 February Evening worship

All at 5 pm. All welcome.



2 February

9 00 am Jesus encounters Peter – *Traditional Service*
 10 30 am Jesus encounters Peter – *Contemporary Service*
 6 00 pm Water into Wine – *Evening Worship*

9 February

10 30 am Jesus encounters Paul – *Family Worship***
 6 00 pm Healing the royal official's son –
Evening Worship

16 February

10 30 am Jesus encounters the storm –
Altogether Service
 5 00 pm United service at the Salvation Army
 beginning the week of Christian unity and
 prayer

3 February

10 30 am Church Anniversary – *Family Worship***
 6 00 pm Church Anniversary – *Evening Worship*

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

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

In February,
 Church Lane, Church Street, Conference Close,
 Covent Garden
 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

Our doctors and staff would like to wish you all a Very Happy and Healthy 2014

Christmas Lucky Squares Grand Total We are delighted to inform you that we raised £353 in aid of MAGPAS. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought squares.

Chemist application in Longstanton You may have heard that the appeal application by a pharmacy chain to open a chemist shop in Longstanton has been rejected by the independent NHS Litigation Authority. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the practice. This comes as a great relief as it means that we will not have to close our dispensary at Longstanton Branch Surgery. The decision will ensure the continued viability of Longstanton Surgery into the future.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation This is your chance to have a say on local pharmacies and dispensaries in Cambridgeshire. The local Clinical Commissioning Group and Cambridgeshire County Council are running a consultation period until Friday 21 February. Pick up a questionnaire and prepaid envelope from our dispensary or pharmacy or go to www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/PNA. The key findings from the initial consultation with GPs, community pharmacies and patients were that services provided locally were excellent and adequate for the area and no need was identified for new service providers. We encourage you to read a copy of the consultation document and give your views.

The new 111 service is now up and running in Cambridgeshire. There may be a few 'teething troubles' until staff and patients are familiar with the new arrangements. **Please do give us feedback on your experiences so we can help make sure that everything runs smoothly.** If you ring the old Urgent Care Cambridge telephone number, your call will be diverted to 111 who will triage and then transfer you to the appropriate out of hours' service for you. This could well be Urgent Care Cambridge.

Last year poor use of A & E cost the local CCG £1.3 million. This could have treated 360 heart attacks or bought 230 hip replacements in the Cambridge and Peterborough area. Please use the correct out of hours' service this winter.

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

10 ways to look after your mental health

1. Talk about your feelings
2. Eat well and drink sensibly
3. Keep in touch with family and friends
4. Take time to relax and unwind
5. Accept who you are
6. Keep active and get regular exercise
7. Ask for help when you need it
8. Do something you are good at and enjoy
9. Care for others
10. Deal with practical problems as and when they arise

Quit Smoking Campaign – Why not make 2014 the year you finally give up smoking?

Public Health England has launched a new campaign to help you quit, with a range of support ideas alongside the face-to-face support offered by our nurses and pharmacy staff. These include **NHS Quit Cards, a smoke-free app, daily email or text support and a Quit Kit** with practical and engaging tools to help you in the comfort of your own home. Please visit our pharmacy or make an appointment with one of our nurses who can explain all the stop smoking medicines available and other tips to make your resolution successful.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

From the Parish Council

www.willingham-pc.org.uk

Unfortunately, the New Year Bank Holiday meant that the *Willingham News* deadline was before the January meeting of the Parish Council, so we are unable to include our usual report. Instead, and in keeping with the season, we have compiled an end of year report.

Willingham Parish Council have over the past year continued to maintain the Ploughman Hall, Public Hall, Pavilion, Recreation Ground and playing fields. This year has been a little quieter than the previous one in terms of projects, though we did spend a substantial sum of money repairing the drainage system to the Recreation Ground which appears to have solved the flooding problems.

The Parish Council invested considerable sums supporting the youth of the village, both by direct funding and providing facilities free of charge.

We have continued to press for improvements to the B1050. Although the need for a bypass is acknowledged by the County Council, there is still no sign of any source of funding. At least the latest works have improved rather than worsened the road surface, if only marginally.

We have done our best to liaise with Balfour Beatty regarding the new street lighting and we will carry on pressing them to complete the work to a satisfactory standard.

The Council has enjoyed a *fruitful* year working with Willingham Action Group – particularly in regard to tree planting which is on-going, and in developing plans for new play equipment.

We hope to proceed in the next few months with the conversion of part of the Ploughman Hall into a dedicated youth facility.

We have had a number of arrivals and departures on the Parish Council this year and have ended up with a single vacancy which will be filled at the elections in May. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please either contact the office or any of the councillors listed below for an informal chat. It should be remembered that all councillors give their time completely freely, with neither remuneration nor expenses.

A long overdue update of the office IT equipment has given us the opportunity to make some much-needed improvements to the Parish Council website – keep an eye out for these during the year.

Lastly, in October we said goodbye to our clerk, Dawn Spouge, who has moved to another part of the country. The new clerk is our former office administrator, Mandy Powell, and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Contact Details:

Your current Parish Councillors and their contact details are:-

Mr H Awal	01954 204526
Mr A Cook (Chairman of the Council)	01954 260325
Dr R Croucher (Halls Lead Councillor)	01954 261113
Mr N Harris	01954 611226
Mr D Jacques	01954 261353
Mr P King (Vice Chairman)	01954 260780
Mr W Kirkman (Greens and Boundaries Lead Councillor)	01954 260393
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 260625
Mr J Watson	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 will be held on **Wednesday 5 February** at the Octagon at 7 30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions. Names of those wishing to speak will be recorded at the beginning of each meeting together with their electoral roll number. To ensure everyone has a fair chance to speak there is a total allotted time of 15 minutes with a maximum of 3 minutes per person.*

The Parish Council office is open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 1 pm except Bank Holidays. There is an answer-phone service outside of office hours.

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

Admin Assistant: Mrs Halina Szulakowska

Pastoral Letter

By now I expect Christmas is a dim and distant memory for most of you. But I'm writing this having just finished my Christmas holiday and with the tree still up. You may be surprised to know that The Church remains in Christmas mode until the beginning of February. But, then again, for The Church, December was Advent – a time of waiting and preparing for Christ to come as at that first Christmas AND also to come again at the end of time.

We have lost a lot by beginning Christmas celebrations so early in December, not least by negating the value of 'waiting' – something we find hard to do in our 'instant' world. However, I fully understand this will all seem nonsense to many of you.

BUT there was a good side to early preparations this year; the best was undoubtedly being able to welcome the school into church. What a wonderful occasion that was and I can't get over how everyone was saying thanks to the church for having them when really and truthfully it is the other way round. I really can't say thank you enough for coming and sharing your Christmas celebrations with us. I was overjoyed by it all and because we are still officially in Christmas mode I'm still savouring it.

Christmas will end in church on 2 February (Candlemas) with a reversal of what we did at the Crib service on Christmas Eve. The figures in the stable will be packed away again for another year. Many people are very good at 'packing the baby Jesus away' whilst the turkey is still cooking but this mistake is a great shame. Jesus grew to be a man and Candlemas marks the transition from looking back at His birth into looking forward to the Cross of Easter.

Candlemas occurs at a period between the shortest day (December solstice) and the March equinox. As the days begin to draw out, it marks winter's 'halfway point' while we wait for spring to fully arrive.

Our church decorations at Christmas were themed around the idea of 'the bells ring out for Christmas'. Snowdrops (Candlemas Bells) now symbolise hope in nature as the dark and worst of winter is past.

Perhaps you would like to join us at 10 30 am on 2 February as we put baby Jesus away. After that we will turn our attention towards Christ the man, the ever-present light of the world.

Linda Liversidge
St Mary's and All Saints

Rosie in Stitches

Happy New Year from Friends of the Rosie Hospital.



We are making the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. We are pleased to report that with your help we made a profit of £1915.37 in 2013.

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

Follow us on the Rosie in Stitches facebook page. New knitted clothes and toys are for sale on our website www.rosieinstitches.org.uk

Why not start your New Year sales shopping today with our online pages or at our upcoming stall?

Community Market, Bar Hill

Saturday 1 February 10 30 am to 2 pm

We have discounted items for sale in our eBay Charity Store Rosieinstitches2010.

There are links to affiliate stores on our website from which we will get a donation.

To support Friends of the Rosie Hospital, visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/forh and follow the instructions.

If you can improve our website, organise the three large stalls per year at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares, please contact a member of the committee. Details are given on our website.

Thank you for all your support.

Nature Notes

2013 was a year of unexpected and noteworthy weather. Nature reports in the early editions of last year's Willingham News were a tale of problems for wildlife as a result of winter flooding followed by a prolonged cold spring. This was in addition to a miserable summer in 2012 which adversely affected all kinds of wildlife. What would the summer and autumn bring?

In the end wildlife could not have asked for better conditions as we experienced our best summer for many years, then a beautiful autumn. Many insect species, whose numbers were becoming dangerously low after several poor summers, had a chance to recover. Butterflies were especially visible in our gardens even into the autumn. The dry weather suppressed the number of slugs and snails, but this was no doubt good news for the gardeners amongst us.

Increased insect numbers was in turn good news for birds, contributing to the success of the breeding season. Ideal growing conditions resulted in a massive crop of wild nuts and berries which benefited both birds and small mammals.

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The Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG) and the Twenty Pence Project

The Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG) began in 2008 with the aim of giving anyone who is interested the chance to get involved in archaeology and to promote interest in archaeology in the villages of the Fen Edge Patch, Willingham, Cottenham, Rampton, Waterbeach and Landbeach. Our activities include a programme of talks covering a wide range of archaeological topics, both local and far and wide, as well as visits to museums and excavations. Our major fieldwork venture is the 'Twenty Pence Project' – an exploration of part of a Romano-British settlement north of



Cottenham. For two weeks each July since 2011, we have dug test pits and trenches to study features revealed by geophysics. We have excavated several ditches and found that they contained a wide variety of pottery – over 40 different types from the Roman period or earlier – as well as cow, sheep/goat, horse and pig bones. (Archaeologists love ditches and the rubbish accumulated in them!)

The weather played its part in how much we achieved in 2013. The topsoil was removed by machine and the subsoil baked hard in the hot, dry conditions, providing a different challenge from last year's prolonged rain. A real surprise was the discovery of a straight-edged feature which might mark the site of a corn-drying oven or malting floor; further excavation will be needed to investigate this.

Participants included members of FEAG and members of other local archaeology groups – everyone was welcome whatever their level of experience.

If you are interested in history or archaeology, come and join us for talks, visits or fieldwork. Membership costs just £10 per year. The next speaker meeting will be on 13 March in the Sixth Form building, Cottenham Academy. For more information, see www.feag.co.uk, or call Vicki on 01954 250340.

Vicki Harley and John Stanford

Answers to Crossword

Across: 5 Machiavelli, 7 Hugo, 8 Balmoral, 9 Adjourn, 11 Wicca, 13 Amber, 14 Kleenex, 16 One-to-one, 17 Pitt, 18 Yuri Gagarin.

Down: 1 Echo, 2 Filbert, 3 Uvula, 4 Fluoride, 5 Maundy money, 6 Isaac Newton, 10 Overture, 12 Allergy, 15 Tonga, 17 Peru.

Answers to FOWL quiz: 1. L P Hartley.
2. Rebecca West. 3. Tom Wolfe. 4. Peter Carey.
5. J D Salinger. 6. Alice Walker. 7. Evelyn Waugh.
8. Rudyard Kipling. 9. Kingsley Amis. 10. J B Priestley.

Answers to General Knowledge Quiz

1. Benjamin Britten 2. Eric Blair 3. Thomas à Becket
4. A bull market. In a bear market, prices fall whereas in a bull market, they rise. 5. Bourbon. They ruled from 1589–1792 and then from 1814–1848. 6. Boers 7. Bismark
8. Binomial 9. Berkeley Castle 10. Bronchi 11. Borneo
12. Bacchus, the god of wine 13. Isambard Kingdom Brunel 14. The Bastille 15. Beethoven 16. Balmoral
17. Josip Broz 18. Botticelli 19. Budapest 20. Blondin

VILLAGE DIARY

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat 1 Feb	Cake Stall	Parish Church	SMAS Porch	10 am
Sat 1 Feb	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 2 pm
Mon 3 Feb	Talk – <i>Through the Year in a Nature Photographer's Garden</i> with Jeff Harrison	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm
Tue 4 Feb	Story Time for Under 5's	Library	Library	2 – 2 30 pm
Wed 5 Feb	Jon Mountford and Scalextric	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 - 3 30 pm
Wed 5 Feb	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm
Wed 5 Feb	<i>All's Well that Ends Well</i> read through	Over Players	Church Hall, Over	7 50 pm
Sat 8 Feb	National Libraries' Day	Library	Library	10 am – 1 pm
Sun 9 Feb	February Walk	Willingham Walkers	From Duke of Wellington	10 am
Mon 10 Feb	<i>Yellow Butterfly Cakes</i> – Sugarcraft with Yvonne O'Neill	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
Thu 13 Feb	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm
Sat 15 Feb	Talk – <i>Kairos Prison Ministry</i> with Jon Edney	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am
Sat 15 Feb	Charity Lunch	For Air Ambulance	43 Rampton Road	1 pm
Mon 17 Feb	Talk on Royal Photographic Society with John Margetts ARPS. Introduction to <i>Cold Weather</i>	Photographic Club	Baptist Church	8 pm
Mon 27 Feb	Monthly meeting with Bring and Buy stall	Mothers' Union	Octagon	2 30 pm
Thu 27 Feb	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm
Sat 1 Mar	Messy Church	Christians Together	Parish Church and Octagon	3 30 - 5 pm
Wed 5 Mar	Talk on RAF Bomber Command Pathfinder Force with Warrant Officer Jim Blackwood	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 2 30 pm
Mon 10 Mar	<i>Restless River</i> – Talk on the Great Ouse with David Garner	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm
Thu 13 Mar	Meeting with speaker	Fen Edge Archaeology Group	Sixth form Building, Cottenham Academy	For more details email www.feag.co.uk
Thu 20 Mar	Golf Day	Black Bull Golf Society	Elton Furze	See p6 for contact details

Nature Notes *continued*

This abundance of wild food appears to have resulted in few birds in our gardens in the autumn with numbers only seeming to increase now that we have had an influx of the usual Scandinavian thrushes and blackbirds. An interesting garden visitor to Short Lane was a lovely mistle thrush which decided that any trees or bushes with berries were its own territory. This it defended in a highly vocal and aggressive manner. All incomers were successfully repelled for several weeks until finally it was outnumbered by an

influx of blackbirds. The mistle thrush vanished and all berries were swiftly consumed.

Our Scandinavian visitors must be relishing the mild winter temperatures - at the time of writing we have had virtually no sharp frosts, let alone any really wintry weather. Spring bulbs are shooting up in the garden. It seems optimistic to hope that this might continue until the spring, but perhaps we are in for another year of unexpected weather.

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		111	
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	
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030	
	British School Trust	Lynda Blunt	01954 261309	
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Mrs M Dellar	01954 260045	
	Ducklings Toddler Group	Rachel Robinson	07963 870971	
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	Mrs G Balaam	01954 201567	
	Tigger Toddlers	Jenny Rayner	01954 270122	
	Old Buttery Nursery School		01954 260046	
	Holiday Playscheme	Phoenix School		
	Willingham Guides and Senior Section	Lynn McGoff	01954 261296	
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347	
	Bubbles/Messy Church	Rev L Liversidge/ Heather Mellows	01954 263187 01954 270063	
	Bumps and Babies Group	Emma Tregenna	01954 261775	
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Hilary Wylie	01954 260051	
	Little Notes Music group	Emma Tregenna	01954 261775	
	Kids' Friday Club (Baptist Church)	Loriane Bald	01954 261189	
Halls	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027	
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445	
	The Octagon	Rosemary Mumford	01954 260934	
	Baptist Bookings and Rentals	Emma Launchbury	01954 263108	
	Salvation Army Hall Bookings	Majors Philip and Debbie Nield	01223 233492	
Local Representatives	Allotments	Pat Dempsey	01954 261074	
	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533	
	<i>Cambridge News</i> Correspondent	Anne Kirkman	01954 260393	
	Fen Edge Community Association	Alan Leeks	01954 250061	
	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Mike Tidball	01954 260647	
	Willingham Combined Charities	Mrs Josie Ferrante	01954 261818	
	Workers' Educational Association	Rosemary Mumford	01954 260934	
Clubs	Gardening Club	Mr T Halsey	01954 201910	
	Social Club	Sarah Rutherford	07989 242155	
	Willingham Jam Club	Julian Eales	01954 201818	
	Willingham Photography Club	Christopher Cross	01954 260790	
	Willingham Walkers	Mike Tidball	01954 260647	
	Willingham Youth Club	Linda Liversidge	01954 263187	
	Women's Institute	Jacky Sparks	01954 261831	
	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124	
Sport	Badminton	Sarah Custance	01954 202005	
	Bowls Club	David Hart (Secretary)	01954 260204	
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446	
	Cycling Club	www.willinghamwheels.com		
	Ladies' Hockey	Teresa Hutchcraft	01954 260177	
	Tennis Club	John Graham	01954 231968	
	Willingham Diamonds Netball Club	Hannah Francis	01954 260993	
	Willingham Running Club	Gerry Mears	07511 131645	
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	Trudy Greygoose	07786 230559	
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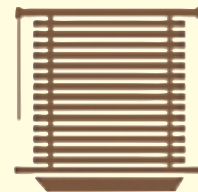
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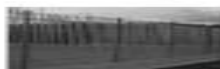
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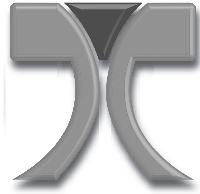
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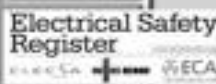
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