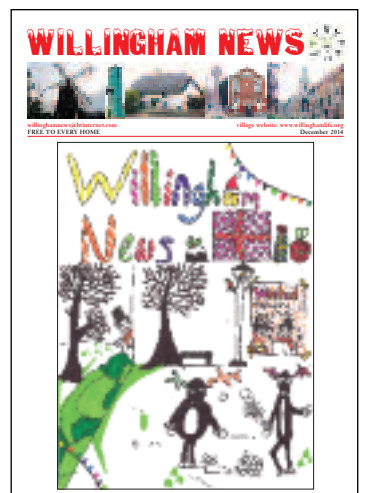
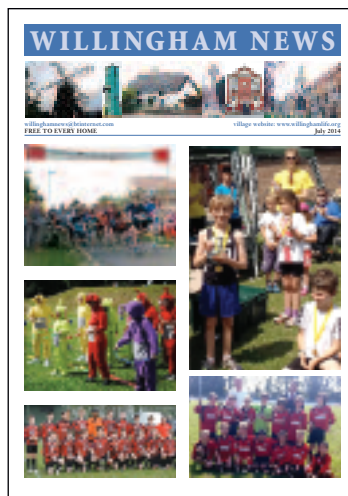
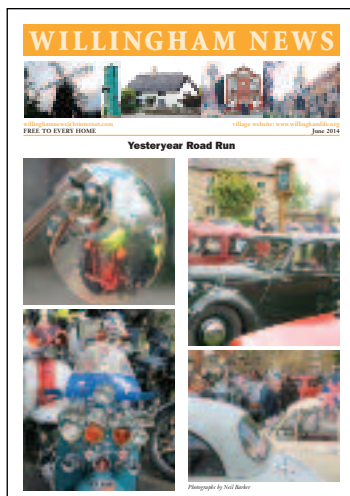
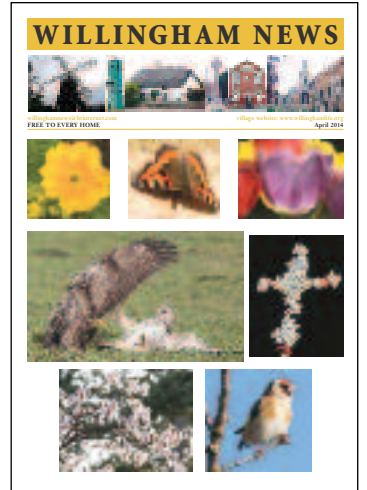
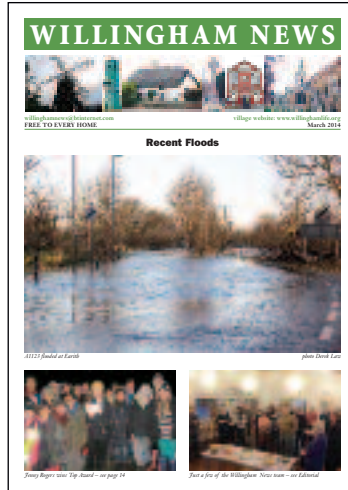
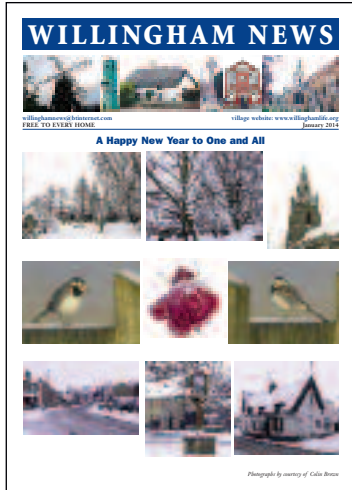


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*Happy New Year
to all our readers.*

*Please keep sending in your
contributions and photos.
Perhaps one will feature on the
front page this year!*

Bin Collections – Wednesdays

**Please note that during January and February
green bins will be collected monthly**

7 January	Black
14 January	Blue and Green
21 January	Black
28 January	Blue

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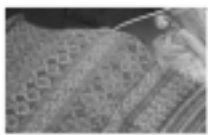


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Depending on how many people are interested, I would hold the group in my home during the evening but could change to afternoons if more convenient.

Anyone who is interested can contact me on 01954 200453 or 7771750940
Rosemary Carr

Cottenham Village College Class of '82 Leavers' Reunion

Date for your diary

We are holding a reunion at Cottenham Sports and Social Club on Saturday 12 September at 7 30 pm for ex-pupils and their partners (if you wish) who left Cottenham Village College in 1982.

We have had a terrific response so far but our aim is to trace as many 'old' friends from our year as possible. If you are a parent/friend/sibling of someone you think may have left in 1982, or is approaching their 50th birthday, and was in the same year as Lynda Blunt (nee Askew), Margaret Harold (nee Cannon) and Karen Oakley (nee Roberts), we would be very grateful if you could forward this article to them.

There will be a bar and disco and all profits will go to charity. Any sponsorship would be gratefully received. More details regarding tickets and chosen charities will be announced soon.

To keep up to date there is a dedicated facebook page and a group and event page. Just search 'CVC reunion 1982 leavers'. You can also contact me on 01954 261309, lyndaeblunt@aol.com.

We are looking forward to catching up on the last 33 years!

Willingham Bowls Club

Sadly the Bowls Club has decided to fold. They have requested that we include a copy of the letter they have sent to the Parish Council.

WILLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB

Mr. David J Hart (Secretary)
46 Earith Road
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17 November 2014

Re. Bowls Club Future?

Dear Parish Council,

Following our Extraordinary Meeting and our AGM, we are sorry to inform you that owing to circumstances stated in this letter, the decision, although made reluctantly, is to fold the Bowls Club.

The reasons for this decision are the condition of the Green and surrounds due to the continual flooding of the ground which has no sign of being rectified, and at our two meetings, because of this situation, nobody was prepared to form a committee to take the club further.

So unless the Council, a company or benefactor can come up with a solution we are sorry to say the village will lose an amenity, which is not only for the young at heart but also the young and future generations, and has been a way of getting out in the fresh air, having exercise, and also socialising with teams from surrounding villages.

We formally request a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss what happens to the Club assets, buildings etc including the history of the Club, as Willingham Bowls Club is one of the oldest in the county. If this could be arranged as soon as possible it would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

David J Hart (Willingham Bowls Club, Secretary)
David Morris (Willingham Bowls Club, Chairman)

Well Done, Willingham!

Willingham raised £874.76 for the 2014 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Many thanks to the local businesses who took a collecting tin and a tray of poppies and to the volunteers who carried out house-to-house collections in their streets.

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Sudoku

Answers on page 17

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General Knowledge Quiz – answers begin with K

(Answers on page 17)

1. In which American state would you find Dodge City?
2. Name the white supremacy group formed in the USA post the Civil War.
3. In which US state is the federal gold reserve of Fort Knox?
4. What was Charlie Chaplin's first feature film in 1921?
5. Name the capital city of Malaysia.
6. In Antarctica what is the name of the downhill winds?
7. Which economist wrote, 'In the long run, we are all dead'?
8. The man who founded McDonald's?
9. Who played *Gandhi* in the 1982 film of the same name?
10. Whose colonial tale, *The Man Who Would Be King*, got the big-screen treatment for John Huston?
11. In which war was *M*A*S*H* set?
12. He was a co-founder of the *Blaue Reiter* group in the early 20th century.
13. Author of *Kim*?
14. Orson Welles' cinematic masterpiece of 1941?
15. The Israeli legislative assembly?
16. Famous Indian diamond which became the property of the British Crown in 1849?
17. Pop group famous for *Waterloo Sunset* and *Follower of Fashion*?
18. Town in Worcestershire famous for its carpets?
19. Large kind of seaweed?
20. Largest known bat, native to Malaysia?

December Cricket Club Quiz

Congratulations to the winning team *The Jolly Humbugs* for sweeping the board!

Many thanks to the organisers who, as always, did a sterling job with their testing questions, wholesome food, numerous raffle prizes – and on this occasion – festive touches.

Keep your eyes peeled for the spring quiz!



It is hard work being a Quiz master!



Success at last!

Book Quiz

(Answers on page 17)

These books are set in provincial towns or cities. Who wrote them?

1. *Scenes from Provincial Life*
2. *Middlemarch*
3. *The Best Man to Die*
4. *The Casual Vacancy*
5. *The Town*
6. *Madame Bovary*
7. *Festival at Farbridge*
8. *Billy Liar*
9. *One for the Money*
10. *Cranford*

News from the Fitzwilliam Museum

This spring we have two major free exhibitions, *Silent Partners* and *Treasured Possessions*.

Featuring over 180 paintings and drawings, books, films, photos and objects, *Silent Partners* tells the story of the artist's mannequin. It is open until 25 January.

Treasured Possessions shows incredibly beautiful hidden items from the Fitzwilliam. See silks, silver, jewels, porcelain, shoes, armour, embroideries, fans, pocket-watches and tiny keepsakes, most from the amazing rarely seen reserve collections in the Museum. It is open from 24 March to 6 September.



Alongside, we also have a show of stunning miniature gold and jewelled boxes from the Victoria & Albert Museum's Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Collection.

In 2016 the Museum will be celebrating its 200 year anniversary. This year we will be announcing a series of exhibitions and events to mark the occasion!

We hope you can visit us soon. The Museum's normal opening hours are Tuesday to Sunday and entry is free. Find out more at www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk.



Willingham Women's Institute



The next meeting will be on
Monday 12 January at 7 30 pm in
the Social Club

General Meeting and *Knitting with Wire* – Beryl Brookes

New members are always welcome; please contact Jacky on 261831 if you are interested. Come for a taster – we have some great meetings lined up:

Monday 9 February – *Robert Sayles Dig*
– Alison Dickens

Monday 9 March – *Origami* with Bobby Alecock

Monday 13 April – Social and Beetle Drive

WI News

In November our guest speaker was Polly Howat talking about *The Wise and Unwise Women of the Fens*. It was a really interesting mix of stories about witches, traditions and homespun remedies. In the 17th century, the Witchfinder General for the Fens would test suspected witches with the 'witchpricker'. If the woman did not bleed when pricked she would be adjudged a witch and hanged. The Witchfinder General's reward of 6d per conviction would hardly have promoted impartiality! The wise women of the Fens were often known as 'handywomen' and they would give medical treatment to those who could not afford a doctor – melted butter to soothe a sore throat, maggots to cure an ear infection, willow bark to reduce pain. Many of the remedies have underlying truth – maggots are still used to kill infections and willow bark contains aspirin.

Letter to Editor

Dear Editor

On Friday 28 November, a meeting was held at the Social Club for the selection of the parliamentary candidate to represent UKIP in the South Cambridge constituency in May. A friendly evening, attended by UKIP members and interested members of the public. There were four candidates all very interesting and capable for the position. The ballot resulted in Deborah Rennie, mother of three, being chosen. Deborah gave her thanks and added that she wished to serve all South Cambridgeshire residents.

Peter Dennis

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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

SWAVESEY COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

Saturday 21 March

**Save this date when we will have
our next concert. More details next
month.**

Amy Robinson

Alan and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of sympathy or attended Amy's funeral on 28 November. Amy was involved in many activities during the 60 years that she lived in Willingham and was well known to many people here. The family was very pleased that so many friends came to pay their respects and apologise if we did not manage to speak to everyone afterwards. Thank you, too, for the generous donations made to Alzheimer's Research and to The Arthrogryposis Group in her memory.



Recipe

Still hankering after some fruit cake after all that Christmas food? Or perhaps the Christmas cake disappeared too quickly. Try this delicious easy recipe.

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1lb (400g) dried mixed fruit
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1 mug soft brown sugar
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2 mugs self-raising flour
1 egg

Soak the dried fruit overnight in the hot tea.

Next morning, add the cup of sugar and stir. Leave until evening.

Mix the egg into the fruit, followed by the cherries if used, then stir in the flour in two parts.

Place in a 2lb loaf tin or round cake tin (lined with greaseproof paper, but no butter).

Bake for 2 hours at 160c, 325f of gas mark 3. Cover with foil after 1 hour to stop the top burning.

Serve hot or cold. Can be frozen.

Enjoy!



The Calendar

He sorted through the post; only one for him! He ripped the envelope open. Grinning, he bounded back upstairs.

‘Nora! A commission! I knew it would happen sooner or later.’

Honora’s head popped out of the bathroom; she was busy with her make-up. ‘Jolly good, sweetie – but not some glamorous trip abroad for a nude calendar, I hope.’ Her tone belied her words.

‘No, but it is a calendar – cats. Fur and paws rather than bums and boobs,’ he laughed excitedly.

There was a pause while she dabbed on scent. ‘How much, sweetie? Enough to pay back what you owe me?’

He hesitated. ‘It’s just a start but if this goes well, who knows what else I’ll be offered.’

Her silence said much.

‘I’m good with animals, Nora.’

‘You always stay well clear of my hunter and daddy’s gun dogs. Perhaps moggies are more you.’ Their eyes met. ‘Sorry, sweetie, don’t mean to put you down, but ... come to the gallery later. Caspar might have some ideas. Let’s hope your good news is mirrored in my selling a picture or two.’ She glanced once more at her reflection before kissing him lightly. ‘Must run.’ And Honora was gone.

Stewart sat down. This commission would scarcely bring in a tenth of the price of even the smallest pictures in the gallery and he loathed that place. He re-read the letter. The commissioning agent wanted him to use her cats and those of her friends – tricky? But he kissed the letter and telephoned to accept. His brief was Cute and Homely.

The following week he drove to the venue, an impressive address. He had planned each month meticulously. January was a kitten playing in a Wemyss teapot, its tail through the spout. He had made a tail extension and brought paints to match the kitten’s colouring. The remaining months incorporated other borrowed props.

The shooting proceeded with the envisaged mishaps but he chuckled with the felines’ doting ‘mummies’ and consequently collected several bookings for portraits of their darlings. Now alone with the agent, it was time for his *pièce de resistance* – her two cats seated at table *al fresco*. He hoped he could pull it off.

The table looked wonderful; the whole finished by a bowl of roses from the garden. A stylish garden chair accommodated both tabbies. These squirmed until Stewart began hypnotising them while Miranda collected a trout from the fridge. She transferred it to the plate before her cats. They sat on, ears raised and eyes watchful, as if attentive to another diner’s anecdote while Stewart snapped them.

Finally, ‘You don’t remember me, do you?’ Miranda sighed wistfully.

Like her cats, Stewart’s ears and eyes were alert.

Her back rested against the table. She saluted him with her wine glass. ‘You used to work in the garden and I was his secretary. Didn’t you wonder how you came to get this commission? When I spotted you at Caspar’s gallery was your lucky day.’

‘Mandy?’ He started forward.

‘Ah, you do remember.’ She smiled. ‘You never came back for your share of the loot, did you? You’re incredibly lucky I’m the honest type.’ She giggled, ‘and nor have I taken umbrage at your forgetting me.’

‘You’re wrong. After we split, I did return but you had moved.’

‘Of course, I did but silly you, you moved too so clearly never received my letters.’

Her eyes swept over him before seeking his. ‘Your share’s here. It’s been waiting for you these past few years and I’ve been waiting for you. I won’t believe you prefer Caspar’s cast-off to me.’ Her eyebrows raised, watching him, waiting for him to make a move.

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The Library will reopen on Friday 2 January.

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.

In December, Anthony Poulton-Smith gave us a fascinating insight into the etymology of place names. Willingham was the farmstead (ham) of Wifel – the Lord of the Manor. Wifel could have been a man or a woman. Many women came to run manors as widows because they lived longer than the men.

These talks are free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

Future Talks:

- **Wednesday 7 January** – *Dementia Friends* with James Nicol.
Dementia Friends is about giving people an understanding of dementia and the small things that could make a difference to people living in their community.
- **Wednesday 4 February** – *A Night in the Life of a Badger* with Peter Pilbeam.
- **Wednesday 4 March** – *Pompeii* with Richard Priestley.

Story Time for Under 5s

Story Times are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month during term-time. The next sessions will be Tuesday 20 January and Tuesday 3 February. Parents/Carers must accompany children. Attendances have dropped at the sessions recently so why not give it a try? It's fun, free and you will be supporting your local Library!

New! Commercial Notice Board in the Library

Starting in January the Library will have a new noticeboard for commercial and business adverts. We can accept any size up to A4 at the rates below:

A4 - £6 per month or part thereof

A5 or less - £4 per month or part thereof

Please ask at the Library for details.

Children's Author Visit – Elys Dolan

The Library welcomed award-winning children's author and illustrator Elys Dolan on 4 December. An audience of 90 excited children from Years 3/4 attended the two sessions held that day. Elys shared her popular picture book *Weasels*, in which weasels plot world domination, that is, until their plans come undone. Elys' picture book won the 'Read It Again! 2014' children's picture book award as voted for by school children across Cambridgeshire. Elys also enlisted the assistance of the children, and their lively imaginations, to help her create further weasel characters, which included Santa Weasel and a Superman Weasel. Two of her wonderful drawings will go on display in the Library. In addition the children also had some hands on practice, drawing their own fantastical weasel characters too, which they were able to take back to school and home.

Do visit the Library and have a look at the Santa Weasel character on display! We also have Elys' two amazing titles available for children to borrow from the Library. Please ask for *Weasels* and/ or *Nuts in Space*. You are guaranteed lots of reading fun. Many thanks to Alyson Hammersley and her staff at the Primary School for facilitating the visits to the Library and to the Parish Council whose kind donation funded the visit.

MOTORISTS BE AWARE AND BEWARE!

As from now, anyone caught using the Airfield Road will be given 3 points on their licence as well as a £60 fine.

This is just one of a number of changes to the fixed penalty system.

New offences

The new offences that will now draw penalty points include:

- Failure by learner or novice drivers to display L plates or N plates respectively on their cars;
- Drivers breaking a ban on U-turns;
- Breaking rules on the use of mini roundabouts;
- Offences relating to the size and weight of larger vehicles;
- Going beyond no-entry to vehicles signs;
- Disobeying traffic control signs;

- Driving without a licence plate or with one that has been altered inaccurately.

Offences that will now face a change to the number of penalty points they now carry will include:

- Driving without a test certificate;
- Dangerous parking;
- Failure to keep to the left-hand side of the road;
- Dangerous overtaking;
- Driving across the road's middle line;
- Failure to stop for a stop sign;
- Failure to yield at a yield sign or yield line;
- Not following traffic signs at junctions;
- Driving through traffic lights;
- Breaking of speed restrictions.

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Services

4 January

9 00 am BCP Communion Service
 10 30 am Family Service

11 January

10 30 am Communion Service

17 January

3 30 – 5 pm Messy Church – for all the family (Saturday)

18 January

9 00 am Communion Service
 10 30 am Morning Service

25 January

10 30 am Communion Service

We have a variety of styles of worship and we hope you will find one that suits you. You will be warmly welcomed whenever you come.

9 am Traditional – These are traditional Church of England Communion and Morning Prayer services. There is no Sunday School provision for children at this service.

10 30 am Informal and Child friendly

Modern worship with Sunday Clubs for children and young people in the Octagon during term-time. On the 1st 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.

St Mary and All Saints Events

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. There are different craft activities, a story time and a time to eat together. Come with your children to enjoy. Contact Linda at revlin@me.com or 263187. The next Messy Church is on **17 January**, 3 30 – 5 pm.

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.



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Services

4 January

Evening Worship with
 Major Thea Wood

11 January

Evening Worship with
 Major Thea Wood

18 January

Evening Worship with
 Major Thea Wood

25 January

Evening Worship with
 Major Thea Wood

All at 5 pm. All welcome.

Willingham Salvation Army Events

Coffee Morning: 5 and 19 January 10 30 am – 12 noon. Please join us for refreshments and a chance to chat to old and new friends.

Luncheon Club: at 12 30 pm on **15 and 29 January**. Price £4. Please ring Daphne on 01954 260568 to book in advance if possible.

'Nimble Fingers' Craft Meeting: 2 – 4 pm on **5, 12, 19 and 26 January**. Bring your crafts and join with others. Learn the skills of embroidery. Tea, coffee and good company provided.

MOTHERS' UNION



Our next monthly meeting will be on **Monday 26 January** at 2 30 pm. Doreen Young will be giving a demonstration on *Flowers to Brighten your Home*. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall. All are welcome to join us.

Charity Lunch

The January charity lunch will be held on the **17 January** at 1 pm by Ruth Weedon and Jacqueline Hodgkinson at 5a High Street. We will be supporting Magpas as our charity this year.

The lunch consists of soup, bread & cheese and costs £5.

All are welcome.

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WILLINGHAM



Services

4 January

- 9 00 am New Year – *Traditional Service*
10 30 am New Year – *Contemporary Service*
6 00 pm 1 Peter – *Evening Worship*

11 January

- 10 30 am OMF – Overseas Missionary Fellowship
– *Family Worship***
6 00 pm 1 Peter – *Evening Worship*

18 January

- 10 30 am What is Discipleship? – *Altogether Service*
6 00 pm The Lord provides – *Evening Worship*

25 January

- 10 30 am The Big Picture – *Family Worship* **
6 00 pm Prayer Focus – *Evening Worship*

(**= Sunday club for children)

Baptist Events

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

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:

Bumps, Babies and Beyond: Thursdays 10 15 – 11 15 am - free-play, refreshments and a chance to meet other parents or carers. For all pre-school children aged 0-4, with a quieter space set aside for babies under the age of 1. Please contact Sharon Sennitt on 01954782345 for further information.

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

Kids' Friday Club: Fridays at 6 30 – 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 (starting on 9 January).

Men's and Women's Breakfast Special – 17 January
Classic Men's Breakfast Special, 8 15 – 9 30 am in the Baptist Church. Cooked Classic Breakfast or Continental followed by talk and short film; Highlights of Kairos 4 Prison Mission to Whitemoor, 7-11 October 2014. Please contact Pete Sacre for more information – 01954 261655, sacrepete@yahoo.co.uk

Life Matters – Recent research indicates that men need to spend some time with men every now and again – just as well the next Men's life group event is planned for 4 February for a curry and talk. If you are interested or have questions, email us at: lifemattersformen@gmail.com

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Weekend mass times:

St Ives: Saturdays at 5 pm; Sundays at 8 am and 11 am
Bar Hill Church Centre: Saturdays at 6 pm

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Pastoral Letter

This is my first pastoral letter and I'd like to take the opportunity to say hello to you all and thank you for such a warm welcome. In my three months in the village I have enjoyed meeting many of you and I look forward to meeting many more and hopefully becoming friends.

Moving to a new village is interesting, you have a new home to set up, you have to learn where everything is, you have new neighbours, you have so much reorientation to do. I struggled when the exhaust on my car got a hole in it (as you may have heard!!!!) and I had to find out where I could get a replacement for there were many choices. There are so many new decisions to make. When you move everything changes. It could be unsettling but, for me, there is something that remains constant and that is the place of Jesus in my life.

In 1 Peter 2:6 it says that Jesus is the cornerstone. And the cornerstone is a crucial part of any building. It is the first stone that is set and then all other stones are laid in relation to that stone, in other words the one stone sets the position of the entire building. How reassuring, that Jesus is a constant in life and no matter what twists or turns our lives take he is still there. His love is constant, his sacrifice on the cross is still there, his guidance in our lives is always available. If we let it be! We can get pulled along with the pressures of the world, letting the changes in our lives distract us from what is important or we can set Jesus as the cornerstone and live our lives directed by him.

It is a matter of trust. In the verses above Peter says that Christ is the cornerstone and that whoever trusts in him will not be put to shame. As I put my trust in Jesus, I set aside my own agendas and follow his. In Proverbs 3:5 it says Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. I trust him and am excited to see what he plans for my time here in Willingham.

Jesus isn't only concerned about Ministers, he loves each of us and died on the cross for each of us. If you have changes in your life, and indeed if you don't have changes, you can put your trust in Jesus, the one who is always there for you. He will make your paths straight.

Thank you for reading this letter, please flag me down and introduce yourself if you see me in the village. I am here not just for the congregation of the Baptist church but for all the people of Willingham. It is so good to meet new people and I would love to get to know you all. And if you think the church could do more for you please tell me.

Grace and peace,

Rev Paul Joel
Baptist Church

THE OVER PLAYERS

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Tuesday 26 May to

Saturday 30 May

Why not come and join us?

Fiddler on the Roof is one of the most popular and beloved of all stage musicals. Its record breaking Broadway premiere firmly established it as a favourite with lovers of musical theatre where it remains to this day.

It captures all the emotions of laughter, joy, tears and sadness. Filled to the brim with memorable and instantly recognizable songs including: *If I Were A Rich Man, Matchmaker, Matchmaker, Sunrise Sunset, To Life* and many more.

Wed 14 January – Over Church Hall at 7 45 pm

Read through of Act 1; audition pieces given out

Wed 21 January – Over Church Hall at 7 45 pm

Read through of Act 2

Wed 28 January – Over Comm. Centre from 7 30 pm

Auditions

Rehearsals will take place on

WEDNESDAYS

7 45 pm – 10 pm in Over Church Hall.

If you are unable to make the read through but would like to take part in the show, or audition, please let Olive Swain know as soon as possible.

(olive123swain@yahoo.co.uk or tel 232985).



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New Year Resolutions Why not make this the year that you decide to **Give up Smoking**. Our practice nurses and pharmacy staff are qualified to help you and can arrange free smoking cessation products on an NHS prescription.

Health Check Clinics Ring for an appointment in our new Wednesday evening clinics with our Health Care Assistant, Jan. She can offer health checks and lifestyle advice about fitness, weight management and eating disorders.

Phlebotomy Clinics We can now offer early morning appointments for blood tests from 7 30 am on Thursday mornings.

Flu vaccination If you qualify for free NHS flu vaccines and have not yet had yours, it is not too late to protect yourself for the remaining winter months. Vaccination is free to over 65s, pregnant women, carers in receipt of Carers Allowance, and to those of any age with a qualifying long term medical condition. If you are unsure whether your condition will qualify, you can ring and ask for a nurse telephone appointment to discuss this.

Shingles Vaccines If you do not meet the government criteria for the free NHS shingles jab and would like to protect yourself from this very unpleasant condition we can offer private vaccines. Please ask in pharmacy for details.

Medicines costs Did you know that second to staff costs, medicines are the biggest single budget expenditure in the NHS? Our local CCG spends over £125 million on medicines every year. Order only the items you that you need each month from your repeat medication list and do your bit to help our struggling NHS prevent wastage of resources.

Claiming free prescriptions The NHS Authority is reinforcing its guidance about how to claim free prescriptions. Patients must show proof of entitlement to pharmacy or practice staff before signing the patient declaration each time they collect their medicines. **If you claim free NHS prescriptions that you are not entitled to there is a penalty charge of up to £100** as well as the original prescription charge and further charges if the penalty is not paid within the required timescale. NHS leaflets regarding entitlement are available in our pharmacy and dispensary at Longstanton.

Car Parking It has been brought to our attention by a patient that our car park is being used by parents for the

school drop-off at 9 am and pick-up at 3 15 pm. Please can we remind you that our car park is for the use of patients attending the surgery. Can we also remind everyone to respect the disabled and emergency parking spaces in front of the surgery.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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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

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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

Could you fill this space

next month

with your news?

We look forward to hearing

from you.

Your Willingham News!

You will probably have noticed that there are some blank spaces in this edition of the *Willingham News*. Some months there is so much copy that we are unable to include it all and at other times we have much less as is the case this month.

As editors we are regularly told by villagers about events or meetings that have happened in the village, often real 'good news'; stories that they feel should have appeared in *Willingham News* and then asked why we haven't published them!

However, as editors, we are just that, editors, not reporters. We rely on you to submit articles, photos and news about village life. We're not looking for huge essays – just a few lines about an 80th birthday perhaps or some unusual wildlife you've seen and if you could let us have a photo too, that would be even better! What about a short review of a film or play you've seen or a book you've read?

Children – it would be great if you could tell us about a school trip or what you think about books or films you've seen recently as well. Do you have an unusual hobby or an unusual pet?

If it's something you're interested in, it's likely other people would like to hear about it. Please see page 3 for how to get your articles published.

Why not start the New Year by becoming a contributor!

Looking forward to hearing from you,

The Editors



WAG Tree Project

Sponsoring a Tree

The response from the village to the invitation to sponsor trees in the Community Orchard exceeded our original expectations to the extent that all the trees have now been allocated, so a big thank you to all Orchard sponsors, and indeed those who have sponsored woodland trees on the QEII. However, anyone still wishing to sponsor a tree in dedication or remembrance may select a specimen woodland tree on the QEII; a range of trees is still available and your donation will contribute towards the money WAG is seeking to raise to turn the planned redevelopment into reality. If you wish to sponsor a woodland tree on the QEII please contact Graham Mumby 260553 or e-mail graham@gwmumby.co.uk.

Did you play football on the Old Rec?

The Old Rec may now be a Community Woodland and Orchard but we wish to remember those who used the Old Rec on Earith Road for football and recreation, so if you have a story to tell we would really like to hear from you. We have already spoken to several footballers and know it would make a great story with a team photo. Does anyone else have any memories of the Old Rec on Earith Road to share?

Please contact Polly Fawcitt on 202024 or Graham Mumby on 260553 with your story.

Answer to Sudoku

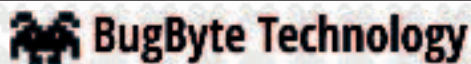
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Answers to General Knowledge Quiz:

1. Kansas
2. Ku Klux Klan
3. Kentucky
4. The Kid
5. Kuala Lumpur
6. Katabic winds
7. Keynes
8. Ray Kroc
9. Ben Kingsley
10. Kipling
11. Korean war
12. Wassily Kandinsky
13. Rudyard Kipling
14. Citizen Kane
15. Knesset
16. Koh-i-noor
17. The Kinks
18. Kidderminster
19. Kelp
20. Kalong

Answers to FOWL quiz:

1. William Cooper
2. George Eliot
3. Ruth Rendell
4. Robert Galbraith
5. William Faulkner
6. Gustave Flaubert
7. J.B. Priestley
8. Keith Waterhouse
9. Janet Evanovich
10. Elizabeth Gaskell



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From the Parish Council

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The Council hopes everyone had a happy and peaceful Christmas break and wishes everyone in the village a successful 2015!

Willingham Lode

Last month we reported on the action we had taken to persuade the Environment Agency to clear the Lode. Responses have now been received and we will be liaising with the Agency's Area Manager to pursue this issue further. Possible sources of funding for future maintenance work have been proposed and the Council is looking forward to being updated about these. Without the Lode being cleared the Parish Council feels it has very limited options for solving the flooding on the Recreation Ground.

Emergency Planning

Members of the Parish Council have been meeting to review and revise the current emergency plans for the village. Steps are being taken to enhance the village's capacity to respond to an emergency. In the case of any flooding occurring the Council plans to have available a store of sandbags and sand, both kept at a central location. More details of the revised plan will be made available during the year and the plan will also be placed on the Parish website.

Defibrillator Installation

The Parish Council is purchasing a defibrillator for general use in Willingham. This will be sited on an external wall of the Pavilion, West Fen Road. It is important that members of the village receive training in defibrillator use and the Council is planning to provide an 'open' training session in the Ploughman Hall. More details about this will be published – anyone will be able to attend. A contribution to the cost of the session will be welcome from those attending.

The Bowls Club

Willingham's Bowls Club was formed in 1937 and is one of the oldest clubs in the county. The Parish Council is disappointed that the Club will cease to operate due to the lack of an organising committee. The Council will hope to have a meeting early in the year with members of the outgoing committee to identify possible future options for bowls in Willingham.

Street Lighting

In November 2013 it was noted that the street lights' conversion in the village had been ongoing for nine months. Just over a further 12 months later we are now advised that this project is finally nearing completion, with any outstanding issues being resolved soon. If you have any

concerns about the street lighting then you should initially contact the contractor (Balfour Beatty: telephone 0800 783 824). The Parish Council would like to thank our County Councillor, Peter Hudson, for lobbying for us.

Bin Collections

Finally, the changed rota for bin collection in Willingham during the winter months has now been introduced. Details have been distributed to every household in the village and the rota can always be found in your copy of *Willingham News*.

Contact Details:

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

Mr A Cook (Chairman of the Council)	01954 260325
Dr R Croucher (Halls Lead Councillor)	01954 261113
Mr N Harris	07792 611226
Mr D Jacques	01954 261353
Mr P King (Vice Chairman)	01954 260780
Mr D Law (Planning Committee Chairman)	01954 202188
Mr R Manning	01954 261235
Mr S Mellows (Cemetery Lead Councillor)	01954 270063
Mr A Slater	01954 261455
Mr J Smith (Leisure & Amenities Lead Councillor)	01954 261141
Mrs J Vincent-Pilsworth	01954 260929
Mr J Watson	01954 200245

Meeting dates are published on the website, the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street, at the library and are listed below. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions. Names will be taken down at the beginning of each meeting together with the electoral register number to ensure everyone has a fair chance to speak within the allowed time (15 minutes in total for all speakers – 3 mins max per person).

Meeting Dates: 7 January, 4 February, 4 March. The meetings are held in the Octagon behind St Mary and All Saints Church and they start at 7 30 pm.

The parish council office is open Monday to Friday from 10 am to 1 pm, except Bank Holidays and there is an answer-phone service outside office hours.

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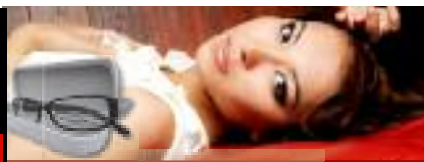
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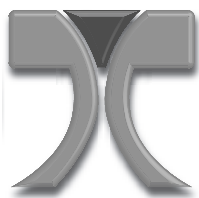
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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat 3 Jan	Cake Stall	Parish Church	SMAS Porch	10 am, see p12
Mon 5 Jan	Coffee Morning	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p12
Wed 7 Jan	<i>Dementia Friends</i> with James Nicol	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p11
Wed 7 Jan	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p19
Mon 12 Jan	<i>Life in Medieval Times</i> with Karon Stanley	WEA	Baptist Church Hall	10 am, see Nov issue, p7
Mon 12 Jan	General Meeting and <i>Knitting with Wire</i> with Beryl Brookes	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p8
Wed 14 Jan	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> Read through of Act 1	Over Players	Over Church Hall	7 45 pm, see p15
Thu 15 Jan	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Sat 17 Jan	Men's & Women's Breakfast Special	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	8 15 – 9 30 am, see p13
Sat 17 Jan	Charity Lunch	For Magpas	5a High Street	1 pm, see p12
Sat 17 Jan	Messy Church	Christians Together	Octagon & Parish Church	3 30 – 5 pm, see p12
Mon 19 Jan	Coffee Morning	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p12
Tue 20 Jan	Story Time for Under 5s	Library	Library	2 – 2 30 pm, see p11
Wed 21 Jan	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> Read through of Act 2	Over Players	Over Church Hall	7 45, see p15
Sat 24 Jan	Grand Opening of the Youth Centre	Youth Club	Ploughman Hall	3 – 7 pm, see p9
Mon 26 Jan	<i>Flowers to Brighten Your Home</i> With Doreen Young	Mothers' Union	Octagon	2 30 pm, see p12
Mon 26 Jan	CAP Money Course	CAP Money	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see website
Wed 28 Jan	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> Auditions	Over Players	Over Community Centre	7 30, see p15
Thu 29 Jan	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Mon 2 Feb	CAP Money Course	CAP Money	Baptist Church	7 45 pm, see website
Tue 3 Feb	Story Time for Under 5s	Library	Library	2 – 2 30 pm, see p11
Wed 4 Feb	<i>A Night in the Life of a Badger</i> With Peter Pilbeam	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p11
Wed 4 Feb	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p19
Wed 4 Feb	Curry and Talk	Life Matters	Baptist Church	See p13
Sat 7 Feb	Cake Stall	Parish Church	SMAS Porch	10 am, see p12
Mon 9 Feb	<i>Robert Sayles Dig</i> with Alison Dickens	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p8
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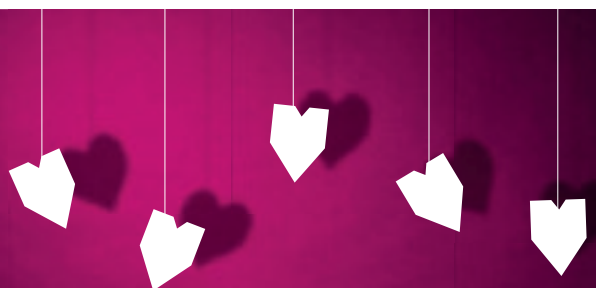


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