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# It was a BIG adventure!

It may feel a long time since Christmas, but we would like to thank everyone who took part in the Advent Adventure in December 2014. We hope that you had a chance to see lots of the windows and/or see them online. In case you didn't work out what all the letters meant, they spelt out the phrase

#### 'Christmas starts with Christ'.

As it was such a huge success, we are planning to run a similar adventure in December 2015! We will have a new theme with new things to find in the windows. If you'd like to secure your window slot it's not too early to tell us but we will put a reminder in the *Willingham News* in September!

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# Don't forget your pancakes!



# Shrove Tuesday: 17 February

# Bin Collections – Wednesdays Please note that during February green bins will be collected monthly 4 February Black 11 February Blue and Green 18 February Black

25 February Blue

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# The Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership

The Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership (OWLP), supported by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, has just launched its new website; visit it at www.ousewashes.org.uk

Come and find out what makes the Ouse Washes Landscape special! This new website is intended to be a 'one-stop shop' for local people and visitors to explore the Ouse Washes Landscape, to find out what is special about the landscape, where to go and what to do.



The site features an interactive map, showing tourist attractions and important landmarks in the area, an events calendar highlighting local events, plus extensive information about the area's heritage.

For further information, please contact Mark Nokkert, Programme Manager for the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership scheme at mark.nokkert@cambsacre.org.uk or 01353 865030, visit the new website at www.ousewashes.org.uk, or find OWLP on Twitter, Facebook or YouTube.



# Willingham Photography Club

Our Club meets every month in Willingham Baptist Tabernacle. We aim to learn more about photography and to enjoy ourselves. The next meeting will be on **16 February** from 8 to 10pm

> We will be looking at *Textures* as a subject followed by Tea and Coffee then a photoshop tutorial on *Spring Colours*

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







Contact numbers: Anita Salmon 01954 260875 Christopher Cross 01954 260790 In the meantime, do have a look at our website on www.WillinghamPhotoClub.org.uk



## MACMILLAN MAMMOTH QUIZ

The Macmillan Mammoth Quiz is back, now in its 7th year with a brand new, brain-teasing quiz for 2015. The Mammoth Quiz, organised by the Oundle Macmillan Committee, is Macmillan's nationwide quiz. Simply put, it is the same quiz, being held on the same day, at the same time, throughout the country. The Mammoth Quiz even holds the Guinness World Record for the world's largest simultaneous quiz. We need you to help make the 2015 Macmillan Quiz the biggest and best yet and help us to reach our target of over £200,000.

Macmillan are looking for local groups and businesses across the UK to host a quiz on **27 February** to raise vital funds for people affected by cancer. It's a really fun and easy way to raise money for Macmillan, and you can hold your quiz anywhere from the local pub or bowling club to the office or school. Previous participants have commented 'It was a great Quiz and everyone enjoyed it tremendously' and that 'the questions are so interesting and catch the imagination'.

It costs £10 to sign up to host a Mammoth Quiz. You will then be sent a welcome pack with a 2015 quiz and fundraising materials. Brand new this year is the Macmillan Mammoth Quiz website. On here you will find tips for organising your quiz, posters and tickets, a bit of information about Macmillan and even some sneaky samples.

To register for your 2015 quiz pack, find out more about the Mammoth Quiz and start downloading sample questions and fundraising materials, please log on to www.macmillanmammothquiz.co.uk or email mammoth.quiz.uk@gmail.com



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# Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

#### (Answers on page 15)

Who were the authors of these books or plays about Doctors?

- 1 Doctor Zhivago
- 2 Doctor in the House
- 3 Doctor Thorne
- 4 Doctor Dolittle
- 5 Doctor Sleep
- 6 Doctor Proctor
- 7 Doctor Syn
- 8 Doctor Faustus
- 9 Doctor Stephen Maturin
- 10 Dr John H. Watson

# General Knowledge Quiz – answers begin with L

#### (Answers on page 15)

- 1 According to Homer's Odyssey, who was Odysseus' father?
- 2 Lugdunum is the Roman name for which French city?
- 3 Where is Lime Street Station?
- 4 Which African river flows through South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique?
- 5 Who painted A Dance to the Music of Time in 1634?
- 6 Who is the patron saint of blind people?
- 7 On which hill in London does St Paul's Cathedral stand?
- 8 Former name given to 1 August, once observed as harvest festival?
- 9 Founder member of *Destiny's Child*?
- 10 Pioneer director of spaghetti westerns?
- 11 Where is Bishop Grosseteste University?
- 12 Name two counties which border Rutland?
- 13 Creators of *Spitting Image* were Peter Fluck and who else?
- 14 Where was Alfred Hitchcock born?
- 15 What was the name of Hitchock's first thriller film?
- 16 Photosynthesis occurs mainly in which part of a plant?
- 17 Katie Johnson plays the delightfully dotty old lady in which 1955 film directed by Alexander Mackendrick?
- 18 Which is Britain's largest lake?
- 19 Tree with racemes of bright yellow flowers?
- 20 Goods or wreckage lying on the sea bed?

# **Quick Crossword by Willow**

(Answers on page 15)



#### Across

- 7 Gadget (6)
- 8 Human (6)
- 9 Annual Oxbridge contest (4-4)
- 10 Alcoholic drink made with honey (4)
- 11 Poll (6)
- 13 Having a strange allure (6)
- 14 Wading bird symbol of the RSPB (6)
- 17 Fortified wine (6)
- 19 Company's graphic (4)
- 20 Compulsory (8)
- 22 Population count (6)
- 23 Make last by frugal use (3,3)

#### Down

- 1 Soft hat (6)
- 2 Caledonian skirt (4)
- 3 Rent payer (6)
- 4 Block (6)
- 5 Brass instrument (8)
- 6 50th state (6)
- 12 Team game played with nets on sticks (8)
- 15 Flowering plant (6)
- 16 Beat comprehensively (6)
- 17 Continuation of story (6)
- 18 Contrite (6)
- 21 Wild goat (4)



# Willingham School Association Update

We would like to thank everyone for their support in 2014. In the Autumn Term, we raised over £2700 for the school. We hope you can support some of our events in 2015. Why not put these dates in your diary? Come and enjoy great social events and raise money for the school and other charities.

Friday 6 February: Hempsals Farm Cured Meats & Wine evening

Friday 13 March: 'Red Nose Day' Wine Quiz

Sunday 22 March: Easter Egg Bingo

Saturday 6 June: Summer Fete

**Sunday 5 July:** Fen Gallop (formally known as the Fun Run). There will be a new course this year including a 10K run and a 4 mile run. We are very grateful to Tylers Estate Agents and Thomson Webb and Corfield for their generous sponsorship this year. You can find out more and register for the run via the school website. We will also post updates each month in *Willingham News*.

# Willingham Women's Institute



The next meeting will be on Monday 9 February at 7.30pm in the Social Club

Robert Sayles Dig with Alison Dickens

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 March – General Meeting and Origami with Bobby Alecock

Monday 13 April – Social, Beetle Drive and Bring and Buy

Monday 11 May - Donkey Sanctuary with Liz Wright

At every meeting we have great refreshments made by members, a chance to book on all kinds of trips and activities run by County WI and a raffle. Most of all, it's an opportunity to meet and chat to lots of other women – with over 60 members, Willingham WI is one of the largest (and friendliest!) in Cambridgeshire.



# Willingham County Primary School – New Community Governor

As a result of reconstituting our governing body, we currently have one vacancy for a Community Governor.

The role of the governing body is to work with the Headteacher and staff to make sure the school provides a good quality education for its students, providing strategic direction to support the Headteacher to make the operational day to day decisions.

The role of governor consists of three interwoven strands:

- to take a largely strategic role in the running of the school
- to act as a critical friend
- to ensure accountability of the governing body to the parents, and of the Headteacher to the governing body.

The role of governors in the school covers 4 key areas -

- 1. Finance and Premises ensuring the resources of the school are effectively used and maintained to ensure outcomes for children are effective as possible
- 2. Personal overseeing staffing within the school
- 3. Standards ensuring pupils within the school perform to their potential
- 4. Pupil Support ensuring effective interventions are in place to support all pupils to achieve.

The governing body has people from a range of different backgrounds and experience whose role is to support and challenge the school to become outstanding. Community Governors usually live or work in the community served by the school or are people committed to good governance and the success of the school. Being a governor is demanding but rewarding and a good way of putting something into your local community.

Governors do not need to be experts to tackle the range of responsibilities expected of them. The term of office for a governor is 4 years. Any governor elected will be required to undergo a DBS check as part of their induction. Help, advice and training are available from various sources. A full training package is available from Cambridgeshire County Council.

If you are interested in this exciting opportunity to make a contribution to the community, we would like you to consider becoming a Community Governor. For this role, elected members of the local authority (County Councillors) and school staff are not eligible to apply.

For more information, or to request a nomination form, please contact Jonathan Lewis, Chair of Governors on jonathan.lewis@peterborough.gov.uk. All nomination forms should be sent to the school office by 13 February. If more than one suitable nomination is received, a ballot will be held.

# **Old Willingham**

Drama on Church Street around 1905 as the shop on the corner with Long Lane burns. Crowds have gathered to watch and the village fire pump is in action with a rather puny jet of water spraying on the building. But it is all in vain and by morning there is nothing left but rubble. Fire was a constant hazard in the days of thatched roofs and open fires. Within a few years a new shop was built which is now One-Stop. The little cottage behind the rubble survived the fire and remained for another hundred years – but eventually fell to redevelopment after becoming dilapidated.



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. Care Network Cambridgeshire 18 Broadway House 149-151 St Neots Road Hardwick Cambridge CB23 7QJ



Tel: 01954 211875 E-mail: lynette.p@care-network.org.uk

# What's your New Year's Resolution?

Could you become one of our volunteers who, like our Help at Home volunteers in 2014, provided practical and emotional support for people who were unwell, returning home from hospital or in a crisis? Or our Community Navigators who provided information to help older people make informed choices about useful or enjoyable activities in their area.

Your New Year's Resolution could turn a small amount of your time into a big difference in someone's life!

We believe it's important that volunteering is flexible and can fit around your other commitments. You give as much or as little time as you like.

Care Network volunteers are people who help older, isolated or vulnerable people living in Cambridgeshire to stay independent and maintain social contact. They are all ages and from many different backgrounds, but have one thing in common; they gain great satisfaction from helping people. They are trained, supported and paid any out of pocket expenses.

Could you be part of our volunteer team and make a difference with just a few hours a month or are you interested in setting up a group or activity to support older or vulnerable people where you live?

Check our website on www.care-network.org.uk, call 01954 211919 or email volunteering@care-network.org.uk for more information.

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# South Cambridgeshire Carers Support Team & Physical Disability Service

The popular drop-in events for adults living with a long-term illness or disability or age-related condition, and people providing unpaid care for an adult relative or friend, which are run by the Carers Support Team and Physical Disability Service, are continuing in 2015.

Below are the dates of the early Spring events held in South Cambridgeshire:

Bar Hill - Community Room, Tesco Extra Store (joint carers and adults drop-in)
Monday 16 February, 10 30 am - 1 30 pm
Monday 16 March, 10 30 am - 1 30 pm

**Cambourne** – Cambourne Library (drop-in for carers only) **Wednesday 18 February**, 1 30 – 3 30 pm **Wednesday 18 March**, 1 30 – 3 30 pm

These drop-in events are held monthly in locations across the county and details of all the events can be found on www.cambridgeshire.net.



Next Meeting: Monday 2 February Isles of Scilly with Peter Walker

Meetings are held at the Social Club on the first Monday of the month (except January and August) and start at 7 30 pm. There is usually a speaker on a subject of interest to gardeners and plant lovers and there is a plant raffle at each meeting.

The club welcomes new members. Our annual subscription is a modest  $\pounds 12.50$ , though you may attend one meeting for  $\pounds 2$ . Simply come along or ring Celia (01954 261394).

#### Outings

The programme for 2015 will start in May. Look out for details in the Club's monthly magazine and in *Willingham News*.

#### Some Gardening Tips for February

- 1 Winter is still with us, but it is warm enough indoors and in greenhouses to grow seeds. A mild spell will also allow you to plant seeds outside.
- 2 Improve your soil, especially if your garden is waterlogged from time to time; the soil in Willingham tends to be fairly light with stones. Organic matters, such as your own well-rotted compost or a bought soil conditioner, will help improve the texture and growing conditions.
- 3 Feed fruit trees and bushes around the roots, as far round as the branches spread, with a sulphate of potash to improve the strength and vigour of the plants. Water potash fertilizer on trees and bushes in grassy areas.
- 4 Some seeds need up to 20 weeks to be ready for planting out (after all danger of frost has gone) so plant now in seed trays. Don't forget to read the seed packet's instructions.
- 5 Use new compost, rather than last year's compost, for better results.
- 6 Take a bit of time to plan your borders, deciding what you want to plant and where.
- 7 Split up snowdrops when they've finished flowering if they are now too large for the existing position.
- 8 Deadhead any flowering bulbs when they've finished flowering. Take the stalks out at soil level with finger and thumb. The leaves should be left to die down naturally, the nutrients in them will then return to the bulb.
- 9 Plant up lilies in pots for flowering in the summer.
- 10 Dead head winter pansies.

There are many other jobs to do, but that's enough for now!

# Chinese New Year – 19 February

Chinese New Year is a very important Chinese holiday and is a time for family celebrations with feasting, gift-giving and fireworks. It's also known as Spring Festival, the literal translation of the modern Chinese name. Chinese New Year is a 15 day holiday beginning on the first day of a new moon and ending on the day of the full moon with the Lantern Festival - lanterns are often red to symbolise good fortune. The Chinese calendar is luni-solar therefore the New Year is on a different date every year. The years in the calendar rotate through a 12 year pattern of animal symbols - 2015 will be the year of the Goat



The festival was originally a time to honour deities and ancestors but now regional customs and traditions vary. Often New Year's Eve is an occasion for Chinese families to gather for a celebration dinner. It is also traditional for every family to thoroughly clean the house, in order to sweep away any ill-fortune and to make way for good incoming luck. Decorations are usually red and incorporate popular themes of good fortune, happiness, wealth and longevity.



# **St Valentine's Day**

St Valentine's association with the giving of cards and love tokens is not at all clear. Originally St Valentine, whose Saint's day is 14 February, was a priest of Rome who was imprisoned for helping persecuted Christians.

He became a convert and restored the sight of the gaoler's daughter but was clubbed to death in about 270AD.

It is generally thought that the day became associated with romantic love from the belief that the mating season of birds began on 14 February and the tradition of giving presents on that day.

Chaucer refers to it in his Parliament of Fowls (c.1381) For this was on seynt Volantynys day Wan euery bryd comyth there to chese his make [match] And Shakespeare in Midsummer Night's Dream. Good morrow, friends, Saint Valentine is past; Begin these wood-birds but to couple now? Happy Valentine's Day! Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable (19th ed.)

# Willingham Library

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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.

In January James Nicol hosted a *Dementia Friends* – we had a small group but it was a very interesting and enjoyable talk.

These talks are free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

Future Talks:

- Wednesday 4 February A Night in the Life of a Badger with Peter Pilbeam
- Wednesday 4 March Pompeii with Richard Priestley

#### Tuesday Afternoon Story Time for Under 5s

Story Times are on the first and third Tuesdays of the month during term-time, from 2 to 2 30 pm. The next session will be **Tuesday 3 February**, and the following one on **Tuesday 3 March** after half-term. 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.

#### Commercial Notice Board in the Library

In January a new noticeboard was installed in the Library for commercial and business advertisements. We can accept any size up to A4 at the rates below:

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Please ask at the Library for details.

#### And books...

Come along and browse the shelves, including the Quick Picks and the special themed display that visits the different libraries. If you can't find what you want, ask the Librarian or visit the Library website and reserve one of the huge range of books to pick up from the Library. There are also many eBooks and eAudio books available for free downloading from the website for Library members.

# FOWL Poetry & Prose Evening – Wednesday 11 March at 7 30 pm

A date for your diary: Friends of Willingham Library are proud to present another of their very popular Poetry and Prose evenings, once again kindly hosted by Willingham poet Chris Lacey.

Bring along a favourite piece of poetry or prose to read aloud and share or just come along to listen and enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles. The theme for the first part of the evening will be *Young and Old and In Between* interpreted in any way, but could be humorous as well. After the break anything goes!

#### FEBRUARY

A kiss for the month of February For can Spring be far behind? With January gone the dull days Bring brighter times to mind.

A short sweet month is February With love waiting in the wings. And when the birds return again With happiness my heart sings.

#### Chris Lacey

Chris has just won the Kingston-upon-Thames Library Poetry Competition on the theme of *Remember* so very well done to her!

#### South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC)

# **Consultation on Greater Protection for Public Houses**

SCDC is seeking views concerning the proposed use of article 4 directions to help retain village pubs. Article 4 directions could be used to withdraw the permitted development rights which currently allow their conversion to other uses such as retail or offices or for their demolition. An article 4 direction does not prevent the development but does require planning permission for the development to be obtained first.

SCDC will use the results of the consultation to help them decide whether to use article 4 directions to provide an additional safeguard for village pubs and to which pubs specifically they could be applied.

You can find out more about when a change of use is considered permitted development on the SCDC website www.scambs.gov.uk in Planning and Control/Planning Policy/Consultation on Greater Protection for Public Houses.

You can have your say during the consultation by filling in the on-line survey or downloading a response form.

The consultation closes at midnight on **Monday 23 February**.



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

#### **1** February

9 00 am BCP Communion Service
10 30 am Family Service
8 February
10 30 am Communion Service
15 February
9 00 am Sorry no 9am service today
10 30 am Communion Service
22 February
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 10-1130 am. Bubbles is for children from nought to pre-school with their parents or carers. It is great fun with toys, a simple craft activity, songs, refreshments and good company. A voluntary donation of £1 helps with our running costs but is not compulsory. Contact Heather (270063) or Linda (263187) for further details.

Messy Church – usually runs on one Saturday a month between 3 30 and 5pm. This is for all ages and provides fun, food and family worship. It involves all the Churches in Willingham and 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. There will be no Messy Church in February due to half-term.

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

1 February	Evening Worship
8 February	Evening Worship
15 February	Evening Worship
22 February	Evening Worship

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#### Salvation Army Events

**Coffee Morning:** Fortnightly Mondays 10 30 am - 12 noon 9 and 23 February. Please join us for refreshments and a chance to chat to old and new friends.

Luncheon Club: Fortnightly at 12.30 pm on 12 and 26 February. Price £4. Please ring Daphne on 01954 260568 to book in advance if possible.

**'Nimble Fingers' Craft Meeting:** Mondays 2 – 4 pm. 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 23 February at 2 30 pm. "Paul and Friends" will be entertaining us. All are welcome to join us.



## **Charity Lunch**

The February charity lunch will be held on the **21 February** at 1pm by Anne Gormley at 3 Love Lane. We will be supporting Magpas as our charity this year.

The lunch consists of soup, bread & cheese and costs  $\pounds 5$ . All are welcome.





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#### Services

#### **1** February

9 00 am Modelling Godly character – *Traditional service* 10 30 am Modelling Godly character – *Contemporary Service* 

6 00 pm A widows son – Evening Worship

8 February

10 30 am June Love - Family Worship\*\*

600 pm Showdown at Mt Carmel – Evening Worship

#### **15 February**

10 30 am Discipleship2 – Altogether Service

6 00 pm Stormy Weather – Evening Worship

#### 22 February

10 30 am Making Good Work – 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  $10 - 11 \ 15 \ \text{am} - \text{half}$  an hour of singing with instruments and actions followed by free-play, refreshments and a chance to meet other parents or carers. For all pre-school children aged 1-4, with a quieter space set aside for babies under the age of 1. Please contact Sharon Sennitt on 01954 782345 for further information.

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

Kids' Friday Club: 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.

**Men's Breakfast: 21 February** - 745 am in the Baptist church for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Please contact Pete Sacre for more information -01954261655, 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 group event is planned for **4 February** for a curry and talk by Ian Kydd, entitled *From Downing Street to Great Shelford, via Beirut and Afghanistan.* Ian was a Press Officer to Margaret Thatcher at 10 Downing Street from 1981 to 1983. In 2006 he was in Beirut for the Israel/Hezbollah war and 2007 in Afghanistan in Kabul and Helmand Province, amongst many other postings around the world. Ian now trains diplomats and has a wealth of experiences to share. If you are interested or have questions, email us at: lifemattersformen@gmail.com.

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**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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This year we have a small display at the Tea Bar, Outpatient Department, Rosie Hospital at Addenbrooke's. Our next stall will be:

Bar Hill Community Market on Saturday 7 February 10 30 am – 2 pm selling discount baby clothes, new toys and gifts



*Tiny mushroom on the plum tree in our garden* by Stephen Drake

#### **Crossword Answers:**

Across: 7 Device, 8 Mortal, 9 Boat-race, 10 Mead, 11 Ballot, 13 Exotic, 14 Avocet, 17 Sherry, 19 Logo, 20 Required, 22 Census, 23 Eke out. Down: 1 Fedora, 2 Kilt, 3 Tenant, 4 Impede, 5 Trombone, 6 Hawaii, 12 Lacrosse, 15 Violet, 16 Thrash, 17 Sequel, 18 Rueful, 21 Ibex.

#### General Knowledge Quiz Answers:

Laertes 2. Lyons 3. Liverpool 4. Limpopo
 Claude Lorrain 6. St Lucy 7. Ludgate 8. Lammas
 Letoya Luckett 10. Sergio Leone 11. Lincoln
 Lincolnshire and Leicestershire 13. Roger Law
 Leytonstone, London 15. *The Lodger* 16. Leaves
 *The Ladykillers* 18. Loch Lomond 19. Laburnum
 Lagan

#### FOWL Book Quiz Answers:

 Boris Pasternak. 2. Richard Gordon. 3. Anthony Trollope. 4. Hugh Lofting. 5. Stephen King. 6. Jo Nesbø.
 Russell Thorndike. 8. Christopher Marlowe.
 Patrick O'Brian. 10. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle .



# **Letters to Editor**

#### Dear Editor

On Christmas Eve someone dropped a Christmas present in Rampton End which was run over and spoilt before we could get to it and unfortunately had to be thrown away. The label showed it was to Vera from Jean. Perhaps if someone knows either Jean or Vera they could explain what happened to the parcel. *Sue Chambers* 

Sue Chamber.

#### Dear Editor

Please can I say a massive thank you to everyone that bought reindeer, 'stick' Christmas trees and handmade decorations from our stall in Rampton End and at the bakers. In the three weeks up to Christmas we raised a total of £520. The money is for 'Sebslegs' www.treeofhope.org.uk/sebs-legs/. This is a fund to send our friend's son Sebastian to the US for an operation that he needs. If successful it will enable him to walk (full details on the website). A special thank you also to Boswell's Bakers and staff in Willingham who allowed us to display the crafts in their window and took £202 of the total. Steve and Sue Chambers

Correction

Dear Editor

In the January issue there was a letter from Mr Peter Dennis stating that Deborah Rennie had been selected as the UKIP parliamentary candidate for the South Cambridgeshire constituency.

This in fact was incorrect, Deborah was selected as the prospective parliamentary candidate for the South East Cambridgeshire constituency, this constituency includes the wards of Willingham and Over. *Martin Hale* 

#### Dear Editors

We want to congratulate everyone connected with the *Willingham News* for the great work you have all done in producing and delivering the magazine to every house in the village. The range of articles provides interest for everyone. The beautiful photographs and colourful cover pictures are summed up in the January cover. The organisation of all the material – news, articles, adverts etc – is impeccable. We are so fortunate to have a village magazine of such high quality. Well done! We look forward to another year!

This letter was delivered anonymously to the Parish Office. The Editors and all concerned with the Willingham News thank you for your kind comments!

# **Pastoral Letter**

We have been unable to publish a Pastoral Letter this month, but we are hoping to do so in the March issue

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**Goodbye** to our long serving practice nurse Beryl Cook who is retiring at the end of January. We shall all be sorry to see Beryl go and will miss her expertise. Thank you to all of you who sent cards, signed her Retirement Book and contributed to a retirement present.

Welcome to our new practice nurse Claire Davree who will start working with us from the end of January. Claire has worked with us over the years as a District Nurse in the area so some of you will already know her. We look forward to working with her and I am sure you will all welcome her to the team.

**Our Christmas Lucky Squares** raised a **Grand Total of** £328 in aid of MAGPAS. Thank you to all who donated prizes and bought lucky squares. A list of prize winners is available in reception. We would also like to extend our thanks for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts we received at our surgeries and for your kind words, which were much appreciated.

The Friends and Family Test has now been extended to include GP practices. You can give feedback about our service either by completing a very quick questionnaire in surgery which takes about 2 minutes, or by going on line to our website or the NHS Choices website. We hope you would feel satisfied that you could recommend us to your friends and family.

Hearing Help Service (formerly CAMTAD) Sessions will now increase to monthly and will be held on every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2 - 4 pm at Willingham Surgery. No appointment necessary. Just come along to get your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding your hearing problems. Next dates are Wednesday 18 February and Wednesday 18 March.

**Carers Support Meeting** The next meetings are on **Wednesday 11 February** and **Wednesday 4 March 2** – **4 30 pm,** at Willingham Surgery. Come along for a friendly chat and learn about the support available to you. Ring Karen at the surgery for details.

AAA Screening Clinics The clinics for this area will be held at Willingham surgery on Wednesday 4 February and Tuesday 3 March and then every 1st Tuesday of the month thereafter. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm is a condition where the aorta (the big blood vessel which takes

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blood from the heart around the body) gets weak as we get older and swells up. This swelling could potentially burst with fatal consequences. Men aged over 65 are more likely to have an AAA and are eligible for free screening. They will receive an invitation letter to attend for a simple test called an ultrasound scan and the appointment lasts less than 10 minutes. For more details 01223 256909 ring or visit the website www.aaa.screening.nhs.uk or NHS Choices website www.nhs.uk

#### Counselling at Willingham Surgery – Julia Hall MBACP

The New Year is often a time of change and, with this in mind, counselling is often able to help people make choices and reach decisions about how to handle and move forward with their concerns about the future. Julia is now able to offer a **free 30 minute taster session** at the surgery with a view to setting up some private follow up sessions. If interested please contact Julia by phone or email to arrange an appointment. **Tel: 01223 305324 Mobile: 07930 874570** Email: juliabhall@hotmail.com. You can pick up a leaflet in the surgery.

Cynthia Bidwell – Practice Manager

# Twilight at the Museums in Cambridge

Wednesday 18 February 4 30 – 8 30 pm

Twilight at the Museums is almost here and we are getting ready for destination exploration!



It's time to make the most of those long winter nights as museums and collections across the city open their doors for after dark fun. With thirteen venues offering an exciting range of drop-in and bookable events throughout the evening, there will be loads for families to see and explore. Why not take part in some torch-lit space exploration at the Whipple Museum; discover a world of deep sea darkness at The Polar Museum; or create some 'Creatures of Twilight' at the Museums of Cambridge?

The evening is all about fun and discovery and remember, the more places you visit, the more you will be able to see and do. Pick up a *Twilight 'What's On'* guide and passport from participating venues to help you plan and record your journey.

So wrap up warm, grab a torch and get ready for adventure!

www.cam.ac.uk/museums/twilight



# **Christmas in Winnipeg**

I have just returned from an amazing Christmas in Winnipeg.

Of course it was lovely to see my son and his wife who live there, but I have never experienced their severe winter. Since he moved there I have learned so much about the central plains of Canada. Lake Winnipeg is as large as England and, of all Winnipeg characters, Winnie the Pooh must be the most famous. The crops they grow help to feed North America and the temperatures range from around  $-30^{\circ}$  in the winter to  $+30^{\circ}$  in the summer months.



On arrival Tom was apologetic - it was only minus 5° and the river Red hadn't frozen completely so they were still unable to train for their skating speed trials. But for me it was a magical winter learning curve. I bought a good pair of winter boots straight away and was given thermal ski gloves on arrival so never experienced the chilblains I am used to here. As we walked the dogs in the woodlands, around the fields and on the frozen rivers still holding beaver dams and lodges, I marvelled at the colours which they have become used to and perhaps don't really see now. Trees in winter stripped of leaves come in different colours from orange to red to dark black which stand out against the white snow. The snow is light and blows into amazing shapes I have only seen as desert sands. But there was the quiet. There were no bird songs, just the creaking of ice and footsteps. I did see deer, squirrels, rabbits and some birds but the overall silence was stunning.

The other learning curve was with driving. Deep snow is a regular thing and they are geared to deal with it. Ploughs clear car parks – there is little on-line shopping so car parks are important – they shift snow to piles which are then loaded onto trucks and removed to designated fields. Main roads are completely cleared while on minor roads drivers move along on compacted snow with ease, often helped by parking restrictions – most have driveways for their parking so the roads are empty. Some towns have regulations regarding safer tyres, for example in Quebec snow wheels (soft rubber) are compulsory from October until April. Drivers are patient. They wait for at least a 100 yard space before pulling out and then they do so, slowly and carefully. It was minus 26° when I left and I am sure that should it snow here, I will be able to drive with far more confidence!

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#### Bus Route 110 - Cottenham & Ely

The Council is pressing the providers of the 110 bus service which runs between Impington and Ely to extend the current loop to Rampton further into Willingham. Although it runs only once a week, on Thursdays, we feel that having the opportunity to get to Ely or Cottenham via public transport is a goal worth pursuing. The decision on whether to proceed will be based on the 'potential usage' – almost impossible to gauge unless the service is actually available, but any evidence the Council can gather would help. Let us know if you would find the route useful. In other bus issues, a new shelter has been installed in Wilford Furlong.

#### Bill Kirkman

Councillor Kirkman has retired from the Council. We would like to thank him for his service both to the Council and the wider community during his 45 years in the village. Since his arrival in 1968, Bill's service to the village has included: a member of the Parish Church, including being on the Church Council, Church Warden, Church Secretary and Organist; Primary School Governor and MC of many school events; Chairman of the Scout parent committee (including getting toilets built at the Public Hall, which the then Parish Council thought were unnecessary); Trustee of the British School Trust; Member of the WEA; and latterly Parish Councillor – in particular handling much of the interviewing of applicants for paid positions in the Council. We wish him all the best for the future.

#### The Bowls Club

Despite the recently announced demise of the Bowls Club, the majority of the members wanted it to carry on and enough volunteers have now been found to form a committee. There is plenty of work to be done, but the Council is hoping to meet with the new committee to discuss ways to help them continue. We know that the drainage of the Recreation Ground is a potential problem but recent correspondence with the local Drainage Boards has revealed the possibility of some channel clearance work. We will report on the plans when we know more.

#### **Over Day Centre**

The Over Day Centre provides care for the frail and elderly of Over and the surrounding villages. Their aim is to promote and maintain their clients' quality of life through social contact, recreation and informative activities. Willingham residents make up the largest group amongst their users, and we were happy to support them with their successful campaign last year in obtaining a new minibus. This year, they are looking to replace some furniture, and the Council has donated £1000 to this very worthwhile cause.

#### 2014

Last year was a busy one in the village, both for the Council and other voluntary groups – particularly the Willingham Action Group (WAG) and the Willingham Youth Trust (WYT). The Youth Facility in the Ploughman Hall is now open (at last!) and despite an initial shortfall in funds the first phase of the QEII playground project should be underway soon. The Community Orchard on the old recreation ground is now fully planted and all trees have been sponsored. The Public Hall has had minor repairs made, and a new lease has been signed by the Public Hall Users Committee establishing a sound basis for its continued occupation. The Council has purchased the lease on the former traveller site on Meadow Road from the County Council. Gallaghers will be removing the concrete and tarmac and it is hoped that WAG will have some trees left to plant once that has been done. We continue to campaign to get a solution to the B1050, especially the impact that Northstowe will add and are working to sort the Lode and Recreation Ground issues.

#### Silver Street

Finally, we have been contacted by a parishioner who says that the dog fouling in Silver Street has become much worse over recent weeks. Please could we remind residents to clear up after their pets and use the many dog bins which are available?

#### **Contact Details:**

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

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Mr A Cook (Chairman of the Council)	01954 260325
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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: **4 February**, **4 March**, **8 April**. The meetings are held in the Octagon 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.

The contact details are: Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954 261027: E-mail email@willinghampc.org.uk Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell Assistant: Mrs Halina Szulakowska



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Mon 2 Feb	CAP Money Course	CAP Money	Baptist Church	7 45 pm, contact Debbie Jackman 01954 261195 for info
Tue 3 Feb	Story Time for Under 5s	Library	Library	2 – 2 30 pm, see p11
Wed 4 Feb	AAA Screening	Surgery	Surgery	See p16
Wed 4 Feb	A Night in the Life of a Badger 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 <i>From Downing Street</i> to Great Shelford with Ian Kydd	Life Matters	Baptist Church	See p13
Fri 6 Feb	Hempsals Farm Cured Meats & Wine Evening	Willingham School Association	Primary School	See p8
Sat 7 Feb	Cake Stall	Parish Church	Parish Church Porch	10 am, see p12
Sat 7 Feb	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 2 pm, see p15
Mon 9 Feb	Coffee Morning	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p12
Mon 9 Feb	<i>Robert Sayles Dig</i> with Alison Dickens	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p8
Mon 9 Feb	CAP Money Course	CAP Money	Baptist Church	7 45 pm, contact Debbie Jackman 01954 261195 for info
Wed 11 Feb	Carers Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 30 pm, see p16
Thu 12 Feb	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Mon 16 Feb	Joint Carers & Adult Drop-in Event	Carers Support Team	Community Room, Tesco, Bar Hill	10 30 am – 1 30 pm, see p9
Mon 16 Feb	Subject: <i>Textures</i> Photoshop Tutorial: <i>Spring Colours</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p5
Wed 18 Feb	Carers Drop-in Event	Carers Support Team	Cambourne Library	1 30 – 3 30 pm, see p9
Wed 18 Feb	Hearing Help Session	Hearing Help Service	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p16
Wed 18 Feb	Twilight at the Museums in Cambridge	Museums of Cambridge	Museums of Cambridge	4 30 – 8 30 pm, see p17
Sat 21 Feb	Breakfast and Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p13
Sat 21 Feb	Charity Lunch	For Magpas	3 Love Lane	1 pm, see p12
Mon 23 Feb	Coffee Morning	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p12
Mon 23 Feb	Entertainment with Paul and Friends	Mothers' Union	Octagon	2 30 pm, see p12
Thu 26 Feb	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12

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