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January – a New Year

January the beginning of the year.
A new horizon and new expectations.
Bright sun, soft snow, new sensations
And the love for all we hold so dear.

Wearing hats and scarves still new,
In a new month with a new name.
January always fun never the same
And we are so glad to welcome you.

Christine Lacey

Bin Collections – Wednesdays

7 January Black (note this is a Thursday)

13 January Blue and Green

20 January Black

27 January Blue

Monthly green bin collections continue until March

Editors take every care to ensure the accuracy of content and undertake the right to edit material submitted.

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Green bin collection changes this winter

Don't forget, green bin collections change to monthly during winter when far less garden waste is put out for collection.

Monthly collections will start at the end of November and will return to fortnightly in March for the rest of the year.

Collection dates can be found on page 24 of the autumn South Cambs Magazine or online at www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish

For more information visit

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Cricket Club Quiz

As usual, there was plenty of festive cheer on Friday, 4 December at the Quiz which takes place four times a year in the Social Club. The overall winning team was *Densa*; winning team of the Picture Round was *Christmas Teapots*. Congratulations to both teams and of course, most importantly to the organising team.



Densa the overall winners



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

A very Happy New Year to all our readers! Did you make any New Year Resolutions? It isn't too late to do so!

We are always looking for ways to improve *Willingham News* and look forward to receiving your articles, comments and photos. Sadly this month has been a little bit on the lean side as far as copy is concerned. Why not resolve to submit an article to us from time to time? It can be an amusing story, an observation about life in the village; we will consider anything.

Meanwhile a thought we have for this year is to include an article or articles about a different country each month. As February marks the Chinese New Year we hope to include, in our February edition, some news about China. Have you recently visited China, were you originally from China or do you have links with China? Do you have a favourite Chinese recipe you would like to share? We would love to hear from you.

For inclusion in February's *Willingham News*, copy needs to be with us by **8 January** and should be emailed to us, as an attachment, to willinghamnews@btinternet.com or alternatively left at the library.

A Day at the Museums

On Friday 23 October, a group from several of our WIs met in Downing Street, Cambridge for their Day at the Museums.

We began with the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology. On the ground floor are objects which illuminate Cambridgeshire life through the ages and upstairs are collections donated by eminent travellers and academics.

Our excellent guide was informative and amusing, running through a history of Cambridge highlighting the Iron Age, Roman period and Medieval times. One of the most interesting things she showed us was a 3D display case with a modern map on the front glass and a Roman map at the back. The super-imposition showed us that Hills Road to Castle Hill follows the original Roman road. The objects inside the case are placed corresponding to the place they were found on the map, with the oldest at the back working forward to the most recent at the front. Another highlight was a find from Arbury, a stone lead-lined coffin containing the skeleton of a rich Roman lady with the tiny bones of a mouse and a shrew buried with her!

Afterwards we were free to explore the collections of beautiful objects from places such as Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Japan, India, South America and Papua New Guinea. The upstairs room is dominated by a 14 metre high totem pole from Canada.

After a break for lunch we re-convened at the Whipple Museum of the History of Science to see such wonders as Dr Arzoux's papier maché anatomical models which are so detailed they were used for study by medical students. He also made models for veterinarians including a set of about 20 pairs of horses' teeth showing the various ages and demonstrating methods of doctoring to make them look younger. Herschel's telescope, with its polished metal mirror, is part of the astronomical exhibition and there is a whole room full of globes, both earthly and astronomical, for study and for fun. Early moon globes are one-sided as, before the moon missions, the dark side of the moon remained a mystery. A fragment from an Ancient Greek globe is the earliest example.

At the end of the day we were left amazed and impressed by these hidden gems; we are determined to make a return visit.

Badminton players wanted!

Willingham Badminton Club is looking for new members to play badminton on Monday nights. We are a small social club and are not part of any league.

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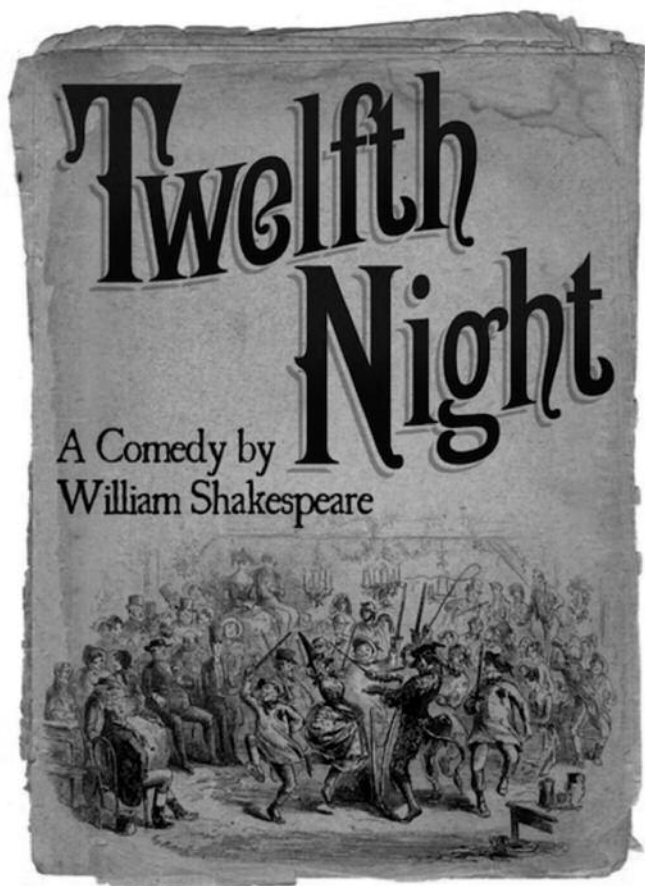
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On **Wednesday 10 February**, there will be a showing of the 1996 film starring Ben Kingsley, Imogen Stubbs and Helena Bonham Carter. This will be held at 7 30 pm at the Over Community Centre to provide an introduction to, or re-acquaintance with, a fabulous collection of characters. Everyone is welcome.

Auditions will be held on **Wednesday 24 February**, also at 7 30 pm at the Community Centre.

Show dates: Thursday 23 – Saturday 25 June

Hope to see you all there!

Meanwhile, a Happy New Year from The Over Players!

CHARITY LUNCH

The January charity lunch supporting Magpas will be held on 16 January at 1 pm by Val Parsons at 20 Earith Road.

The lunch consists of soup, bread and cheese. A donation of £5 is suggested.

All are welcome.

Old Willingham

This month we see a cheerful woman on a motor bike, with an equally cheerful girl (probably her daughter), peeping out of the side car. You might not guess, based on the modest design of the bike, but this is actually an early Harley Davidson. These days Harley Davidson is famous for iconic big US macho motorbikes but they started production in the early 1900s. William Harley's father was from Littleport, Cambridgeshire, emigrating to USA in 1859. The motorbike in the photo is model 16-J, which was produced in 1916. Interestingly there is another photo in the collection of the same model driven by different people and with a different registration plate. So they must have been popular in Willingham!

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.



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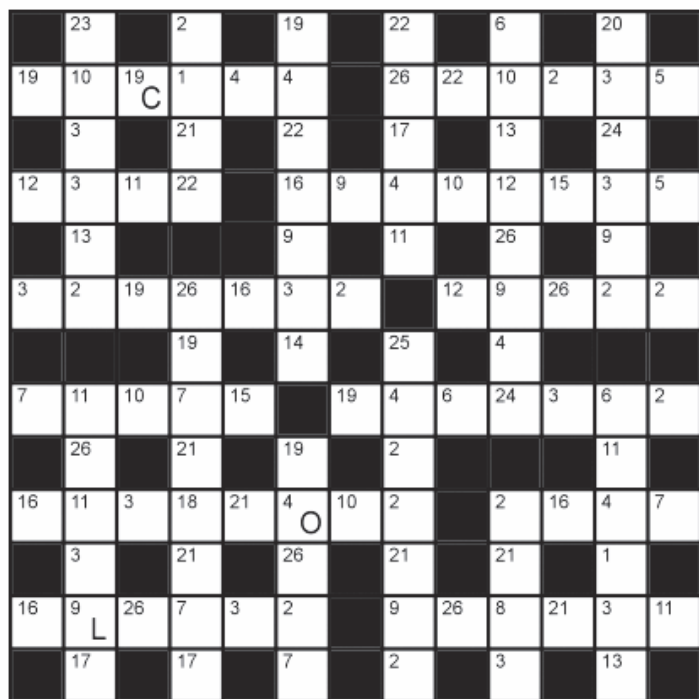
CODEWORD

Solution on page 17

Codewords are crosswords with no clues! Instead, every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number always representing the same letter.

Three letters are entered in the puzzle to start you off and when these letters have been entered throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing words and discovering other letters.

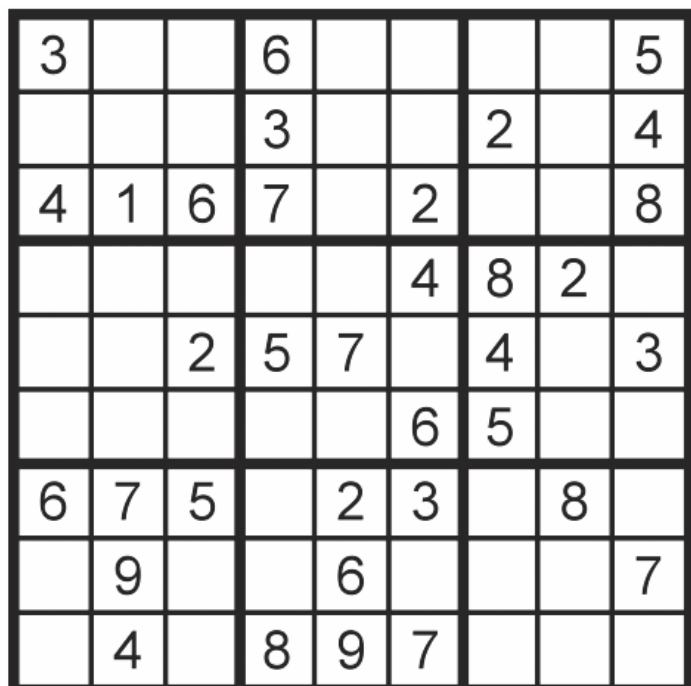
Enter the letters in the bottom grid for reference.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Sudoku

Solution on page 17



Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

Answers on page 17

Who are the authors of these works with numerical titles?

1. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
2. *Two for the Dough*
3. *The Three Hostages*
4. *The Four Feathers*
5. *Five Little Pigs*
6. *Six Characters in Search of an Author*
7. *A Brief History of Seven Killings*
8. *The Eight*
9. *The Nine Tailors*
10. *Ten Days that shook the World*

General Knowledge Quiz

Answers begin with X or Y or Z

Answers on page 17

1. Pre-fix which indicates foreign, strange or different?
2. Name of the American airman who first piloted an aircraft going faster than the speed of sound?
3. Protestant reformer who became leader of the Reformation in Switzerland?
4. Chinese currency?
5. Term used to describe practitioners of yoga, especially Siddhas?
6. A colourless, odourless gaseous element – atomic number 54?
7. Name the Greek Father of the Gods.
8. Who presents *Desert Island Discs*?
9. Resort town on the Crimean peninsula?
10. Batman's enemy – Victor ??????
11. The Peninsula separating the Caribbean Sea from the Gulf of Mexico?
12. Who directed *Tea with Mussolini* among many other films?
13. A plant, such as a cactus, that grows in and is adapted to an environment deficient in moisture?
14. Third colour of the rainbow?
15. Bob Dylan's real name?
16. *The Lake Isle Of Innisfree* is a poem by whom?
17. King of Persia (519-465 BC approximately) succeeded to the throne on the death of his father, Darius I. Who was he?
18. *The Avesta* is a sacred book of which religion?
19. A surgical instrument used for scraping bones?
20. Remembered from 1st year in the senior school – the cell formed by the union of two gametes?

From the Parish Council

www.willingham-pc.org.uk

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

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Willingham's Recent Power Cuts

The Parish Council has been questioning UK Power about the recent power cuts in the village. The Council asked:

Willingham appears to have a very high number of power cuts. How does it compare with other large, semi-rural villages in Cambridgeshire?

UK Power accepts that recently there have been an above average number of cuts affecting Willingham. Their records show that there have been three permanent faults in Willingham this year. This is being addressed through a tree cutting programme. Some of the tree cutting in the area has recently been completed which will, hopefully, improve the reliability of the supply. There have also been short faults in the current caused by wind born debris.

We have been told that Willingham has two 11KV feeds into a ring main. If this is the case then why does the second feed not provide continuation of supply when the other fails?

Supply faults are not switched back on automatically because of public safety concerns. UK Power is considering fitting switching gear that can be operated remotely from its control centre. This would enable UK Power to isolate sections of faulty network without the need for manual switching, thus speeding up the restoration of supply.

Wings for Life World Run

Wings for Life will be holding a world run on **Sunday 8 May**. *Wings for Life* is a charity focused on research into spinal cord injury. Details can be found at www.wingsforlifeworldrun.com. The organisers of the run will be implementing rolling road closures and two public meetings are planned to answer questions. These will be held on **18 January**, 6 30 pm at Earith Village Hall and **26 January**, 6 30 pm at Cottenham Village Hall.

Community Transport Schemes

Cambridgeshire County Council have issued a document, listing all available forms of community transport for those parishioners who have difficulty using or accessing public transport. This might be because of mobility issues or for medical or social journey purposes. Details can be found on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/communitytransport or alternatively from the Parish Council office.

Faster Internet Access

New fibre broadband cabinets have been installed and are now active in the area. Information about this and a map showing current coverage can be seen on the 'my area' pages of the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk.

Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice aims to give the victims of crime the chance to meet their offender in a controlled situation to discuss the harm caused by the crime and to find ways to repair that harm. Cambridge Constabulary has appointed Lyndsey Brown as Restorative Justice Coordinator. She is available to talk to local groups about Restorative Justice and how victims can access this service.

Cambridgeshire ACRE – Social Housing Survey

Cambridgeshire ACRE has distributed a letter asking parishioners to complete a survey regarding social housing. The letter incorrectly states that the Council have instructed them to complete the survey. Whilst the Council, when approached, confirmed to Cambridgeshire ACRE that they were happy for the survey to take place, please note that it was not undertaken at our request.

Contact Details:

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

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Dr R Croucher (Vice Chairman/Halls Lead Councillor)	01954 261113
Mr N Harris	07792 611226
Mr P King (Chairman)	01954 260780
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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
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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 maximum per person).

Meeting Dates: 6 January, 3 February. The meetings are held in the Octagon and they start at 7 30 pm.

The parish council office is open Monday to Thursday 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

Children's Corner

(Answers on page 17)

1. Find the names of 8 pets in the word search – forwards, backwards, diagonally:

l	g	p	i	s	a	x	k	g	q	m
m	o	u	t	e	g	e	t	i	u	o
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t	f	p	v	n	o	r	s	r	a	s
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v	a	o	o	k	l	y	u	t	g	u
h	s	c	e	s	i	o	t	r	o	t

2. Animal sounds:

A. A dog B. a lamb C. a mouse D. an elephant E. a cow
F. A lion G. a horse H. a pig I. a cock J. a frog

The Editors would love to know if your children have shown any interest in this page and whether you or they would like this to be a regular feature? Is there anything they would particularly like to be included? Send in your comments to the usual address. We were delighted to receive from the school, Miren's version of *Jabberwocky* which is on page 19.

Do you have or know anyone who has something interesting to share with the readers of *Willingham News*?

Do you have or know anyone who has an unusual hobby or pet? Have you been on a fascinating holiday or journey?

Have you had a scary encounter with something or someone scary?

Do you have any top tips for spring cleaning?

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The Willingham British School Trust

Willingham British School Trust is a registered charity which awards educational grants to benefit young people in the village, either through individual or organisational applications. At the last meeting of the Trustees in October 2015 five individual awards were made to support university undergraduates. Three awards were also shared between Willingham Primary School and Cottenham Village College.

The next meeting of the Trustees to consider funding applications will be on **29 January**. Enquiries about eligibility for funding and applications should be made to the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher (telephone 01954 261113).



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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL THE DOCTORS AND STAFF AT THE SURGERY!

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Christmas Lucky Squares in aid of Magpas

Thank you to all patients who bought our Lucky Squares and well done to all the patients who won prizes.

Christmas Tree

Many thanks to Andrew and Mary Coe for donating to the surgery another beautiful Christmas tree.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder to book an appointment for your child's nasal flu immunisation if they were born between 01/09/10 and 31/08/13. Children in school years 1 and 2 will receive their immunisation at school. If you are over 65 or in an at risk group please book your flu vaccination with the surgery.

Carers' Support Meetings

Our next meeting at Willingham Surgery is on **Wednesday 9 March 2 – 4 30 pm**. Stephen Duffy from Buckles Solicitors is coming in to talk about Wills and Power of Attorney. Please pop along and get some free support and advice.

Camtad Hearing Clinics

The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery are **20 January and 17 February from 2 – 4 pm**. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

Missed Appointments in November 2015 = 115 which amounts to 21.5 hours of lost appointment time. This figure is not decreasing and we need your help!

PLEASE CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT IF YOU NO LONGER NEED IT!

Sharon Unwin
Practice Manager

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

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Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 30
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Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	CLOSED
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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WILLINGHAM

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Services

3 January

10 30 am Communion Service

9 January

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

10 January

9 00 am Communion Service

10 30 pm Family Service with Baptism

17 January

9 00 am Communion Service

10 30 am Morning Worship

24 January

10 30 am Communion Service

31 January

10 30 am Family 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 – Saturday, 9 January, 3 30 – 5 pm an informal and 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 in the Octagon, followed by a story time with singing in church and then a time to eat together back in the Octagon. Come with your children and enjoy! Contact 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 Liversidge (261349), Rosemary Woodward (205718) or David Jacques (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. A Coffee Morning (run by Mothers' Union) will also take place in the Octagon at the same time.



WILLINGHAM SALVATION ARMY
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Services at 5 pm

Sunday 3 January Don and Trish Hall

Sunday, 10 January Lead by Major Heather Coles

Sunday, 17 January Don and Trish Hall

Sunday, 24 January Don and Trish Hall

Salvation Army Weekday Events

Brunch: Mondays 10 30 to 12 noon.

Nimble Fingers Craft Club: Mondays 2 – 4 pm. Bring your crafts and join with others. Tea, coffee and good company provided.

Luncheon Club: Alternate Thursdays 14 and 28 January at 12 30 pm. £4. Book with Daphne on 260568

Friendship Club: Alternate Thursdays 14 and 28 January 2 – 3 pm immediately after Luncheon Club. Quizzes, singing, talks, games and light refreshments.

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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

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER PRAYING FOR THE PEOPLE OF WILLINGHAM

In January

Balland Field, Belsars Close, Berrycroft,

Bourneys Manor Close and Brickhills

will be in our thoughts

MOTHERS' UNION

Our next meeting will be **25 January at 2 30 pm** in the Octagon.

Our speaker will be Rev Paul Joel from the Baptist Church.

All welcome. Refreshments and produce stall.

Also please join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the Octagon on the first Saturday of the month in conjunction with the cake stall. The next one will be on Saturday February from 10 to 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you.



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WILLINGHAM



Services

3 January

- 9 00 am Traditional Worship
- 10 30 am Contemporary Worship**
- 6 00 pm Evening Worship

10 January

- 10 30 am Family Worship**
- 6 00 pm Evening Worship

17 January

- 10 30 am Altogether Worship
- 6 00 pm Evening Worship

24 January

- 10 30 am Family Worship**
- 6 00 pm Evening Worship

31 January

- 10 30 am Family Worship**
- 6 00 pm 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 am. 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: Every Wednesday 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 Lorraine Bald for further information – 01954 261189.

Men's Breakfast: 16 January at 7 45 am in the Baptist Church for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Please contact Pete Sacre for more information – 01954 261655, sacrepete@yahoo.co.uk.

Life Matters for Men – Social event coming soon! All men welcome – details will be posted on the church website willinghambaptist.org. Questions email us at: lifemattersformen@gmail.com.

PASTORAL LETTER

Special advent windows appeared all over the village and we enjoyed going around looking at them and trying to guess which Christmas Carol they depicted. Visiting each house I am amazed at the creative and artistic talents on display. I hope you enjoyed the challenge and excitement of seeing them. You can still see them on our website (willinghambaptist.org).

Four things strike me about our advent adventure. Firstly, where this creativity came from: for we are made in the image of God and as he is the creator we inherit this trait and have creativity in our DNA. So we should let our imaginations loose and go into the new year knowing that there is something exciting even in our day to day lives. It is easy to get trapped in routine and the desire just to get the work done, why not find new ways to express yourself and release that creativity you have been given?

The second thing is that it was wonderful seeing families together having fun going to each window, enjoying the excitement of working out the carol and also spotting the hidden bell. Many people think that following Jesus is all about being solemn and living a boring life - which is absolutely not the way it is. Jesus said 'I came to give life—life in all its fullness' and so wants us to experience the full abundance of life. We can live with a smile on our face, with laughter in our heart and really enjoy all the good things that God has given us.

Thirdly, some of the windows were really hard to work out. I wanted an answer sheet so I didn't have to think. But I had to think hard and have the satisfaction of working out the answer for myself (a hint with one or two). We can be lazy with our brains but we are told by Jesus to 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'. Yes, with all your mind for it honours God as we use our brains. So as we go through this year find a good challenging book to read, may I suggest the bible? And consider what it says, ask questions of it, exercise your thought processes for you will grow from doing so.

My final thought is that each of the windows was a response to something that happened in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. The consequences of almighty God becoming a man, living amongst us and then willingly giving himself in sacrifice to pay for our mistakes are world changing. And he gives each of us a chance to respond to this too. Jesus said 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' Right now is a good time to turn to him and respond. This doesn't restrict us but releases us to be the people God designed us to be.

May I wish each of you a very happy new year.

Rev Paul Joel
Baptist Church

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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 pm to 3 30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee/biscuits and a chance to change books.

In December we had a really enjoyable social session talking about books – recommended winter reads, authors and genres we like to read and what we are all reading at the moment – along with some Christmas refreshments.

Why not support the library by coming to the next one as a taster – they're free and friendly!

Next Talk:

- **No session in January**
- **Wednesday 3 February** – *The Lady Juliana Convict Ship*. Annie James will be talking about the first all-female convict ship to Australia.

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The talks are free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

Researching Family History

In November a small group who were interested in starting to research their family history met at the library for a talk by Caroline Norton from the Cambridge Family History Society.

She introduced key records such as Ancestry.com and Findmypast.co.uk (both of which can be accessed free from the computers in the library), plus many other useful websites and sources of information, and then did a worked example to show how information from the different key records can be used to build a family tree.

If there is enough interest, we may start an informal family history group that meets in the library from time to time to pool information, and provide stimulation for flagging members. If you are interested, let a member of the library staff know or email the Friends at king.linda.j@gmail.com.

What's on at Willingham Social Club in this year?

Boogie Night Disco Saturday 23 January, 8 pm.

UA Roadshow is back after their very successful first appearance for the club, this time with classic sounds from the 70s and 80s. So grab your flares and dance off the winter blues! Tickets for members and advanced sales, £5 or £7 for non-members on the door if still available. Current membership cards must be presented for the reduced rate.

Contact the Social Club, 01954 260557 or www.wegotickets.com/event/341543.

Comedy Night Friday 26 February, 7 45 pm

The Comedy Night returns by popular demand. This event has always sold out in advance so be sure to get your tickets early, they go on sale on 1 January. Acts will be confirmed in the next edition of *Willingham News* or see the Social Club website for full details. Over 18s. Tickets £10 from the club or www.wegotickets.com/event/341551.

Soul and Motown Disco Friday 1 April, 8 pm

UA Roadshow returns with the sounds of Soul, Motown and a bit of Northern Soul thrown in for good measure! There was a full dance floor last October so be sure to get your tickets in advance. £5 for members and advanced sales or £7 for non-members on the door if still available.

Current membership cards must be shown for a reduced rate on the door. www.wegotickets.com/event/341544.

Non-members always welcome. A small booking fee applies to online ticket purchases.

If you are a Facebook user why not like and join our page for regular event updates, or visit www.willinghamsocialclub.com.

Willingham Women's Institute

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The next meeting will be on **Monday January 11 at 7 30 pm** in the Social Club

Calendar Customs of Cambridgeshire
With Maureen James

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:

8 February – *A Man Who's Paid to Talk to Himself*
14 Marc – AGM – Social with Bingo

Willingham School Association (WSA) News

It was an afternoon of festive fun at the Primary School on Saturday 5 December, with the annual Christmas Fayre attracting a record number of attendees.

There were a variety of stalls, filled with tempting treats, handmade gifts and seasonal refreshments in abundance.

Whilst the parents were shopping, the children were able to purchase gifts (away from prying eyes!) in their very own Secret Shop. Even Santa popped by for a visit!

The Christmas Fayre made an amazing £1,357.96 in profit, which will help fund other projects, following the recent funding of a peer mentor base and drama workshops.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the event, whether helping on a stall, attending the day, or donating cakes to sell. It was greatly appreciated. Please keep an eye out for the next WSA event and make sure to follow us on Facebook. Your school needs you!



The Dressing up Stall at the Christmas Fayre

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Serves 6

9 slices of bread – crusts removed, each slice cut into 4 triangles

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75g butter

425 ml whipping cream

4 tablespoons dark rum (optional)

110g caster sugar

Pinch of cinnamon

3 large eggs

Shallow oven proof dish, 7 x 9 inches, 2 inches deep, lightly buttered

- Put chocolate, whipping cream, rum, sugar, butter and cinnamon in a bowl over a saucepan of simmering water to completely dissolve. Stir well.
- In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, pour chocolate mixture in and whisk again to blend together.
- Spoon a ½ inch layer of mixture into base of dish, arrange half the bread triangles over the mixture in overlapping rows. Pour half the remaining mixture over the bread then arrange the rest of the triangles over that, finishing with a layer of mixture. Press bread down gently with a fork.
- Cover dish with clingfilm and stand at room temp for 2 hours. Put in fridge for at least one day, preferably two.
- Cook for 30-35 mins at 180 C (gas mark 4, 350 F). Leave to stand for 10 minutes. Can be eaten hot or cold.

Consultation on Advocacy Services

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are consulting with anyone with an interest in the future of advocacy services across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They are seeking feedback on the draft specification for an integrated advocacy service in their areas. Both councils are fully committed to the principles and benefits of independent advocacy and want the new advocacy service to build on the success of current and previous advocacy services. There will be one contract for advocacy services in Cambridgeshire, and one contract for advocacy services in Peterborough.

A three month public consultation opened in November 2015. For more information and to take part visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk and search for 'Consultations' to complete the online survey.

If you do not have internet access and require a paper copy of the consultation, or if you need it in an alternative format such as large print or Easy Read please contact:

Cambridgeshire – Carol Williams, telephone 01223 706130 email: carol.williams@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

The consultation closes on 20 February.

The New Arrival

A Short Story Set in the Late 1960s

Malcolm sat on a hard wooden bench and absent-mindedly flicked through one of the well-thumbed magazines from the pile on the table in front of him. It was a magazine about fishing and Malcolm had never been fishing in his life.

'Sit up straight Malcolm', said his mother. Malcolm did as he was told. 'What are you reading that for?', she asked, snatching the magazine from his sweaty fingers. 'You don't like fishing. It's too damp. You catch a chill if you stay in the bath too long. Put it down and read something else.'

In the room next door a woman screamed.

'Nonsense', Malcolm's mother said. 'Why doesn't she just get on with it? I never made all this fuss!'

'Perhaps she is in pain,' Malcolm replied.

'Of course she is in pain.' His mother grasped the handles of her handbag tightly and her knuckles went white. 'She is supposed to be in pain. I was in pain. My mother was in pain. My grandmother was in pain. We were all in pain. Did we complain? No we did not!'

Malcolm stood up.

'Sit down.'

It was an order but Malcolm remained standing. 'I want to be in there with her. I should be in there with her.' He began to pace around the room.

'I would have thought that you had done quite enough,' his mother retorted.

Another scream filled the air, followed by another and another.

'I never made all that noise and you were born during an air-raid. There was a war on and we couldn't afford to make a lot of noise. We had to think of England and'

'Shut up mother!' Malcolm said. 'No wonder Dad spends so much time on the allotment. My wife is giving birth to your first grandchild and all you can do is...is...is.' Words

failed Malcolm.

'Well,' his mother glared at him. 'That's a nice way to talk to your mother I must say.' She tapped her foot impatiently as yet another scream rent the air. 'Did she just use bad language?'

'I expect she did mother and I'm not surprised.'

'What do you know about it? It's women's business.' Her face registered shock. 'Why you have to be here at all is a mystery to me. You should be at the allotment with your father.'

'Damn the allotment,' Malcolm said. 'I'm more worried about Margaret.'

'Margaret, Margaret. It's always about Margaret. Ever since you met her it's been Margaret this and Margaret that.'

An ear splitting scream filtered through from the room next door. It went on and on until the screamer ran out of puff. Shortly afterwards, the sound of a baby crying filled the air.

Malcolm sat down heavily on the bench with his head in his hands. 'What have I done? How will I cope?' When he looked up he was surprised to see that his mother was weeping into a lavender soaked, lace edged handkerchief.

'My first grandchild', she said between hiccupping sobs. 'My own little grandchild.' She glared at her son. 'Don't just sit there you great lump. Pull yourself together.'

The door opened and a nurse looked in. 'Congratulations Mr Phillips. You have a daughter! Mother and child are doing wonderfully well. You can go through in a moment and see them'.

'A daughter?' Malcolm's mother retorted sharply. 'A daughter is no good. It's a son a mother needs.' She glared at Malcolm. 'Can't you do anything right?' she said.

Kathryn Critchley-Fowler

Answers to puzzles and quizzes

Sudoku solution:

3	2	9	6	4	8	7	1	5
5	8	7	3	1	9	2	6	4
4	1	6	7	5	2	9	3	8
7	5	1	9	3	4	8	2	6
8	6	2	5	7	1	4	9	3
9	3	4	2	8	6	5	7	1
6	7	5	4	2	3	1	8	9
2	9	8	1	6	5	3	4	7
1	4	3	8	9	7	6	5	2

Codeword solution:

¹ K	² S	³ E	⁴ O	⁵ D	⁶ B	⁷ T	⁸ Z	⁹ L	¹⁰ U	¹¹ R	¹² G	¹³ N
¹⁴ X	¹⁵ H	¹⁶ P	¹⁷ Y	¹⁸ V	¹⁹ C	²⁰ J	²¹ I	²² M	²³ Q	²⁴ W	²⁵ F	²⁶ A

Answers to FOWL quiz: 1. Ken Kesey 2. Janet Evanovich. 3. John Buchan 4. A.E.W. Mason 5. Agatha Christie 6. Luigi Pirandello 7. Marlon James 8. Katherine Neville 9. Dorothy L. Sayers 10. John Reed

Answers to the General Knowledge Quiz

1. xeno 2. Chuck Yeager 3. Ulrich Zwingli 4. Yuan 5. Yogis 6. xenon 7. Zeus 8. Kirsty Young 9. Yalta 10. Zsasz 11. Yucatan 12. Franco Zeffirelli 13. xerophyte 14. yellow 15. Robert Zimmerman 16. WB Yeats 17. Xerxes 18. Zoroastrianism 19. xyster 20. zygote

Children's Corner Answers:

1. Pets are: guinea pig, tortoise, rabbit, hamster, kitten, puppy, mouse, snake
2. Animal sounds: A. barks; B. bleats; C. squeaks; D. trumpets; E. lows; F. roars; G. neighs; I. crows; J. croaks.



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Tribute to Linda Liversidge

Early this year the Reverend Linda Liversidge retires from her role as Vicar and Priest-in-Charge at St Mary and All Saints, the parish church to which she came in January 2011. Her last service will be on 17 January. For the ten years before moving to Willingham she was team Vicar of Pilsley and Handley, in Derbyshire.

The Willingham role was technically part-time, but one would never have known that; Linda has worked extremely hard.

One of her great strengths has been drawing in and encouraging younger people. The music group which plays at the main Sunday services is an excellent example of this. Another example is the work that she did, in collaboration with the Baptist Church, in setting up the village Youth Centre, which was opened in March last year. She has played a key role in the Willingham Youth Trust.

Linda's approach to priesthood is essentially informal; she has not, for example, liked wearing vestments. She has always been conscious, however, of the need, in a village, to serve a wide variety of people and as part of this has run the 9 am Communion services of a more formal kind than the main 10.30 am services and for these 9 am services she has worn formal vestments.

Presiding over weddings, christenings and funerals is inevitably an important part of a vicar's role and it has been something which Linda has done very well and with great sensitivity.

Linda has been greatly supported by her husband Alan who has played a key part in the life of the church. Linda and Alan have had excellent relations with the Baptists and the Salvation Army.

Linda was born and bred in London and initially trained as a dispensing chemist. Although she attended church all her life, she didn't become a Christian until she was in her thirties. After feeling the call to ministry she was ordained in 1998 at St Paul's Cathedral. She served her curacy in northwest London before moving to Derbyshire.

After the service on 17 January there will be a bring and share lunch in the Octagon – open to anyone who would like to say farewell to Linda and Alan. Do let one of the Church wardens know if you intend to come. They are Rosemary Woodward, Steve Mellows, Gillian Macnaghten and David Byers.

Members of St Mary and All Saints

The Editors wish Linda a very happy retirement and thank her for all her contributions to Willingham News.

A version of *Jabberwocky* written by Miren

T'was gloomy and the blood thirsty beast
Did crunch and crackle in the wood
All whistling was the forest night
And the red wolves did snarl.

Beware the Bloodwood, my son!
The tongue that hisses, the heart that does not beat.
Beware the shadows and spurn
His attempts to lure you in as meat.

She took her shimmering axe in hand:
Long time the blood-thirsty demon she sought.
So rested she by the deadly trees
And stood a while in thought.

One, two! One two! And through and through
The shimmering axe went snicker-snack!
It left her dead, and with her blood
It went savagely back.

It has now slayed a villager,
'Come to my woods, my blood-filled prey,'
Chortling in it's joy, it chants;
'O thirsty days! Callooh! Callay!'

T'was gloomy and the blood thirsty beast
Did crunch and crackle in the wood
All whistling was the forest night
And the red wolves did snarl.

Miren Thomas, Year 6, Miss Watson's class.

This version of Jabberwocky is all Miren's own work. It was written as part of Wonderland Week at the Primary school when they were celebrating 150 years of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. Well done Miren!

Valentine Family Disco Saturday 13 February

This year celebrate Valentine's day with all your loved ones! Willingham Youth Trust is organising a family disco on Saturday 13 February. Come along with the kids, let your hair down and have some fun.

Licensed bar and children's tuck shop provided.

Venue: Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road

Date: Saturday 13 February

Time: 6.30 pm - 10 pm

Tickets: £8 per family (2 adults, up to 4 children) from Post Office or Primary School Office (must be purchased in advance).

Note: this is a family event – no unaccompanied children.



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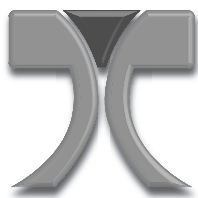
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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat 2 Jan	Cake Stall	Parish Church	Parish Church Porch	10 am, see p12
Sat 2 Jan	Coffee Morning	Mothers' Union	Octagon	10 am, see p12
Wed 6 Jan	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p9
Sat 9 Jan	Messy Church	Christians Together	Octagon & Parish Church	3 30 – 5 pm, see p12
Mon 11 Jan	<i>900 Years of British Agriculture</i> with Mike Muncaster	WEA	Baptist Church Hall	10 am, see Dec issue
Mon 11 Jan	<i>Calendar Customs of Cambridgeshire</i>	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see Dec issue
Thu 14 Jan	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Thu 14 Jan	CAMEO Friendship Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	2 – 3 pm, see p12
Sat 16 Jan	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p13
Sat 16 Jan	Charity Lunch	For Magpas	20 Earith Road	1 pm, see p7
Sun 17 Jan	Linda Liversidge's Last Service followed by Bring & Share Lunch	Parish Church	Parish Church Octagon	10 30 am, see p19
Mon 18 Jan	Public Meeting, Road Closures for <i>Wings for Life</i> World Run	<i>Wings for Life</i>	Cottenham Village Hall	6 30 pm, see p9
Wed 20 Jan	Hearing Aid Clinic	CAMTAD	The Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p11
Sat 23 Jan	Boogie Night Disco	UA Roadshow	Social Club	8 pm, see p15
Mon 25 Jan	CAP Money Course	CAP Money	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Tue 26 Jan	Public Meeting, Road Closures for <i>Wings for Life</i> World Run	<i>Wings for Life</i>	Cottenham Village Hall	6 30 pm, see p9
Thu 28 Jan	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Thu 28 Jan	CAMEO Friendship Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	2 – 3 pm, see p12
Sun 31 Jan	Indoor Car Boot Sale	Hatton Park Primary School, Longstanton	Hatton Park Primary School, Longstanton	10 am – 1 pm, see p16
Mon 1 Feb	CAP Money Course	CAP Money	Baptist Church	7 45 pm, see p11
Wed 3 Feb	<i>The Lady Juliana Convict Ship</i> With Annie James	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p15
Wed 3 Feb	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p9

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