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

Off to School

There he goes my little son
Off to big school, his first day.
In years to come I shall remember
That very special September.

Holding my hand he waves
And smiles in his cheeky way.
The tears I shed I shall remember
That very special September.

Christine Lacey

Bin Collections – Wednesdays

1 September	Black (Thursday)
7 September	Blue and Green
14 September	Black
21 September	Blue and Green
28 September	Black

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Monday 12 September – *The Samaritans*
with Frances Watts

Monday 10 October – *Heywards Fashion Shop Girls*
with Elle Seymour

Monday 14 November – *Antarctica*
with Naomi Chapman

Willingham News Wins Award

The annual Community Magazine awards were once again hosted by Cambridge Building Society in July. Over 35 magazines were entered in a variety of categories and judging was based on editorial quality, community content and overall presentation, as well as the usefulness of each publication to those it serves. The standard of all the magazines increases each year and the judges had a tough job, so we were very pleased to be recognised again, receiving the Bronze Award in the High Frequency Magazine category (a joint award with Buckden Roundabout). We received the logo shown above which we can use on our front cover and a cheque for £50. This is now our third award in this category, to go with our other previous awards of Best Photograph and Most Improved Magazine.



Many people are involved in producing and delivering the magazine each month and the awards recognise everyone's efforts. The content of the magazine remains original and interesting thanks to contributions from the community – please keep them coming!

Photographs of Willingham Association 1989 – 1993

When Mary Castle left the village she entrusted me with photos of activities that the Association were involved in, mostly fetes and galas.

If anyone would like them to add to an archive they may have or are compiling, please do contact me.

Sue Ayling. 260718 or email: sue.ayling1@ntlworld.com.

Willingham Photography Club

Our Club meets every month in The Baptist Tabernacle. We aim to learn more about photography and to enjoy ourselves.

The next meeting will be on

19 September from 8 to 10 pm

A talk by Colin on *Wildlife Photography* will be given in preparation for next month's assignment

Technical questions and answers will be invited.

Tea and Coffee will be served.

This month's assignment on the subjects of *Cars* or *Flight* will then be shown.

We cordially invite anyone who enjoys photography to come along and see what is on offer.

Your expertise level does not matter; neither does the nature of your camera.

The membership cost is £20 for 6 months. First month is free.



Any further questions, please contact:

Anita Salmon 01954 260875

Christopher Cross 01954 260790

In the meantime, do have a look at our website on

www.WillinghamPhotoClub.org.uk

Old Willingham

Nowadays the village pump on the Green is a bit of a novelty and something for the kids to climb on. But in past years it was a very important part of village life. This month we see a photo of the pump in the early 1900s. We don't know why this was taken or who the man is, although he is smartly dressed and likely to be someone respectable. The pump is quite similar today but the whole area then was a sea of mud due to the constant traffic of people and carts coming to get water. Piped water did not start to arrive until the tower was built on Station Road in 1912 and it was decades before everyone had piped water to their homes.



See more photos at <http://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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It was a Knockout!

The sun shone brightly to match the colourful costumes of the brave participants ranging from colour-coordinated T-shirts bearing team names, lurid Lycra and tutus to chefs' outfits with ridiculous moustaches all round. In total 18 teams participated in the reprise of the great Willingham It's a Knockout to raise funds for the completion of the next phase of the QEII playground and for the Youth Centre. This year we were also fortunate to have a good number of children's teams, many of which were sponsored by local businesses.



The efforts of the teams on a warm day were magnificent. They battled it out through foam pits, down inflatable slides and on bouncy hoppers, hurriedly donning Telly Tubby and penguin costumes to participate in the various games. The adult champions were the Master Bakers team 1 and 2 and the children's leader-board was topped by Teddie's Tubbies – congratulations to you all.

On the sidelines the teams were cheered on by their friends and families who also enjoyed the bouncy castle and slide, kids' crafts, beer tent, barbecue and the tea and cake stall expertly manned by the members of the WI. We are still counting the proceeds but early indications suggest we will have made over £5000 profit – a phenomenal sum for a one-day event.

Of course, all this would not have been possible without the very generous support of our sponsors. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to:

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Singers: 7 45 pm to 9 15 pm

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We hope to see you soon at one of our rehearsals.



From the Parish Council

www.willingham-pc.org.uk

Councillor Vacancy

The membership of the Parish Council is made up of individuals from a wide range of ages, backgrounds, jobs and interests. We meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month.

Lead Councillors do preparatory work before each meeting and this provides a framework for meetings to run efficiently.

We still have a vacancy for a Councillor who can be co-opted (which means no election would be held).

If you are interested in playing a more active part in our community, then further details are available from Mandy, our Parish Clerk, or alternatively feel free to speak to any of the Councillors for more background.

QE11Field

Many residents of Willingham over the past few weeks will have visited the QE11 field and enjoyed the new equipment and picnic tables. So that everyone can continue to find such visits enjoyable, can we gently ask everyone to put rubbish in the bins and take nappies home with you (these should not be placed in the bins).

You will be glad to learn that two new larger bins have been ordered and will be in place in the near future.

Belsar Farm

As you will be aware a Public Consultation took place on 17 August about a proposed development of 25 houses on Belsar Farm, Meadow Road. The Council has always been and continues to be opposed to developments north of Meadow Road as they would be encroaching into farmland and open countryside. The District Council have been made aware of the Parish Council's views on this matter.

Parish Council Items going forward.

- The fire alarm system in the Public Hall is currently under review by the council.
- Decoration/improvement options for the exterior of the Pavilion are being pursued.

South Cambridgeshire District Council News

Repair Cafés

Following on from a very successful Repair Café in Histon in June, South Cambs District Council has Repair Cafés coming up in the following locations:

Memorial Hall, Fulbourn on Saturday **24 September**, 2 – 5 pm

Salvation Army Hall, Waterbeach on Saturday **22 October**, 10 am – 1 pm

Cottenham Community Centre on Saturday **5 November**, 10 am – 2 pm.

Take along something from home which needs fixing such as clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, crockery, bikes and toys, and experienced volunteers with repair skills will do their best to fix them. These are all free events. Donations to cover costs are welcome. South Cambs District Council is looking to increase their pool of volunteer repairers, so if you know someone with repair skills who might be interested in helping out, please put them in touch. Contact: Siobhan Mellon on siobhan.mellon@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713395.

A good way to get out some of the 'stuff' which clutters up our cupboards and make it useful again.

Cambridgeshire Handyperson Scheme

The District Council part-funds the Cambridgeshire Handyperson Scheme, which aims to prevent falls and accidents at home by offering a free personal assessment, a home safety check and arranging small jobs to be carried out. The service is run by Age UK Cambridgeshire and is for people aged over 65 years, or those with a disability. More information can be found on the Age UK Cambridgeshire website. Contact Age UK Cambridgeshire on 01480 700205 or 0300 666 9860.

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: **7 September, 5 October**. The meetings are held in the Octagon and 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.

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Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell

Contact Details:

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

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Sudoku

Solution on page 16

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Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

Answers on page 16.

Who are the authors of these works whose titles include family relationships?

1. *The Brothers Karamazov*
2. *Dombey and Son*
3. *Good Wives*
4. *The Daughter of Time*
5. *Brother of the More Famous Jack*
6. *Every Day is Mother's Day*
7. *Sons and Lovers*
8. *Mother Courage and her Children*
9. *Charley's Aunt*
10. *Uncle Silas*

Charity Lunch

The September charity lunch supporting Willingham Medical Practice will be held on **17 September** at 1 pm by Anne and Archie Gormley at 3 Loves Lane.

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

All are welcome.

Young Readers' Corner Quizzes



Answers on page 16.

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The flying fox is a kind of bat.
2. Britain's highest mountain is Snowdon in North Wales.
3. Joan of Arc was put to death in the fifteenth century.
4. The Kremlin is in Moscow.
5. Paper was first made in Egypt.
6. Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin was the 2nd man to walk on the moon.
7. White dwarfs are small, faint stars.
8. There are no living fish in the Dead Sea.
9. The volcano Etna is near Naples in Italy.
10. In 1954, an aircraft first broke the sound barrier.

CLASSIFICATIONS – The answer is a Willingham street.

Find the classification for the following and taking the first letter of each, make a Willingham street name – you will have to unjumble the letters.

FIRST LETTER

1. bowler / beret / panama / cap.....
2. David Livingstone / Sir Walter Raleigh / James Cook / Christopher Columbus.....
3. small / ugly / wide / hot.....
4. Superior / Huron / Windermere / Michigan.....
5. Danube / Dee / Tyne / Nile.....
6. football / tennis / handball / snooker.....
7. 102 / 3 / 21 / 16.....
8. butcher / plumber / electrician / baker.....
9. Admiral / Colonel / Group Captain / Brigadier.....

Name of Willingham Street:.....

Children's Front Page Competition

Once again we would like children to design the front page of the December issue. Entries are invited from children aged between 7 and 11 years old. Entries should be submitted on A4 paper, not computer generated. The more colourful, the more effective your design will be – please avoid too much white space. Remember to put your name, age and contact details on the reverse of your design.

Imagine – if your entry is the winner, it will be on the front of nearly 2000 magazines and will go to every house in the village! Entries should be handed in to the school office or the library.

Closing date is Tuesday 1 November.

Willingham – A Great Place to Live

The last three editions of *Willingham News* have carried articles by Mike Tidball, the secretary of Willingham Action Group (WAG), outlining the development of the Parish Plan and the subsequent formation of WAG, to help deliver the outcomes of the Parish Plan. My memory of that initial development phase was the great eagerness of residents to come forward not only to develop the plan but also to start clubs and societies to develop their own hobbies and crafts and to share that knowledge with others. These new societies, together with the better established groups such as the Gardening Club and the various sports clubs, have helped make Willingham a great place to live. We must also remember *Willingham News*, our award winning village magazine, which you all consider to be an essential part of the village framework.

The common factor amongst all these clubs, societies etc is the need for a constant supply of volunteers to help run them. For instance *Willingham News* has a permanent team of 40 volunteers to publish, print and deliver some 1800 copies of the magazine to every house and business in the village, in addition to occasional contributors. Without those volunteers it would be a less vibrant village. As Mike points out, many of these facilities are run by a handful of volunteers whose average age gets larger by the day. Unless we can secure additional volunteers then we will lose much of which we hold dear in our village.

If you are a member of an existing club then help to run it to ensure it continues to run; volunteer to help WAG continue the outcomes of the Parish Plan; *Willingham News* is always looking for distributors.

Willingham is a great place to live, together we can make it even better.

If you would like more information or are happy to volunteer some time then please contact Mike Tidball (m.tidball@btinternet.com) or Reg Purnell (reg.purnell@icloud.com)

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marina.deller@1stwillinghamscoutgroup.org.uk



WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Meetings are held at the Social Club on the first Monday of each month (except January) and start at 7 30 pm until around 9 pm and there is always a plant raffle. New members are welcome. The annual subscription is a modest £14 but you can attend one meeting for £2 as a taster. Call Celia on 01954 261 394 or just turn up to a meeting.

Next meeting: **Monday 5 September**. Our speaker will be Andrew Sankey on the history of the harvest festival.

Horticultural Show: **Saturday 3 September**, 1 30 pm at the Primary School.

Show schedules comprising the lists of the various classes and the entry form are now available from businesses around the village including the Post Office, Library, Duke of Wellington and Porterhouse pubs, Boswells Bakers, and Willingham Auctions. Entries should be delivered to the school on the day of the show.

You don't have to be a professional exhibitor, just have a go and enter what you have made, cooked, grown or sown. Paper plates and metal vases are provided for your exhibits. We look forward to your entries to make the show a success. Good luck.

Brave the Shave

At the Duke of Wellington on Sunday 7 August, Harry Ashby underwent a public head and beard shaving for Macmillan Cancer Support and welcomed any donations. The pub, as usual, was full for the weekly quiz and over £300 was raised.

Anyone wishing to donate to the charity can still do so at www.bravetheshave.org.uk





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Dispensary Telephone Number and Ordering Times Change: From 1 September the Dispensary Telephone Number to order repeat prescriptions will change to **01954 207602**. The Prescription Order Line will also now close at **5 pm**.

Don't forget you can also **order your prescriptions online** – please ask our dispensary team for details of how to register for this service.

Flu Vaccinations will be arriving towards the end of September and we will be running special flu clinics. Please ring for details from mid-September.

Telephone Appointments These can be booked with doctors if you do not wish to attend surgery. A lot of routine matters can be dealt with over the phone.

Carers' Support Meetings Our autumn carers' meetings are being held at Willingham Surgery on **Wednesdays 7 September, 12 October and 9 November**.

The meetings run from 2 – 4 pm. You can come along when it suits you and stay as long as you wish. It is an informal meeting with tea and cake and the occasional speaker to discuss issues you may encounter as a carer.

Out of Hours Care Please remember to phone Urgent Care Cambridge on 111 if you require medical attention when the surgery is closed.

NHS Choices Website www.nhs.uk Visit the NHS choices website for lots of useful health information. The website is a helpful tool for reading up on many health-related topics. The site covers useful Fitness and Healthy Eating advice which we can implement in our daily lives to improve our overall health. If you would like Weight Management advice and support please phone the surgery and book an appointment with our nursing assistant Jan.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics The next Hearing Aid Clinics will be held at Willingham Surgery on **Wednesdays 21 September and 19 October 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.

Acknowledgements We would like to extend our grateful thanks to the families and friends of Mr and Mrs Sayer for their generous donations to our Surgery Equipment fund in memory of their loved one who passed away recently.

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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NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 30
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	CLOSED
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

Over Players Present

'Who Killed the Director?'

Who Killed the Director is a comedy mystery play set in the quiet village of Finkleton Fold. The Powder Keg Players, led by their dynamic director Ralph Valentine, are rehearsing *A Stab in the Dark* but rehearsals come to an abrupt halt when someone is murdered.

Who holds a grudge bitter enough to engineer a murder?

Unleash your inner Poirot or Marple and join The Over Players for an enjoyable evening and light refreshments at this Murder Mystery evening.

There will be teams of 8 people. Don't worry if you don't have a team of 8, just join up with some fellow sleuths on the night.

**Friday 9 September
7 30 pm at Over Community Centre**

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Services

Please note the new time for our services – 11 am and not 10 30 am

4 September

11 00 am Morning Worship

11 September

11 00 am Communion Service

18 September

11 00 am Harvest Festival – All Age Worship

25 September

11 00 am Communion Service

Please note that from September our All Age service will be on third Sunday of the month and our Morning Worship Service will be on first Sunday of each month. Holy Communion services will remain the same.

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.

11 00 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 we stay together in church for a 'Family Service'. Children are always very welcome. Fidget bags are available for use in the pews. On 5th Sundays we will join with our sister churches in either Over, Longstanton, Swavesey or Lolworth and worship together.

If you know of anyone who is ill or who, for some other reason, would like a visit, please let the Vicar know. There is a new Vicar of the Parish: The Rev Julie Anderson, The Vicarage, Over. Telephone: 01954 231496.

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 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 Heather at mellowsfamily@googlemail.com or 270063. **There will be no Messy Church in September. For details of the next Messy Church see notices outside the church.**

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 Rosemary Woodward (205718) or David Jacques (261353).

Cake Stall – at 10 am on the first Saturday of each month (except January). 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
Silver Street, Willingham CB24 5LF
01954 261108

Services

Services are at 5 pm – Everyone Welcome

4 September

Led by Divisional Commanders Majors Russell and Catherine Wyles and accompanied by Histon Salvation Army Band.

11 September, 3 pm

Harvest Festival led by Lieutenant Theresa Torr

18 September

Led by Territorial Envoy Don Hall

25 September

Led by Territorial Envoy Don Hall

Harvest Festival Weekend

Celebrations commence on **10 September** at 7 pm with a Tramps' Supper including fish and chips – please come dressed accordingly. Bookings taken by Daphne Watts 260568.

Harvest Festival service on **11 September** – service time has changed to **3pm** to allow all children's clubs to participate in the Church parade and the giving of harvest produce.

Weekday Events

BRUNCHIES: Breakfast Club and Coffee Morning – Mondays 10 30 am to noon (except Christmas and Bank Holidays).

Nimble Fingers Craft Club: Mondays 2 – 4 pm. Bring your own crafts and join with others for tea, coffee and a chat.

Luncheon Club: Alternate Thursdays – **8 and 22 September** at 12 30 pm. Price £4. Book with Daphne on 01954 260568

CAMEO Friendship Club: Alternate Thursdays – **8 and 22 September** 1 45 – 3 pm immediately after Luncheon Club.

Date for the Diary

9 October, Willingham Feast – Visit of Bedford Salvation Army Band playing on the green from 2 30 pm – 4 30 pm followed by a Songs of Praise in the Parish Church at 6 30pm.

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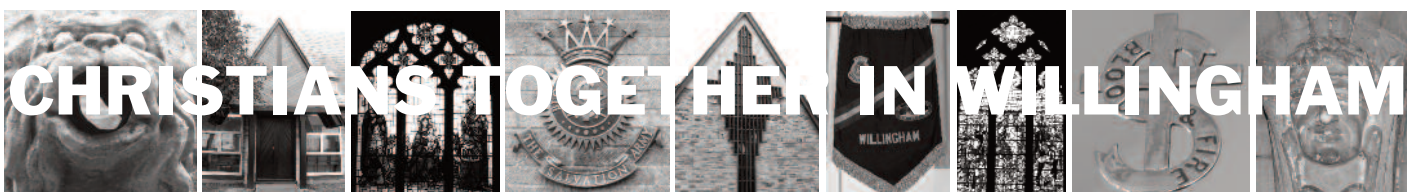
St Ives: Saturdays at 5 pm; Sundays at 8 am and 11 am

Bar Hill Church Centre: Saturdays at 6 pm

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In September

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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN WILLINGHAM



Services

(* = + activities for children)

4 September

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

11 September

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

18 September

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

25 September

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

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. Please contact Hilary Wylie 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 from 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. **Restarts 9 September.**

Men's Breakfast: 17 September – 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.

Cap Course 3 October In Cottenham Village College - please see separate advert on page 19.

PASTORAL LETTER

"But it shall not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many". (Mathew 10: 43-45)

Strange direction

Jesus openly makes the position in Heaven dependent on our will. What we would like to experience in the Kingdom of Heaven is our decision. When somebody asks you what you would like to do, to say, to get, the decision must always come from you. A variety of requests and demands does not change the freedom to choose. So precious then are the temptations and tribulations, because they are always the opportunity to say 'yes' or 'no' out of our free will. When Jesus' disciples James and John asked for the favour of sitting at the right and left side of the Lord in His Kingdom, Jesus replied that it was not His task to give those places to them; those places were designated at the moment of the conception of the chosen person for that position. It is not our business to know who those places belong to. But when the question of the splendor and glory of each of us is at stake, we enjoy the full responsibility given by the providence of God. 'If you wish' says Jesus. 'Who doesn't?' would be the answer of many of us. If that depends on me and you, why we do not challenge that thing; I want it, I desire it, I long for it, I expect it, and so on. Let us look at that attitude more closely.

The servant

The servant is somebody who chooses the master. Preferences are applied, and the person finds the fitting conditions and environment for self-development and building the history of life with a maximum dose of sense. Religious life, marriage and political career follow some rules which are a sort of 'service' towards others under specific conditions. But those conditions are fully accepted and followed. If somebody rebels against them, it means that person is not a servant but a kind of master overruling the procedures applied to the proper style of life. The more you follow the rules – from your own choice and responsibility – the more you are perfecting your being the servant free and happy, because nobody ORDERS you to do anything. It is you who decides what rules you follow and fulfil. ONLY you! Great is the one who understands this.

The slave

The slave is somebody who OBEYS everybody in his or her way, allowing other people to organise a proper life according to their wishes, not mine. It is a very high style of life. Jesus Christ showed that direction, allowing the people of Judea and Jerusalem to reject Him by betrayal and false accusations, to punish Him by scourging at the pillar and to kill Him by crucifixion. He did NOT resist it. He accepted it and even said NO word of defense. And they (we) did with Him whatever they (we) wanted. O, really? Whatever they wanted or rather whatever He PERMITTED them to do! The true freedom is to choose other's actions as the accepted actions towards oneself. It is ME who decides what they want to do to me, not them. My permission is the act of pure freedom and trust that God – who I believe knows all the circumstances and conditions of my life – will never allow something beyond my strength happen to me. His providence has one target – to lead me through the tribulations and dangers of life towards full victory over suffering, pain, tears and death itself as the follower of THE ONE who walked that way to the end (His death) and at the end was truly RISEN. Anyone who follows that way will live. And those little doses of pain, tears and dying will never be too big for a believer.

Who, then, is the greatest?

That is the very important question. Until Jesus Christ comes again, it is not yet revealed who is the greatest. Take your chance. Be a servant – for the beginning, for warming up. And be a slave of your own choice later on until the end. Saint Francis di Assisi, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint Rita and all the others we know may not be as high in splendour and greatness in the Kingdom of Heaven as you might be.

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WILLINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB

Let There B/DC will be playing in the club function room on **Saturday 1 October**, doors open at 8 pm show starts at 9 pm. With their own unique brand of tribute to AC/DC they are sure to escort you to a world of fat girls called Rosie, those dirty deeds done cheap and being shaken all night long! Regularly playing at pubs and clubs in Cambridgeshire they are in great demand. Please help us by buying your tickets early so that the committee are assured of a good turnout. Tickets are £8 from the club 01954 260557 or www.wegotickets.com/event/370014

Custard Comedy is always a full house and is returning to the club on **Friday 7 October** at 8 pm, headlining with Jonny Awsum and featuring Steve Bugela, Jack Campbell

and MC Juliet Meyers. Tickets £10 advanced and members, £12 on the door if still available. www.wegotickets.com/367799

Another **Soul and Motown disco** is being held at the club on **Saturday 15th October**. Hosted by UA roadshow, tickets £5.

For all events being staged you can go to www.wegotickets.com/location/15472

Our website and facebook page is regularly updated so please 'like' us to get a list of all events scheduled at the club and see how the proceeds are spent. We also welcome suggestions of any recommended bands or events you would like to attend – it's your club!



Owzat!

Part two of our short story, started in last month's edition.

It had been worth it! Every second of this pain that he was feeling now, every day away from his cricket bat, was all a price that he was more than willing to pay.

It had been no accident. It had been an opportunity too good to miss, although a long time coming. Arthur Atkins was a bully. There was no other word to describe him. His victims were all younger than him and smaller than him. Arthur Atkins's grandfather and two of his uncles were on the school board of governors. Arthur Atkins was nearing the end of his last year in the school and already had a place in his father's regiment, as an officer.

'People do what I tell them to do', Arthur said. 'They always have and they always will'.

James had been one of Arthur's targets. Arthur had beaten James time and time again, at football, at cricket and, in more ways than one, in the boxing ring. No one in the

school had ever dared to do anything about it. Until this afternoon. James had known that Arthur was standing behind him because just before the game started, Arthur had whispered into James's ear, 'You will be out first ball or else you know what I'll do to you'.

James had taken his guard, and the bowler, plump sweaty Simon Trugshaw from the upper sixth, had bowled a fast ball. James had raised his bat, pulled it backwards with far more force than was necessary, and made contact with the nose of Arthur Atkins, reducing it in an instant, to a bloody pulp. Today was 6 May 1914 and James was about to celebrate his fifteenth birthday. Well he wouldn't be spending it playing cricket, not this year.

He had a strong feeling that Arthur, with all his thuggish ways, wouldn't be having a very pleasant summer. It was such a pity, James thought, that Arthur Atkins wasn't more like his older brother Thomas.

Kathryn Critchley Fowler

Willingham Library

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Opening Hours

Monday	Closed	
Tuesday	10 am – 1 pm	2 – 5 pm
Wednesday	Closed	
Thursday		4 – 7 pm
Friday	10 am – 1 pm	
Saturday	10 am – 1 pm	

Library News

Engage in the Afternoon

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

Next talk: **Wednesday 7 September** – *The Farmland Museum and Denny Abbey* with Ann Wise.

The talks are free but donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

Matty Long's Visit to the Primary School – 18 July

Matty Long, winner of Cambridgeshire Libraries' 2016 'Read it Again!' picture book award for first-time author illustrators, visited our Primary School recently with his winning picture book *Super Happy Magic Forest*. This is a hilarious story about five unlikely heroes – a unicorn, gnome, fairy, faun, and a mushroom, who go on an epic quest to save their home. Matty visited Year 2 classes, talking about his book, and holding a 'draw along with Matty' session where step-by-step, the children drew 'Trevor the Mushroom', and 'Blossom the Unicorn', as well as creating their own fantastical mushroom characters.

Letter to Editors

Dear Editor

We often have complaints about dog fouling but I find the dropping of litter as offensive. I regularly walk down Priest Lane beyond the houses and the rubbish there is disgusting. It looks as if this is the place to empty cars of rubbish. I occasionally collect as much as I can and have filled two black bin bags in about fifty yards only to find it is as bad the next day. When we were young it was impressed on us that we took our litter home and this ethic was passed on to our children and, we hoped, to our grandchildren but in this throw-away world no-one seems to take any responsibility for the place they live in. I have collected all the packaging for a McDonald's meal, including plastic cutlery, which must have been brought quite a distance, drink cans, coffee cups and a couple of dirty nappies which is unpleasant to say the least.

J Hodkinson

Matty is an illustrator based in Cambridge, and has a First Class Degree in Illustration and a Masters degree in Children's Book Illustration. Most of his work is drawn by hand and coloured on a computer, but this will probably change when the felt-tip 3000 is invented. *Super Happy Magic Forest* was released in 2015 by Oxford University Press. His next book *Super Happy Magic Forest: Slug of Doom* will be released on 1 September.

Thanks to a generous donation given by the Parish Council, we were able to invite Matty to hold this event at the Primary School and to promote this summer's reading challenge 'The Big Friendly Read'.

Summer Reading Challenge at Willingham Library!

Congratulations to all children who completed 'The Big Friendly Read' challenge this summer! We hope you enjoyed reading or re-reading Roald Dahl and also that you found some new authors or revisited old ones. Don't forget to come to the Medal Ceremony in the Library at 3 45 pm on **Tuesday 13 September** to be presented with your medal and certificate.

Friends of Willingham Library

After a quiet summer the Friends will be busy in the autumn with two events in October. Like last year, there will be a Book Trail around the village over Feast Weekend, **8 and 9 October**. This one will be more light-hearted and aimed at families and children. Also in October will be the next in our regular series of Poetry and Prose evenings, an event that is becoming increasingly popular, both for reading out the work of other authors and also our own. There will be further details of both events in next month's *Willingham News*.

Sudoku Solution

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

Answers to FOWL quiz: 1. Fyodor Dostoyevsky
2. Charles Dickens 3. Louisa M. Alcott 4. Josephine Tey
5. Barbara Trapido 6. Hilary Mantel 7. D.H. Lawrence
8. Bertolt Brecht 9. Brandon Thomas 10. Sheridan Le Fanu

Young Readers' Corner Answers

True or False: 1. True; 2. False (Ben Nevis in Scotland);
3. True (1431); 4. True; 5. False (in China); 6. True; 7. True;
8. True; 9. False (in Sicily); 10. False (1947 – Bell X-1).

Classifications: 1. Hats; 2. Explorers; 3. Adjectives; 4. Lakes;
5. Rivers; 6. Sports; 7. Numbers; 8. Trades; 9. Officers.
Willingham Street = Short Lane

WILLINGHAM FEAST

A feast of Steve Lockwood, AC/DC and (possibly) Rory McGrath.

The Feast programme is taking on a bit of a showbiz feel with our celebrated harmonica virtuoso Steve Lockwood backed by Ed Graham on keyboard and Dave Lockwood on guitar committing to another two shows (lunchtime and evening) at the Bank on **Sunday 9 October**. There is also the possibility of Rory McGrath joining the panel for the 'Call My Bluff' Wine Quiz at the Social Club on **Saturday 15 October** – well, he hasn't said no yet! The Social Club will be putting on *Let There B/DC*, an AC/DC tribute show, on Saturday 1 October (look them up on YouTube), a Custard Comedy Night on **Friday 7 October** – bound to be a sell-out with edgy MC Juliet Meyers and Jonny Awsum headlining – and a Soul and Motown night with UA Roadshow returning by popular demand on **Saturday 18 October**. Preceding all of that, Jam Night on **26 September** will feature the wonderful Keith Pearson Trio, well known from previous years, as well as the usual amateur and semi-pro musicians having fun on and off the stage – all for just £2 on the door – what's not to like?

All ticket prices can be supplied by the host venues, and for full information, keep an eye on your letterbox for the Feast Programme, kindly sponsored again this year by local accounting practice Uttridge Accounting Ltd. We are equally thankful to Tylers Estate Agents, our other big sponsor to date, for financing our advertising boards. We must also thank Foreman's Garage, Willingham Motors and Berrycroft Stores for their kind donations. Most local

businesses have been contacted and we would urge them to donate, get their name on the programme and kudos from the community. Individuals who don't have time to do stuff for the village can also help with a cash gift – just go to localgiving.org/donation/willinghamactiongroup. A few more fivers would be most welcome.

We are in the process of arranging a Floggit on the Green event in a newly acquired marquee on the afternoon of **Saturday 1 October**, with a couple of valuers and cream teas to tempt you in. And sticking with the theme, the Feast Market (organised by the School Association) on **Saturday 8 October** will also now feature a car boot sale. To reserve your spot, contact Emma at eventswsa@gmail.com. The scouts are cooking the burgers again for some fine dining in the fresh air!

While children are catered for by the Funfair, a Youth Club disco, a treasure hunt and a bush-craft demo, mature souls may be soothed by the art and photography on display and up for sale. And there will be another book trail to test your literary talents. For those looking for a bit of leisurely nostalgia, **Thursday 6 October** sees a reshewing of the OldWillingham slide show courtesy of curator Jon Edney, with panellists of long-established village residents to talk us through the scenes ... followed by a curry! And finally, on the afternoon of **Sunday 9 October** there will be a Salvation Army Band concert on the Green followed by further music during an evening service in Saint Mary and All Saints Church to conclude the festivities.

If you do one thing this year, do one thing at the Feast!

Advent Adventure 2016

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Following the success of this adventure over the last two years, we are planning to run it again with a new theme! We will be announcing the theme in the next *Willingham News*!!

We would particularly like to encourage **new volunteers** to host a window this year.

If you would be interested or would like more information about hosting a window please email Kathryn at wundecided@aol.com by **30 September**.

If you are new to the village or want to remind yourself of the event last year you can view last year's windows here:

http://willinghambaptist.org/?page_id=790





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Willingham Awakened

I am writing on behalf of two people, Chell and Carl; because of the beautiful love they aroused in several Willingham residents, it must be both.

Chell was found camping in the churchyard (very appropriate) with just the bare necessities. She had spent a few horrible nights sleeping in the rain when she was offered a shed; later she was allowed to sleep in the Church porch. Like many, Chell's life had problems, a double mastectomy being one, so she decided to walk and to be free in the beautiful nature of the UK.

Carl has a different story but the same premise; I believe he plays mouth instruments to exist. Very shortly after arriving with Chell in Willingham, he was taken back to Durham after failing to contact his probation officer and had to stay there for two weeks. When the two weeks were up he needed to get back to Chell and his dog in Willingham and this is where his awakening happened.

On release, he walked the first sixty miles, then met a gentleman who became part of the outflow of total love that we all have been given. The unknown man took him in, gave him food, toilet facilities, then took him to the train station and paid for his fare to Cambridge. Carl arrived back in Willingham to meet up with Chell and the dog; during this time Chell never moved too far from the Church.

From the moment Chell was found, Willingham residents discovered that she and Carl had aroused the indescribable love that we are all given to share. Some people gave monies, a credit account was set up in the bakery, food was given for the dog. Chell was invited into homes to have showers and her clothes washed; people gave many things including brand new walking boots and changes of clothes and, most importantly, spent time talking to her.

The day after coming back to Willingham they packed up, said goodbye and thanked people for all their kindnesses. Carl was particularly touched by the gentleman who thanked *him* for allowing people to care. He had never been spoken too like that before and was near to tears when speaking about this.

This incident was profound for everyone affected and involved; a lovely bright light shining on all.

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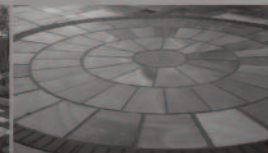
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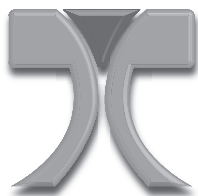
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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat 3 Sept	Cake Stall	Parish Church	Parish Church Porch	10 am, see p12
Sat 3 Sept	Coffee Morning	Mothers' Union	Octagon	10 am, see p12
Sat 3 Sept	Horticultural & Craft Show	Gardening Club	Primary School	1 30 pm, see p10
Sun 4 Sept	Live Jazz Band	Social Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com
Mon 5 Sept	<i>The History of the Harvest Festival</i> with Andrew Sankey	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p10
Wed 7 Sept	<i>The Farmland Museum & Denny Abbey</i> with Ann Wise	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p16
Wed 7 Sept	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p11
Wed 7 Sept	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p8
Thu 8 Sept	Free Taster Session	Over Community Singers & Drummers	Over Baptist Church	See p7
Thu 8 Sept	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Thu 8 Sept	CAMEO Friendship Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	1 45 – 3 pm, see p12
Fri 9 Sept	Kids' Friday Club Restarts	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	6 30 – 7 30 pm, see p13
Fri 9 Sept	<i>Who Killed the Director?</i>	Over Players	Over Community Centre	7 30 pm, see p11
Sat 10 Sept	Outing to Waddesdon Manor & Gardens	Gardening Club	From the Green	8 30 am, see Aug issue
Sat 10 Sept	Tramps' Supper	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	7 pm, see p13
Mon 12 Sept	<i>The History of Medicine 1800 – 1945</i> with Mike Muncaster	WEA	Baptist Church Hall	See p19
Mon 12 Sept	<i>The Samaritans</i> with Frances Watts	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Tue 13 Sept	The Big Friendly Read Challenge Awards Ceremony	Library	Library	3 45 pm, see p16
Thu 15 Sept	Free Taster Session	Over Community Singers & Drummers	Over Methodist Hall	See p7
Fri 16 Sept	Free English Lessons	ESOL	Chesterton Community College	9 30 am, see p19
Sat 17 Sept	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p13
Sat 17 Sept	Charity Lunch	For Willingham Medical Practice	3 Loves Lane	1 pm, see p9
Mon 19 Sept	<i>Wildlife Photography</i> with Colin	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p5
Wed 21 Sept	Hearing Aid Clinic	CAMTAD	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p11
Thu 22 Sept	Luncheon Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	12 30 pm, see p12
Thu 22 Sept	CAMEO Friendship Club	Salvation Army	Salvation Army Hall	1 45 – 3 pm, see p12
Sat 24 Sept	Repair Café	South Cambs District Council	Memorial Hall Fulbourn	2 – 5 pm, see p 8
Mon 26 Sept	The Jam Club Featuring the Keith Pearson Trio	Social Club	Social Club	See p17
Thu 29 Sept	Golf Day	Black Bull Golf Society	St Neots	Neil Aspinall: 200592 or nidgeandjenny@yahoo.co.uk
Fri 30 Sept	Quiz Night	Cricket Club	Social Club	7 15 pm for 7 45 pm start. See Aug issue

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