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NOVEMBER AGM FEEDBACK

We were delighted to welcome several new faces to the AGM this year and even managed to sign up two new committee members.

Huge thanks and best wishes go to our outgoing Chairman, Bruce Moyes as he stands down after seven years at the helm to take a well-earned rest! We welcome Martin Kent as the new Chairman and wish him every success. Also joining the officers is Jane Matthews. Jane has stepped in as assistant Secretary to help out with some of the duties. Jane also took over the running of the 400 Club this year. Your help and support is very much appreciated.

We decided, for the first time, to write to all of our current members and invite them to join us for the AGM. It was mentioned, after the meeting that some people would have liked to attend but were unable to get there. We would have been more than happy to collect people and will be ensuring that information is included in next year's notices.

If there is an event we are holding and you would like to attend but have no transport, please do contact one of the branch members and we would be more than happy to assist. You do not need to be a member to attend the events we organise and we would love to see you – we cover Over, Longstanton and Willingham and would love to see more local people attend...of course, you are very welcome if you would like to become a member, or join our committee. You do not need to be associated with the armed forces at all to join us!

Our current committee members are now as follows:

Chairman	Martin Kent
Secretary	Andrea Rusted
Assistant Secretary	Jane Matthews
Vice Chairman	David Clarke
President	Edward Lachlan
Treasurer	David Parrack

We are hoping to run a trip next year to The National Arboretum – more details will follow for this soon.

Secretary: Andrea Rusted 07522 021787 / 01223 562844 or andrearusted@gmail.com.

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Over Players Pantomime

Cinderella

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Following a successful and fun workshop, rehearsals are now well underway and we look forward to welcoming you to the Over Community Centre in December.

The box office is now open so book early to avoid disappointment.

- Show dates 5 – 9 December
- Over Community Centre CB24 5NW

Visit the website www.overplayers.uk/ or follow our Facebook page @theoverplayers for the latest up to date information.

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For further details or to book a journey please ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 between 9 am and 4 pm Monday – Friday. If you reach the answer phone please leave a clear message including your telephone number and the coordinator will ring you back.

The OWLS coordinators and drivers would like to wish all their customers a very Merry Christmas.

Charity Lunch

The December Charity Lunch supporting the Over Day Centre will be on **9 December** at 1 pm in the Octagon.

The lunch is a bring and share. A donation of £5 is suggested.

All are welcome.

Advent Adventure 2017

24 windows....24 days...

Christmas through the ages!

Lantern Launch and Juke Box Carols

This year on **Friday 1 December** we will meet at 6 30 pm at 41 High Street (opposite The Porterhouse) for the annual Christmas Lights switch on. We will then parade with lanterns to the Baptist Church on George Street, stopping at two advent windows on the way. On arrival at the Baptist Church mulled wine and refreshments will be served, and there will be a chance to choose your favourite carol to sing!!

Christmas Eve at the Baptist Church 10 am–12 noon.

Drop in when you like. Find out all the answers to the quiz questions, help make the final window display, enjoy light refreshments and view photos of all the windows.

You can pick up a list of all the Advent Windows at the launch event and also from: The Post Office, The Library, Boswells Bakers and from willinghambaptist.org.

Willingham Women's Institute

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

Christmas Party

New members are always welcome; please contact Wendy on 01954 202188 if you are interested. Come for a taster – we have some great meetings lined up:

January – *Storytelling* with Marion Leeper

February – *Stage Makeup* with Christine Clarke

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October meeting

Fran Saltmarsh entertained us with a talk about *Corsets, Crinolines and Camisoles*. She took us from Roman Times, explaining how women wrapped their breasts and wore knickers when going to the gymnasium – yes, gymnasium! – through to the current day. As well as providing illustrations to her talk, Fran brought a box which contained some stunning examples of underwear. Many of the items were handmade and the stitching was amazing – tiny stitches, hidden seams, delicate lace – a joy to behold! A most enjoyable evening.

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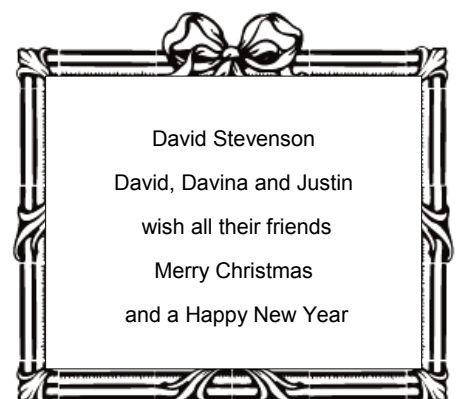
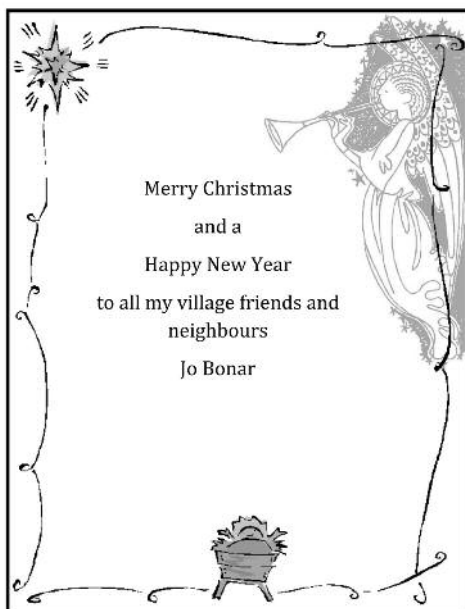
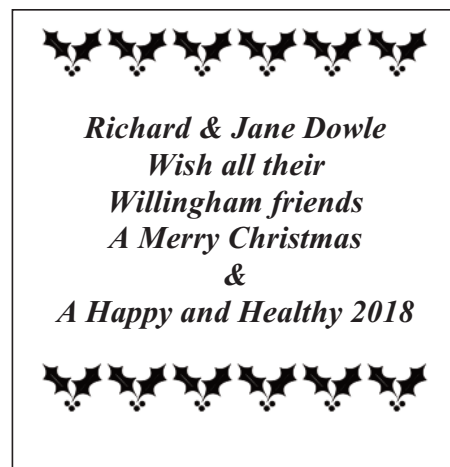
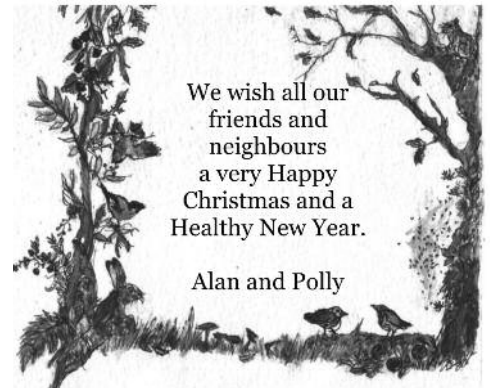
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Christmas Greetings



End of Year Update from Lucy Frazer MP

I wanted to take the opportunity to wish all my constituents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This year has flown by with so much to do and an unexpected election on top! I have been pursuing with vigour the roll out of superfast broadband across the constituency, regularly meeting and speaking with all involved, pressing for more, quicker! I am also pursuing a campaign to get South East Cambridgeshire selected as a testbed for the trialing of the next generation of digital infrastructure through industrial 5G pilots.

As most of you will know by now, education is a passion of mine and I am relentless in my efforts to pursue fairer funding for our schools. I take every opportunity to engage with both schools and the Secretary of State for Education to ensure our requirements are front of mind. I welcome the recent announcement of £3.1 million more for our constituency and I will continue on this mission to pursue funding wherever it is available.

Other projects I am involved with around education include enticing businesses to work hand in hand with schools with specific reference to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM subjects) and building pathways to future careers in local businesses. I am also driving a project to reduce the costs of teacher recruitment through an online government website.

Infrastructure projects occupy a lot of my time, fighting for necessary funding and maintaining a presence where projects are underway to ensure where possible they remain on schedule and on budget.

I was pleased to be present to mark the opening of the Daniels End affordable housing development earlier this year. I enjoy every opportunity I have to meet with constituents from all walks of life, whether welcoming groups and individuals to Westminster, or myself attending a Rotary club meeting, joining a Women's Institute gathering, opening a summer fete, chatting at an open meeting, or meeting constituents in my surgeries – I never pass up the chance to exchange views and hear any issues constituents may have.

This year's Christmas card will once again feature the artwork of one of our talented primary school children and every card will carry the 'EACH' logo raising awareness of less fortunate children in our midst. Our senior school pupils have been busy debating in my fourth annual inter schools debating competition which culminates in a final debate at the House of Commons. I am so grateful for all the support I receive from constituents, young and old, and I look forward to working as hard as I can on your behalf in the coming year.

Lucy Frazer at the opening of Daniels End Housing Development

Old Willingham



The wedding of Ruth Cane to James Sills in about 1932 was remembered in Willingham for years as the nearest thing to a 'society wedding'. Ruth's father, Dr Cane, was the village doctor and they lived in The Limes which lies at the west end of Newington (where this picture was taken). Recently I received a memoir written by Ursula Boston (nee Cane) and written down by her daughter Kate. Ursula is the bridesmaid on the left and is now 93 years old. Of course, Ursula remembers the day and was able to tell us that the bridesmaid on the right was her cousin and that at the back was the sister of the groom. Here is an extract from her memoir: *'Father was the local GP and dispensed his own medicines. Surgery in the house and folk just walked in. People would pay with eggs, fruit, etc. He took in maternity cases when housing unsuitable for confinement'.*

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.

Willingham Gardening Club

Our Christmas Party is on **Monday, 4 December** at 7 30 pm. The cost to members is £5 and for guests, £10. If you were not at the meeting in November to collect and pay for your ticket, please contact Celia on 261394 to reserve your ticket(s). There will be no meeting in January. We meet again on **5 February** when Richard Revels will talk on *Britain's Wonderful Wildlife*.



From the Parish Council

www.willingham-pc.org.uk

Parish Councillors try and help improve our village and in some respects this happens but sadly, it is not the case on all issues. On some we seem to be moving backwards.

Traffic

A subject of regular and entirely reasonable complaint is that there is too much through traffic and far too many HGVs. The Parish Council has lobbied continuously for improvement but the Highways department at our County Council do not listen or perhaps do not wish to hear. As one parishioner pointed out at length last month, after being trapped in Tesco's car park for an hour, not only do they do nothing to help, but they are not even very good at communicating issues. It does sound like a department that could use some new blood. We will keep lobbying our County Councillor, please do the same, the more emails he receives, the more likely we are to see some action, timothy.wotherspoon@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

On the same subject the Parish Council is trying to gather solid data. We installed two Nitrous Oxide test kits at central locations to measure emissions. These are quite simple devices consisting of test tubes that can tell us the NO₂ levels in the atmosphere. They are mounted above eye level on street furniture. Sadly one has been stolen. What conceivable use or value it could have is unclear but if you do see someone looking vacantly at a test tube and wondering what to do next could you let us know please, which brings me to the next subject.

Crime

It is true that we live in a relatively low crime area but that is little comfort to those villagers that are on the receiving end of burglary, theft, criminal damage or anti-social behaviour. Equally worrying is the apparent lack of police interest. They claim that they simply do not have the resources to deal with low level crime. You will find it difficult to get any response on the 101 number and even 999 calls do not automatically trigger a physical response. What we would recommend is that for non emergency problems you use the following link www.cambs.police.uk/report/. The advantage of doing so is that your complaint goes on record and that if there are enough complaints action will be taken.

Meanwhile your Parish Council will continue to press for greater police presence and use the link to ensure any damage to council property is always reported. There is also a nominated police liaison contact, currently Councillor Carlton, who attends

local police meetings and maintains contact with local officers.

Be Winter Ready

We put in a reminder last month that winter weather can be seriously bad for our health and recommended getting expert advice from your pharmacist, making sure you get your flu jab, stocking up your medicine cabinet and keeping warm with more information available at www.nhs.co.uk/staywell. To this we would add advice from the energy suppliers to make sure that appliances are serviced and in safe working order, that you keep a couple of torches within easy reach and that if you do suffer a power cut you dial 105 for further information. Also can we ask that you keep an eye out for any vulnerable neighbours?

Christmas

Finally, to try and end on a more upbeat note, I am delighted to be able to tell you that Councillor Manning has agreed to take on the role of leading Green and Boundaries, ably assisted by Councillor Cook. And even better news, they have obtained a Christmas tree free of charge and will be installing it on the Green very shortly. Councillor Manning has said that he will hold the ladder as Councillor Cook puts up the decorations. Enjoy the tree and enjoy the holiday.

The Parish Council sends very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all parishioners.

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 but must identify themselves before the meeting. To ensure everyone has a fair chance to speak a total of 15 minutes will be allocated to the public forum with a limit of three minutes per person.

The next meeting dates are **6 December** and **10 January 2018**. The meetings are held in the Octagon 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 answerphone service outside office hours.

Contact details are: Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954-261027: E-mail clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Mrs Mandy Powell

Parish Clerk

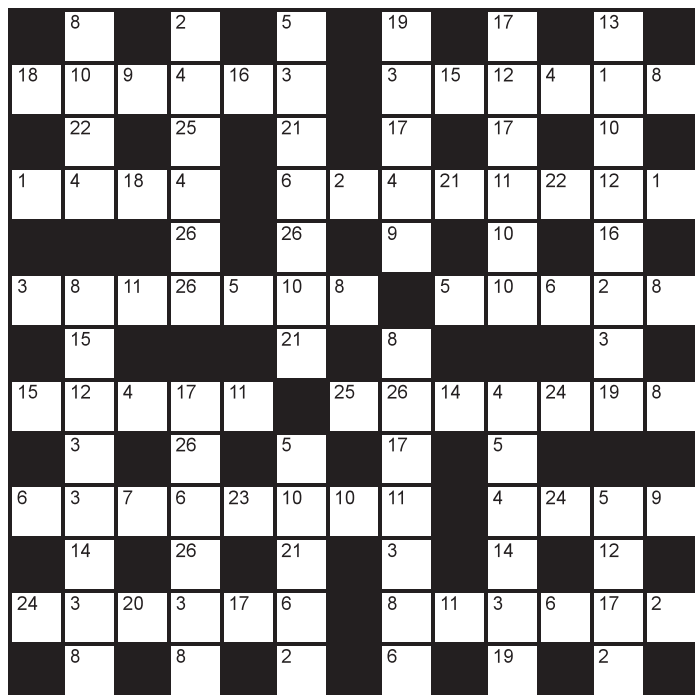
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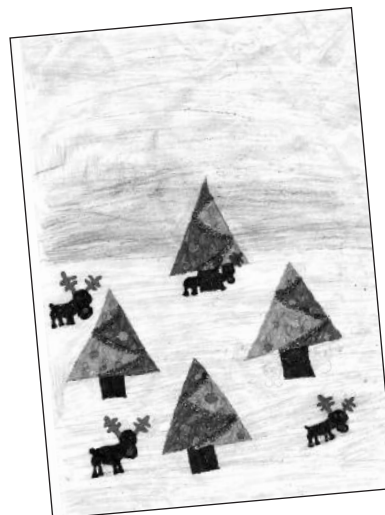
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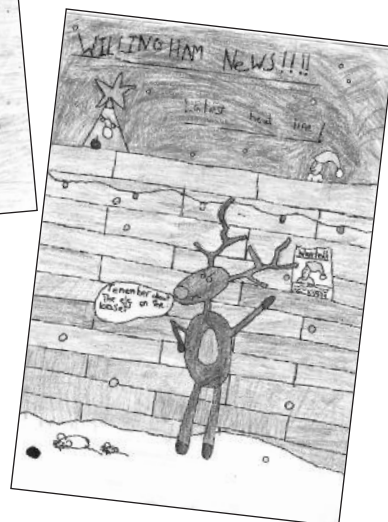


Front Cover Competition

Well done to Theo Thomas, aged 8, who has designed the front cover of this issue of *Willingham News*. Congratulations also to Molly Farell and Lana Coe for their entries.



Lana Coe



Molly Farell

Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

Answers on page 19.

Christmas is coming, hopefully with a new book among the presents. But it's also a time for old favourites – not books we ought to like but ones that have lasted without being 'literature'. Who are the authors?

1. *The 39 Steps*
2. *Casino Royale*
3. *Ballet Shoes*
4. *The Body in the Library*
5. *The Guns of Navarone*
6. *Gone with the Wind*
7. *The Fifteen Streets*
8. *The Man in the High Castle*
9. *The Hound of the Baskervilles*
10. *Rebecca*

Children's Christmas Quiz

Answers on page *

1. In the song 'Twelve days of Christmas', how many pipers are piping?
2. What colours are the berries on the Mistletoe plant?
3. Name the gifts the Three Wise Men gave to Baby Jesus.
4. What guided the Three Wise Men to the birthplace of Jesus?
5. Which country gives a huge Christmas tree to the UK every year which is put up in Trafalgar Square, London?
6. What is the missing word from the following song lyrics, 'Silent night, Holy night, all is?'
7. Lapland is in which country?
8. In the song, 'A Partridge in a Pear Tree', what did my true love give to me on the sixth day of Christmas?
9. Why is 26 December called Boxing Day?
10. How many words can you make out of 'Merry Christmas'?





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Services

3 December

11 00 am Holy Communion
 6 00 pm Joint 5folds Advent Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Over

10 December

10 30 am Joint 5folds Nativity Service at St Mary's Church, Over
 10 30 am Joint 5folds Holy Communion Service at St Andrews Church, Swavesey

17 December

11 00 am Together at 11 – All-Age Service
 4 00 pm Christingle Service

21 December (Thursday)

6 00 pm Carols for Christmas

24 December

11 00 am Holy Communion
 3 00 pm Crib Service
 11 30 pm Midnight Holy Communion

25 December

11 00 am Family Service with Holy Communion

31 December

10 30 am Joint 5folds Service at All Saints, Longstanton

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.

If you know of anyone who is ill or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let the Vicar know. Furthermore, if you'd like to discuss getting married, or having your child christened, we'd love to talk to you!

Vicar's contact details: Rev Julie Anderson, The Vicarage, Over. 01954 231496.

Admin contact details: Gillian Beal 01954 203459 or admin@5folds.org.uk.

Events

First Steps – a fun session for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Arrive at 10 am for tea/juice and toast. Free play and chat, followed by story from the Bible, singing and craft activity. Takes place at the Octagon on Fridays during school term time from 10 – 11 15 am.

Messy Church – *Church ... but not as you know it!* An action packed, informal and fun session for the whole family, with crafts to enjoy, stories to hear and songs to sing, followed by food in the Octagon. Come with your children and enjoy! Next Messy Church is on **Saturday 9 December** at 3 30 pm. For more information, contact Heather at mellowsfamily@googlemail.com or 01954 270063.

time4T – a friendly get-together that is open to everyone on Fridays 2 – 4 pm in the Octagon. Come and chat and meet new friends. £1 includes tea and biscuits. More information available from Rosemary Woodward, 01954 205718. **Please note – Cancelled on 1 December as there is a Wedding in the Church.**

Cake Stall and Coffee Morning – at 10 am on Saturday 2 December. The cake stall is held in the church porch with proceeds going 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. Come and enjoy!



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WEEKLY PROGRAMME – EVERYONE WELCOME

Mondays

10 30 am – 12 pm – The Coffee Club

Meet new friends and enjoy chatting over coffee or tea. For those locally who are lonely, retired or people just needing 'a chat'.

2 00 pm – Nimble Fingers Craft Club

Bring your crafts and join with others, or even come and learn new skills – tea, coffee and good company provided.

Thursdays

12 30 pm – Community Luncheon Club

Prior booking essential – Telephone Daphne on 01954 260568.

2 00 pm – Café Worship – Midweek Christian Worship
 'Church, but not as you know it.'

Informal worship, with opportunity to reflect and discuss. Tea, coffee, and biscuits are usually served.



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Saturday evening: 5 pm

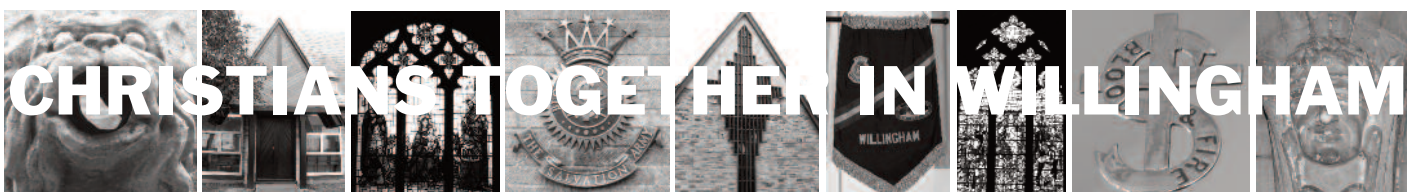
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Services

(* = + activities for children)

3 December

10 30 am The Visible Jesus Foretold – *Contemporary Worship***
6 00 pm God Almighty – *Evening Worship*

10 December

10 30 am The Visible Jesus Announced – *Family Worship***
6 00 pm God our Righteousness – *Evening Worship*

17 December

10 30 am Carol Service
6 00 pm Welcoming and Hearing from Missionaries to
Mozambique

21 December

6 00 pm Joint Carols by Candlelight at the Parish Church

24 December

10 – 12 am Advent Adventure Culmination – Come and go, see all
the windows. Refreshments available.
6 00 pm Christmas Eve Service

25 December

10 30 am Christmas Day Celebration

31 December

10 30 am The Visible Jesus Shared – *Family 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. 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.

WBC Youth Club: Fridays 8 – 9 pm in the church for Years 7, 8 and 9. Time to meet friends, music, X Box, table football, pool, joint games, tuck shop and stage time. WBC aims to help children young people and adults consider their own response to the Christian message. More information from Bev Thomas 01954 789230.

Men's Breakfast: 16 December – 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.

Men's Life Matters Christmas Special – Details to be posted on the church facebook page.

PASTORAL LETTER

SUNDAY – DAY OF REST OR DAY OF FEAST ?

It is commonly known that on the Sabbath/Sunday we should have some rest, a time for the recuperation of our strength. The Jews, in celebrating this day of rest, are driven by the paradox of not even pressing the buttons of the lifts in all public buildings in order to avoid the direct abuse of the Sabbath. What is the main message regarding the Sabbath day for them; it indicates the seventh day dedicated to God's rest after the six days of the creative work of shaping the Universe.

Christianity introduced Sunday with the same connotations; the day of rest in respect for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, early on Sunday morning on the First Easter, after three days laying in the tomb.

At the end of the day both religions are similarly right, we should have some break after a tiring week's work.

For Jews the Sabbath was established after the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea and at the same time the total defeat of the Pharaoh's army. The Israelites, resting at the sea shore during their Exodus from Egypt, suddenly found themselves trapped between open sea and the Pharaoh's army approaching from behind. God, performed through the ministry of Moses, a double event: the opening of the waters of the sea and the complete destruction of the military forces of Egypt at the same time.

From that time on the Israelites celebrate the Sabbath – and in particular the Passover Feast – as the memorial of that event. On the Sabbath celebration, every week, the family makes sure that this event of the Past will never be forgotten and should be commemorated every Saturday for the benefit of the youngest generation.

Christians celebrate the Sunday Services in their churches for the benefit of God Almighty as the Lord of the Universe and Praiseworthy Lord of Host. But they seem to forget that on Sunday God is also promising to perform repeatedly in our lives His miracles. The most promising miracle of Jesus, who being truly dead has victoriously risen to life, is a token of the same event in the lives of those who believe in Jesus' factual death and resurrection! He is alive by means of the Eucharistic Sacrifice which brings to memory the event of Christ's death and resurrection. In present time, and in particular during each and every Eucharist celebration in all Churches united in faith with the Church of Rome and in the Orthodox Church as well, He comes alive in His Body and Blood as the merits and reward of His Bloody Sacrifice on the Cross for the benefit of those who receive Him in the Holy Communion.

Jesus himself performed His miracles on the Sabbath day, many times, having in mind one specific message: this is the Day of Goodness and Wonders for the benefit of all who await His action in their lives

Maybe it is worthy of notice that during Sunday Eucharist, God is laying His table, not only for the banquet, but also He is waiting on us ready to give the most expected graces because of that special day. Are we capable of expressing on that day our longings, dreams, expectations, hopes and worries? Are we aware of the burdens and weights connected with our sufferings, struggles and pains, very often sprinkled with our tears and sweat? That's us – very human, and very needy to see miracles in our lives.

So come to the Mass on Sunday and express what you have in your heart.

Do you think that God will not listen to the true needs of His children?

Let Him know what bothers you and then wait for His actions.

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*Fr Karol Porczak MS
Sacred Heart RC Church, St Ives*

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Our surgeries will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Normal opening hours apply every other day.

Out of Hours Care

Please remember to phone Urgent Care Cambridge on 111 if you require medical attention when the surgery is closed. Please help our Emergency Services and only call 999 for a life threatening condition. Remember that Accident & Emergency is intended for *life threatening* conditions or if you are likely to need an x-ray.

Repeat Prescriptions

Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication. The last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for the Christmas holidays is **Wednesday 20 December**. The last date for collection before the Christmas holidays is **Friday 22 December** by 1 pm at Longstanton Surgery and 6 30 pm at Willingham Pharmacy. The last date for ordering repeat medication before New Year will be **Wednesday 27 December** and collection is no later than **Friday 29 December**. The surgeries will re-open as normal on **Tuesday 2 January**.

Christmas Lucky Squares

In aid of Magpas £1 each are available from reception in Willingham and Longstanton Surgeries. Many prizes including food hampers and other goodies can be won so please buy a ticket or donate a prize. Last year this raised £300 for Magpas and we would love to break this record with your support. Thank you and good luck!

Emergency Appointments

Please help us treat those most in need this Christmas, and only book an emergency appointment for conditions that require immediate treatment. The surgery experiences very high demand through the Winter months due to holiday closures and seasonal illnesses, so please consider those most in need and book a routine appointment where possible. Don't swallow up your NHS – use it wisely this winter. Every time you visit your GP it costs the NHS £45 which is the average cost for GP consultation time, cost of the medication and dispensing fee. You can treat minor winter illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs easily at home with medicines, which you can easily buy at low cost from your local pharmacy.

So be prepared and stock up on winter essentials today:

- pain relief (paracetamol)
- cough and sore throat remedies
- first aid kit
- upset stomach treatment
- rehydration treatment
- heartburn and indigestion treatment

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	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 00
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	2 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

Having these winter essentials at hand will not only save you time and help you to feel better quicker, but help save the NHS much needed resources.

Carers' Support Meetings

Our next meeting is at Willingham Surgery on **Wednesday 6 December** at 2 pm. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. We will put you in touch with other agencies who can advise on benefits, and offer support and relief when you most need it. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics

The next Hearing Aid Clinic at Willingham Surgery is on **Wednesday 20 December** at 2 pm. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

All the Staff at the Surgery would like to wish our patients a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Sharon Unwin
Practice Manager

Willingham Social Club

Wednesday 6 December 8 pm - Annual General Meeting
Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM of the Social Club which will be held in the Function room. Come along to hear how the club is progressing.

Friday 8 December 7 30 pm – Free Karaoke Night

Join us in the function room for a lighthearted evening of amazing singers and others not so amazing! But everyone at our Karaoke nights can be guaranteed to have a really fun filled evening singing your choice of songs with audience participation actively encouraged! We use the Karafun app so why not have a look in advance. Free entry to everyone over 18.

Saturday 23 December 8 pm – ‘Nearly’ Christmas Party

Meeting Point, the disco and party organizers, will be back at the club with a Christmas Disco to get you in the festive spirit. Strictly for the over 30s, Meeting Point was originally a singles club organisation, but over the years has developed into a popular night out for everyone who loves music and dancing. Playing sounds from the 70s to 00s. Smart dress code applies. £6 entry.

Saturday 20 January 8 pm – Bear Club, The Ultimate Live Party Band

Bear Club are a relatively unknown band here in Cambridgeshire. Hailing from Norfolk they are immensely popular in that region. They play a great range of music genres, including Indie, R&B, Hip Hop and Pop. Covers from 80s Club Tropicana days, Blondie and Coldplay.

Tickets £5 from the club or www.wegotickets.com/event/412726, possibly on the door too.

Darts

The club has a newly formed darts team. We could benefit from 2 or 3 more players, so if you fancy getting involved please let us know.

We would love to hear memories of the club back in the day, and especially see photos if you have any.

Finally we would like to thank everyone who has supported our events this year in so many ways, from those of you who display our posters, to the village organisations which hire our hall. We wish all of our members, guests, staff and committee a very Merry Christmas and a healthy happy New Year.

December

Here is the countdown to Christmas:
Present buying, Christmas tree hauling,
what to get for Auntie and granny,
how to keep it all a peaceful time.
Cards to write and in my case a poem
to wish everyone of you a Christmas
beyond and above all expectations.
In other words a very peaceful time.

Christine Lacey

Fen Edge News – Editor required

The *Fen Edge News* is published three times a year and contains information, news and reports from the clubs, groups and societies that are members of the Fen Edge Community Association in the villages of Cottenham, Landbeach, Rampton, Waterbeach and Willingham.

It is a highly rewarding voluntary role and would provide an opportunity for a community minded individual interested in ensuring that everyone in the villages is aware of the activities and events that are happening locally.

The existing editors are more than happy to help and support you through an edition.

If you are interested please contact Neil Gough, Chair Fen Edge Community Association on 07919 990299 or email chair@fenedge.co.uk

The Willingham British School Trust

At its meeting in October the Trustees were delighted to fund applications from nine young people from Willingham about to start their undergraduate degree courses. A report on an exciting guiding trip to Fiji, for which an individual travel grant had been awarded last year, was also discussed with great interest.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be on the **19 January 2018**. Consider applying for funding if:

- you are a young person who has recently started a university or further education course and have encountered unexpected costs associated with your course such as equipment, field trips and reading lists.

- you are the representative of a Willingham community group seeking funds to support an educational project.

Applications are also welcome from the governors and staff of the local schools attended by Willingham's children.

Any initial enquiries about eligibility for funding and applications should be made to the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher (telephone: 01954 261113/e-mail: raycroucher47@gmail.com).

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

Special sessions for adults on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3.30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee/ biscuits and a chance to change books.

Wednesday 6 December – Christmas Social

Tea, coffee and mince pies, good company, winter reminiscing and book suggestions. Why not join us? You will be very welcome in our friendly group. It's fun and free! Donations are welcomed towards refreshments.

There will be no meeting in January.

Volunteering Opportunity

Rachel, our trusty tea lady, who has been helping us at the Engage sessions for at least five years, is going on to pastures new. We will miss her and give her our sincere and grateful thanks for all the many drinks she has made, all the cups and saucers she has washed up and her patented system for remembering who ordered what drink! If you would like to help, please ask for details at the library.

Friends of Willingham Library: Poetry and Prose Evening

We had a wonderfully varied evening on 11 October on the subject of 'animals'. There were old favourites: T S Eliot and William Blake on cats and tigers (of course), Roger McGough on Noah's Ark and rabbits, Roald Dahl on pigs, D H Lawrence on bats, and Robert Burns' 'wee, sleekit, cowran, tim'rous beastie', read in the correct accent. We were also introduced to less well-known authors, including Norman MacCaig on sheep dipping, Alden Nowlan's Bull Moose, and Aileen Fischer with beetles. And for those looking for a good read during the long winter evenings, extracts from *The Bees* by Laline Paull and *H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald promised much pleasure. The event was hosted by Chris Lacey, who read some of her own poems and provided animal related nibbles, and Friends of Willingham Library contributed wine. The next in the series will be held in the Spring so watch this space for details!

Christmas Opening Hours

The library will close at 1 pm on **Saturday 23 December** and reopen on **Tuesday 2 January** at 10 am.

A Merry Christmas to all!

Sherry Jerez – Yes please!

Clive Pawsey, the leader of the Willingham Wine Appreciation Group (aka Willingham Winos), had just one mission on organising a team visit to Jerez, the heart of sherry production in the south of Spain. 'I'd like everyone to open their minds to sherry, so that they buy one bottle in the coming year,' he challenged. Given few of us were keen on sherry – except in trifle, 20 members were willing to take the challenge.

We visited the huge González Byass winery in the heart of Jerez (the home of Tio Pepe and Croft Original). We were expertly taught by tasting eight different sherries – before lunch! Croft Original was our least favourite and apparently only made for the British market. A meal at the small Bodegas Rey Fernando de Castilla paired sherry with every course. Finally, a tour of Bodegas Tradición gave a privileged view of their fabulous art collection as well as tasting sherries with tapas in a wonderful shady courtyard. In between there was ample time for sightseeing both within Jerez and beyond to Cadiz.

Should you want to try at home but are not sure where to start, here is what we learnt. Most sherries are dry. Treat sherry just like wine but, at between 15-18%, respect the alcohol content! We all had different favourites; Manzanilla and Fino are pale dry sherries to drink chilled before a meal with snacks such as salted almonds, cheese, olives, Ibérico ham or with fish or seafood starters; lightly chilled Amontillado sherries are delicious with chicken, Spanish rice and braised vegetable dishes; Oloroso is complex and fabulous served with roasts or stews. For a blast of dark sweetness at the end of a meal, try sherry made with the Pedro Ximénez grape, delicious with blue cheese, chocolatey desserts or ditch the glass and pour directly over vanilla ice cream. Challenge completed!

Willingham Photography Club

We meet every month in The Baptist Tabernacle. We aim to learn more about photography and to enjoy ourselves!

The next meeting will be on

18 December from 8 pm to 10 pm

This meeting is the Great Christmas Quiz, with shared refreshments.

(The programme of events and topics is subject to change; please refer to our website for the most recent details.)

Technical questions and answers will be invited.

Tea and coffee will be served.

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

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



If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Willingham Photography Club 7th Exhibition

Feast Weekend 7 – 8 October

Club members each submitted two photos, one from an assignment during the year and another of their choice. As in previous years, we were very pleased by the number of people who came to see our work and the positive comments they made. Many visitors commented that the photos get better every year.

Francis Pullen and Stephen Salmon had the hardest task of all, being the judges. I would not have liked to have to choose between the photos and they both said how hard it was.

This year two photos were chosen as 'Best in Show':

- *Pier after the Rain* taken at Penarth Pier, Glamorgan by Jonathan Custance.
- *St John's Wall* taken in Cambridge by Steve Harding.

Again, judging the 'Most Improved Photographer' was difficult and again, two photographers were chosen:

- Sara Price for *New York, Lexington and East 50th Street*.
- Anita Salmon, for *In The City, London*

This year, we decided to run a new prize – 'The Public Vote'. Visitors were asked to vote for their favourite photo by secret ballot. And 'The Public Vote' went to . . .

Misty taken at Mar Menor, Spain by Jacque Boyens, who was last year's 'Most Improved Photographer'.



Misty taken by Jacque Boyens

As Chair of Willingham Photography Club, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the members who made it possible to hold this exhibition. Lots of work goes on behind the scenes to run both the club nights and the exhibition weekend.

If our exhibition prompted you to think about your own photography, then why not visit the club as our guest. We meet every third Monday of the month at 8pm in the Baptist Church. You would be very welcome.

Anita Salmon

Chair of Willingham Photography Club

Readers' Letters

Dear Willingham Residents,

Enough is enough!

In the past ten years that I have been living in Willingham I have seen the traffic through the village increase in number and in size. Over the past six months the traffic has been horrendous thundering through the village, rattling windows and causing a temporary eclipse in front rooms. Cars and enormous lorries; the pollution levels must be a concern, the safety of our children crossing the road, not to mention the constant damage to Earith Road where it is more like a roller coaster than a tranquil canal road. The traffic is so heavy at peak times that I cannot get my car out of the drive and my family are quicker walking from the guided bus than asking for a lift!

I have to point out that this is before Northstowe is fully occupied, before the new homes on the Aspinall site are sold and there are many more developments around the village. Ideally we need a bypass. In the meantime I would suggest a weight limit to the size of lorries allowed to drive through the village.

If you feel as strongly as I do please contact the Parish Council, County Council and our MP. Only by expressing your opinion are we likely to get some change.

useful email addresses-

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Thank you,

Steph Thomas

Answer to Codeword

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Answers to Friends of Willingham Library Quiz:

1. John Buchan
2. Ian Fleming
3. Noel Streatfeild
4. Agatha Christie
5. Alastair MacLean
6. Margaret Mitchell
7. Catherine Cookson
8. Philip K Dick
9. Sir A Conan Doyle
10. Daphne du Maurier

Answers to Children's Christmas Quiz

1. Eleven
2. White
3. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
4. The Star of Bethlehem
5. Norway
6. Calm
7. Finland
8. Six geese a laying
9. Boxing Day was traditionally a day off for servants and the day when they received a 'Christmas Box' from the master. The servants would also go home on Boxing Day to give 'Christmas Boxes' to their families.
10. There are over 150 words you can make from Merry Christmas. How many did you get?

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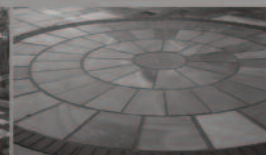
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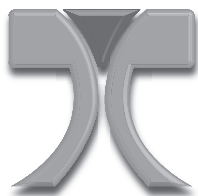
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VILLAGE DIARY

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Fri 1 Dec	Advent Adventure Launch	Baptist Church	Meet at 41 High Street, opposite The Porterhouse	6 30 pm, see p7
Fri 1 Dec	Festive Quiz Night	Cricket Club	Social Club	7 15 pm for 7 45 pm start. See Nov issue
Sat 2 Dec	Cake Stall	Parish Church	Parish Church Porch	10 am, see p12
Sat 2 Dec	Coffee Morning	Mothers' Union	Octagon	10 am, see p12
Sat 2 Dec	Stall	Rosie in Stiches	Bar Hill Community Centre	10 30 am – 2 pm
Sun 3 Dec	Willingham Christmas Jazz Band	Social Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com
Mon 4 Dec	Christmas Party	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p9
Tue/Sat 5/9 Dec	Pantomime – <i>Cinderella</i>	Over Players	Over Community Centre	See p5
Wed 6 Dec	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 pm, see p15
Wed 6 Dec	Christmas Social	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p17
Wed 6 Dec	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p10
Wed 6 Dec	Annual General Meeting	Social Club	Social Club Function Room	8 pm, see p16
Fri 8 Dec	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Fri 8 Dec	Free Karaoke Night	Social Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p16
Sat 9 Dec	Charity Lunch	For Over Day Centre	Octagon	1 pm, see p7
Sat 9 Dec	Messy Church	Christians Together	Parish Church & Octagon	3 30 pm, see p12
Mon 11 Dec	Christmas Party	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Wed 13 Dec	Stall	Rosie in Stiches	Cambourne Marketing Suite	12 – 2 pm
Sat 16 Dec	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p13
Sat 16 Dec	Christmas Peal of Bells	Parish Church	Parish Church	10 am – 1 pm, see p3
Sat 16 Dec	Come and Carol	Swavesey Community Choir	St Andrews Church Swavesey	7 30 pm, see p7
Mon 18 Dec	Great Christmas Quiz	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p17
Wed 20 Dec	Hearing Aid Clinic	CAMTAD	The Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Thu 21 Dec	Carols by Candlelight	Christians Together	Parish Church	6 pm, see p12
Sat 23 Dec	Nearly Christmas Party	Social Club	Social Club	8 pm, see p16
Sun 24 Dec	Advent Adventure – Final Window	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	10 am – 12 noon see p7

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