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## Asparagus Harvest

The Bushel Box Farm Shop in Willingham is enjoying a bumper crop of asparagus grown on the family farm, so it also comes with very low food miles.

Wendy Jones, the owner, comments:

‘We got off to a bit of a slow start with the harvest due to the long winter and cool start to the spring, but the recent prolonged spell of warm weather has given the spears the push they needed. We are now out every day to ensure a constant supply.’

The asparagus season lasts just eight weeks, traditionally running from St George’s Day until the Summer Solstice. However, it is a delicate vegetable so the dates vary from year to year and are very dependent on the weather.

Wendy remembers that 2017 was very different:

‘Last year, we had some lovely weather in early April and we started selling on 6th which was two weeks early. Then a cold snap, with overnight frosts, at the end of April meant the bed stopped cropping and we had to stop selling by the second week of May.’

Growing and harvesting asparagus is a real labour of love for Wendy’s mother, Marion. Once a new bed is planted, it takes a few years to get established and produce a viable crop. Then every day the bed must be cut. This is a time-consuming process with each spear being harvested by hand when it reaches the right height. It is necessary to check and cut daily, as the spears can grow up to 10 centimetres in just one day.

The cutting of the one acre bed takes up to four hours and then each spear is trimmed, sorted and graded by length and thickness, with the stringy pieces being discarded. This process can take a further four to five hours before the asparagus can be weighed, bundled and stored like cut flowers in the cold store.

There are plenty of ways to enjoy this local, seasonal vegetable including steamed, griddled, barbecued, boiled or roasted, along with plenty more adventurous recipes such as: Tempura Tiger Prawns with Soy and Sesame Asparagus; Asparagus, Pancetta and Parmesan Linguine with Chive Cream; Asparagus Mac ‘n’ Cheese with Bacon Crumble or Asparagus Soup.

However you eat yours, you should probably get it quickly as you never know how long it will be available for!

### Poem for June

June is a sweet smelling month  
and flowers, soft blossoms abound  
with the promise of a summer,  
having lunch in a picnic ground.

June is the half-way month  
heralding warmth of a summer sun  
with cricket and ball games  
and children having great fun.

*Christine Lacey*

## Thank you from your (new) District Councillors

A big thank you to all residents of the villages of Over and Willingham who voted for us on 3 May; we have been overwhelmed with kind messages of support and goodwill. There were seven candidates standing for election and we two Liberal Democrats received 47% of the votes cast (Conservatives 26%, Independent 17%, Labour 9%). We have a clear mandate from the people of Over and Willingham and, in winning 30 out of 45 South Cambridgeshire seats and gaining control of the District Council, the Liberal Democrat party has a clear mandate to deliver the policies on which our election campaign was based. At the time of writing we are councillors-elect and do not yet know what posts we will be asked to take and what the Council’s priorities will be, but one thing on which we can give assurance is that we will keep you informed, as best we can, about issues that could affect our villages. For example, if plans for any significant housing developments are submitted, we will alert you to the fact so you can decide how or if you wish to respond. We will regularly attend and report to our Parish Councils and seek to work with them to make positive, progressive changes happen. We will give regular updates on District Council matters in *Over News*, *Willingham News*, Willingham Life website and social media and we will encourage comment and feedback from residents by email, letter or face-to-face (we will arrange clinics for this, details to follow). We cannot promise to enact every wish (however worthy) or solve every problem but we will be honest as to what is achievable, given the constraints of budget and wider priorities. Whatever happens, we will never forget that we are elected to serve and to serve **everyone**.

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*Councillors for Over & Willingham ward, South Cambridgeshire District Council*

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## Willingham Action Group (WAG) Quiz

### Question

Where could you find:

- the bus timetable for service 5
- telephone numbers of local garages
- the September 2015 issue of *Willingham News*
- details of local roadworks
- opening hours of the Post Office
- all about the history of Willingham
- the date of the Fen Gallop
- the website for OWLS Community Cars
- much more than the above?

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# Willingham Craft Beer Festival, 28 June – 1 July Ploughman Hall

## Elderflower Harvesting – Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 2 June

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The new beer will be brewed the day after we finish harvesting the elderflowers because we are aiming for maximum freshness. We are going to tweak the recipe slightly from last year, but it will still be a pale ale around the 4.5% ABV mark. So far, we haven't decided which hops to use, but we want a soft, easy drinking flavour, with some citrusy, lemony zestiness to complement the elderflower.

Timing is everything. Last year, we just managed to hit the end of the flowering season. With the cold spring we have been having, we have our fingers crossed that the elderflower window of opportunity will be open over the first weekend in June. Can you help?

We are setting up a collection point behind The Bank pub between 12 noon and 4 pm on **Saturday and Sunday, 1 and 2 June**; please bring as much elderflower as you can and we will add it to the brew. We will be trimming the flowers from the stems, so it is helpful if the cuttings you bring are easy to handle.

## Festival Plans

At the time of writing we still have some gaps in our schedule, but there is much that has been booked as well. On the food front we have Guerrilla Kitchen bringing Chinese Bao buns on Thursday and Friday, with Kura Kura joining them on Friday to provide Sri Lankan and Southern Indian street food. On Saturday we have Fired Up Pizza bringing their wood-fired pizzeria, and on Sunday afternoon we have a barbecue provided by the Longhorn Farmshop at Cuckoo Hill Farm. Watch our Twitter and Facebook pages for details of more foody delights as they are confirmed.

We have booked some live music. On Saturday evening, we have Queen Bee Blues Band who are a well-known Cambridge Blues band and on Sunday afternoon, we have Willingham resident Luke, from Blackbird Music, playing guitar and singing.

The evening sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be for over-18s but Saturday and Sunday afternoon will both be family-friendly. There will be soft drinks available, wine and bubbly for the non-beer drinkers, along with live music in the marquee.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to help at the festival itself should email: [volunteer@willingham.beer](mailto:volunteer@willingham.beer) or just drop in to The Bank and leave your name at the bar. No experience is necessary as everyone will be trained and supported by experienced people.

See the website: [willingham.beer](http://willingham.beer) or [@WillinghamBeer](https://twitter.com/WillinghamBeer) on Twitter for more information.

## Old Willingham



This is 'The Limes,' which stands at the end of Newington looking down the road towards Rampton. The photo date is unknown but is probably about 100 years ago. Today it is tucked away behind a high hedge but not much altered. The building on the right contained the kitchen and, perhaps in older times, the servants' quarters. 'The Limes' has long been the largest and grandest house in the village and was owned by Ingle Thoday, who also owned the huge fruit nursery almost opposite, on Long Lane. Later, it was the doctor's residence. Reputedly, Dr Cane didn't like the name as he thought it sounded like 'Slime', and he changed it to 'Berrycroft', but it reverted back to the original name later.

See more photos at [www.oldwillingham.com](http://www.oldwillingham.com). If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or [oldwill@oldwillingham.com](mailto:oldwill@oldwillingham.com).




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## Willingham Social Club

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### Glamtastic Live Band – Saturday 9 June, 8 pm

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### Custard Comedy – Friday 29 June, 8 15 pm

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**Pete Teckman** has made the progression from open mic nights and gong shows through to regular paid work, thanks to his ability to produce laughs from any audience. He has a mix of self-deprecating and observational humour, as well as some surreal flights of fancy and a liberal sprinkling of good jokes. 'Very solid, well-constructed gags', Glee Club.

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### Johnny Dee – Friday 20 July, 8 pm

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A list of our full events schedule for the year can be seen in the Library window, for which we thank them.

Finally, the club is proud to be family friendly but is in need of more toys, books, puzzles etc to keep the little ones entertained. If anyone has anything they would like to donate we would be very pleased to receive them during opening hours or email [willinghamsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamsocialclub@gmail.com). Thank you in advance.

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The next meeting will be on

**Monday 18 June from 8 to 10 pm**

The theme of the meeting is *Leading Lines*, with the second half of the evening, after tea and coffee, yet to be decided.

Technical questions and answers will be invited

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

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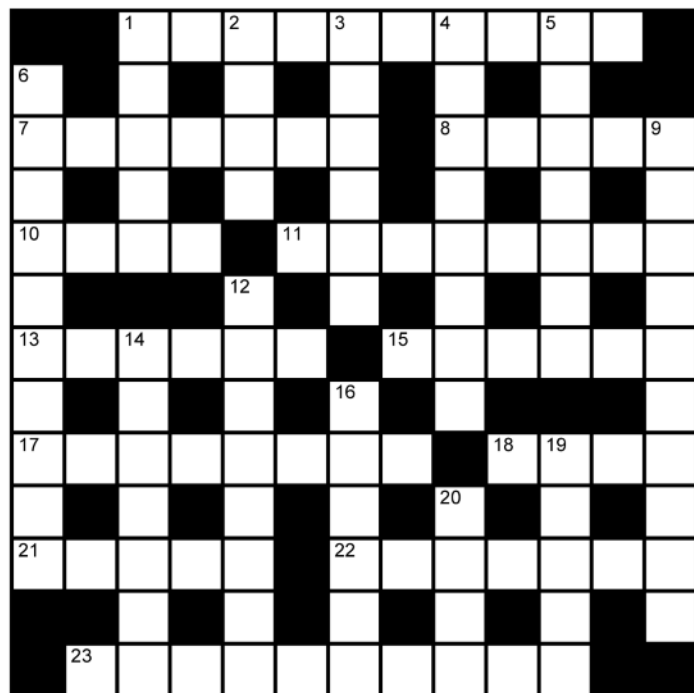
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# General Knowledge Crossword

Answers on page 15



## Across

- 1 Old soap (10)
- 7 Moorish castle in Spain or Portugal (7)
- 8 An order of classical architecture (5)
- 10 Russian ruler (4)
- 11 Person leaving a will (8)
- 13 Heavy dark cloud (6)
- 15 Trade union of the public sector (6)
- 17 French snail (8)
- 18 Over-abundance (4)
- 21 British/Dutch oil company (5)
- 22 Hamlet's friend
- 23 Radio soap (3,7)

## Down

- 1 Night-time drink (5)
- 2 Greek anise-flavoured aperitif (4)
- 3 See 9
- 4 Leaving out (8)
- 5 Means (7)
- 6 London soap (10)
- 9/3 Manchester soap (10,6)
- 12 Member of a small armed group (8)
- 14 Shakespeare's shortest tragedy (7)
- 16 Style of architecture featuring flying buttresses (6)
- 19 British car company founded by Colin Chapman (5)
- 20 French cheese (4)



# Young Readers' Corner

## Young Readers' Quiz for June

Answers on page 15

1. June 1829 saw the first Boat Race. Which teams compete in this?
2. The longest day of the year is in June. What is it called?
3. The writer of *Where the Wild Things Are* was born in June. What is his name?
4. Queen Victoria's coronation was in June 1838. How long was her reign?
5. Who is the actress who has played Dot Cotton in *EastEnders* since 1985?
6. In the bee-keeper's proverb, what is a swarm in June worth?

## Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

Answers on page 15

Can you name the authors of these 'House' books?

1. *A Doll's House*
2. *A Little House on the Prairie*
3. *The House at Poob Corner*
4. *Bleak House*
5. *The Cider House Rules*
6. *The Fall of the House of Usher*
7. *The House at Riverton*
8. *Mr Blandings Builds his Dream House*
9. *The Russia House*
10. *This is our House*

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# From the Parish Council

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The May meeting of the Parish Council was delayed because of the local elections, so had not taken place before the *Willingham News* deadline. Please therefore accept our apologies for the sparse report.

## District Council Elections

There were new arrangements for the District Council this year. The total number of councillors has been reduced to 45 (from 57), and the new ward of Over and Willingham (mostly the same as the old ward of Willingham and Over) now has two councillors instead of three. Also, instead of electing one third of councillors each year (with one year off), all councillors are now elected together.

In a result which was repeated over almost all of South Cambridgeshire, both our District Councillors are now Liberal Democrats – Bill Handley and Dawn Percival. Congratulations to them both and we look forward to their participation in future Parish Council meetings. Our longstanding District Councillor, and previously County Councillor, Ray Manning will no longer be representing the village at District level but remains on the Parish Council. We would like to thank him for his service over many years, particularly in the recent Over border negotiations.

## Parish Council

Parish Council elections are now aligned with District Council elections and will take place on the same day every four years. Willingham Parish Council was already due this year, so there was no change here. The election was uncontested (there are two vacancies, see below) so the council will retain all its existing members, with the exception of Andrew Cook, who is stepping down. Andrew has been a Parish Councillor for many years, including a spell as Chairman, and his contributions, both in practical terms and through his extensive knowledge of local history, will be sorely missed. We thank him sincerely for his efforts, and would like to hope that this is only a temporary absence.

## Second Defibrillator

A second village defibrillator has been installed at the library and on 12 April there was a training session given by Tom Miller, a First Responder in the village. Thanks to the

library for hosting the session, Tom for the training, and all those who attended.

## Traffic Monitoring

Observant users of Earith Road will have seen a temporary interactive traffic sign when entering the village. This was part of a traffic survey, monitoring speeds both with and without the new sign. The data gathered shows that, except for some (extreme) outliers, average traffic speeds did not markedly exceed the speed limit for most of the day and the interactive sign had only a minor impact on reductions in average traffic speeds.



## Council Vacancies

There are currently two vacant seats on the Council. If you are interested, or would like to know more about what is involved, please contact either the Parish Office or any of the councillors for a chat, contact details are below.

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 and 3 minutes maximum per person).

Meetings are on **6 June** and **4 July** and are held in the Octagon, starting 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. Contact details are: Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954 261027: Email [clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk).

*Mrs Mandy Powell*  
Clerk to the Parish Council

## Contact Details:

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

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# Willingham Women's Institute

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

Summer Party Picnic

Healthy Living and Wellbeing Theme

New members are always welcome; contact Wendy on 01954 202188 or email [willinghamwi28@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamwi28@gmail.com) if you are interested and come for a taster.

**Monday 9 July** – Social and Preparation for the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage March.

**Saturday 18 August** – 100th Anniversary of Suffrage March through Willingham with tea and cake on the Green. The Mixed Craft Group meets on the last Thursday of each month in the Octagon, 2 – 4 pm. All welcome, no need to be a WI member.

## WI News

### April Meeting

Unfortunately, our guest speaker was caught up in traffic and never arrived! Fortunately, our President, Jane Miller is ever prepared and produced a quiz about countries in Europe which kept us entertained. It was good for members to have a chance to catch up with each other too!

## 90 YEARS OF THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE IN WILLINGHAM

Willingham WI was founded in 1928 by around 50 members and straight away threw itself into a hectic round of charity fund raising, talks and meetings. It also took an active part in wider village life. For example in 1934, after the Parish Council had turned down electric lighting for the parish, members complained and asked that the streets should be lit by either gas or electricity. During World War II, the WI purchased a stirrup pump for village use in case of fire. Talks covered a wide variety of topics, one in 1943 was on the drying of rabbit skins, presumably for gloves and coats.

Our WI has always enjoyed strong support from its members over the years and the late Joan Smal, who was a member throughout her time in the village, also became a member of the County Federation and organised the planting of the wood near the County headquarters in Girton. She is commemorated in Willingham by a tree, planted by her fellow members, at the Ploughman Hall.

Our modern-day WI is carrying on in a similar vein and provided the village sign in 1989. The range of talks and activities is wide and varied, covering such topics as a visit from the Raptor Centre, when Barn Owls flew around the meeting room (no members or visitors were taken as prey!), talks on the Enigma machine and an escape from Burma. We also enjoy social evenings and parties at Christmas and in the summer. We organise an Annual Quiz Night and have two very successful Darts Teams, a Mixed Craft group and a Lunch Club. In 2003, members produced a local WI

Cook Book. The emphasis is on social enjoyment and helping each other but alongside this, taking part in the national WI campaigns. Perhaps the best way to end is to show how one of our members perceives modern day Willingham WI:

**W** is for Wivelingham meaning the home of the people of Wifel. The village has been in existence for more than a thousand years.

**I** is for an Insight into Willingham WI.

**L** is for the 'Ladies do Lunch' group. Members meet every other month at one of the many pubs and restaurants in the area.

**L** is for Local. We meet every month with good facilities and comfy chairs. The refreshments and social time are valued by all.

**I** is for Information in the form of a newsletter, emailed to each member every month with all the important information about our own WI as well as County and National news. These are also delivered to absent members, to keep them in touch.

**N** is for the New Year which starts with our ever-popular annual fund raising quiz night.

**G** is for the Group Meeting. Every year the group meets with Over, Swavesey, Longstanton and Elsworth WIs, hosted by each in turn, and this is a great opportunity to socialise more widely.

**H** is for the Horticultural Show. We make lunch for the judges and serve drinks and home-made cakes to visitors in the afternoon. We also help at other events in the village.

**A** is for A warm welcome to new members. We currently have 68 members with five new members joining this year.

**M** is for Making things. As well as the monthly Mixed Craft group, there is a weekly art group and we have had a talk on flower arranging by one of our members.

In conclusion, Willingham WI is welcoming, informative, local, helpful and busy. There is another adjective that could be used, 'wonderful', but we can't blow our own trumpet, we are British after all!

*Jacky Sparks*

*Vice President, Willingham WI*



## Cake Break

**Friday 8 June**  
10 am – 12 noon and 6 30 – 8 pm  
at the Baptist Church

Please come along and join us for a cup of tea  
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**3 June**

11 00 am Morning Worship

**10 June**

10 30 am Longstanton

7 30 pm Swavesey

**17 June**

11 00 am *Together at 11* – All-Age Service

**24 June**

11 00 am Holy Communion

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 am *Informal and Child-friendly***

Modern worship with Sunday Clubs for children and young people in the Octagon during term-time. Children are always very welcome. An All-Age Service is held on the third Sunday of the month, where the children remain in the service. On fifth Sundays, we join with our sister churches in either Over, Longstanton or Swavesey and worship together.

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

Admin contact details: Gillian Beal, 01954 203459 or [admin@5folds.org.uk](mailto:admin@5folds.org.uk).

Clergy contact details: Jenny Hill, 07970 949331 or [revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk](mailto:revdjennyhill@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! Messy Church will be on **Saturday 9 June** at 3 30 pm. For more information, contact Heather at [mellowsfamily@](mailto:mellowsfamily@)

[googlemail.com](mailto: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.

**Cake Stall and Coffee Morning** – at 10 am on **Saturday 2 June**. 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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**Thursdays**

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Sunday: 8 and 11 am

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**Charity Lunch**


The June charity lunch, supporting the Over Day Centre, will be held on **16 June** at 1 pm by Steve and Heather Mellows at 28 Church Street.

The lunch is soup, bread and cheese and a donation of £5 is suggested. All welcome.



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## Services

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### 3 June

10 30 am Our New Position – *Contemporary Worship*\*\*

6 00 pm *Evening Worship*

### 10 June

10 30 am Our New Lifestyle – *Family Worship*\*\*

6 00 pm *Evening Worship*

### 17 June

10 30 am Our New Lifestyle – *Altogether Worship*

6 00 pm *Evening Worship*

### 24 June

10 30 am Christian Households – *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 Katy Gilbert for more information – 01954 261922.

**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 Emily Martin for more information 07731 440251.

**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 June** – 7 45 am in the church for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Please contact Pete Sacre for more information – 01954 261655 or peetamin@gmail.com.

## PASTORAL LETTER

Give a pastor a drill and what could possibly go wrong? Well, last week I was inspired to do a little DIY and put up some hooks in our utility room. After measuring up carefully, I went to drill a hole, looking at the wall and rashly deciding there wouldn't be any cables so no need for a cable detector. As I drilled through the wall there was a loud bang and I jumped a mile. What I hadn't considered was that the electricity meter was the other side of the wall and I had severed the main supply cable for the house. Fortunately my heart was still beating... very quickly as it happens! I did however need to sit down for a while afterwards! Until the wonderful electrician came, we had to live without power. No heat, no light, no kettle, no computer, no phone. It's amazing how we struggle without electric power.

God's presence and power in each Christian comes in the form of the Holy Spirit. That is why on the 20 May we celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit 2000 years ago. The arrival of the Holy Spirit was spectacular. In the book of Acts, it describes a sound like a violent wind filling the house, something like tongues of fire over each disciple and all of them starting to speak in different languages, so that everyone could understand them. A remarkable time in the early church that was the start of a vast expansion of the church.

Nowadays, the fact that the Holy Spirit is among us is still amazing. He is God's presence with us and in us. Stop and think about that. As we follow Jesus as our Lord, God comes to reside in us. This is not a weird thing but a comforting presence, a guide rather than a force, gentle yet powerful. Jesus described the Holy Spirit in terms of water. In John 4:15, he says: 'whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

The Holy Spirit sustains us. He brings life in all its abundance and he is an assurance of life beyond the grave. He is the power of God living in each follower of Jesus, transforming us, if we let him, and helping us to live life as it was meant to be lived.

Pentecost is worth celebrating as it recognizes the reality of God in each of our lives rather than just as a historic fact. Without the Holy Spirit, we miss something so important but with the Holy Spirit, we know the presence of God. If this is not your experience I urge you to invite God into your life – come and tell me what happens next!

I pray that you would know the reality of God in your lives.

*Rev Paul Joel,  
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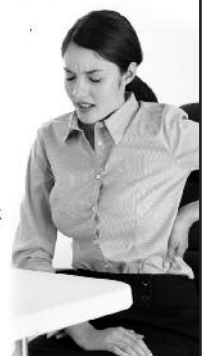


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## Missed Appointments

If you are unable to attend your GP appointment, please call the surgery with as much notice as possible so it can be offered to someone else. This will reduce our waiting times for appointments. In March, there were 51 missed GP appointments in Willingham and 20 in our Longstanton Surgery. The resulting cost of this is approximately £1775, with an average GP appointment costing £25.

## Don't let Hay Fever Spoil your Summer

Did you know you don't need to see your GP for hay fever treatment? Hay fever and seasonal allergy treatments such as tablets, eye drops and nasal sprays are all easily available at low cost from your local pharmacy or supermarket – no prescription from your GP required! Antihistamines are usually the best treatment for hay fever and a packet of 30 tablets can cost as little as £2. You will be saving yourself time and money, freeing up GP appointments for people with more urgent needs and doing your bit to help the NHS save money on unnecessary prescription costs. Top tips to help ease hay fever symptoms:

- Keep house and car windows closed, especially when the pollen count is high (early morning 7 – 9 am and evenings 5 – 7 pm).
- Avoid large grassy areas, woodland, cutting the grass and car fumes.
- Wear wrap-around sunglasses.
- Use petroleum jelly inside your nose to block inhalation of pollen.
- Don't dry washing outside to avoid pollen sticking to your clothes.
- When coming in from outside, wash your hands, face, hair, rinse your eyes and change your clothes.

## Stock up for Summer!

The warmer weather often means that we spend more time getting out and about. Make sure you stock up on some summer self-care essentials including:

- Painkillers, such as paracetamol or ibuprofen.
- Antihistamines for allergies/hay fever.
- Antiseptic cream for bites and stings.
- Sunscreen, at least factor 15.
- Plasters and bandages.
- Diarrhoea and constipation relief medication.
- Travel sickness medication.

## Carers' Support Meetings

Our next meetings are at the Surgery on Wednesdays **6 June** and **4 July** at 2pm. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from others in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery for more information.

### 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
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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

## Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics

The next Hearing Aid Clinics at the Surgery are on Wednesdays **20 June**, **18 July** and **15 August**, 2 – 4 pm. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111 and you will be directed to the best local service.

*Lisa Smith*

*Willingham Surgery*

**Crossword answers:** Across: 1 Crossroads, 7 Alcazar, 8 Ionic, 10 Tsar, 11 Testator, 13 Nimbus, 15 Unison, 17 Escargot, 18 Glut, 21 Shell, 22 Horatio, 23 The Archers. Down: 1 Cocoa, 2 Ouzo, 4 Omitting, 5 Denotes, 6 EastEnders, 9/3 Coronation Street, 12 Guerilla, 14 Macbeth, 16 Gothic, 19 Lotus, 20 Brie.

## Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz Answers

1 Henrik Ibsen, 2 Laura Ingalls Wilder, 3 A A Milne, 4 Charles Dickens, 5 John Irving, 6 Edgar Allan Poe, 7 Kate Morton, 8 Eric Hodgins, 9 John le Carre, 10 Michael Rosen.

## Young Readers June Quiz Answers

1 Oxford and Cambridge. Oxford won the first race, 2 The Summer Solstice, 3 Maurice Sendak, 4 63 years, 7 months and 2 days, 5 June Brown, 6 A Silver Spoon (A swarm in May is worth a load of hay; a swarm in June is worth a silver spoon; but a swarm in July is not worth a fly).

### Willingham Traffic

Dear Editors,

Anyone who lives on High Street, George Street, Station Road or Earith Road will know only too well what a pothole looks like and also how their houses feel when the lorries thunder past their doors day after day. In fact, I find it quite scary walking in the High Street these days or visiting the Community Orchard. It is fraught with danger to ride a bike or motorbike down the High Street, or even avoid the holes while driving a car. Negotiating the road along the river to Earith, which is repeatedly disintegrating, is also dangerous. What can we do?

Some of us, with the blessing of the Parish Council, have organised a lorry survey, with supporting photographs which will take place in the next few weeks. Hopefully, it will give up-to-date proof of lorry traffic for the Parish Council to use when dealing with the County Council. But we need more than that. Exposure to the local media might help: local radio, television and the *Cambridge News*. Maybe we should organise a human chain across the High Street to highlight our plight. In the long run, the only lasting solution will be a bypass. Everyone knows that. It has been discussed ever since we came to Willingham in 1970, and it never happens.

What are the actual criteria required to justify a bypass? What else can we do to help the Parish Council make their case at higher levels?

*Polly Fawcitt*

#### Editor's Note:

Michael Pomphrey, whose letter on this subject appeared in *Willingham News*, May 2018, forwarded us this reply which he received from Tim Wotherspoon, our County Councillor: 'I have always supported the concept of a bypass for Willingham, and at the moment I am more optimistic about one than for many years. We await the report of a study into extending the M11 to the A47 Guyhirn roundabout, which is due in the autumn.'

### Potholes

Dear Editors,

It is the County Council's responsibility to maintain our roads, therefore how can they possibly justify their current policy of the repeated temporary filling of potholes. Of course they have financial constraints, but temporary fixes mean that the longer term cost of road resurfacing will ultimately be very much higher. If the County Council has a long-term policy for road maintenance, can we be told what it is?

*Alan Fawcitt*

### Running for the Alzheimer's Society

Dear Editors,

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me in the recent Greater Manchester Marathon, helping me to raise £1285.48 for the Alzheimer's Society. Special thanks go to my chief fundraiser, Myra, ably assisted by Claire, Sam and Terry. I completed the marathon in 4:52:45. Thank you.

*Jimmy Ryan*

## Fen Edge Archaeology Group

Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG) is a group for people in the Fen Edge villages who have an interest in archaeology and history.

We have seven talks a year about historical or archaeological subjects. These are usually held at Cottenham Village College but sometimes in one of the other villages. So far this year we have had a talk on a Roman site found during building work in Bedford and another about Roman glass, held at the Baptist Church. Last month, we welcomed Mike Parker-Pearson, a renowned expert on Neolithic Archaeology, talking about new discoveries at Stonehenge. We are looking forward to future talks by Stephen Macaulay, a local archaeologist, on a lost Roman settlement at Waterbeach and Andrew Wallace-Hadrill on Herculaneum.

One of our activities is to arrange visits to archaeological sites and digs. These are usually led by experts or the lead archaeologist on the site. We visited Must Farm Bronze Age settlement near Peterborough, where many unique finds were made including the remains of several burnt out round houses and a wheel dating from 1100-800 BCE. We have also spent an interesting afternoon looking at finds and excavations on the route of the A14 project.

Perhaps the most interesting activity for many of our members is taking part in archaeological digs. This involves unearthing ancient sites including Roman and Anglo-Saxon settlements. We were recently invited to take part in a dig with a professional archaeology company at a site in Cottenham. Other activities include field walking - looking for artefacts on the surface of farm fields by invitation of the land owner and carrying out Geophysical Surveying, which involves the use of various electronic instruments to examine what lies under the ground without having to dig. This sometimes leads to carrying out a dig at a later date.

For more information, please see our websites [feagblog.wordpress.com](http://feagblog.wordpress.com) and [www.feag.co.uk](http://www.feag.co.uk) or contact us at [feaginfo@gmail.com](mailto:feaginfo@gmail.com). Details of future talks will be in What's On in *Willingham News* and in the library.

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## 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.

In May, Veronica Bennett spoke about National Trust properties in East Anglia. Veronica has been a volunteer with the Trust for many years and is a very good speaker.

**Wednesday 6 June** – *Experiences as a Lancaster Navigator during World War II.*

George Culling will be sharing his memories and signing copies of his book *Tales of Lancasters and Other Aircraft*. This talk has been extremely popular in other venues so please arrive early as space is limited.

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## Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) News

At the AGM, we looked back at a successful year in promoting the library, with various events including six-monthly Poetry and Prose evenings, a local history exhibition over the Feast weekend, and a new venture 'My Favourite Tune' – which turned out to be very enjoyable and will be followed up with another later in the year. We also ran a short story competition in last month's *Willingham News*. We are conscious, however, that we need to think of ways of attracting a wider variety of residents to our events.

We are writing to the County Council to express our opposition to the recently imposed charge for using library computers (with under 18s, those on benefits or those using gov.uk or Citizen's Advice websites exempt). This is likely to fall on those least able to afford it, at a time when there is increasing pressure to use online services for a wide range of activities, such as cheaper utility bills

## Book Review

*H is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald

This is the story of how Helen deals with grief after the sudden death of her beloved father. Helen has always loved birds of prey and has flown falcons over the years.

She decided to find a goshawk to train and buys one on a Scottish quayside for £800. She is fascinated and taken aback by how reptilian the bird looks. Goshawks can be vicious predators, deadly and fierce-looking. She decides to call her Mabel which makes her seem rather cute and cuddly. Mabel is anything but. She is sulky, stubborn, temperamental and difficult to train and Helen comes to realise exactly what she has done.

Throughout the book you feel much of Helen's sadness from her bereavement and the taking on of this fierce creature is, to her, a kind of a challenge and wanting to get out there and do probably what her father would have done. Helen is often sad but her joy and disbelief when Mabel flies to her and on to the glove is undoubtedly an astounding moment.

Our scores ranged from two to ten and we did think that the book was very well written.

Chris Lacey  
Willingham Reading Group

## Willingham Willow Weavers

When establishing the woodland area of the Community Orchard space was left for a willow patch, located in the top corner, with Earith Road to the left. Two varieties were planted with bought-in cuttings of Brittany Blue and Green Dicks. Establishment has been slow with a few gaps still to fill but hopefully useable weaving material will soon become available. With that in mind, we would like to hear from anyone in the village who has experience of willow weaving, or would be tempted to have a go. Classes are available locally but if there were to be enough interest it might be possible to organise a session in Willingham. Please contact Graham Mumby of WAG Enviro Group at graham@gwmumby.co.uk or 01954 260553.

Graham Mumby, WAG Enviro Group

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## Willingham Gardening Club

The club meets at 7 30 pm in the Social Club on the first Monday of the month except January and August. New members are most welcome. The annual subscription is £20 but for anyone wishing to come to a particular meeting or as a taster, the cost is £2.

Call Celia on 01954 261394 or simply turn up to a meeting. Our next meeting is:

*The Wonderful World of Willow* by Sandra Baker on **Monday 4 June** at 7 30 pm.

The new programme of talks will be available and members' subscriptions are due.

### Excursions

Seats are allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis and non-club members are welcome to join us. The excursion cost is payable on the coach. To book a seat, please contact Celia on 01954 261394.

### Saturday 9 June – Bedford and Wrest Park

Leaving Cottenham at 8 15 am and Willingham at 8 30 am. The morning will be spent in Bedford, then we go on to Wrest Park, Silsoe. The magnificent gardens were started 200 years ago by the De Vere family and are now managed by English Heritage. Café on site. Cost of travel and entry for English Heritage members is £17 (please remember your card) or £26 for non-members.

### Saturday 21 July – Hever Castle, Kent

Leaving Cottenham at 8 15 am and Willingham at 8 30 am. Spanning more than 700 years, the history of Hever Castle is rich and varied. The garden highlights are the Italian Garden, featuring the Pompeian Wall and classical statuary, the rose garden with over 4000 roses, the Tudor Garden, two mazes, a lake and a Japanese Tea House Folly. The annual Jousting Tournament will take place during our visit with the Knights of Royal England putting on a thrilling display of action, stunts, falls and fights in an authentic arena at no extra cost unless you require seating. Catering facilities available. Cost of travel and entry £33.

### Saturday 29 September – Blenheim Palace

Leaving Cottenham at 7 45 am and Willingham at 8 am. Cost of travel and entry £34.

### Wednesday 7 November – Christmas Shopping, Nottingham

Leaving Cottenham at 7 45 am and Willingham at 8 00 am. Cost £20.

### Willingham Horticultural and Craft Show – Saturday 1 September – Advance Notice

Classes for adults and children will be: fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants, flower arranging, home crafts, art, textile crafts, crafts and photography. Schedules available in June.

## Willingham Jam Club

### 30 April

The Jam Club goes from strength to strength and there was a full house again tonight. The informal Jam circle was busy and a large portion of time was spent practising two new songs 'She Used To Be An Angel' and 'Willingham Jam Club' written by Jam Club member, Neil Banks. The plan is for these two songs, alongside other projects, to be included on an album to be recorded at Orchard Studios in Willingham, sometime this summer. (Watch this space for more information.)

Other songs given an airing were 'St James Infirmary' (with a vocal performance by Graham Losh of Royston), the customary 'Bad Moon Rising', and 'Summertime' which was more than ably led vocally and on guitar by Dave Stubbs of Bluntisham.

On the main stage, the first band up were Side Car playing their first gig. The band consists of Scott on drums, Alistair on guitar and vocals, and Andrew on bass guitar, all hailing from the Cottenham/Waterbeach area. Side Car leaned towards the heavy rock genre and their set certainly had the place rockin'. Songs covered were 'Twist and Shout' (The Beatles), 'Last Night' (The Strokes), and 'Figure It Out' (Royal Blood).

In contrast, next on stage was Gary, from St Neots, who gave a slick and skill-laden set showcasing Gary's 'bottleneck' guitaring. His closing number gave a very different take on the classic 'Amazing Grace' and Gary's skills were very much appreciated by the audience.

Dave Stubbs was next on stage, accompanied by Steve Lockwood. Dave sang a Jethro Tull song 'Someday The Sun Won't Shine for You', followed by Van Morrison's 'Moondance' with Dave and Steve being joined by 'The Duke of Northumberland' - Alan Slater. Dave's set enabled him to showcase his high standard of guitaring and vocals and his style blended well with Steve on Harmonica and 'The Duke' on saxophone.

Stone Cold Stumble joined us again and they performed a sensitive, virtuoso performance of Chris Isaak's 'Wicked Game' which was a contrast to their other up-tempo songs.

Finally, the 'Scratch Band' was organised with 10 musicians sharing the stage. The first song was 'Before You Accuse Me' by Eric Clapton, followed by 'Kansas City' which enabled Steve Lockwood to showcase with energy and passion his ability to orchestrate 'on the hoof' with musicians who, for the most part, had not performed together before. What a great finale to a wonderful night of music!

The next Jam Night will be on **Monday 28 May**, 7 30 – 10 30 pm.

The Jam Club will then take a summer recess to soak in our 'Anglian Skies' with a return on **Monday 28 September**.

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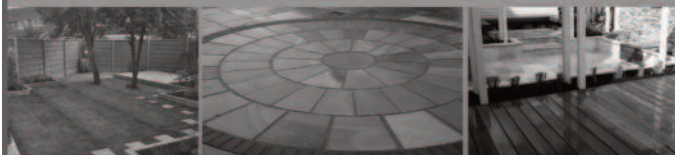
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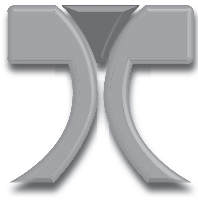
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# WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat/Sun 1/2 June	Collection of Elderflowers	Willingham Craft Beer Festival	Behind the Bank	12 – 4 pm, see p7
Sat 2 June	Cake Stall	Parish Church	Parish Church Porch	10 am, see p12
Sat 2 June	Coffee Morning	Mothers' Union	Octagon	10 am, see p12
Sat 2 June	Mean Eyes Cats Members' Music Night	Social Club	Social Club	8 pm, see p8
Sun 3 June	Jazz Club	Social Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm, willinghamsocialclub.com
Mon 4 June	<i>The Wonderful World of Willow</i> with Sandra Baker	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p19
Wed 6 June	<i>A Lancaster Navigator during World War 2</i> with George Culling	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p17
Wed 6 June	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Wed 6 June	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p10
Fri 8 June	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Fri 8 June	Cake Break for MS	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	10 am – 12 noon 6 30 – 8 pm, see p11
Sat 9 June	Outing to Bedford & Wrest Park	Gardening Club	From the Green	8 30 am, see p19
Sat 9 June	Planning Open Day	South Cambs Planning	Whittlesford Memorial Hall	10 am – 2 pm, see May issue <a href="http://scambs.gov.uk">scambs.gov.uk</a>
Sat 9 June	Messy Church	Christians Together	Parish Church & Octagon	3 30 pm, see p12
Sat 9 June	Glamtastic – Live Band	Social Club	Social Club	8 pm, see p8
Sun/Mon 10/11 June	Golf Weekend	Black Bull Golf Society	Barnham Broom	Nigel Aspinall, 01954 200592 nidgeandjenny@yahoo.co.uk
Mon 11 June	Summer Party Picnic Theme: <i>Healthy Living &amp; Wellbeing</i>	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p11
Sat 16 June	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p13
Sat 16 June	Over Village Market	Over Village Market	The Green, Over	10 am – 12 30 pm
Sat 16 June	Charity Lunch	For Over Day Centre	28 Church Street	1 pm, see p12
Mon 18 June	Theme: <i>Leading Lines</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p8
Wed 20 June	Hearing Clinic	CAMTAD	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Sat 23 June	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Chesterton Festival	1 – 5 pm, see p16
Sun 24 June	Car Boot Sale	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground	9 30 am, see p8
Thu/Sat 28 June/1 July	Willingham Craft Beer Festival	Willingham Craft Beer Festival	Ploughman Hall	See p7
Thu 28 June	Mixed Craft Group	Women's Institute	Octagon	2 - 4 pm, see p11
Fri 29 June	Custard Comedy	Social Club	Social Club	8 15 pm, see p8

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	First Steps/Messy Church	Heather Mellows	01954 270063	
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Katy Gilbert	01954 261922	
	Little Notes Music Group (0-4 years)	Emily Martin	07731 440251	
	KFC Kid's Friday Club Years 1-6 (Baptist Church)	Lorriane Bald	01954 261189	
<b>Halls</b>	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027	
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445	
	The Octagon	Gillian Beal	admin@5folds.org.uk	
	Baptist Bookings and Rentals	Emma Launchbury	01954 263108	
	Salvation Army Hall Bookings		01954 260538 / 01954 252419	
	Willingham Social Club Bookings	Lynne Sadler	01954 260557	
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			email: enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org	
<b>Local Representatives</b>	Allotments	Sue Ayling	01954 260718	
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	Fen Edge Community Association	Eileen Wilson	chair@fenedge.co.uk	
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<b>Clubs</b>	Gardening Club	Mrs C Bailey	01954 260794	
	WBC Youth club (Baptist Church Years 7-9)	Bev Thomas	01954 789230	
	Willingham Social Club	Lynne Sadler	01954 260557	
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	Willingham Jam Club	Julian Eales	01954 201818	
	Willingham Photography Club	Christopher Cross	01954 260790	
	Willingham Walkers	Mike Tidball	01954 260647	
	Willingham Youth Club	Pete Lawrence	enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org	
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	Women's Royal British Legion	Mrs M Few	01954 260124	
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	Badminton	Sarah Custance	01954 202005	
	Bowls Club	Terry Buckley	terry.buckley@virginmedia.com	
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446	
	Cycling Club – www.willinghamwheels.com	Paul Knighton	07787 530394	
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	Tennis Club	John Graham	01954 231968	
	Willingham Diamonds Netball Club	Emma Byrom	01954 202481	
	Willingham Running Club	Gerry Mears	07511 131645	
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	through Parish Council	01954 261027	
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Jamie Smith (Sec)	01954 261141	
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		Baptist Church	Rev Paul Joel	01954 260538
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