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Old Willingham



With all the recent openings and closings of 'Happy House' I thought I'd include this photo of the village Fish and Chip Shop as it was in 1965. This ramshackle building was on the site where 'Happy House' now stands. Older residents of the village will have fond memories of Mr Bester and, later, Tom and Marlene Mumford who 'fried up'. The chaos in front of the shop is digging to install main services: water, drains and sewers, which were put in across the village at that time.

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 100 Years Ago

These reports from the *Cambridge Independent Press* of October 1919 demonstrate that the inhabitants of Willingham certainly knew how to enjoy themselves a hundred years ago.

Outing: 'The Girls' Cricket Team arranged a successful and enjoyable trip to Hunstanton on Wednesday September 28th. Favoured with delightful weather the merry party, numbering over 30 including friends, were conveyed to their destination by motor bus. Everyone being in high spirits, all agreed that it proved a very happy ending to the cricket season for this year.'

Tabernacle: 'On Feast Sunday large congregations attended the services, which were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W F Harris, the large building being crowded in the evening. Mr Harris preached in the morning upon 'The crowd and the cloister', and in the evening upon 'God and bread'. At the evening service Miss Oliver and Mr C Stearn sang the duet 'Watchman, what of the night?' During the evening news arrived of the settlement of the great railway strike*, and at the invitation of the minister the congregation rose and heartily sang the Doxology.'

*This nine-day strike ended in a victory for the NUR.

Anne Kirkman

A Brief History of Willingham 1200 to 1700

Part 6 – The St Christopher Wallpainting

Reign of Richard II 1377–1399

A new Rector arrived in Willingham in 1377, Roger de Weston. Roger appears to have held the living for an incredibly long time until 1447 although there is also mention of a Richard Weston during this period. It is very likely that the wallpainting of St Christopher was commissioned during Roger's 'reign' at Willingham. A tradition had developed in English churches of painting patterns on all the internal walls (and often roofs). They were a medieval form of our wallpaper. Gradually these were replaced by colourful pictures of legends and biblical events as a means of projecting the Christian message by the priest to his largely illiterate congregation. They were the visual aids of their time.

The occasion of a new Rector gave the opportunity for him to limewash over existing paintings and commission new ones more to his taste. Willingham Church has no less than five layers of paintings which have been conserved. One of the best, from the second layer, is that of St Christopher, the patron saint of travellers, painted around 1380 on the nave wall almost opposite the main door. He is standing in shallow water, the Christ child on his shoulder. He has a 'fish fork' staff and several fish around his feet. They have been identified as burbot, perch, roach and eel, all fish that were then commonly found in the surrounding fens. It is one of the finest examples of a wallpainting of St Christopher in England.



Sketch of the St Christopher Wallpainting in the Church

Alan Fawcitt

Next time: National Revolt and Colder Winters

Willingham Photography Club

We meet every month in the Baptist Church to learn more about photography and have fun.

The next meeting will be on **21 October from 8 to 10 pm**

The theme of the meeting will be *Triangles*, as well as the presentations arising from the Club Exhibition on 5/6 October, during the Willingham Feast. 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.



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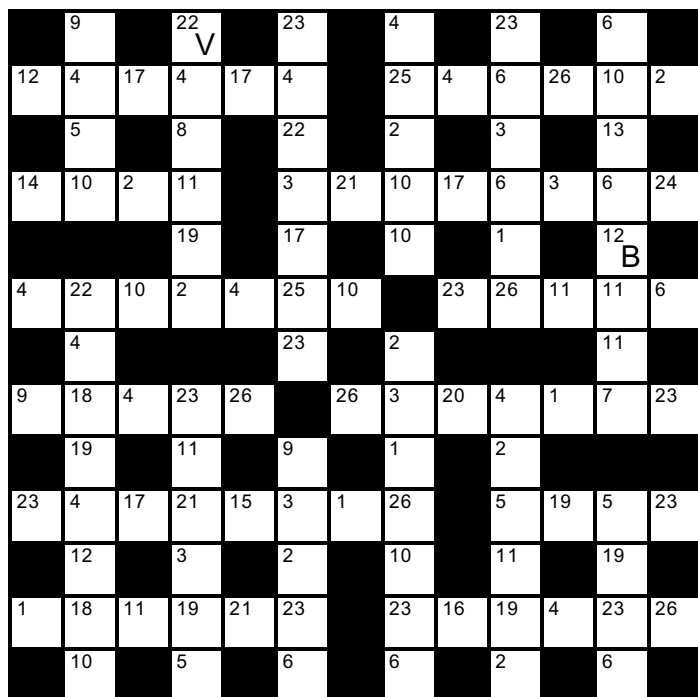
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Codeword by Willow

This is a tough one. So give yourself an extra pat on the back if you crack it.

Answers on page 19



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Book Quiz

Answers on page 19

As Autumn arrives the leaves start to fall off the trees so I thought it would be the right time to find the authors of tree-related books. See if you can find them. I have no excuse for one that is a poem.

1. *The Wind in the Willows*
2. *A Walk in the Woods*
3. *The Magic Faraway Tree*
4. *Chestnut Tree*
5. *Under the Greenwood Tree*
6. *The 13-Storey Tree-House*
7. *The Halloween Tree*
8. *The Fir Tree*
9. *Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening*
10. *The Cat, the Crow and the Banyan Tree*

Christine Lacey



Young Readers' Corner

Spooky Spider Biscuits



For your Halloween party, how about making these simple Oreo cookie spiders for a spooky treat? Take a picture of yourself with your spiders and send it to us at: willinghamnews@gmail.com.

Ingredients

- Pack of Oreo cookies
- Tube of ready-made icing
- Smarties
- Licorice laces

What to Do

- Prise the biscuit apart.
- Squeeze a little icing on to the bottom half.
- For each biscuit cut four lengths of licorice lace long enough to lie across the biscuit and leave a leg sticking out on each side.
- Lay the four laces across the biscuit.
- Squeeze a little icing on the top half of the biscuit and stick it back together.
- Use the Smarties to make the spider's eyes, sticking them on with a little icing.

A Poem for October

Beautiful golden month of October
I hold my breath as you begin
And stare in wonder at your colours
As leaves fall and the trees grow thin.

Magnificent showy month of October
With red and gold all around.
I marvel at your strength and power
As leaves fall gently without a sound.

Christine Lacey

Report on the Willingham Horticulture and Craft Show 2019

Our annual Show, organised by the Gardening Club, relies on the many helpers who give up their time to ensure that we continue to run the event each year. After all the hard work put in by our judges, stewards and helpers, before, during and after the Show, it is gratifying to see that the number of exhibitors was up this year and the Show was well attended by visitors in the afternoon. Without the help from our volunteers and other village organisations the Gardening Club would be unable to maintain the Show.

We are grateful also to the many local businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes or made cash donations to the Show. Raffle prizes or cash donations were given by the following local businesses: Berrycroft Stores; The Book Warren & Café; Bushel Box Farm Shop; The Co-op; English Rose Beauty Salon; Foreman's Garage; Grace's Kitchen; Highgate Butchers; Mac Hair Studio; Meraki Hair and Beauty; Ponders Travel; Rainbow Crafts; The Royal Bengal; The Duke of Wellington/Porterhouse; Vintage Travel; Willflower Florists; Willingham Bee Group; Willingham Motors; Willingham Pharmacy; Willingham Social Club, and personal donations from members of the Gardening Club and others.

This has been an especially challenging year for gardeners with late frosts and the extreme hot spell of

weather in July impacting on the depleted number of entries in the Fruit and Vegetable and Flower and Plants sections. If the effects of climate change are upon us, what should we grow next year to survive and flourish?

However, we saw an increased number of entries in the Homecraft, Textile Craft, Art and Photography sections, which gave our visitors plenty to look at as well as enjoying the Textile Craft Exhibition, Plant and Book Stall, and a cup of tea and a nice piece of cake supplied by the WI in the Old Hall. An enjoyable day was had by all.

As they do each year, our judges and stewards did a difficult job in judging a high standard of entries which had clearly involved a lot of skill and time to produce. We really appreciate their vital input to the success of the Show.

Trophies were presented by Wendy Law representing the editorial team of *Willingham News*. Sue Ayling presented trophies to the members of the Willingham Combined Charities Allotment holders.

Finally, the Gardening Club would like to thank the Headteacher and Site Manager of the Primary School for making the school's facilities available to us.

I hope you agree that the day went well and look forward to next year's Show which will be on **Saturday 5 September 2020**, so put the date in your diary now.

| Class | Trophy | Winner |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Auctioneer's Award | Roger Denson Auctioneer's Cup | Polly Fawcitt |
| Adult Classes | | |
| Most Points in Show | Marriott's Newsagents Shield | Denise Ginsburg |
| Best in Show (Horticulture) | The G & M Lucas Cup | Rodney Scarle |
| Best in Show (Craft) | Willingham Gardening Club Tray | Beth Elkins |
| Best Fruit | The Cornish Challenge Rose Bowl | Denise Ginsburg |
| Best Vegetable | Alec Denson Memorial Trophy | James Beckwith |
| Best Cut Flower | Basil Sewell Trophy | Denise Ginsburg |
| Best Flower Arrangement | Len Denson Trophy | Lynette Mason |
| Best Plant | The Mary Sharp Trophy | Rodney Scarle |
| Best Homecraft | TGL Burgess & Son Homecraft Cup | Sue Ayling |
| Most Points in Homecraft | Bill & Frances Raven Memorial Trophy | Sue Ayling |
| Best Textile Art | The Curtis Trophy | Beth Elkins |
| Best Craft | The Ferguson Trophy | David Few |
| Most Points in Flowers & Plants | A Hayden & Son Cup | Denise Ginsburg |
| Best Photograph | Gardening Club Trophy | Carole Middleton |
| Best Onion(s) or Shallots | Terry Sewell Tankard | Denise Ginsburg |
| Best Art | The Keith Hodgkinson Cup | Maureen Lee |
| Junior Classes | | |
| Junior Artist | Junior Artist Shield | Rosalind Hague |
| Junior Photographer | Junior Photographer Shield | Fynley Thorley-Wraight |
| Best Children's Entry (Up to 12 yrs) | Franz Koj Memorial Shield | Hannah Hatcher |
| Most Points in Show (10 to 12 yrs) | Gerald & Lily Williams Trophy | Hannah Hatcher |
| Most Points in Show (7 to 9 yrs) | Willingham Primary School Trophy | John Lockley |
| Most Points in Show (6 yrs & under) | Franz Koj Trophy | Rosalind Hague |
| Best Junior Entry | Tony Halsey Memorial Trophy | Abigail Oviatt-Ham |

Pictures from the 2019 Show



Photos by David Biggins. See more at willinghamlife.org

A World Premiere in Willingham

Many of us like shredded duck as a starter in Chinese restaurants but duck doesn't figure highly in many Indian restaurants – that's about to change!

At the beginning of September the first public tasting, indeed a world premiere, took place of a dish which will compete world-wide with the familiar Chinese shredded duck, and it happened at the Royal Bengal Restaurant in Willingham, thanks to village resident and chef, Kristian (Kris) Wade, who insisted that the first presentation of this new dish be held here.

The idea behind the dish was explained in detail by Kris, a development chef working with import/export business expansion at Northgate Foods, Suffolk, and he also demonstrated its preparation. Kris has spent five years experimenting with spice blends, methods of preparing duck and wraps just to produce this new mouth-watering, exquisite food. Those residents who were lucky enough to be invited will testify to that! The dish presents a wide-



-ranging yet subtle blend of spices with a lovely, lingering aftertaste. The spice blends and treatment of the duck are all trade secrets as are the wraps, to be called cha-pancakes - a cross between a pancake and a chapatti with Indian spices. There is a choice of tamarind or spicy sauce topped off with a hint of lime.

This is not just a local initiative; present at the tasting were representatives of three major global companies who produce the duck, wraps and spices. Kris will now set off to tour the country as the introductory tastings will take place in Indian restaurants throughout the UK and then further afield. We can hope, in the future, Willingham may be known as the home of the Indian Aromatic Duck

and Cha-Pancake and the Royal Bengal will be renowned as the first restaurant in the world to offer it.

A lot more information about Kris can be found on the Willinghamlife website; see www.willinghamlife.org.

Mike Tidball

From the Parish Council

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B1050

James Broder from County Highways attended the September meeting. When pressed about the appallingly dangerous state of the B1050 Shelford Road he was only able to offer further patching, with a vague reference to a 'permanent solution' at some distant time and no prospect of a lorry ban. The Council reiterated its deep concern.

Dog Walking

As detailed in last month's piece a big topic at recent meetings has been dog walking, arising from the closure of the set aside field. Dogs and their owners had enjoyed use of this space for many years as an easily accessible safe area. The Council enquired about purchasing or leasing part of the land but that was not possible.

Dog owners then lobbied the Council to allow dogs onto the Recreation Ground or part of it. The Ground's users lobbied just as hard not to allow this. Clearly, whichever way the decision went a sizeable number of residents would be upset. The Council decided on the status quo and not to allow dogs on the Recreation Ground on the basis of health and safety and the fact that the village already has a shortage of sports space. A working party set up to look at alternatives is due to report back in October.

Meadow Road

Another hot topic was the Meadow Road site. For readers that do not know the background, this was once a traveller site set up by the County Council that was eventually abandoned. The Parish Council leased it with the objective of creating an open space. The intention is that it will be a woodland area for parishioners to enjoy with or without their dogs. It is open for anyone that wishes to visit but is far from finished and the ground is very uneven. (See also *Readers' Letters* in this month's issue.)

MUGA

Plans are now beginning to take shape. We are looking at an

area next to the Bowls Green of 34 m x 37 m, which can accommodate two tennis courts, a 5-a-side football pitch and a netball court. Catering for different sports on a single surface requires compromise, and sand-dressed artificial grass is the best option. We are drawing up detailed specifications and collecting information to make a pre-planning application to SCDC. As the Recreation Ground is in a high flood risk area the Environment Agency's input is key.

Vacancies

There have been three resignations, including the Chairman. Derek Law has stepped up from Vice Chair and Phil King has returned from the back benches. If you feel you can help fill the vacancies then please do contact the Parish Clerk for more information. The duties need not be very onerous and you will be able to judge at first hand how well your Council performs. The closing date for applications is noon on **30 October**.

Contact Details

Councillors' details can be found on the website but below are details for the Chair/Vice Chair and Lead Councillors. Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Octagon, starting at 7 30 pm. Agendas are published on the website, the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street, and in the library. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details).

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Christmas Countdown

Once again *Willingham News* will have a Greetings page in the December issue. Instead of that last minute scramble to deliver Christmas cards to friends and neighbours in the village, you could let us do it for you and in doing so support a local charity.

For £8 (all of which will go to East Anglia Children's Hospice) you can place your greetings in a small box. Simply let us know what you want to say and we will do the

rest, or personalise your box with your own design, font and words and send it to: willinghamnews@btinternet.com or leave it at the library, addressed to *Willingham News* with your cheque, payable to *Willingham News*. Alternatively these can be posted through 54 High Street.

Your greeting needs to be with us by **8 November**, but you can send it in any time before then.



WILLINGHAM LADIES HOCKEY CLUB

is looking for new members

Willingham Ladies Hockey Club is open to any ladies over the age of 17 who would like to play hockey on a fun basis. We're not in a league and you don't have to commit to coming every week.

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Players meet at Willingham Recreation Ground/Ploughman Hall car park at 9 30 am on Saturdays from September to May.

For further details contact Teresa: phone 01954 260177
Email: teresa.fcga@gmail.com

You don't even have to own a hockey stick as we have a supply.

District Councillors' Report



Many readers will be aware of the excessive number of construction vehicles travelling through our village. We know that some of these vehicles serve the Northstowe development, but some are associated with the A14 upgrade and other private work. SCDC has clear restrictions in place preventing construction vehicles using the B1050 to access Northstowe, and yet some developers (and their contractors) still ignore these conditions.

At the end of August 2019 a meeting was held between SCDC and the six developers operating at Northstowe with the aim of improving the problem of construction vehicles using Willingham as a route to and from Northstowe.

We impressed on the developers how unhappy residents of Willingham are and the likely course of action that will be taken by SCDC if they fail to take steps to prevent their contractors and suppliers from using Willingham. This includes, in extremis, the prosecution of directors of the companies.

The developers agreed to do what they can to improve the situation for local residents and committed to contacting all of their contractors, reminding them of their obligations to the Northstowe transport plan (ie not to use Willingham to get to/leave Northstowe) and insisting that this is made clear to any sub-contractors that they use. CCTV at the entrance to Northstowe (both inward and outwards facing) is being investigated in order to monitor the routes construction vehicles use and to corroborate any complaints of vehicles in breach of the plan. CCTV is also being explored as a method to monitor the individual developer sites for incoming and outgoing traffic. Signage, reminding Northstowe construction vehicles that the B1050 is a prohibited route, will also be installed.

A further meeting is to be held with the developers in early October 2019, when we expect the developers to provide an update on the progress made against the aforementioned actions.

Whilst we are aware that the positive actions of the Northstowe developers will not eliminate all construction vehicles travelling through the village, we should start to see a significant reduction in the number.

Councillor Dawn Percival and Councillor Bill Handley

Willingham Women's Institute

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Next meeting: **Monday 14 October** – *Bridges, Brewers and Barges* with Peter Scott from the Norris Museum at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.

New members are always welcome; please contact Wendy on 01954 202188 or email willinghamwi28@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook.

The Mixed Craft Group meets on the last Wednesday of each month between 10 am and 4 30 pm in the Baptist Church. All welcome, no need to be a WI member.

Summer Outing

We had a fun and interesting trip to 78 Derngate, the Charles Rennie Mackintosh designed house in Northampton. The guided tour revealed beautifully preserved and restored décor and furniture in this unique style which still looks modern today. It is the only house in England designed by Mackintosh but he never visited it in person. The house was owned by W J Bassett-Lowke and all the designs and plans were worked out via post in a steady correspondence between the two men. Unexpectedly, Bassett-Lowke turned out to be a very interesting character in his own right. He owned a company which made miniature trains for model railways in both houses and gardens and was devoted to his home town of Northampton, being active in many of the town's institutions and the founder of Northampton Repertory Theatre. We had a lovely lunch at the house and time for a pleasant wander around Northampton on a fine, sunny day.

Willingham Dance Club

Salsa classes run this Autumn with
Evan Jeposa of Ely Ballroom.

11 and 25 October, 8 and 22 November, 6 December
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Get yourself party ready!

Contact Teresa at willinghamdanceclub@gmail.com



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Services

6 October

11 00 am Morning Worship
6 00 pm Willingham Churches
Together Feast Service

13 October

11 00 am Holy Communion

15 October

7 00 pm Wave of Light – to
commemorate all babies who
sadly died too soon

20 October

11 00 am All Age Service

27 October

11 00 am Holy Communion
3 00 pm All Souls Remembrance
Service – for all who have lost
a loved one

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. Activities for children and young people at the back of the church during term-time.

If you know of anyone who is ill or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let us know. Also 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.

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Simon Gill 01954 230434 or
simon@5folds.org.uk

Beth Cope 07720 330272 or
pioneerminister@northstowe.church

Jenny Hill 07970 949331 or
revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk

Jan Payne 07780 674563 or
jan.payne@northstowe.church

Events

First Steps meets fortnightly in the Octagon. We're for all pre-school age children and their carers. We meet 10 – 11 30 am on every other Friday, starting **11 October**, for tea and toast, play, story, song and craft. It's a great chance to make friends while the little ones play. For the latest info please search 'Willingham First Steps' on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you! NB No First

Steps on **25 October** as it's half-term. The Alpha course runs on alternate weeks, **4 and 18 October**. Email vickypage85@gmail.com for information.

Where Next With Messy Church?

On **12 October**, 3 30 – 5 30 pm in the Baptist Church, we're inviting those who want to help shape 'what next' to come and join us for a hands-on session of planning, praying, experimenting and dreaming together as we build a vision for continuing to grow this area. It would be great if some people could bring cake/snacks to share as we build a team for the next steps in the adventure. NB This replaces the normal Messy Church gathering for October. More details and RSVP to Beth at pioneerminister@northstowe.church.

time4T:

Sadly this has now finished due to falling numbers.

Cake Stall and Coffee Morning:


Saturday 5 October, 10 am – 12 noon in the Church porch – often more than just cakes! Proceeds to the church. A Coffee Morning (run by Mothers' Union) is in the Octagon at the same time. Come and enjoy!

Time for Prayer:

9 – 9 30 am every Thursday morning in the Church. All welcome.



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Services

(* = + activities for children)

6 October

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

13 October

10 30 am Family Worship**
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20 October

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

27 October

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

Events

Nimble Fingers Craft Club:

Mondays 2 – 4 pm. Bring your crafts and join with others, or come and learn new skills. Tea, coffee and good company provided. Contact Daphne, 01954 260568.

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. Contact Katy Gilbert, 01954 261922.

Open Door Coffee Morning:

Wednesdays 10 – 11 30 am. Contact Cynthia Nolan, 01954 202240.

Community Luncheon Club:

Thursdays bi-weekly, **10 and 24 October**, prior booking essential. Contact Daphne, 01954 260568.

Kids' Friday Club:

Fridays at 6 30 – 7 30 pm for children of Primary School, age Year 1 upwards. Action packed hour with craft, games, songs and drama all based around a Bible story. Contact Lorraine Bald, 01954 261189.

WBC Youth Club:

Fridays 8 – 9 pm 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. Contact Bev Thomas, 01954 789230.

Men's Breakfast: 19 October, 7 45 am for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Contact Pete Sacre, 01954 261655 or peetamin@gmail.com.

Messy Church, 12 October: 3.30 – 5.30pm at the Baptist Church – See the Parish Church entry: 'Where Next with Messy Church?' Contact Margaret Edney for more information 07528 193858.

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Bar Hill Church Centre: Saturdays at 6 pm.

PASTORAL LETTER

As I write, we are all wondering what will happen this year regarding Brexit. Will we leave? Will we stay? Will there be a 'deal'? What will be the consequences of the decisions and actions that governments will take? Over the past 100 years or so people have gained more and more freedoms and individuals now have power over their own lives that was unknown in past generations. This is good of course, but having control places more weight on our shoulders to make the best decisions. And when we are faced with the unknown, as we are now, it's easy to worry, especially when we will be affected by things we can't control.

Worry leads to stress and stress affects our relationships with everybody. The Bible talks about worry. In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 6, Jesus says: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life ... Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ... Do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them.'

We are taught from a young age to look out for ourselves and strive for what we want. It's hard to let that pressure go and place your trust in God in all things. But when you do, what peace it brings. Things may go well or things may go poorly but trusting that God knows you and will be with you through good and bad means there is no need to worry about it. Jesus said: 'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

If you would like the reassurance of placing your trust in God, it's easy. Just make a firm decision that things are going to be different now and say a simple prayer to ask Jesus to come into your life. Then seek out like-minded people in the village to help you on your new journey. Leave worry at the door.

Jon Edney, Elder, Baptist Church

Willingham Gardening Club

The Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month, except January, at the Social Club at 7 30 pm.

Next meeting: **Monday 7 October** when our speaker will be Dr Peter Green from the National Trust, with his talk *Life on the Edge*.

He will describe the life and story of the Butcher family who built the cottages on the edge of Wicken Fen in the 18th century. The cottages were acquired by the National Trust and restored to show the life of a typical fenland family. A family day out to Wicken Fen is well worth making, especially for the children. There are many nice walks, cycle rides, and a boat trip on the Wicken Lode, to enjoy, as well as lots of fresh air. At the time of our family visit in early August there were butterflies and dragonflies aplenty.

Excursions

Thursday 21 November – Christmas Shopping to Birmingham. Besides the biggest Christmas Market in the country and the shopping, there are many other attractions to visit.

Cost: £23. Pick-up times: Cottenham – 7 45 am; Willingham (the Green) – 8 am.

Arrangements can be made to pick up in Longstanton if the coach is travelling in that direction.

For bookings please contact Celia on 01954 261394. Please specify your pick-up point and provide a telephone number (preferably a mobile) in the unlikely event of cancellation on the day.

Seats are allocated on a 'first-come, first-served' basis and non-members are welcome to join us. Payment is made on the coach in cash, or by cheque made payable to Willingham Gardening Club.

Readers' Letters

Dear Editors

Please find below a response from the Council to the letter from Mr and Mrs Saint Laurent in last month's *Willingham News*.

Mr and Mrs Saint Laurent make a fair point. The site at Meadow Road is far from perfect but it is land that is open and available if residents want to visit it. Older residents will recall that at one time it was a large traveller site that was not too successful and ended up being trashed. It then lay derelict for many years and the Parish Council became concerned that the County Council might put it up for sale. The Parish Council decided that the best thing was to buy or lease it and turn it into recreational space. The County Council offered the site on a long lease and as this was much simpler for both Councils to implement the Parish Council duly accepted it.

The idea is that eventually it will become a natural recreational space for residents to enjoy whilst encouraging wildlife. Although a huge amount of work has already been

done towards this end the venture is still a work in progress. Conscious of cost, much of the work that has been done involved councillors and other members of our community who gave freely of their time.

Parish Clerk

Parish Council

Dear Editors

The land by Meadow Road is probably too far from the village and too small to be considered a really useful amenity asset for most parishioners.

Perhaps the councillors should look at the site as an opportunity to develop either a wind or solar farm to provide a long-term source of revenue independent of the normal funding streams

Who knows, it could even be a village community project funded and run by the entire village.

Malcolm Oviatt-Ham

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Congratulations to Dr Brown

We are delighted to announce that Dr Brown had a baby girl on 24 August. Dr Brown is currently enjoying becoming a new mum and spending time with her family. We are looking forward to welcoming her back to the surgery from February 2020.

Charity Walk

Jan, our nursing assistant, would like to thank all the patients who kindly sponsored her Marathon Walk for Charity on 20 July. We are delighted to announce she raised £705 for Macmillan Cancer Care. I'm sure you'll agree this is a wonderful achievement and we are all extremely proud of her.

Flu Vaccines

We have now received our flu vaccinations. Please call and book your appointment. The vaccination is recommended (and free!) to all patients over the age of 65, pregnant women and those who have a long-term medical condition regardless of age. If you are unsure please ask. A limited number of Saturday appointments are also available so please book as soon as possible.

Over Day Centre

The 'Over Day Centre Association' is a charity that provides professional care catering to individual needs in an environment that is friendly, engaging and health and safety conscious. Over Day Centre supports individuals in their desire to maintain social interaction and to stay as independent and active as possible with opportunities to make new friends and participate in enjoyable activities. The service provides much needed support and respite for families caring for a loved one. Currently it costs £21 per day to attend including a hot, two-course lunch and all drinks and morning and afternoon snacks. The minibus will collect from home, and has a wheelchair lift (there is no extra charge to use the bus). For further information please contact the 'Over Day Centre Association' on 01954 231807 or email care@overdaycentre.co.uk.

Carers' Support Meetings

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. 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 Clinics at Willingham Surgery are on **16 October, 20 November and 18 December**, 2 – 4 pm. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your

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| Appointments | 8 30 – 11 00 | 4 30 – 7 00 |
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| Wednesday | 8 30 – 1 00 | 2 00 – 6 00 |
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| Thursday | 8 30 – 1 00 | 2 00 – 6 00 |
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free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

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If we are closed, please call 111.

Lisa Smith

Assistant Practice Manager

Over and District Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal – Door to Door Collection

We are appealing for volunteers to join our Poppy Appeal team in Over, Willingham and Longstanton during late October/early November. You don't need to be a Royal British Legion member to help and an hour or two can make the difference in being able to cover as much as we can. Call Jane on 07983 630265.

AGM – 1 October at 7 pm Over Community Centre

If you are interested in joining your local branch or finding out a bit more about what we do to help veterans and their families/carers please come along to the AGM. We would welcome new/returning volunteers, and anyone interested in helping out at our fundraising events.

Contact Jane on 07983 630265 or email overanddistricttbl@yahoo.co.uk.

The Wright Family and their Kenyan Project

We would like to thank everyone who donated to our Kenyan Project. We raised over £2,000. In August we worked for two weeks on three projects in Narok. We helped to plaster a girls' dormitory for a rural school which educates disabled children as well as the able-bodied. We also created a garden for the children to enjoy. The money



Samuel with some of the school children

you donated has enabled these initiatives to be completed.

We then also worked with a girls' refuge which helps those who have been victims of FGM and

forced marriage, and a project which aims to help street boys by giving shelter and educating them with skills so they can earn a living once they become adults. Thank you again for supporting this work; it will make a huge difference to the children in Narok. If you would like to know more about what we did please do contact us.



Kathryn, Alan, Samuel and Ben Wright helps to create a door frame



The Light Party

Thursday

31 October

5 to 7 pm

Craft, games, fun, food!!

This event is aimed at children aged 3 – 11 years old with a range of activities to suit all.

Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Younger siblings are welcome.

Please pre-register for this event by:

- Leaving us a Facebook message (Willingham Baptist)
- Texting Emma 07814 321614
- Emailing Emma at: secretary@willinghambaptist.org

You must bring a completed form with you when you arrive at the event and/or complete one on the door.

Hosted by Willingham Baptist Church on George Street

Note: Bring a torch and wear bright clothes!

(No Halloween costumes, thank you)

Advent Adventure 2019

The Nativity Reimagined

24 windows....24 days...



Lights Switch On and Lantern Parade: This year on **Sunday 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 and some lively music to the Baptist Church on George Street. The first advent window will then be unveiled.

Lanterns and Music: You can make your own lantern or bring your own garden lanterns or torches and we will be giving out glow sticks for everyone to wear. Please bring drums, bells and whistles to make a loud noise on the parade!

Juke Box Carols: 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. We will sing the 'Top 5' carols chosen by you!

You will be able to 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.

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Library News

Engage in the Afternoon

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

In September, Simon from the East Anglian Air Ambulance spoke about the history of the air ambulance and the vital work they do in our region.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 2 October** when John Stanford from Fen Edge Archaeology Group will be doing a talk about archaeology in our local area.

Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

Feast Weekend 5/6 October

As prominently shown on the front cover of last month's *Willingham News*, there will be a display of 'Old Willingham' photographs in the Library for you to guess the location. There will also be a second-hand book sale. We will be

serving tea, coffee etc. to all visitors to the library.

Board Games Afternoon, Wednesday 9 October, 2 – 4 pm

A new venture! The Library seems ideally suited to gentle (or maybe not so gentle!) activities such as playing board games, especially with winter round the corner. From amongst the huge range available, we have decided to focus this first session on Scrabble. Please come along even if that is not your preferred game – we need to gauge interest and get an idea of which games, and also days/times, would be popular. Tea, coffee etc. will be served and there is a charge of £1.

If you are interested but can't come on the day, please email willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com or phone 260780.

Diary date – Wednesday 13 November, 7 30 pm

Start thinking now about a favourite tune ready for our next 'Desert Island Discs' evening.

Donation to FOWL

Friends of Willingham Library have received £3,000 from the organisers of the Willingham Craft Beer Festival, which was held earlier in the summer. We were overwhelmed to receive such a sizeable donation and would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the event such a success. Thanks also go to everyone who attended. We have many ideas as to how we would like to spend the money. To begin with, we will be revamping the children's area to make it more appealing to our younger customers. Adult author visits will follow as will many other brand new initiatives. Watch this space! Without this much-needed money, we would not have been able to undertake any of this work. Thank you all.

Book Review

Rivers of London by Ben Aaronovitch

This book is the first in a series of fantasy/detective novels set in modern London. Its hero, Peter Grant, is a young PC of mixed race, who has just finished his probationary period at the Met. He and fellow probationer, Lesley May, are guarding a murder scene at Covent Garden when he accosts a man lurking in the churchyard there. This man, Nicholas Wallpenny, is perfectly willing to testify as a witness of the murder, but the only drawback is that he is a ghost.

This incident sets Peter on a career in an unofficial department of the Met which deals with the supernatural. His master there is the very elegant DCI Thomas Nightingale who sets out to teach Peter how to perform various magical feats and how to recognise and interpret what he calls 'vestigia' – traces of past experiences which can be found around buildings (and corpses). Peter meets a large number of colourful characters, including the spirits of some of the rivers of London and their mother Mama Thames, a Nigerian nurse who walked into the river to commit suicide as a young woman and walked out again as the goddess of the lower reaches of the river.

The book was surprisingly well received by a group of non-fantasy enthusiasts, though all agreed that too much material made it over-complicated and finally harder to read. The average mark was 6.5.

Anne Kirkman

Willingham Bee Group

We are a small group of hobby beekeepers based in and around Willingham. We volunteer our time to support and promote beekeeping. We also look after the community hives at the Community Orchard, and we meet regularly to inspect the bees and carry out routine maintenance. We were delighted to be asked to place a hive at the allotments, and in August we established a small colony there from a swarm collected this summer.

This year has been a particularly 'swarmy' one. We collected about 10 in total, finding them new homes locally. There were a number of swarms from the Orchard bees this year too, which unfortunately reduced their numbers. We decided not to take honey from them, but to leave it this year to help the bees re-establish.

Individually, we are members of the Cambridgeshire Beekeepers' Association, who supported our group recently by purchasing equipment for members to use in and around Willingham. We are also very grateful for support from WAG and the Willingham Beer Festival.

If you are interested in beekeeping and want to learn more, the CBKA runs excellent beginners' courses each year. You can find out more here:

www.cbka.org.uk/services-to-the-public/starting-beekeeping.

For more information about the Willingham group, please get in touch with Steve at stephen.smith7080@ntlworld.com.

You can buy local honey directly from the beekeepers, or from the farm shops in the village.

Corrin Hoyes

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What's on in October?

Friday 11 October, Custard Comedy, 7 45 pm

Tickets are now on sale from the club for £10 or at www.wegotickets.com/event/471597 plus booking fee. It's a double headline, 'Britain's Got Talent' special this October at the club! Our latest night features 'Britain's Got Talent' stars Nick Page and Mandy Muden. 'Nick Page is the very best storyteller on the circuit,' Rhod Gilbert. Nick was English Comedian of the Year 2017 and Britain's Got Talent Semi Finalist 2018. Mandy Muden is a stand-up comedian and sit-down magician. Described as like 'Alison Steadman playing a beauty consultant doing Tommy Cooper-style magic – but without the fez.' She was a Semi Finalist on Britain's Got Talent in 2018. Hannah Silvester's set combines frank and honest stand-up comedy with a warm delivery and the occasional comedy song thrown into the mix. Viciously, hilariously blunt. Our MC is Lou Conran. She has supported, amongst others, Sarah Millican, and Joe Lycett on tour and was a finalist in English Comedian of the Year in 2017. Everyone over 18 welcome.

Friday 18 October, Graham Buxton, 8 pm

Graham Buxton is back for another free members' night. Graham is a versatile, professional musician and singer with a huge repertoire of songs. He's a great guy with a bit of chat! He has a loyal following but this event is a more intimate gig being held in the members' bar. Guests £2. Special drinks deals and games on the night too!

Saturday 26 October, Scooted n Booted, 8 pm



Tickets on sale in advance £5 or £8 on the door if still available. Advance tickets from the club or www.wegotickets.com/event/466470.

'Scooted n Booted' are a Ska covers band playing songs from artists such as Madness, The Specials, Bad Manners, UB40, Desmond Decker, The Selecter and many more. Everyone over 18 welcome.

Tickets from the club or on the night. Any donations of raffle prizes would be much appreciated. For more information contact Kim on 01954 202862.

Waste Incinerator Planned for Fen Edge

Cambridgeshire County Council is being forced to defend its objection to a giant waste incinerator. The application for an incinerator was rejected in 2018 by Cambridgeshire County Council but the developers are appealing so we need your support again before bonfire night.

- The incinerator will be at Waterbeach, opposite the proposed new town and schools on the A10, next door to ancient Denny Abbey, and only two to three miles away from schools in Cottenham. The huge furnaces will burn 24/7 for 35+ years.
- The chimney will tower to 80 metres – taller than Ely Cathedral which is 66 metres high.
- Particle emissions, dioxins and heavy metals from incinerators are believed to affect health.
- Incineration reduces recycling rates and contributes to climate change.
- To make it profitable, waste deliveries will come in from 10 counties as well as from Cambridgeshire, making our area a dumping ground. The A10 is already at capacity.
- This is not the right place for an incinerator, being so close to housing and schools.
- It is not the solution that scientists recommend for managing waste, in an age of increased recycling, reducing plastic, creating energy from waste and protecting the climate.

We need your help so that we can make our objections as forcefully as possible. The appeal is to be held on **5 November**. We urgently need to raise more money to fund our representation at the Public Inquiry, so that our powerful reasons for rejection can be given full weight. To find out more, or to donate or sign our important new 2019 appeal petition please visit www.cbwin.co.uk.

Paper petitions are also available in cafes, shops and community buildings across the Fen Edge villages including Cottenham, Histon, Waterbeach and Willingham.

Cambridge Without Incineration – www.cbwin.co.uk

Answers to FOWL Book Quiz

1. Kenneth Grahame; 2. Bill Bryson; 3. Enid Blyton;
4. Maeve Binchy; 5. Thomas Hardy; 6. Andy Griffith;
7. Ray Bradbury; 8. Hans Christian Andersen;
9. Robert Frost; 10. Penelope Lively.

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| DATE | EVENT | ORGANISATION | VENUE | EXTRA INFO |
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| Tue 1 Oct | Over & District Royal British Legion AGM | Over & District Royal British Legion | Over Community Centre | 7 pm, see p15 |
| Wed 2 Oct | Carers' Support Meeting | Surgery | Surgery | 2 – 4 pm, see p15 |
| Wed 2 Oct | <i>Archaeology in our Local Area</i> with John Stanford | Engage in the Afternoon | Library | 2 – 3 30 pm, see p17 |
| Wed 2 Oct | Parish Council Meeting | Parish Council | Octagon | 7 30 pm, see p10 |
| Thu/Sat 3/5 Oct | Thurston's Funfair | The Feast | The Green | Late afternoon/ early evening See Sept's cover |
| Sat 5 Oct | Cake Stall & Coffee Morning | Parish Church & Mothers' Union | Parish Church Porch & Octagon | 10 am – 12 noon, see p12 |
| Sat 5 Oct | Stall | Friends of the Rosie | Bar Hill Community Market | 10 30 am – 2 pm |
| Sat/Sun 5/6 Oct | Photography Club Exhibition | The Feast | Public Hall | Sat: 12 noon – 5pm, Sun: 10 30 am – 4 30 pm See Sept's cover |
| Sat/Sun 5/6 Oct | Octagon Art Group Exhibition | The Feast | Library | Sat: 2 30 – 5 pm, Sun: 11 am – 4 pm See Sept's cover |
| Sat/Sun 5/6 Oct | Library Quiz & Book Sale | The Feast | Library | Sat: 2 30 – 5 pm, Sun: 11 am – 4 pm See Sept's cover |
| Sat 5 Oct | Pamper Evening | Willingham School Association | Primary School | 7 – 10 pm |
| Sat 5 Oct | Wine Tasting Quiz | The Feast | Social Club | 7 30 – 11 30 pm See Sept's cover |
| Sun 6 Oct | Charity Walk | Cambridge Pinks | From Milton Country Park | Email avrilwilliams04@gmail.com for details |
| Sun 6 Oct | Joint Church Service | The Feast | Parish Church | 6 pm, see Sept's cover |
| Sun 6 Oct | Jazz Club | Social Club | Social Club | 12 30 – 3 30 pm, willinghamsocialclub.com |
| Mon 7 Oct | <i>Life on the Edge</i> with Peter Green | Gardening Club | Social Club | 7 30 pm, see p13 |
| Wed 9 Oct | Board Games Afternoon: Scrabble | Library | Library | 2 – 4 pm, see p17 |
| Thu 10 Oct | Golf Day | Black Bull Golf Society | Bar Hill | Nigel Aspinall 01954 200592 nidgeandjenny@yahoo.co.uk |
| Thu 10 Oct | Community Luncheon Club | Baptist Church | Baptist Church | See p12 |
| Fri 11 Oct | Salsa with Evan Jeposa | Dance Club | Ploughman Hall | 7 – 8 15 pm, see p11 |
| Fri 11 Oct | Custard Comedy Night | The Feast | Social Club | 7 45 pm, see p19 |
| Sat 12 Oct | Where Next with Messy Church? | Churches Together | Baptist Church | 3 30 – 5 30 pm, see p12 |
| Sat 12 Oct | Family Halloween Disco | The Feast | Ploughman Hall | 5 30 – 9 pm, see Sept's cover |
| Sat 12 Oct | Stargazing | RSPB | Fen Drayton Lakes | 8 30 – 9 30 pm, booking required, email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk |
| Mon 14 Oct | <i>Bridges, Brewers & Barges</i> with Peter Scott | Women's Institute | Social Club | 7 30 pm, see p11 |
| Wed 16 Oct | Hearing Aid Clinic | CAMTAD | Surgery | 2 – 4 pm, see p15 |
| Fri 18 Oct | Graham Buxton – Live Singer | Social Club | Social Club | 8 pm, see p19 |
| Sat 19 Oct | Breakfast & Topical Talk | Men's Breakfast | Baptist Church | 7 45 am, see p12 |
| Mon 21 Oct | Theme: <i>Triangles</i> | Photography Club | Baptist Church | 8 – 10 pm, see p5 |
| Thu 24 Oct | Community Luncheon Club | Baptist Church | Baptist Church | See p12 |
| Fri 25 Oct | Salsa with Evan Jeposa | Dance Club | Ploughman Hall | 7 – 8 15 pm, see p11 |
| Sat 26 Oct | Scooted n Booted – Live Ska Band | Social Club | Social Club | 8 pm, see p19 |
| Mon 28 Oct | Impromptu Music with the Jam Club | Social Club | Social Club | 7 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com |
| Wed 30 Oct | Mixed Craft Group | Women's Institute | Baptist Church | 10 am - 4 30 pm, see p11 |
| Thu 31 Oct | The Light Party | Baptist Church | Baptist Church | 5 – 7 pm, see p16 |

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