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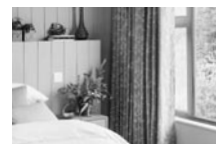
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Edwin Montagu 1919



Election Fever 1910

Towards the end of the 1800s, Willingham's MP (Constituency of Chesterton) was Conservative. But in 1906 Edwin Montagu won for the Liberal party (Labour was in its infancy). This month's picture shows 5 Church Lane bedecked with posters and placards for the Liberal candidate. Montagu rose to high levels in the government and probably didn't take much interest in Willingham! He became Secretary of State for India and was a member of the Cabinet. Famously, he fell in love with a young woman, Venetia Stanley, but unfortunately so did Prime Minister Henry Herbert Asquith! This led to a difficult situation but in the end he won through and married Venetia in 1915. He died in 1924.

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com and, if you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or oldwill@oldwillingham.com.

Cricket Club Christmas Quiz

We had another great evening with 17 teams competing. *The Chocolate Teapots* came first with 123 points and also won the picture round. Second were *How Big Are Your Baubles?* with 105 points (they also won the prize for the most Christmassy sounding team name!) and in third place were *Seemed Like a Good Idea*.

Next year there will be a new round of quizzes. Thanks to everyone who works hard to make these evenings such a success.

Willingham 100 Years Ago

The information in this month's article was sent to me by Jeremy Benstead, well known son of Willingham, who has kindly given me permission to make use of it here. Jeremy's grandfather was Percy Noyes, mentioned in December's piece as having been run over by a cart, but said to be progressing well.

Percy, who was only 16 at the time of the accident, did indeed progress well and went on to lead a full and active life in the village. Although the effects of the accident prevented him from seeing active service in World War II, he joined Willingham Home Guard which he told Jeremy was a poor second to Dad's Army in terms of efficiency. At that time, he was a member of one of the gangs who cycled from Willingham daily to lay the concrete for the runways at RAF Oakington and RAF Wyton. They also concreted the fen droves leading out of the village and, at the completion of West Fen Road, they all wrote their names in the concrete before leaving.

Percy had the ability to follow underground water courses by divining, and this gift led to him digging a number of wells in and around the village. In 1948 he recorded in his diary that he had dug a well in Stanton Haven which was 30-odd courses of bricks deep. He remained active to the end and was working on his daughter's smallholding in Mill Road until the day before he died in 1978.

Anne Kirkman



Ginuary Evening

Friday 31 January, 7 45 pm

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A Poem for January

Welcome to a new year
the old one safely gone.
Look forward, smiling,
to all that it may bring.
Say hello to January
and embrace it everyone.
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Christine Lacey



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Neighbourhood Watch

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Rogue Traders / Bogus Callers

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- **Lock, Stop, Chain, Check** is useful to remember when someone calls at the door but keep the chain off for the rest of the time, in case the emergency services need to gain access.
- Always check ID, as a genuine caller won't mind waiting. Fraudsters sometimes impersonate officials such as police officers, so don't hesitate to ask for the name of the force and staff number and check this by phoning 101, the non-emergency police number.
- Utility companies operate Priority Service Registers for their vulnerable customers, see www.ofgem.gov.uk/consumers/household-gas-and-electricity-guide/extra-help-energy-services/priority-services-register-people-need. Support offered includes agreeing a password that representatives of the company, such as meter readers, will quote to show they are genuine.
- If work needs to be done, get three quotes from tradespeople recommended by friends or family or through trade organisations.
- Consider registering for local eCops alerts at www.ecops.org.uk.

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If you are interested in becoming part of Willingham's Neighbourhood Watch, please contact us at willinghamnhw@outlook.com.

Willingham British School Trust

The Trustees wish everyone in the village, especially its young people and the teachers of our children, a very successful 2020! At their meeting in October 2019, the Trustees were delighted to fund applications from some of Willingham's young people about to start their undergraduate degree programmes. The next meeting of the Trustees will be on the **24 January** and we would encourage applications for funding if:

- you are a young person who has recently started a university or further education course and have encountered unexpected costs associated with your course such as equipment, field trips and reading lists.
- you are the representative of a Willingham community group seeking funds to support an educational project.
- you are a governor or member of staff from a local school attended by Willingham children.

Any initial enquiries about eligibility for funding and applications should be made to the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher, 01954 261113 or raycroucher47@gmail.com.

WEA (Workers' Educational Association)

As reported in last month's magazine, the Willingham branch of the WEA has closed. There are still branches locally, continuing independently of the WEA, at St Ives, Cambridge and Bluntisham.

The Golden Age of Spain, with tutor Mike Muncaster will begin at Bluntisham Baptist Hall on **Monday 13 January**, continuing for nine weeks, 10 – 11 45 am, fee £60. For further details, please contact Marie Quick on 01487 841472 or marie_quick358@hotmail.com. For details of courses further afield, please have a look at the website, www.wea.org.uk/eastern.

Willingham Photography Club

We meet every 3rd Monday in the month at the Baptist Church and aim to learn more about photography while having fun. The next meeting will be on:
Monday 20 January, 8 – 10 pm

The assignment for the meeting is *Before the Dawn* with the second part of the meeting to be confirmed. Please see our website for the most up to date details. Technical questions and answers will be discussed and refreshments served. If you are interested in photography, please just come along. Your level of expertise level does not matter, nor does your type of camera. Membership is £20 for 6 months with the first month free.



Contact: Steve Harding, 07595 668161.
Website: www.willinghamphotoclub.org.uk.

District Councillors' Report

Firstly, we would like to wish a Happy New Year to all! This month we concentrate on a single, very important, topic.

Community / Mobile Wardens

At the last meeting of the Parish Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) Officer, Lesley McFarlane, gave a presentation about the Mobile (or Community) Wardens schemes that operate around the district. These groups work to support older people to live independently and help to tackle loneliness among older residents. They do not offer personal care, but can help with practical tasks such as making light meals, shopping, making appointments, filling in forms and collecting prescriptions. They are a valuable source of information, helping clients to locate other services (especially those online) that they may have difficulty doing for themselves. Wardens offer company and a listening ear to keep people living safely and happily in their community and giving reassurance to both them and their families. Wardens can also help to delay early transfer into care environments or help to get people home more quickly from a hospital stay.

By regularly visiting and keeping in contact with their clients, Mobile Wardens help to ensure that older people don't become socially isolated. In Willingham, they may well encourage their clients to take advantage of Over Day Centre's excellent facilities and make arrangements for them to catch the free daily minibus to and from the Centre.

Willingham is one of the very few parishes to have been selected to receive Phase 1 set-up support from SCDC who will fully fund, via a grant, the first two years of the scheme's operation. Over has also been selected to receive this Phase 1 support and it may be advantageous to consider working with them to instigate a scheme.

Existing schemes are also supported by SCDC and also find funding from local businesses and private sponsors. Other parishes with these schemes value them highly. To date, all of the schemes, including some that have existed for many years, remain successful; none have failed and have had to close. To demonstrate its continuing support, SCDC has made over £20K available for existing schemes in the next financial year.

The Parish Council is currently considering whether or not to take advantage of this grant-funding offer and to support the setting up of a scheme for Willingham. We are sure that they would welcome input from Willingham residents. Why not share your thoughts with the Parish Council about such a scheme by popping down to the Parish Council office at the Ploughman Hall or emailing the clerk at clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk?

*Councillors Dawn Percival and Bill Handley
South Cambridgeshire District Council*

Royal British Legion News

Regretfully, the Willingham branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section has had to close, and the standard was laid up on 24 November 2019, in St Mary and All Saints church.



Members in 1982



*Marjorie Few cutting our
70th Anniversary Cake*

The branch was formed on 29 November 1946 by the wives of the village's servicemen. Over the years the branch has arranged many fundraising events, including garden fetes, Christmas bazaars, jumble sales and bingo sessions. All proceeds of these events were given to the Royal British Legion (RBL) to help them support our armed services and veterans. In 2016 we celebrated our

70th Anniversary with a tea party held in the Community Room at Wilford Furlong.

Unfortunately, due to falling membership, the difficult decision was taken to close the branch in 2018 and the closure was completed with the laying up of the standard. I am delighted that several members are continuing to support the RBL by joining the Over and District Branch.

*Sue Hayden
Chair*

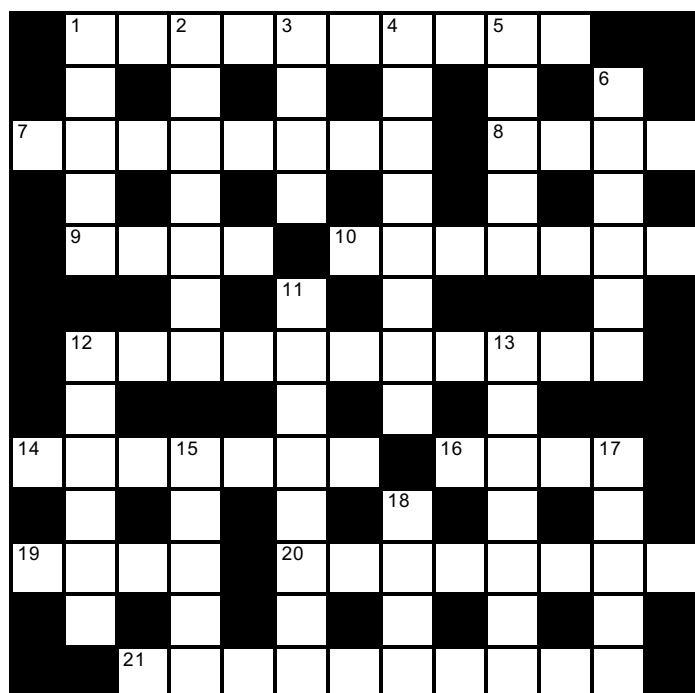


The Laid-up Standard

Mixed Bag Crossword

A mixture of cryptic, quick and general knowledge clues.

Answers on page 16.



Across

- 1 Biggest Python? (4,6)
- 7 Malleable (8)
- 8 Worker's loud complaint (4)
- 9 Exercises based on Hindu philosophy (4)
- 10/14 British writer 1812-70, middle names John Huffam (7,7)
- 12 Captain Mainwaring's job in *Dad's Army* (4,7)
- 14 See 10
- 16 Head off issue with clever remark (4)
- 19 Reportedly go away to get footwear (4)
- 20 Sport played by the Baltimore Orioles (8)
- 21 Rolling sea helped to cradle young one who's very tired (6-4)

Down

- 1 Happy sailor? (5)
- 2 6-sided figure (7)
- 3 Article follows youngster in country (4)
- 4 Pachyderm (8)
- 5 Queen supports cry for quiet (5)
- 6 Thin layer to improve appearance (6)
- 11 Top grade soldiers can be open to suggestion (8)
- 12 Happy I tucked into BLT chap's after! (6)
- 13 Chunter on (7)
- 15 Bell rung to signify a death (5)
- 17 Became less important when Dad called the shots (5)
- 18 Catch sight of (4)



Young Readers' Corner

Kids' Winter Word Search

See if you can find these words:

CAP	FROST	SKATE
COAT	ICE	SKI
COCOA	MITTENS	SLED
COLD	QUILTS	SLEET
FIREPLACE	SCARF	SLEIGH
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Book Quiz

Answers on page 16.

There are a lot of books out there with just one word in the title. See if you can guess the authors. A Happy New Year to you all!

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <i>Atonement</i> | 6 <i>Middlemarch</i> |
| 2 <i>Autumn</i> | 7 <i>Room</i> |
| 3 <i>Emma</i> | 8 <i>Trainspotting</i> |
| 4 <i>Affinity</i> | 9 <i>Dracula</i> |
| 5 <i>It</i> | 10 <i>Ivanhoe</i> |

Christine Lacey

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Community Orchard – Dog Walking

The bin at the entrance to the Orchard can be used for dog waste and will be labelled up by South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) accordingly. They will then add the emptying of the bin to their round.

Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Climate and Environment Emergency

CCC are running a consultation from **20 December to 31 January**. Residents can find out more and have their say at www.consultcambs.uk.engagementhq.com/climate-strategy.

Mobile / Community Wardens Scheme

Lesley McFarlane (Development Officer) from SCDC spoke to the Parish Council at the December meeting about Mobile Wardens (or Community Wardens) Schemes. These are complementary to Statutory Care Services and do not duplicate or replace the medical or social care services that individuals may require. These schemes can help combat loneliness and social isolation and provide significant benefits to clients at relatively low cost.

There are a number of successful schemes in South Cambridgeshire but Willingham and Over parishes have not as yet set one up. They are usually run by Trustees, independently of the Parish Council, but work in partnership with them. Currently, 23% of the population in Willingham is over 65. The Council is investigating the scheme further. See the District Councillors' Report on page 8 for more details.

GrantGrabber

The grant search service run by SCDC is available as a self-service facility for any voluntary and community groups or Parish Councils wishing to search for funding for community projects.

The scheme enables users to search online via the Council's website for a wide range of funding sources and other information at www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/southcambs.

News from Leisure and Amenities

Willingham has a new running club which is part of HI Runners in Histon and Impington. It is affiliated to England Athletics and is run by volunteer qualified 'run leaders'. They meet on Monday evenings at 6 45 pm on the Recreation Ground which is flood-lit, allowing them to run and train after dark without the safety issues involved with street running.

MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area)

The pre-application process is moving slowly forward. A topological survey of the proposed area was carried out on 27 November.

Money Matters – The Parish Precept

At the December meeting of the Parish Council, the proposal from the Finance and General Purposes Committee that the precept request for 2020 – 21 of £130,000 be accepted was agreed.

Willingham Youth Trust

This is a clarification following a query from the November meeting. The Parish Council agreed to provide £6,000 for the Connection Bus Project staff starting next April. Along with the lease, it will be reviewed annually.

SCDC Surgeries

These will take place in the Ploughman Hall, 11 am – 1 pm on the following dates:

18 January, 29 February, 11 April, 23 May, 4 July, 15 August, 26 September, 7 November.

Thank You

Saturday 30 November dawned very cold and freezing but that evening we were able to enjoy lights and a Christmas tree on the Green, to begin the Christmas Season. A very big thank you to councillors who, I am told on very good authority, enjoyed themselves as they braved the cold and gave their time to this venture. We hope you enjoyed the display over the Christmas period.

Parish Council's January Meeting – Wednesday 8 January at 7 30 pm

Please note that this will be on the **second** Wednesday instead of the first Wednesday of the month.

Council meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Octagon 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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Willingham Gardening Club

The Gardening Club meets at 7 30 pm in the Social Club on the first Monday of the month, except January. New members are always welcome. Visitors and guests can attend any meeting for £2. Please call Celia on 01954 261394 or simply turn up to a meeting.

Next Meeting:

Monday 3 February: *Remedies, Cures and Superstitions* with Andrew Sankey.

A big thank you to all our members for their continued support of the Club and to the Committee for all their hard work throughout the year.

Here are a few **topical tips** to keep you busy over the next few weeks:

- Thoroughly disinfect and oil all gardening tools and clean plant pots.
- One of the trickiest Christmas plants is the *Poinsettia* which hates draughts and cold rooms. Water only when the compost feels dry and allow to drain before returning to its pot or saucer. Never place near a window, chimney or other sources of draughts, especially at night. When buying, avoid plants with bare stems or yellowing, wilting leaves. Make sure they are wrapped before leaving the garden centre or shop and take care when removing the sleeve, as the stems are brittle.
- Remember to serve up a treat for our garden birds. Make sure that their drinking/bath water containers are kept clean and ice free.
- Check trees, shrubs and flowers on a regular basis. Strong winds can damage and untether climbers, so keep them securely attached to supports. Ensure tree ties, stakes and guards are securely in place and not biting into the bark, and gently re-firm the soil around the root ball if frost looks to have lifted new plantings. If we have snow, remember to shake off the covering before it weighs down branches, particularly conifers.
- Cut down border perennials selectively, leaving those with colour and structure. Leave grasses such as *Miscanthus* and seed heads standing for the winter, as

your garden wildlife will appreciate it. Don't be too tidy; perennial stems offer a winter home for insects.

- As plants die back and new viewpoints emerge in the garden, consider moving objects such as containers, garden sculptures or birdbaths to make new, seasonal focal points.
- Don't prune shrubs or topiary in midwinter as fresh cut stems are vulnerable to frost. Don't prune acers and birch after December as they may bleed from the cuts. Leave until April – July to avoid silver leaf disease.
- Don't cut the grass if there is a frost on the lawn surfaces. Avoid walking on it, too, in cold wet conditions.

Did you know that some plants cells can survive at -60°C without freezing?

In response to low temperatures, hardy plants accumulate proteins that act like anti-freeze chemicals and increase their frost tolerance, but no plant can survive if its living protoplasm (cell contents) freezes. In the hardiest plants, the protoplasm can cool down and stay liquid in temperatures falling far below 0°C!

Plants that suffer chilling injury have cell membranes that cease to function properly at low temperatures. Ice outside the living contents of the cell sucks water out of the protoplasm which consequently experiences drought. If a plant can survive freezing, it is often drought-tolerant too.

If the plant's water-conducting xylem freezes, air bubbles form, causing a blockage. Climbers have wide xylem cells where this is more likely to happen, so relatively few woody climbers are frost hardy. Hardy evergreens, such as pines and cypresses, continue to lose water by transpiration from their leaves in winter, but can't take up water from frozen soil, so can be damaged by drying winds. Alternate warming by the sun and sudden freezing after dark can be very damaging, so many northern birch species have evolved white trunks to reflect sunlight and reduce warming.

Advent Adventure – Thank You



Over 200 people turned up to the Advent Adventure Launch on 1 December. A huge thank you to everyone who hosted windows and helped to make the adventure such a great way to begin the Christmas season. The Berry Family surpassed themselves with their Christmas lights, and the Over Community Singers and Drummers helped to make the event extra special

with their fantastic samba playing. At the Juke Box Carols we had a new number one! *Silent Night* made

it to the top spot for the first time. Thank you also to everyone who donated to the Cambridge Rare Disease Network on the evening.

Kathryn Wright and Emma Launchbury



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12 January	
11 00 am	Holy Communion
19 January	
11 00 am	All Age Service
26 January	
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. There are 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!

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Events

First Steps: Meets fortnightly on Fridays, **10 January** and **24 January** in the Octagon. We're for all pre-school age children and their carers. We meet 10 – 11 30 am 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 go to: 'Willingham First Steps' on Facebook. We look forward to seeing you!

Where Next With Messy Church?

Messy Church is taking a break while we re-imagine but do join in with our other

seasonal family-friendly activities. Any news will be announced on our social media and mailing list at: www.facebook.com/MessyChurchWillingham or please contact Beth Cope, 01954 261181, pioneerminister@northstowe.church.

Cake Stall and Coffee Morning: None in January but back on **Saturday 1 February**, 10 am– 12 noon. The Cake Stall (in aid of the church) is held in the church porch and often has more than just cakes! 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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12 January	
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6 00 pm	Evening Worship
19 January	
10 30 am	Family Worship**
6 00 pm	Evening Worship
26 January	
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 age 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, prior booking essential. Contact Daphne, 01954 260568.

Kids' Friday Club: Fridays, **2 and 16 January**, 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, Saturday 18 January: 7 45 am for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Contact Pete Sacre, 01954 261655 or peetamin@gmail.com.

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Bar Hill Church Centre: Saturdays at 6 pm.

Please note that Fr Karol Porczak has moved away and the priest for this area is now Reverend Thomas J Walton.

Pastoral Letter

As I begin writing this, we have just entered Advent. At the Advent Adventure Launch on Sunday 1 December, *Silent Night* was voted the favourite carol. Did you know that the version of *Silent Night* sung by Bing Crosby in 1935 is the fourth best-selling single of all time?! I wondered why this carol had beaten *Ding Dong Merrily on High* into second place. Was it because people longed for some peace and quiet in the run up to Christmas, particularly with the media focused on the General Election? Was it because it brought back memories for people of singing it in schools and churches over the years? Was it because of the restful melody composed by Gruber in Salzburg, Austria? Or was it the lyrics written by Joseph Mohr?

The answer is, I don't know. However, if we take the lyrics, we are reminded that even at his birth, Jesus is

regarded as both Saviour and Lord. He is described in the carol as 'Son of God' and 'Love's pure light'. Even though Jesus is a baby, there is an acknowledgement that he is unique and special in some way. Christians believe that he is God come to earth as a human being to bring peace, to bring calm and ultimately to bring salvation. This carol reminds us too that Christians have hope that Jesus can bring light into dark places. As we begin a new year, are there areas of your life that need peace and calm? Are there places where you'd like to see light rather than darkness? Before we forget the Christmas season, why not listen to *Silent Night* one more time and let the words and melody speak to you.

Kathryn Wright, Baptist Church

Willingham Women's Institute



The next meeting will be on **Monday 13 January**
at 7 30 pm in the Social Club

Garden Features with Andrew Sankey

New members are always welcome. Please contact Wendy on 01954 202188 or email willinghamwi28@gmail.com if you are interested and follow us on Facebook. We have some great meetings lined up for the new year:

Monday 11 February: *The History of Heffers*

Monday 9 March: Annual Meeting and Social Evening

The Mixed Craft Group meets on the last Wednesday of each month, 10 30 am – 4 30 pm in the Baptist Church and the next meeting is on **Wednesday 29 January**. All welcome and no need to be a WI member. Members of the Craft group have recently been making items for 'Knit for Peace'. They sent 16 small hats, 15 large hats, seven pairs of booties, 24 jumpers and one scarf to help

those in need around the world. To find out more about this organisation, see www.knitforpeace.org.uk.

WI News

Our speaker for November was Seamus from the Emmaus Community. He told us about his life, how he ended up being homeless, his recovery from alcohol addiction and his work as a poet.

The central concept of the Emmaus Community is to provide a home and meaningful work to homeless people for as long as they need it and in return, they work for 40 hours a week on Emmaus projects. Our local centre is at Landbeach.

Emmaus started after World War II in France where it has over 300 communities. In the UK, there are 27 communities with 1,000 clients. In recent years, zero hours contracts and changes in benefits have led to more people being homeless and a surge in the number of deaths amongst these people.

It was a very thought-provoking talk about homelessness and society and the impact of recent Government policy changes.

Longstanton Army Cadets, Your Local Detachment

On Sunday 10 November, Longstanton Detachment marched with the Royal British Legion and other local organisations for the Remembrance Day Parades at Longstanton and Over. We thank everyone who attended this day of Remembrance, wherever you were.

Your local Army Cadet Force (ACF) is based in Longstanton and also covers Willingham. The ACF is not just about shooting and fieldcraft. You can earn BTEC business qualifications and Duke of Edinburgh awards and we also teach life and leadership skills. You will get the chance to do things you would never imagine you could do and make lifelong friends as part of an amazing team.

We are located in Longstanton, next to the GP surgery, and meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 30 – 9 30 pm. Come and meet us or email 5035parke@armymail.mod.uk if you have any questions. You need to be at least 12 years old and in Year 8 at school to join the cadets.

Hope to see you soon.



2Lt Mark Parker

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Willingham Pharmacy: A Message from Neil

After 20 rewarding years at the Pharmacy, retirement calls! During this time, it has been a privilege to serve the local community as well as enjoying the support and friendship of all the doctors and staff. I am delighted to introduce to you Sai, an experienced pharmacist who, together with his wife Lavanya, will join the existing team. They are very much looking forward to meeting all our patients and I wish them every success with their new venture. All that remains for me to say is thank you for making me so welcome over the years and, as I live in Cambridgeshire, I am sure our paths will cross again before too long.

With very best wishes to you all,

Neil Rowland-Hall

Missed Appointments

In August, September and October 2019 there were **278** missed appointments at the surgery, booked by patients who failed to attend or cancel their appointment. This means 52.5 hours of consultation time was lost, very valuable when we are trying to keep our waiting times as short as possible for routine appointments. An average GP appointment costs the NHS £25, so this amounts to a massive £6,950 wasted. Our Longstanton branch surgery missed 75 appointments during the same period, amounting to £1,875 or 18 hours of lost consultation time.

If you no longer need your appointment, please contact our receptionists or cancel online using the appointment booking system. During the winter period this consultation time is particularly valuable. We can often fill your appointment at very short notice due to high demand.

Use Antibiotics on Your Doctor's Advice

Antibiotics are essential to treat serious bacterial infections, but they are frequently being used to treat illnesses such as coughs, earache and sore throats which can get better by themselves. Taking antibiotics encourages harmful bacteria living inside you to become resistant, which means that antibiotics may not work when you really need them. Despite the risks of antibiotic resistance, research from 2017 shows that 38% of people still expect an antibiotic from a doctor's surgery, NHS walk-in centre or GP Out of Hours Service when they visit with a cough, flu or a throat, ear, sinus or chest infection.

Lucky Squares

Thank you to all those who kindly took part in our Christmas Lucky Squares and congratulations to those who won prizes. At the time of writing the final amount donated to MAGPAS has not yet been calculated but will be revealed in the February's *Willingham News*.

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 – 7 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	4 30 – 7 00
Ante Natal/Baby Clinic		2 00 – 4 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
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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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics: The next Hearing Aid Clinics at the surgery will be on Wednesdays, **15 January, 19 February** and **18 March** from 2 – 4 pm. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

Carers' Support Meetings: Held on the first Wednesday of every month, 2 – 4 pm. No meeting in January. The next one will be on **Wednesday 5 February**. 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 sue.lawson@nhs.uk for more information.

All the staff from Willingham Medical Practice and Longstanton Branch Surgery would like to wish our patients a Happy New Year!

A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111.

Lisa Smith
Assistant Practice Manager

Part 9 – Willingham During the Reformation

Reigns of: King Henry VIII 1509-1547, King Edward VI 1547-1553, Queen Mary I 1553-1558

By the early 1500s, the medieval Catholic Church found itself under severe pressure. Throughout Europe a movement was building up against the power and enormous wealth of the Church. This led to the growth of the Protestant Church, brought about by reformers who felt the need to bring Christianity 'back to basics'. However, it came with a great deal of pain and violence, and much of Europe became involved in religious warfare. But, at the same time as Martin Luther was being excommunicated by the Pope for nailing up his condemnation of the Church of Rome, things were happening in Willingham too.

John Rumpayne was to be the last Catholic Rector of Willingham when he arrived in 1518. He had an impeccable establishment pedigree, having been educated at Eton and King's College, Cambridge, where he became a Fellow. At some point, he was put in charge of much of the glass of King's College Chapel. However, he does not appear to have been popular with the Church hierarchy. He was excommunicated in 1521 for appearing at a Synod without wearing a surplice, although he later sought and obtained absolution from the Pope. When he resigned in 1545, he did so only on condition that he was granted a house and pension.

Canterbury Cathedral was re-founded in 1541, Ridley had been made one of its famous 'Six Preachers'. He came to Willingham as a distinguished Protestant, having published Expositions on many of Saint Paul's Epistles, and Saint Matthew's Gospel. He was probably involved in the authorisation by Archbishop Cranmer in 1549 of the first English Prayer Book to replace the Latin ritual. Ridley signed the 'Inventory of Church Goods at Willingham' in 1553, which included two silver chalices, five copes of red velvet, green silk, white damask, blue satin and white silk, as well as four bells and a sanctus (calling) bell.

However, he came with a wife, which was to be his undoing. When Mary became Queen in 1553, she had Archbishop Cranmer burned at the stake in Oxford, and the new Archbishop took out proceedings against Lancelot Ridley for being a married clergyman. He was deprived of the living at Willingham, and even though he was said later to have 'put away his wife' and returned to celibacy, he was not re-appointed (although he did reappear as Rector of Stretham a few years later). At least he wasn't burned at the stake, like the Archbishop and many of his contemporaries.

Alan Fawcitt

Next time: Elizabethan Willingham.



King's College Chapel, Photo by Julie Clarke

Nationally at this time, England was going through a period of massive change. King Henry VIII married six wives in an attempt to produce a male heir, argued with the Pope over the question of divorce, dissolved the monasteries and confiscated their enormous wealth to help fund his military ambitions and building projects.

Lancelot Ridley arrived in Willingham as its first protestant Rector in 1545, just after Henry VIII had been excommunicated by the Pope. Ridley was a graduate of Clare College, Cambridge, and had moved in high circles at Canterbury. He knew Archbishop Cranmer well and when

Crossword Answers

Across: 1 John Cleese, 7 Flexible, 8 Beef, 9 Yoga, 10/14 Charles Dickens, 12 Bank Manager, 16 Quip, 19 Shoe, 20 Baseball, 21 Sleepy-head.

Down: 1 Jolly, 2 Hexagon, 3 Cuba, 4 Elephant, 5 Sober, 6 Veneer, 11 Amenable, 12 Blithe, 13 Grumble, 15 Knell, 17 Paled, 18 Espy.

Book Quiz Answers

1 Ian McEwan, 2 Ali Smith, 3 Jane Austen, 4 Sarah Waters, 5 Stephen King, 6 George Eliot, 7 Emma Donoghue, 8 Irvine Welsh, 9 Bram Stoker, 10 Walter Scott.

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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 a donation of £1 is requested.

In December we had a lovely and well-attended festive session. A fascinating talk by Hazel Baughan about Christmas in Peru and her experiences on the Inca Trail was followed by a general Christmas social. There will be no session in January.

Next talk: **Wednesday 5 February: Chernobyl: Into the Forbidden Zone** with Dave Horan.

Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) News

Scrabble

We had another successful Scrabble afternoon in December. Why not join us for the next one on **Friday 3 January, 2 – 4?** We have players of all abilities and provide tea/coffee and biscuits for an entry fee of £1.

Desert Island Discs

We attracted a small but select group at our evening in November. As usual we had an amazingly diverse array of musical styles, all listened to over a glass of wine and snacks. There were two songs from *Guys and Dolls: Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat* and *Adelaide's Lament, Bamboleo* by the Gypsy Kings and James Galway playing *Annie's Song* and Pachelbel's *Canon*. Classical choices included *O Fortuna* from *Carmina Burana* and an aria from Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*. We visited the 1960s with *Ode to Billy Joe* by Bobbie Gentry, Manfred Mann's *Do Wah Diddy Diddy* and *California Dreamin'* by The Mamas and the Papas. More up to date choices included *Your Long Journey* by Robert Plant and Alison Krauss and Westlife's *Flying Without Wings*. Everyone included a little story or anecdote along with their choices, making it an interesting and enjoyable evening.

Library Reading Group Book Review

Fen Country Christmas by Edward Storey, 1930 - 2018

This book is made up of various stories relating to Christmas in the Fens and how it was celebrated in bygone days. The tales are fictional but reflect the experiences and recollections that the author had collected over the years from local fen people. They involve folklore, legends, superstitions and curiosities associated with the Fens. The book also contains a number of poems written by Storey.

The various stories cover:

- the importance of nativity plays
- Christmas during the time of Oliver Cromwell
- Christmas spent in Crowland Abbey
- the Church at Gedney, destroyed by storms in 1763
- the moving tale of a widow, whose young husband was killed in 1916 on the Somme
- How Christmas was celebrated during World War II, as told by two prisoners of war and two Land Army girls

Storey was obviously a very religious man and Christmas was very important in his life. He has a sentimental longing for Christmases of old with family gatherings and the simple but poignant celebration of Christmas in a less complicated and chaotic world than now. He would have been shocked by the extravagant way people celebrate Christmas today.

The group agreed that his view of Christmas past is very much seen through rose-coloured glasses and that the stories do not reflect the poverty and struggles encountered in the rural environment where life was hard.

David Stevenson

Willingham Social Club

We would like to wish a very Happy New Year to all of our members, hall users and customers.

We celebrate New Year's Eve with a party in the function room. You can check if tickets are still available by following our Facebook page or website at www.willinghamsocialclub.com.

We will be dancing to the live party band 'On the Ceiling'. Buffet and welcome drink included. Tickets £15 for members, £20 for non-members and only available from the club, 01954 260557.

Events for 2020 are being planned. Amongst the list we welcome back weekly bingo, weekly poker, Custard Comedy, Discos, a range of live bands and acts, Psychic night and of course, our free members' events in the bar.

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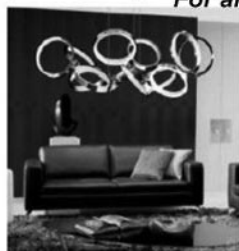
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A Reader's Memories of Willingham Past

Dear Editor

What a lovely, interesting letter from Lyn Curtis in the December issue, it brought back many memories for me.

I was not Willingham born but arrived in the village in 1957 to attend the school, being 'one of that RAF lot from Stanton', an RAF dependant from the RAF Oakington married quarters in Longstanton and as such, probably not welcome by some. An initial minor difficulty was understanding each other! My Nottinghamshire accent, although not broad, was as hard for local pupils to understand as their Fen

accent and dialect was to me. I met my wife to be, Jennifer Smith, whilst at Willingham School and after we married, became a village resident for about two years. I don't recall Lyn, whose family I presume came to the village around 1959, maybe I should.

I certainly remember Billy Raven, who originally lived at 74 High Street before taking over the shop next door following Aunt Liz's(?) demise. He and Polly, his wife, and two children moved into the house associated with the shop, leaving number 74 available for my future parents in law, Frank and Edith Smith, to purchase, which they did in October 1958. The 'old men' who were said to sit outside his shop might well have included Frank Smith, who would also sit on the low wall outside number 74. At that time, I would not have classed him as 'old' though. He was one of those growers mentioned who would send flowers and fruit to market in London from his land on Over Road, adjacent to Haden Way. Both he and Edith worked this land as did Jennifer occasionally and even me, very occasionally. Edith was one of the daughters of Herbert and Clara Ambrose, who lived in the thatched cottage at 38 High Street.

Dr Flower was the Smiths' family doctor and was highly regarded by them. I did have the privilege of meeting him at least once. Sadly, he was killed in a nautical accident in the early 1960s and I do have the newspaper cutting that was sent to us whilst we were in Cyprus between 1965 and 1968.

The village hall, opposite the Church, was where we held our wedding reception in 1963 after which we retired to the grounds of Willingham House for photographs to be taken. The Rectory was, when I knew it, on the corner of High Street and Berrycroft, opposite the Black Bull. I have forgotten the Rector's name but it was he who baptised our daughter in January 1965.



I have fond memories of the Black Bull pub, from occasionally joining Frank Smith in there on a Saturday night where his favourite drink was Greene King Harvest Brown. Frankie Ostler, and Mike, who was Polish, would also be in there, I wish I could remember other names. Maybe someone can remind me.

Milberry Stores, at the top of Berrycroft, owned by brothers Milford and Roland Jeeps, was where Jennifer worked after leaving school in 1959. She stayed there until just before the birth of our daughter in 1964.

Jennifer and I were married at the Methodist Chapel by the Green in 1963. I see that it is long closed which leads me to wonder, where do the Methodists worship now?

There were two taxis in the village, owned by village motor engineers Aubrey Huckell and Mr Marr(s), both of whom provided us with wedding cars.

In 2010, Jennifer and I made one of our, not infrequent, visits to Willingham. We parked near the cemetery and, after visiting her parents' grave and then looking to see which other familiar names had taken up residence, we then walked round the village, not realising then that this would be the last long walk she would be able to take. We did not go with the intention of visiting or imposing on people who we knew but assumed that we might meet someone with whom we were acquainted. Of those we saw, we didn't recognise anyone, naturally assuming them to be new residents in the village. Willingham was changing from the village that we had known.

I have included a photo of four generations of the Smith family, taken in early 1965. From left: Robert Smith, son Frank Smith, daughter Elfreda Pearl, great granddaughter Elizabeth (Gorner) and granddaughter Jennifer.

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Thu 2 Jan	Community Luncheon Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	See p12
Fri 3 Jan	Scrabble Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p17
Sun 5 Jan	Jazz Club	Social Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com
Wed 8 Jan	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Wed 8 Jan	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p10
Fri 10 Jan	First Steps	Parish Church	Octagon	10 – 11 30 am, see p12
Fri 10 Jan	Dance Club	Dance Club	Ploughman Hall	7 – 8 15 pm, see p22
Mon 13 Jan	<i>Garden Features</i> with Andrew Sankey	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p13
Mon 13 Jan	<i>The Golden Age of Spain</i> with Mike Muncaster	Bluntisham	Baptist Hall	Nine week course begins 10 – 11 45 am, see p7
Wed 15 Jan	Hearing Aid Clinic	CAMTAD	The Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Thu 16 Jan	Community Luncheon Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	See p12
Sat 18 Jan	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p12
Sat 18 Jan	District Councillors' Surgery	District Council	Ploughman Hall	11 am – 1 pm, see p8
Mon 20 Jan	<i>Assignment: Before the Dawn</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p7
Fri 24 Jan	First Steps	Parish Church	Octagon	10 – 11 30 am, see p12
Fri 24 Jan	Dance Club	Dance Club	Ploughman Hall	7 – 8 15 pm, see p22
Mon 27 Jan	Impromptu Music with the Jam Club	Social Club	Social Club	7 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com
Wed 29 Jan	Mixed Craft Group	Women's Institute	Baptist Church	10 30 am – 4 30 pm, see p13
Fri 31 Jan	WI Quiz	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm Email Jacky: tigre@tigre.plus.com
Fri 31 Jan	Ginuary Evening	Willingham School Association	Primary School Old Hall	7 45 pm, see p5
Sat 1 Feb	Cake Stall	Parish Church	Parish Church Porch	10 am, see p12
Sat 1 Feb	Coffee Morning	Mothers' Union	Octagon	10 am, see p12

Please could all our clubs and groups ensure that they let *Willingham News* know of any changes of their details for the Directory and keep us informed of their events in 2020 for the What's On page.



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Contact Teresa at
willinghamdanceclub@gmail.com.

New Year Poem

Go on join in the big party or
 Stay home with friends or, on your own
 it doesn't matter how you celebrate
 but two thousand and nineteen has flown.

Remember the good times you had
 and store them in your mind,
 the bad ones can be changed this time
 or forgotten altogether you'll find

Resolutions are made to be broken
 but one thing needs to be clear,
 family, friends and loved ones
 should all be held most dear.

So my wishes to everyone is clear
 of that, there can be no fear
 is Peace, Happiness and Health
 and a very Happy New Year.

Jacqui Nash Hobitz

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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	Willingham Out Of School Club (3–6 pm only)	Mrs M Lenk	01954 283033
	School Governors Chairperson	Katy Stevenson	chair@willingham.cambs.sch.uk
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Ray Croucher	01954 261113
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Matt Haigh	adventure@1stwillinghamscoutgroup.org.uk
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	Koala Kidz	Mrs Edith Jeffrey	01954 260046
	Guides and Rangers	Lynn McGoff	willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
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	First Steps	Vicky Page	vickypage85@gmail.com
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Katy Gilbert	01954 261922
	Little Notes Music Group (0-4 years)	Lisa Adcock	07949 062360
	KFC Kid's Friday Club Years 1-6 (Baptist Church)	Lorriane Bald	01954 261189
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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
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