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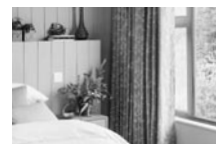
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Bin Collections – Fridays

6 March	Blue and Green
13 March	Black
20 March	Blue and Green
27 March	Black

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OLD WILLINGHAM



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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.

The Keith Pearson Band

Keith Pearson has been living in Willingham for 17 years and may be best known here as the man who sings as he walks



the paths and bridleways of the Ouse Valley – until recently accompanied by his much missed Bedlington Cross, Lupin. Keith is a prolific writer of world-class songs with numerous musical awards to his credit, he emerged on the Folk circuit during the 1970s. He has toured extensively in the UK, Europe and Australia performing his own material as a solo singer/songwriter, and with various bands. His UK Bluegrass band Coup de Grass performed for many years in the UK and abroad, bringing much acclaim for his songwriting.

One of Keith's earliest songs, *Ours is the Morning*, has just been released in Greece, by Mikaela Darmani, a popular singer in that country. His most recent venture is an Americana/Country band of local musicians (Philip Milner, Bill Terry, Nigel Fear and Patrick Ross), bringing a rare combination of traditional and contemporary influences, which appeals to all tastes.

The Keith Pearson Band will be performing at the Jam Club at the Social Club on **Monday 30 March**, doors open 7 30 pm, entry £2.

Cyclists Aiming to Boost Over Day Surgery Funds

Bike Rides, Sunday 31 May

Having had such a great result with the Over Day Centre (ODC) Sportives last year (close to £3,500 raised, with nearly 150 enjoying the day), the cyclists of Willingham Wheels and Swavesey and Over Cycling Group (SOCG) have again teamed up with ODC trustees to generate much needed funds for an essential facility serving the older members of our communities. Three rides are planned for the morning of **Sunday 31 May** – an 8.5-miler for casual riders, children (who will all get gold-ish medals) and families, a 50-miler designed for the more seasoned cyclists and, new this year, a 20-miler in response to requests from people wanting to just have a go. All routes will be risk-assessed, suitably marshalled and signposted from Over Day Centre car park, with a post-ride party planned from midday to be held at Over Community Centre offering cool drinks, a hot BBQ and live music.



Over Day Centre serves several villages around the Fen Edge – you will no doubt have seen its minibus passing through your area at some time or other, picking up our older people so that they can enjoy a meal and spend time with others outside the confines of their own four walls. Outside support from organisations makes a big difference to the charity's ability to deliver and – ideally – enhance the essential services it provides. And now, with two major sponsors in Law and Lewis Joinery and estate agents, Redmayne, Arnold & Harris, already on board, the organisers are hoping that this year's rides will be another great social and financial success.

To see how we did last year and for photos of the event, courtesy of Derek Law, go to www.willinghamwheels.com and to keep abreast with plans as they evolve, please take the time to go to www.overdaycentre.co.uk/fundraising-events.

This will soon have details of the event, the routes and how to sign up for the various rides.



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The Gardening Club meets at 7 30 pm in the Social Club on the first Monday of each month, except January. New members are most welcome. The annual subscription is £20 but visitors at individual meetings pay £2. Please call Celia on 01954 261394 for details or simply turn up to a meeting.

Our next meeting is on **Monday, 2 March** when the speaker, Mike Day, will talk about *Oriental Vegetables*. Mike has given several great talks to us over the years. He grew up on a vegetable-growing farm and after reading for a degree in agriculture spent 42 years at the National Institute of Agricultural Botany in Cambridge where he specialised in – vegetables! So, who better to talk to us about them – whatever type?

A reminder that the club's AGM is in March and that annual subscriptions will be due at the April meeting.

Our secretary has been working hard to finalise our programme for the coming year and the excursions team is already researching possible venues for this year, so watch this space. For any queries, please contact Carol Bailey on 01954 260794.

Willingham Women's Institute



Next meeting: **Monday 9 March**
at 7 30 pm in the Social Club

Annual Meeting and Social Evening

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. Come for a taster – we have some great meetings lined up:

April – Visit to Queenholme Alpaca Farm (not open to guests)

May – Resolution Vote and Willingham Bee Group

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

WI News

January Meeting

Our speaker for January was Andrew Sankey on the topic of *Garden Features*. Andrew gave us a very interesting and amusing talk about features in gardens from Roman Times through to the 19th Century. Who knew that the term topiary comes from the latin topiaries which translates as relating to ornamental gardening? Andrew kept us entertained with stories of garden fashions and features across the centuries together with cartoons and bad jokes!

WILLINGHAM HORTICULTURAL AND CRAFT SHOW 5 September

Now is the time to be planning your fruit, vegetable, flower and houseplant entries.

1. Acquire a copy of the show schedule, usually available the beginning of July, from key places around the village. This year's schedule will have several minor changes, but last year's schedule can still be used for planning your entries.
2. Try to plan at least a couple of flowers and vegetables to be ready in time for the classes of your choice. But don't worry if things don't go to plan, whatever you have ready in your garden on the day is worth entering.
3. Big is not always beautiful. Small and perfectly formed can impress the judges just as much. Choose flowers or vegetables to grow that you know can be used either as a single entry or as part of an arrangement.
4. Presentation is important. Bring your own plates, paper or other for fruit and vegetables, or containers for flowers. Paper plates and vases will also be available at the show.
5. No matter what section you may make an entry in, either horticulture, flower arranging, needlework, homecraft, photography and crafts, the judges will always look for well-presented items in good condition. This will always give you a head start.

The main object of the day is to encourage exhibitors, particularly the children, who make our day by showing their produce and creative talents, stimulating interest and comment, and perhaps creating an interest from others to take up gardening or try a new craft next year.

For any queries on any of the above contact Carol Bailey on 01954 260794.

Front Cover Photo

Frosted crops and mist-shrouded trees at Flat Bridge, Willingham. Taken by Jon Watkins in January 2019 when the temperature was below -5°C on what turned out to be one of the coldest mornings of that winter.
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Vacancy

The *Willingham News* packing team have a vacancy which really needs filling. No qualifications required! The team pick up the copies of *Willingham News* each month from the printers in Cottenham on a Friday and the following day pack them ready for the people who deliver it out to the residents. At present the packing team take it in turns to collect the printed copies from Cottenham, each doing it four times a year and the packing on the Saturday takes about 45 minutes. We are a friendly bunch and don't bite so if you are interested in supporting the village please get in contact ASAP on 01954 260600 or clarkedavid99@yahoo.com.

David Clarke

Willingham Social Club

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It has been brought to our attention that some of our patrons are parking irresponsibly in the adjacent streets. On occasion this has prevented buses from accessing Fen End and would obviously cause a huge problem for Emergency vehicles too. Please be aware of the width of the road and park accordingly. Thank you.

Saturday 29 February 8 pm

Dominic Kaye stars as Neil Diamond in a highly acclaimed Tribute Show, followed by classic dance tracks. Tickets are cheapest in advance – £6 from the club or www.wegottickets.com/event/491157, or £8 on the door.

What's on in March?

Friday 13 March

Custard Comedy – 7.15 for 7.45 pm start. Tickets from the club £10, or www.wegottickets.com/event/491159 plus booking fee. This event regularly sells out so please check in advance if you wish to pay on the door.

Headliner Ben Norris is a highly experienced and hugely well-respected stand-up. He's been performing comedy since 1993. He is renowned for his relaxed stage persona and sharp improvisation. Ben's TV credits include: 'Mock the Week', 'The Comedy Store', 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks' and 'They Think It's All Over'.

Richard Morton is a stand-up comedian, singer, songwriter and *Time Out* Comedy Award winner. With his comedy songs, Richard has built up a formidable reputation as a live act, and completed several major UK tours supporting the likes of Jack Dee, Lee Evans, Jo Brand, Eddie Izzard and Phill Jupitus. TV credits include, 'Never Mind the Buzzcocks', 'Jack Dee's Saturday Night Show', 'Richard and Judy' and Channel 4's 'The Stand-Up Show'.

Jane Hill's sharp, intelligent observational comedy is charming, but with a real twist in the tail. Jane has been gigging since late 2005 and now performs all over the country for clubs and promoters. 'Quietly likeable...

excellent jokes', Steve Bennett, *Chortle*.

Our MC is Chris Brooker. A gifted performer, he has taken his improvisation to stages all over the world. After a decade on the UK comedy circuit Chris has forged a fine reputation for himself as a stand-up comedian and compère.

Friday 20 March 8 pm

Graham Buxton, Live Music.

Celebrating St Patrick's Day at the club we have another 'Free Members Night', signed in guests are welcome for £2. Graham is a truly talented musician and singer. Always a popular performer at the club, he is a professional musician in great demand. Fancy Dress welcome. Special drinks offers.

What's on in April?

Saturday 4 April 8 pm Roy Orbison Tribute

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Saturday 18 April 8 pm Scooted 'n' Booted Live Ska Band

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Saturday 25 April Graham Whitfield Psychic Night. Pay on the door, details to follow.

Bar Staff Required

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Where Does The Money Go?

As part of our continued improvement programme the refurbished kitchen is almost complete and will be a massive asset to our hall users. There is now a defibrillator located in the Foyer. New furniture has also been purchased for the members' bar, come along and see!



Neighbourhood Watch

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Continuing our useful ways to try and avoid scams. This month we look at Mail Scams.

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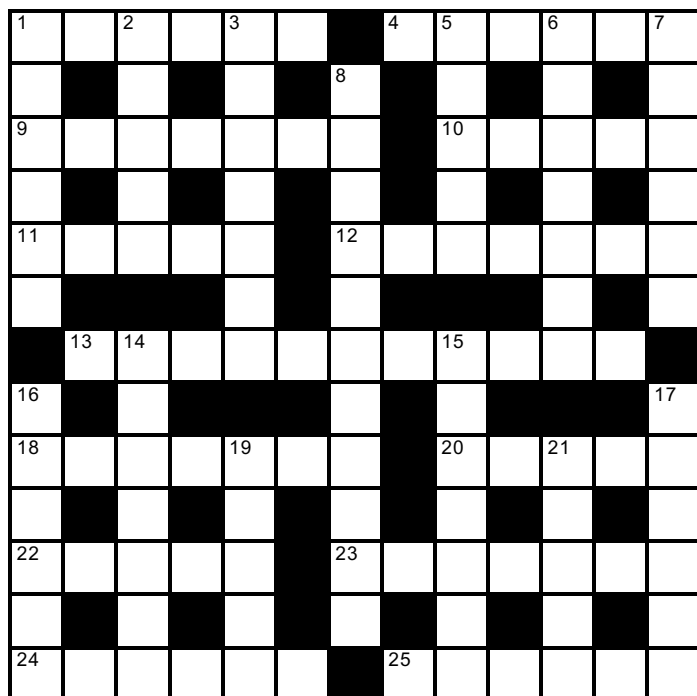
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Quick Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 19



Across

- 1 Case for arrows (6)
- 4 Having a sharp edge (6)
- 9 Put a stop to (7)
- 10 Recognised (5)
- 11 One of the senses (5)
- 12 Shake with fear (7)
- 13 Old fashioned way to send money (6,5)
- 18 Vehicles on a route (7)
- 20 Stadium (5)
- 22 Edible bulb (5)
- 23 Helicopter (7)
- 24 One or the other (6)
- 25 Sacred songs (6)

Down

- 1 Colourless mineral (6)
- 2 Objects of worship (5)
- 3 Obvious (7)
- 5 Leg joint (5)
- 6 So long (7)
- 7 Beast of burden (6)
- 8 Badminton equipment (11)
- 14 Trying to lose weight (2,1,4)
- 15 Motives (7)
- 16 Blow (6)
- 17 Sea mammal (6)
- 19 Barrier (5)
- 21 Put out (5)

Book Quiz

Answers on page 19

I thought it would be easy to have books which have the letter M in the title. See if you can think of the authors.

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 1 <i>Me Before You</i> | 6 <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> |
| 2 <i>The Miniaturist</i> | 7 <i>Mansfield Park</i> |
| 3 <i>My Name is Lucy Barton</i> | 8 <i>The Mill on the Floss</i> |
| 4 <i>Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog</i> | 9 <i>Moby Dick</i> |
| 5 <i>My Sister's Keeper</i> | 10 <i>My Cousin Rachel</i> |

Christine Lacey



Young Readers' Corner

Mini March Quiz

Answers on page 19

- 1 The day of the Patron Saint of Wales is 1 March. Can you name this saint?
- 2 What vegetable is a symbol of Wales?
- 3 Which flower is commonly considered the flower for March?
- 4 Complete the saying, 'Mad as a March ...'
- 5 What day will be celebrated on 22 March? (Clue; the answer is somewhere in this magazine).
- 6 What happens very late at night on Saturday 7 March or in early hours of Sunday 8 March this year?
- 7 Which Roman god is the month March named after?
- 8 The market town of March is in which county?
- 9 On 31 March 1889, a very tall building in France opened. What is it called?
- 10 In March 1933 a famous board game beginning with the letter M was created. Can you name it?

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Willingham School Association

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Sunday 29 March 3 – 5 pm

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Meadow Road Site

The planting of the double avenue of Oak trees has been done thanks to the help of WAG and other volunteers. It might be an idea to plant a Silver Birch in between each Oak on the Meadow Road site to fill up the space in the early years. Silver Birch is a relatively short lived tree at 100 to 120 years and will be declining as the Oaks are just getting into their stride.

Traffic

The presentation has been made to the Local Highways Initiative panel, for the funding bid to introduce a 40 mph buffer zone on Earith Road. The result of this should be known in April.

The additional speed camera has been ordered and should be operational in March. As well as more interactive information, the sign will record vehicle speed and numbers in both directions and at all times. This data will be used to back up other applications for improvements to road safety in the village. The three signs will be used in Earith Road, Over Road, Rampton Road and Station Road rotated at irregular intervals to advise users of their speeds.

The new large red signs at Earith Bridge appear to have reduced the number of HCV vehicles travelling through the village to Northstowe. Thanks to our District Councillors, Dawn and Bill, for their help with this and additional measures monitoring the traffic into Northstowe as covered in their report.

SCDC Drop-in Sessions

These are held in the Ploughman Hall and the next one is **Saturday 29 February** at 11 am and following that, **11 April**. Both District and Parish Councillors will be in attendance. Please come along and raise any issues you may have, both in the village and the district.

Street Lighting

The 16 street lights owned by the District Council will be replaced with LEDs during the year. As the Parish Council pay for the electricity, the 60% reduction in power will be welcome. Also, electricity paid for by the Parish Council is eco/green power.

Cemetery

The Parish Council is still searching for a suitable site for an extension to the existing cemetery attached to the churchyard. This does not have to be within the village boundary. If anyone knows of a potentially suitable location, could they please contact the Parish Clerk? Also, the council has decided not to allow metal coffins or brick lining to

graves in the cemetery as these are too large for the space available between the graves.

Vacancy for a Councillor

Councillor John Anderson has resigned from the Parish Council. John has been a stalwart on the Council for many years and filled many of the leader roles. His enthusiasm, experience and ability to help in so many areas will be missed, and he deserves the rest from these activities. The vacancy will be filled in the coming weeks either by co-option or election.

Potholes

We again seem to be suffering an increase in potholes particularly during these winter months. Please report any you see that are not marked in yellow paint on the County Council highways website: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults

This should make the council aware of where there are problems, though with no guarantee that it will be fixed.

Council Meetings

As mentioned in the last newsletter, parishioners are welcome to speak at public meetings. These are primarily the monthly full Parish Council meeting and irregular Planning Committee meetings, and also the Annual Meetings. Normally the meeting is suspended for a 15 minute slot just after the start to allow up to five parishioners to speak for up to three minutes each. The meeting is then reconvened for the Councillors to continue. It has been suggested that it may be useful to also allow the public to speak later in the meeting to comment and add other thoughts on the items discussed. This is something the Council may consider as a change to the current procedure.

Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Octagon, starting a 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).

Council Office Details:

Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP

Tel: 01954 261027

Email clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Opening hours: Monday – Thursday 10 am – 1 pm (closed bank holidays)

Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell

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Bike and Bike Bits Sale

Saturday 28 March

Rampton Village Hall 10 am

Everything from whole new and second hand bikes to lycra, lights and pedals.

Wifi (for cash transfers) and refreshments including tea, coffee and cake (see below) will be available.

Hall opens for sellers: 9 am

Hall opens for visitors: 10 am

Cost of pitch

- £5 buys you a small table size and a similar amount of space.
- £10 buys you a large table and a similar amount of space.

A donation box for bits that charity bike repairers can use will also be in place.

As part of the hire conditions, those taking a table must also contribute a **homemade cake** which will form part of the refreshments on offer!

All goods on sale should be offered as clean and mechanically sound as possible. Sellers are encouraged to bring a cloth to cover their table.

Pre-booking is advisable! Contact John Bateson at johnfbateson@gmail.com or 07799 881851.

Willingham Wheels 'Sofa to 50k'

I'm sure many of you will have heard of the Couch to 5 km Training Plan? The idea is to transform you from 'couch potato' to 'runner', getting you running three miles (or 5k) on a regular basis in just two months.



British Cycling have come up with a similar idea to encourage you to dig your bike out of the shed and get riding! It is ideal for the complete cycling novice who is looking to start cycling for health, fitness, recreation, commuting or perhaps to tackle a challenge or charity ride up to 50km (30 miles) long.

Following the success of the last two years, Willingham Wheels (willinghamwheels.com) are running it again! We start the eight week training plan on **Tuesday 24 March**. Rides are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 30 pm and Sunday mornings at 9 am. Time commitment ranges from a minimum of one hour and a half to a maximum of six and a half hours per week.

Under 16s are most welcome to join but they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

How about using this to start your training for the Over Day Centre 50 Mile Challenge Ride on **31 May**? Details to follow!

If you're interested in taking part or want to find out more, please contact Nigel on sofa250k@outlook.com.

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Several other work colleagues and myself are raising money for the British Heart Foundation by running the London Marathon on 26 April.

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Services

- 1 March**
11 00 am Morning Worship
- 8 March**
11 00 am Holy Communion
- 15 March**
11 00 am All Age Service
- 22 March**
11 00 am Mothering Sunday Service
- 29 March**
10 30 am Joint 5folds Service in Northstowe in the Pathfinder School

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!

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

Clergy contact details:

Simon Gill 01954 230434 or simon@5folds.org.uk
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Jenny Hill 07970 949331 or revdjennyhill@5folds.org.uk
Jan Payne 07780 674563 or jan.payne@northstowe.church

Events

First Steps: Meets fortnightly on Fridays, **13 and 27 March** 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!

Also There is also a group of parents who meet to explore the Christian faith on alternate Friday mornings. For more details about this, please email Hannah Overton at hannah.overton@yahoo.co.uk.

Coffee Break is on **Saturday 7 March**, 10 am – 12 noon. Coffee in the Octagon will now be known as Coffee Break. A chance to enjoy coffee and company in the Octagon

from 10 to 11 30 am on the first Saturday morning of every month, except January.


Time for Prayer: 9 – 9 30 am every Thursday morning in the Church. All welcome.



Mothers' UNION
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Organised by the Mothers' Union

NB Monthly Cake Stall:- is sadly no longer running but we may have other events instead. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past years. Last year donations at the coffee mornings raised £145. This will be sent via Mothers' Union Ely Diocese to Whitworth House in Cambridge who provide accommodation and support for young women aged 16 – 22.



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Services

(**= + activities for children)

- 1 March**
10 30 am Family Worship**
6 00 pm Evening Worship
- 8 March**
10 30 am Family Worship**
6 00 pm Evening Worship
- 15 March**
10 30 am Family Worship**
6 00 pm Evening Worship
- 22 March**
10 30 am Mother's Day Café Church
6 00 pm Evening Worship
- 29 March**
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, **5 and 19 March**. 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, 21 March: 7 45 am for a hearty cooked Celtic breakfast followed by a short topical talk, *Lord Shaftesbury* by Pete Sacre. Contact Pete Sacre, 01954 261655 or peetamin@gmail.com. It will be a Classic breakfast on **18 April** with a talk about Martin Luther with Dave Baker. **16 May** will again be a Classic breakfast.

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St Ives, Sacred Heart – Saturday evening: 5 pm and Sunday: 8 and 11 am.

Bar Hill Church Centre: Saturdays at 6 pm.

The priest for this area is now Reverend Thomas J Walton

Commemorating VE Day 8 May.

We will be commemorating VE day with a display of flowers in the Church on **Friday 8 May**. The displays will have flowers appropriate to 1945. This will be supported by articles, items, photos and memories of the event.

Anyone with relevant items who is willing to lend them for incorporation in the displays, please contact Carol Bailey 01954 260794.

If you have memories of that day we would welcome your input for our 'Memory Board'.

Should you be able to help in any way please contact Carol.

We look forward to hearing from you.
Willingham Church, Flower Arrangers

Pastoral Letter

Sunday 22 March is when we celebrate Mothering Sunday – a time to remember our mothers with thanks and gratitude. We have a number of ways we can do that, just one being to join with each other thanking God for them in our special Mothering Sunday services. They are at 11 am at the Anglican Church and 10 30 am at the Baptist Church. We also recognise that for some people Mothering Sunday can be a difficult day - be that through having had a difficult relationship with one's mother, the desire to be a mother that was unfulfilled or a whole range of other reasons. The Anglican Church (Pathfinder Church) in Northstowe is providing an opportunity, starting at 8 pm, for those who have had such experiences to gather and be quiet or have a coffee and chat. As ever, all the churches in the area are here to help and provide a helping, listening ear whatever the need.

Best wishes in Christ,

Reverend Simon Gill, Team Rector, Willingham



Vacancy Accompanist for Swavesey Community Choir

Swavesey Community Choir (SCC) would like to find an accompanist who can join them for evenings of making music and laughter. We are an all-welcome choir of around 40 persons of mixed ages, with a varied repertoire. We rehearse for 1.5 hrs during term time in Swavesey and produce an event at the end of each term. We take our singing but not ourselves seriously. We are seeking an accompanist who can help us along in rehearsals and who can enjoy performing with us. There is an honorarium with the post. Previous experience not essential and enquiries from music students would be welcome. If you would like further information please contact us via our Facebook page (Swavesey Community Choir), our website www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk or feel free to drop us an email: swaveseycommunitychoir@gmail.com

A Brief History of Willingham 1200 to 1700

Part 11 – Education Comes to Willingham

Reign of Queen Elizabeth I 1558 to 1603

Education and literacy arrived at Willingham in 1579, when Laurence Milford was granted a licence to teach young children. He lived in a cottage on the west side of George Street and it was likely at that stage he would have taught children in his own house. Many of the wills of that period were written and witnessed by him too, which would suggest a high degree of illiteracy in the village population before then. The school was upgraded in 1596 when William Norton was licensed to teach grammar. This interest in education followed the rapid development of printing presses earlier in the century which now enabled the printing and circulation of pamphlets and books from contemporary writers like William Shakespeare on a national scale.

It was also during this time that the Parish Registers were instituted. They started in October 1559 and recorded all christenings, marriages and burials in the parish. The first Register consists of 68 parchment leaves and covers a span of 94 years. Together with later registers, it is now held in the County Archives. Surnames which occur frequently in the early registers are Love, Ingle, Few, West, Maddy, Frogge, Brazier and Hallywell. The most popular first names in them for boys are John, William, Thomas and Henry, while for girls Joan, Agnes, Katherine, Alice (or Alse), Margaret and Marjorie dominate.

There was no great change to the actual fabric of the Church during this period. In the 1550s wallpaintings in

churches throughout England were limewashed over following an Order in Council of 1547, a reaction against Catholic embellishments of all kinds. Willingham was no exception. In 1569 a new silver chalice was made, fashioned in all probability from the plate confiscated by King Henry VIII decades earlier. The new chalice was 'to replace the prophane cuppes, bowles, dishes and chalices heretofore used at Masse'. We still have it, and a very handsome piece it is. It stands over six inches high, and is just under five inches in diameter with a cover engraved with a cross and the words, 'For the town of Wyllyngham.'

Apart from the Registers and the new silver, Thomas Parkinson did not leave his mark in much of a tangible way from his 31 years as Rector of Willingham. Perhaps one should look to see what he was doing at his other livings at Wimpole and Orwell! However, the 30 years following his death in 1585 were to witness events that would have a momentous effect on Willingham's development.

Alan Fawcitt

Next time: Great Changes in Willingham.



*The Wyllyngham
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- Keep away from fire, flames and cigarettes when using any type of emollient. Dressings, clothing and bedding that have been in contact with an emollient can easily catch fire.
- Change clothing and bedding regularly – preferably daily. Emollients soak into fabric and the build-up of residues can increase the fire risk. Washing fabrics at high temperatures may reduce the build-up but does not remove it entirely.
- Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you normally smoke. They will be able to offer you help and advice to stop smoking.
- Tell your relatives or carers about your treatment and the fire risk. Those who care for you can help to keep you safe.

Further information on using emollients safely can found online at www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/campaigns/fire-risk-with-emollients/.

MyChart

MyChart is the electronic patient portal at Addenbrooke's and The Rosie hospitals which allows patients to securely access parts of their health record held within the hospitals' Epic electronic patient record system.

View upcoming appointments/past appointment details, current problems/conditions, clinical correspondence, test results and medications.

MyChart is designed to improve communication between you and your clinical teams, and enable you to be more involved and informed about your care by having access to your information.

This is a hospital based system, so you will need to speak with a clinic receptionist at the hospital or your clinical team for details on how to sign-up to MyChart.

Once you have signed-up you will be able to access your hospital information via MyChart from your smartphone or tablet device (Apple or Android) or from a computer or laptop.

Monday Mornings

We are aware that it can take some time to get through to

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
Emergencies		4 00 – 6 00

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

our receptionists on Monday mornings. Please be assured that we have three receptionists working at the busy time taking your calls, and we will work our way through the queue as quickly as possible.

In order to ease congestion at this particularly busy time, we politely ask that any routine matters such as blood test results, booking routine check-ups and drug reviews are called through after 11 am where possible, so we can speak to those that require treatment urgently as quickly as possible.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics: The next Hearing Aid Clinics at the Surgery will be on **Wednesdays 18 March, 15 April and 20 May** 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: 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.

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

Lisa Smith
Assistant Practice Manager

Arthur's Shed

What is Arthur's Shed?

Arthur's Shed is a purpose-built studio set in the beautiful grounds of the Arthur Rank Hospice. Sessions are open to the public and free of charge although a suggested

donation of £5 is welcomed. It is important to book sessions by calling our reception on 01223 675777.

Arthur's Shed, Arthur Rank Hospice, Cherry Hinton Road, Shelford Bottom, CB22 3AB. Babraham Park & Ride Bus March 2020 - open to all, free of charge – to book call 01223 675777				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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1 30 – 2 30 pm Singing Shed (Drop in choir)	10 30 – 11 30 am Clay Work 2 – 4 pm Men's Shed	10 – 11 am Reiki & Crystals 12 30 – 1 30 pm Still Life Drawing with Jackie	2 30 – 3 30 pm Tai Chi	
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Singing Shed: An informal drop in choir, no previous experience required!

Men's Shed: A space for people to connect, converse and create!

Clay Work: Create beautiful small clay pieces using air dried clay – no kiln required!

Reiki and Crystals: Treat yourself to a relaxing hour of mediation, reiki and crystals.

Still Life Drawing: Learn new skills or simply relax and

draw with the support of a skilled artist.

Flower Arranging: Create beautiful floral displays with the support of skilled florist.

Sugarcraft: Learn the skill of creating stunning pieces of sugarcraft with a highly experienced Tutor. (This session will require regular attendance.)

Tai Chi: An hour of gentle exercise to calm, relax and refresh.

Arthur's Yard: Design and build a model railway set.

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Christian care for families

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Monday 16 March 12 noon – 1 30 pm

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Wednesday	Closed	
Thursday		4 – 7 pm
Friday	10 am – 1 pm	
Saturday	10 am – 1 pm	

Library News

Engage in the Afternoon

Come and join in with these special sessions for adults on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 30 pm. There is a speaker, tea/coffee/biscuits and a chance to change books. It's free but a £1 donation is requested.

In February, we had a great illustrated talk by Dave Horan on *Chernobyl: The Forbidden Zone*. The first part of the talk described the circumstances around the reactor explosion and its aftermath. It was really interesting to hear the details and also get an insight into the way it was handled by the USSR, as it became a worldwide, rather than just a local disaster. This was followed by his own impressions from a visit he had made to the 'forbidden zone' 15 years later. He met some of the 're-settlers', people who have returned to their homes, and also described how the model town closest to the reactor is being reclaimed by nature.

Next talk: **Wednesday 4 March** – *Ouse Fen Nature Reserve – Wildlife on Willingham's Doorstep*

Chris Hudson from the RSPB talking about local wildlife and the work of the RSPB.

Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) News

Games Afternoon, Friday 6 March, 2 – 4 pm in the library.

First Friday of every month. Come along and play Scrabble or bring along a game of your choice to share. There is a small fee of £1 and tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

Second-hand Book Stall, Saturday 7 March, 10 30 am – 12 noon

First Saturday of every month until November. Please pop over and see us at the library to buy some very reasonably priced books for adults and children and help support our library.

Future Events

Children's Easter Book Trail, 4 – 18 April

Visit us at the library to purchase for £1 a book trail sheet and map that will lead you around our village to look for book titles. Easter Egg prizes for the first two correct entries pulled out of a hat on **18 April**. Further details available next month.

Author Talk – Emily Winslow, 29 April, 7 pm for 7 30 pm start

Meet Emily and listen to her talk about her writing and books. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine (or soft drink). More information next month.

Contact us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

READER'S LETTER

Dear Editors

In the last issue I wrote a letter concerning local public transport. Several have asked me if I could clarify the revised times for buses 5, 5A, 5C and also expressed interest in improving the transport to the village.

The Parish and District Councils, as well as Stagecoach, have expressed interest in making improvements, but it will take more than the activity of two or three individuals to push improvements through.

A shuttle minibus and local taxis are still under consideration and as Northstowe develops, we can hope that may improve services.

It's up to members of the public to spend five minutes to write and/or visit the council office in Willingham, and/or attend open forums and public surgeries. The next with SCDC and WPC is **29 February** in the Ploughman Hall at 11 am. At the last WPC meeting and SCDC surgery only two members of public attended.

The revised bus service to the Guided Bus and Bar Hill is rather complex but roughly, on weekdays, there are buses from Willingham to Bar Hill at the following times in the mornings 6 29, 7 25, 9 26 (this one is invariably late) and 11 26 and in the afternoons at 1 36, 3 35 and 5 36.

In the other direction, via Swavesey and on to

Fenstanton, they should run at 8 04 and 10 19 in the mornings and in afternoons at 12 20, 2 21, 4 21, 6 19 and 7 19. This means you can get to the Guided Bus one way or another roughly every hour.

There are no buses on Sundays or Bank Holidays or later in the evening, which is a big issue.

Concerning dog walking, there have been some issues with access, fencing, parking and near misses with speeding vehicles at the Community Orchard, but gradually improvements are being made. Again it's up to members of the public to express their wishes to the councils, otherwise other things will be prioritised.

We're still looking for other suitable land and again appeal to anyone who may know of an area near the Recreation Ground particularly. There are funds available to compensate those who are prepared to allow dog walking which would be controlled and responsibly managed.

I'm happy to pass on details of interested people but need their authority to do so.

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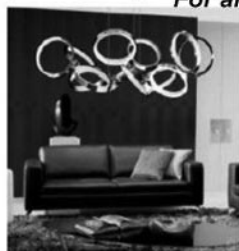
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District Councillors' Report

Here is an update from your South Cambridgeshire District Councillors:

Automated Number Plate Recognition System to Monitor Northstowe Construction Traffic

We met recently with representatives of Northstowe lead developer L&Q Estates (formerly Gallagher) to discuss further measures to reduce the number of construction vehicles travelling through Willingham to/from Northstowe. Warning signs have now been installed as promised and developers have again been reminded to warn their contractors to use the agreed transport plan. The second part of the plan was to install CCTV cameras but having discussed the requirements with specialist suppliers, L&Q have been advised to opt for Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipment rather than CCTV, which would give rise to privacy issues and restrictions on use. The sensors will cover the entrances to Northstowe and will also be able to record vehicles that pass Northstowe and then return after turning at the roundabout – something that is known to go on. The data will be monitored by SCDC Enforcement Officers. The system is significantly more expensive than a standard CCTV system and the cost will be shared with all of the developers on the site. We must praise L&Q on their positive attitude and willingness to cooperate since the extent of the problem was brought to their attention.

The 'Greening' of South Cambridgeshire's Hall

SCDC has published plans to upgrade their offices at Cambourne. A number of energy efficiency improvements will make the building more energy efficient and much less reliant on fossil fuels. The work will dramatically cut energy bills and almost halve carbon emissions. A maximum of £1.9 million is being set aside in the council's budget to pay for the work but the energy improvements planned should save around £100,000 in the first year of the scheme's operation and pay for themselves within 16 years. The funding will come from the Council's 'Renewables Reserve' – from Business Rates paid by renewable energy sites in the district – and earmarked specifically for investment in energy efficiency projects. This is the same fund that pays for carbon reducing community projects through the Council's Zero Carbon

Communities grant scheme.

Greater Cambridge Planning Service (GCPS)

The Greater Cambridge Planning Service has been undergoing much change in the last couple of years. Improving the customer experience has been a priority and a new performance officer joined the service at the end of 2019. A new planning complaints system will soon be introduced by SCDC; an Open Process portal will allow complaints to be tracked until resolution. It will be possible for complainants to upload supporting documents and for messages to be sent between investigators and customers, which will help to speed up the process. Individuals who are unable to use online services will be served by the Customer Feedback Team by post or phone. More improvements are to be rolled out in the coming weeks and months.

Five-Year Housing Land Supply (FYHLS)

On 21 January the government's planning inspector revealed that she had dismissed an appeal against SCDC's refusal of the development of 44 homes in Over. Although welcome, the decision has brought with it concerns for the soundness of the council's FYHLS. In scrutinising the data, the inspector concluded that some of the developments within the Greater Cambridge were not deliverable in five years as expected and she reduced the figure down to 5.07 – OK for now but too close to 5 for comfort. Nobody wants to see the return of unplanned developments, so please be assured that both Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire Councils will be looking at the pronouncement carefully to see if anything can be done to raise the figure to a safer level. We will keep you posted as and when we hear more.

Our next surgery

Our next SCDC surgery takes place on **Saturday 11 April** 11 am – 1 pm at the Ploughman Hall.

Cllrs Dawn Percival (07948 683599, cldr.percival@scambs.gov.uk) and **Bill Handley** (01954 200287, cldr.handley@scambs.gov.uk).

Poem for March

The March hares jump around and play
so high they leap to greet the day.
I love them for their sense of fun.
They should be seen by everyone.

With their long tall ears they listen out
for sounds afar and near about.
They bring to me a sense of fun
and should be seen by everyone.

Christine Lacey

Crossword Answers:

Across: 1 Quiver, 4 Jagged, 9 Abolish, 10 Known, 11 Taste, 12 Tremble, 13 Postal order, 18 Traffic, 20 Arena, 22 Onion, 23 Chopper, 24 Either, 25 Psalms. **Down:** 1 Quartz, 2 Idols, 3 Evident, 5 Ankle, 6 Goodbye, 7 Donkey, 8 Shuttlecock, 14 On a diet, 15 Reasons, 16 Stroke, 17 Walrus, 19 Fence, 21 Expel.

Answers to Book Quiz

1 Jojo Moyes, 2 Jessie Burton, 3 Elizabeth Strout, 4 John Grogan, 5 Jodie Picoult, 6 William Shakespeare, 7 Jane Austen, 8 George Eliot, 9 Herman Melville, 10 Daphne du Maurier.

Mini March Quiz Answers 1 St David, 2 Leek, 3 Daffodil, 4 Hare, 5 Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday, 6 Clocks spring forward, 7 Mars, 8 Cambridgeshire, 9 Eiffel Tower, 10 Monopoly.

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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat 29 Feb	District Councillors' Surgery	District Council	Ploughman Hall	11 am – 1 pm, see p10
Sat 29 Feb	Dominic Kaye – Neil Diamond Tribute Act	Social Club	Social Club	8 pm, see p8
Sun 1 March	Jazz Club	Social Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com
Sun 1 March	Beetle Drive	Willingham School Association	Primary School	2 – 4 pm, see p9
Mon 2 March	<i>Oriental Vegetables</i> with Mike Day	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Wed 4 March	Ouse Fen Nature Reserve – Wildlife on Willingham's Doorstep with RSPB's Chris Hudson	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p17
Wed 4 March	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Wed 4 March	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p10
Thu 5 March	Community Luncheon Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	See p12
Fri 6 March	Board Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p17
Sat 7 March	Coffee Break	Parish Church	Octagon	10 – 11 30 am, see p12
Sat 7 March	Second Hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p17
Sun 8 March	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 9 March	Annual Meeting & Social Evening	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Fri 13 March	First Steps	Parish Church	Octagon	10 – 11 30 am, see p12
Fri 13 March	Custard Comedy	Social Club	Social Club	7 15 for 7 45 pm, see p8
Mon 16 March	Soup Lent Lunch	Mothers' Union	Octagon	12 noon – 1 30 pm, see p16
Tue 17 March	'Still Me' Pamper Morning	Book Warren	Book Warren	10 am – 12 noon, see p16
Wed 18 March	Hearing Aid Clinic	CAMTAD	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Thu 19 March	Community Luncheon Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	See p12
Fri 20 March	Graham Buxton, Live Music	Social Club	Social Club	8 pm, see p8
Sat 21 March	Celtic Breakfast & Topical Talk <i>Lord Shaftesbury</i> with Pete Sacre	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p12
Tue 24 March	Sofa to 50k – Eight Week Training Plan	Willingham Wheels	Willingham	See p11
Wed 25 March	Mixed Craft Group	Women's Institute	Baptist Church	10 30 am – 4 30 pm, see p7
Thu 26 March	Golf Day	Black Bull Golf Society	Ely	Nigel Aspinall 01954 200592 nidgeandjenny@yahoo.co.uk
Fri 27 March	First Steps	Parish Church	Octagon	10 – 11 30 am, see p12
Sat 28 March	Bikes & Bits Sale	Willingham Wheels	Rampton Village Hall	10 am, see p11
Sun 29 March	Easter Egg Bingo	Willingham School Association	Primary School	3 – 5 pm, see p9
Mon 30 March	Jam Club with The Keith Pearson Band	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5



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