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## Lockdown Poems

Marion Barber's father (not a Willingham resident) at the age of 92 has rewritten/adapted the Rudyard Kipling poem 'If..' in a manner relevant to our Lockdown times. It also shows that we should not underestimate our elderly and the power they have to keep the rest of us sane and entertained and are worthy of our care and protection.

#### If (With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

If you can keep your health when all about you Are losing theirs because they don't take care; If you can trust yourself when others doubt you And never fall for every virus scare; If you can stay at home or in the garden, And only leave for vital food and wine, And keep to rules for social isolation, And hold your distance to the six foot line:

If you can wash your hands with soap and water And wear a face protection if you must, And only stay close to your wife or partner Yet telephone and email those you trust; Don't ever try a remedy from POTUS (That means avoid all help from Donald Trump); If you prefer to take advice from Boris, Then we might just avoid a finance slump:

If you go out at eight on Thursday evenings And clap hands to support the NHS, Or pray for those devoted to their caring They need to be remembered none the less; If you can paint a rainbow for your window To be a cheerful sign to passers-by You'll show a hope for better things tomorrow A promise there'll be good news by and by:

If you can bear the lockdown time with patience, While scientists are searching for a cure; If you can put your faith in clever science There'll be a vaccine soon – you may be sure; If you can cope with every boring minute Until we can be sure that we have won You'll keep your home with everything that's in it, And what is more you'll be alive my son.

Tony Barber (With apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

#### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who sent in copy for the May issue of *Willingham News*. We hope you enjoyed the online edition. We have received lots of very positive and encouraging messages from readers.

Keep safe and keep sending in your pictures, photos and articles.

#### Lockdown Poem

I was inspired to write this when a few weeks ago I had a problem with a drain, it was considered an emergency so they sent a man/woman suitably clad from head to foot.

A spaceman came and operated on my drain. We waved at one another through the window pane. Sorted.

The Sainsbury chap brought my shopping outside. We smiled at each other, so happy I almost cried. Sorted.

The postman came but I only heard the click As my letters were delivered remarkably quick Sorted.

The garbage men came and emptied my bin. I apologise for all the rubbish I put in. Sorted.

My friends all came in many different ways To help us get through these challenging days. Sorted.

The family they came with a Zoom in or two Goodness Grandma is that really you? Sorted.

Christine Lacey

## **Recommended Books**

During this continued period of lockdown and selfisolation, many of you may find that you are reading more than usual. Don't forget the online library facility. If you do have a Kindle or some other mode of accessing books online, here are a few more recommended books for you: Recommendations from Jane Dowle.

#### The Thorn Birds by Colleen McCullough

A sweeping family saga of dreams, struggles, dark passions, and forbidden love in the Australian Outback.

*Cashelmara* by Susan Howatch Three generations of drama and turmoil set in Galway.

#### Penmarric by Susan Howatch

Penmarric is a huge house in Cornwall occupied by a rich landed family whose lives are followed from 1890 to the end of the Second World War.

#### Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh

A nostalgic and reflective novel of privilege and tragedy.

#### The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje

The relationships between four people in the heat of the Sahara Desert.

Some more recommendations next month. Of course we would also love to hear readers' recommendations for a good read.

## A Brief History of Willingham 1200 to 1700 Part 14 – The Monarchy is Overthrown Reign of King James I 1603 to 1625 King Charles I 1625 to 1649

Jeremy Beale succeeded Dr William Smith as Rector in 1615. He was yet another Rector of Willingham to achieve high office outside the village. During his 15 years here he became Master of Pembroke College, Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University and Chaplain to King James I. On his death in 1630 he was succeeded by John Buckeridge, a relative of the Bishop of Ely, and son of a London haberdasher, who held the living of Willingham until his death in 1647. He was to witness some very turbulent times indeed.

#### **Civil War and Oliver Cromwell**

The whole country became increasingly involved in what was to become 'The Great Rebellion.' Anti-monarchist sentiment grew under Oliver Cromwell and his 'Roundheads', who clashed with the 'Cavaliers' of the autocratic King Charles I. The Fens were more involved than most areas of the country,



as Oliver Cromwell was a native of the area.

He was born in Huntingdon, educated at Cambridge and married in Ely, before leading the Parliamentarian Roundhead armies to eventually defeat the Royalist armies of Charles I. The King was publicly executed in 1649, and Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector of the new 'Commonwealth'.

#### **Destruction in Willingham**

The Bishop of Ely, Matthew Wren, was a fervent Royalist



and now found himself imprisoned in the Tower of London for 18 years, from 1642 to 1660. Cromwell could not tolerate the ritual of the Established English Church and sent one of his lieutenants, William Dowsing, to 'destroy and abolish all monuments of superstition

and idolatry' in East Anglian churches. Dowsing came to Willingham in 1643. He recorded his destruction meticulously: 'Willingham 16th March 1643: We destroyed 40 superstitious pictures, a crucifix, 2 superstitious inscriptions, 1 'Pray for the Soul', 2 pictures of the Holy Ghost, and 1 of the Virgin Mary in brass'. No wonder there are no brasses in the Church now. Fortunately the wall-paintings had been lime-washed over and escaped this destruction. Lead pellets were found embedded in the nave oak roof during treatment against deathwatch beetle in the 1990s. Could they have been fired by Dowsing's men? All this must have shaken the village, and made people realise that the Rebellion was not just something happening elsewhere. Willingham's population by now was around 450. There must have been some very real strains arising from divided loyalties in the village, not only between families, but also within families.

When John Buckeridge died in Willingham in 1647, Bishop Wren gave authority from his prison in the Tower of London for a Royalist, Edward Mapletoft, to be appointed as Rector. Mapletoft was known to have been preaching against 'the wicked devils in the new Parliament' at his previous living at Hardwick. So it was perhaps not surprising that, despite also being instituted as Archdeacon of Ely, he was replaced as Rector at Willingham within six months by a Cromwell supporter, Nathaniel Bradshaw. Bradshaw was a Cambridge graduate, and a member of the Presbyterian Cambridge Association. There is just the possibility that he was related to John Bradshaw, the Lord Chief Justice, who presided over the trial of King Charles I and pronounced the death sentence.

Alan Fawcitt Next time: Bradshaw – Cromwell's Man in Willingham

## Willingham 100 Years Ago

# This item appeared in *The Cambridge Daily News* on 13 July 1920:

At the Quarterly Court of the President and Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital held in May last, the General Committee reported 'the receipt of a contribution of £1000 per Dr King of Willingham from a resident in the United States whose brother 50 years ago was a patient in the hospital.' The contributor of this generous sum is Mr Thomas Norman of Shelby, Iowa, USA, a former resident of Willingham. Mr Norman's brother Edmund was a patient in the hospital in 1869 and the donation given is for the purpose of endowing a bed in his memory in appreciation of the splendid services rendered by Addenbrooke's to members of Mr Norman's family during their residence in England, at which time they were in a far from rich position. The donation has been invested in 5 per cent War Loan and the interest thereon will be a permanent addition to the annual income of the Hospital. A brass plate will be provided recording the endowment of this bed.

Mr Will Norman, a cousin of Mr Thomas Norman, is still resident at Willingham.

Anne Kirkman

# Willingham Library Reading Group Book Review

#### Once Upon A River by Diane Setterfield

Once Upon a River is an absorbing story that combines folklore and science, magic and myth. Full of suspense and very atmospheric, the beginning of this novel lures the reader into its web bringing various threads together a little at a time and taking you through worlds both real and imagined.

The novel is set along the banks of the River Thames in 1887 and starts on a dark midwinter's night in The Swan Inn where an extraordinary event takes place. The regulars are planning to spend the evening swapping stories, when the door bursts open on a half drowned stranger with the lifeless body of a small child in his arms. However, when the local nurse arrives, the girl stirs, takes a breath and appears to have miraculously returned from the dead! Is it a miracle? Is it magic? Or can science provide an explanation?

Those who live on the river bank try to solve the puzzle of the girl who died and lived again, yet as the days pass the mystery only deepens. The child herself is mute and unable to answer the essential questions: Who is she? And to whom does she belong?

Three families are keen to claim her but this girl cannot be everyone's. Many secrets must be revealed before the girl's identity is made known. Without wishing to give too much away, there is a happy outcome for many of the characters.

Once Upon A River was thoroughly enjoyed by most people with nine out of the 12 attendees at our virtual meeting online giving it a score of nine out of 10.

Anne Turpin



We would love to have any pictures and/or articles about them.

Please send to willinghamnews@gmail.com by **15 June**.

The Editors

## **Bees in Willingham**



If you see a swarm please ring Steve on 07795 215071 and a beekeeper will come and try to collect it.



Police stop and take pictures as beekeepers collect a swarm from the Green in late April. Social distancing just about maintained! Photo Carolyn Knighton.



The Community Orchard is looking wonderful at this time of year. Well worth a visit.



# **VE Celebrations in the Village**



Mother and daughter, Teresa and Jo, enjoying 40's style tea for VE Day







Passmore's 'street party'



























## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

#### www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

We are proud and grateful to our residents for everything being done to help and show kindness to each other in these difficult and weird times. Keep it going and if you need to ask anything or have any concerns, contact the Parish Council or the HUB.

Thank you too for heeding the 'closed' signs on the QEII playing field. Due to the virus the area has been sealed off. However, the recreation playing fields opposite continue to be beautifully maintained for family games and isolated sports activities. Everyone using the space has been respectful and kept their distance which is great to see.

#### **Council Meetings**

The remotely held meeting in May was well attended and it was good to have interest from members of the public. However, some village residents would like more explanation on procedure. As we continue to follow national guidelines, the Parish Council office is working as usual - albeit in isolation - and physical interaction where needed takes place following distancing guidelines. Council meetings themselves are still held at 7 30 pm on the first Wednesday each month. The inclusion of members of the public remains the same in principle with the public forum regulations still in place. In preparation, the 'Zoom' meeting code, along with agendas have been published on the website, on Facebook and are posted on the Public Hall noticeboard in the High Street. The Clerk will need to be informed if you would like to speak under the forum item so emailing the office is currently the best method to do this.

#### Keeping the Village Tidy!

Now the recycling centres are open again we really hope that, as spring-cleaning is underway, everyone will use them and not just dump their rubbish elsewhere. In this area it is even more important we keep the network of ditches and streams clear and flowing so they drain as they should and avoid flooding. South Cambridgeshire District Council are aware that some 'fly-tipping' around our fields takes place, but reporting as it happens is helpful.

#### **Traffic News**

Although we were not successful with our previous funding bid for a 40 mph buffer zone on the B1050 Earith Road into the village, the Parish Council will be resubmitting their application. The portable speed signs are still in action. However, they cannot be re-sited currently as they need a few operators to work together to move them. When the distancing rules change, they can be moved to other spots. A further temporary traffic counter was also thought a reasonable idea once the lockdown is lifted and the traffic through the village is likely to return to its previous levels.

Speeding through the village generally continues to be a problem. Although the traffic is lighter while people work at home or stay close to home as they should, it means the emptier roads look too inviting to some drivers who feel they can take advantage. We would ask residents to respect the speed limits; they are there for a reason, plus the speeding accidents which are on the increase cause injuries and more work which our NHS really could do without. The problem has been highlighted by the Clerk and the local police have said they will do what they can to help.

#### **Climate Emergency**

Our District Councillors reported in *Willingham News* last month about how they, along with community groups and Parish Councils are working towards a dramatic reduction of carbon emissions. Although their contribution will be somewhat limited, the Parish Council recognises that we can anticipate working together on initiatives to effect positive changes – however small – and to take an active part, thus ensuring the long-term sustainability of our environment, which is a good thing to look forward to.

Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month and at the moment are being held remotely. As normal they will be starting at 7 30 pm. Agendas are published on the website, the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street, and on the Parish Council Facebook page. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details).

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# Children's Corner

How is your home schooling going? Have you learnt any new skills or attempted any new challenges during your time away from friends. We would love to hear your stories and see your photos or pictures. It was great to receive the pictures on this page showing some of the things you have been getting up to.

How are you exercising? Have you visited the community orchard in Earith Road? Walk there safely with your family and once there you could see how many different fruit trees you could find.





VE day baking by Lucy and Thomas Atkins. The cake was a joint effort, then Lucy decorated it with the union flag by herself, and the scones are Thomas' creations.

A fun idea spotted on a walk down Mill Road – a collection of painted pebbles aimed at raising a smile. All contributions welcome!

There are 46 different words in this word search that are related to trees and shrubs. See how many you can find.





*Eve, Holly and Amber doing watercolour bird paintings.* 



Community Orchard





Oscar and Harrison camp out for VE Day.

# **Puzzle Page**

Here are a few more puzzles than usual to keep you busy. Print off the page if you want to do the crosswords and sudoku. All answers are on page 24.

## Sudoku

Solution on page 24



# June Puzzle for Children

The answers to all the following questions involve all or at least three of the letters in June and all begin with the letter J. Answers on page 24.

- 1 The name of the Roman Queen of the Gods
- 2 The fifth planet from the Sun
- 3 A collection of stories by Rudyard Kipling
- 4 A berry which can be used as a spice
- 5 A large, heavy vehicle
- 6 A hot, chilli pepper
- 7 Young, youthful person
- 8 Ornamental pot or stand
- 9 An anniversary of an event
- 10 A person who makes furniture
- 11 Rough fibre used for making twine and rope
- 12 Noise of bells
- 13 Ornamental flowering shrub
- 14 Discarded articles
- 15 Condition with yellowing of the skin
- 16 A point at which two or more things are joined
- 17 Light spear thrown in competitive sport
- 18 Liquid part of vegetables or fruit
- 19 A person who decides in a competition
- 20 The act of going from one place to another

# Film Themed Crossword by Willow



#### Across

- 1 1959 film with 2 in an allwomen band (4,4,2,3)
- 8 --- Force One, 1997 political thriller with Harrison Ford
  (3)
- 9 *Like Water for* ------, 1992 Mexican film from Laura Esquivel's book (9)
- 10 1983 film with Meryl Streep as a whistle-blower in a plutonium plant (8)
- 11 ---- America: World Police, animated action comedy from 2004 (4)
- 13 State of being part of a community of obsessive fans (6)
- 14 Mr Spock's planet (6)
- 16 1994 Luc Besson film about a professional assassin (4)
- 17 William - - - 's novel, The Sound and the Fury, was made into a film in 1959 (8)
- 20 Showing a film (9)
- 21 Lee, director of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* (3)
- 22 First outing for Arnold Schwarzenegger's cyborg in 1984, he'll be back though (3,10)

#### Down

- 1 The Walk of Fame in LA has famous names in these (5)
- 2 Actress born Norma Jeane Mortenson on 1 June 1926 (7,6)
- 3 English actress, Margaret, in The Lady Vanishes in 1938
   (8)
- 4 1957 US cult science fiction film with Jeff Morrow and Barbara Lawrence (6)
- 5 Story by Ted Hughes in an animated film from 1999, *The - Giant* (4)
- 6 1978 Warren Beatty film with US footballer dying before his right time (6,3,4)
- 7 1976 horror film with Gregory Peck, Lee Remick and their demon child (3,4)
- 12 Actress Carey, born London 1985 (8)
- 13 Where movies are made (4,3)
- 15 Element discovered by Madame Curie, played by Greer Garson in the 1943 film (6)
- 18 Moore, fourth actor to play James Bond (5)
- 19 Kelly, American actor and dancer, most famously in *Singin' in the Rain* (4)

# **Book Quiz**

I thought some of us may have been sorting out our wardrobes recently so the theme of clothes seemed to be appropriate. Do you know the authors of these books?

Answers on page 24.

- 1. Blue Shoes and Happiness
- 2. Little Red Riding Hood
- 3. A Cat, a Hat and a Piece of String
- 4. The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- 5. The Emperor's New Clothes
- 6. The Greatcoat
- 7. The Dressmaker
- 8. The Man in the Brown Suit
- 9. The Cat in the Hat
- 10. *Lace*

Christine Lacey

# Over and District Royal British Legion

Thank you to all those who joined in to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. The village looked wonderful with all the bunting, decorated windows and 'stay at home' street parties were enjoyed by many.

Of our five local World War 2 veterans, four were treated to a delicious 'Afternoon Tea for Two' at home, courtesy of Lindsay Warren of The Book Warren. They were also delighted to each receive the gift of a Tommy funded by kind donations, bunting made by Sharon, Rebecca and Donna, sold and now being donated to Bletchley Park, and delicious cupcakes courtesy of Emma. Thank you everyone for your help and kindness.

#### **Commemorative Bench for Over and Longstanton**

We have started a project to raise funds for a bench for both villages with a Community Chest grant application for a VE Day project. With the support of both Parish Councils and local fundraising we hope that it will not be too long before we see these in place and that maybe our Veterans can visit them. We look forward to your support along the way and hope to incorporate VJ Day, a significant day in this region. If you would like to see similar benches both Willingham and Swavesey already have them installed.

#### 400 Club

We usually hold our annual 400 Club draw at this time of year and plan to start this in late June. We will not be able to see many of you who normally buy tickets in the usual way and hope that you feel able to participate still. Tickets cost £5 and this gives you entry into every draw for 20 weeks. We would prefer direct transfers into our branch bank account, but cheques and cash in marked envelopes could be collected or posted through my letterbox. Please email or ring if you would like to join in this year. Jane, Secretary at 46 Chapmans Way, Tel No – 01954 200573 or 07983 630265 or email overanddistrictrbl@yahoo.com.

# Neighbourhood Watch

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**Be Aware of a Scam** This comes from the Cyber Protect Team to remind you of the importance of using Two-factor (2FA) or Multi-factor (MFA) authentication where possible on all business and private online accounts.

Using 2FA and MFA means that even if criminals compromise an account password, they will be prevented or disrupted from gaining access, because they will not know the code generated by your account and sent to your mobile phone, or whatever option you have used in the MFA setup.

Someone in the county had a scamming attempt made on them. They have a Gmail account with 2FA set up on it, a couple of days ago they received a text message from Google that stated an attempt had been made to access their account from Taiwan. If the contact had not have had 2FA setup, the cyber – criminal would have been in the account quietly stealing private data, and possibly sending out phishing emails to all his contacts which would have appeared to have come from them.

Our final article on trying to avoid becoming a victim of scams/fraud looks at **Identity Fraud** 

#### Advice for Service Users

- 1. Don't throw out anything containing personal or financial details without first using an ink roller stamp to camouflage it and/or shredding it.
- 2. If a bank or credit card statement or cheque book doesn't arrive, contact the company.
- 3. Check statements carefully and report anything suspicious straight away.
- 4. Redirect post for at least a year when moving to a new address.
- 5. Credit reference agencies like Callcredit, Equifax and Experian offer a service to alert people if there have been key changes to their credit files.

#### **Useful Websites**

**Cifas** offers fraud prevention and identity protection advice; it also offers a Protective Registration service for people who are at particular risk of identity theft eg if a passport has been lost or stolen. <u>www.cifas.org.uk/</u> <u>pr\_for\_individuals</u>.

#### **Stop Identity Fraud**

The Stop Identity Fraud website contains lots of useful information about preventing identity fraud. <u>www.stop-idfraud.co.uk</u>.

If you have information for the Police regarding a crime, call 101 (999 if it's an emergency). You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

If you are interested in becoming part of Willingham Neighbourhood Watch, please contact us on the email address at the top of this article.



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#### Your Parish Church

We are so sorry that the Church and the Octagon continues to be closed under the current national Covid Virus restrictions. As soon as we are allowed to we will start opening up the Church again but in the meantime, if you would like some quiet time for reflection or prayer please do walk around the churchyard or take some time on one of the benches outside the back door to the Octagon and just watch the grass grow.

#### Church is Continuing, but in a Different Way.

Services are being held, recorded and put on the website for you to be able to join in at the normal time of 11 am on Sunday, or whenever is convenient. These can be found at <u>www.5folds.org.uk/ page/simons-sermon-recordings-and-bible-index</u>. There is a section with audio recordings in it. Those beginning with **MP** are the service recordings, those beginning with 5 are the sermons. Back copies of Simon's Sermons are available there.

Simon is making CD recordings available for anyone who is not online so please do let us know if you are aware of anyone who would like a copy. Also please forward your prayer requests so they can be included in our prayers.

When you visit the church's website, <u>www.5folds.org.uk</u> you can find a range of links to prayer, worship and activities to keep us connected and encouraged.

#### Meet the Vicar

Simon Gill writes, 'As we continue to have rather limited contact with each other and therefore I've not been in Willingham as much as I normally would, I've been asked to say a little about myself so you know a bit more about your vicar.

'I'm a village lad by upbringing, being born in the small farming village of Sutton in South Yorkshire, close to the larger mining village of Askern. Science was in my heart from a very young age, so I caused my parents quite a few anxious moments with experiments in the back garden shed. I later went to Southampton University to read Chemistry and eventually became the research manager of a small chemical company just outside Harwich.

It was at Southampton that I became a Christian and also met my wife Sallie, a fellow chemist. It was in those days that I first felt the call to some form of full time Christian ministry, but deliberately went into industry, to gain (very enjoyable) experience of 'real life' first. Towards the end of those industrial years my children, Matthew and Judith, were born. Matthew is in theory at York researching for a PhD in Chemistry and Judith is in a two-year graduate training scheme in her local Southampton church, having graduated in Marine Biology last year.

I trained at Nottingham University and St John's Theological college, before being a curate in Frinton-on-Sea then spending 14 years as a vicar in Sudbury, Suffolk.

I have enjoyed moving here in the middle of last year, back to a more rural setting, where we can enjoy the country, cycle in the open and easily walk around nature reserves. However, I've also valued Willingham being big enough to have its own library and enough shops to buy many items locally.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible once the lockdown is fully eased.'

Simon Gill

#### **Church Meetings and Groups**

We regret that all our Church meetings and groups have had to be suspended until current restrictions are eased. Please do keep checking the website for updates for when services, groups and events will resume.

#### **Contact Details**

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As I write this, we are moving into the next phase of lockdown, with some returning to work and many of us trying to work out what the new regulations mean for us.

We know that certainly for the next month at least that we will still not be able to meet others physically, but that doesn't mean that we are not meeting at all. The church building may be closed, but the church is still very connected and meeting regularly, albeit online and in a different way to what we are used to!

If anyone would like to join us for a gathering, please get in touch, secretary@willinghambaptist.org or phone 01954 269538, then we can send you the information you need.

We are aware that people may be struggling or lonely in isolation, so if you want to chat, or pray with someone, please also get in touch.

Emma Launchbury Church Secretary

## **Pastoral Letter**

When I wrote in February I was encouraging us to be more loving to those around us in the village. Little did any of us know that a pandemic was coming and the impact that Covid-19 would have on our lives. The loving response of everyone and especially the volunteers providing help through the Willingham Hub has been remarkable and I am sure that we all want to say a heartfelt thanks to anyone who has helped us in any way during the lockdown.

One benefit that I have discovered as I've walked round the village (apart from the natural beauty we have been blessed with this Spring), has been the opportunity to make new friends as I stop to chat with people in their gardens or who, like me, are taking their daily exercise. I hope and pray that many of these newly made connections will continue and we will all be more inclined to stop and speak to one another in the future rather than passing by in silence.

As we begin to move forward with more people returning to work, some of you may be starting to feel anxious as to whether it is safe to engage more widely. We are human and it is easy to feel scared about an unseen virus when, as yet, there is no vaccination against it. Of course we need to be careful about hygiene and use common sense to avoid crowded places or unnecessary contact with people who are clearly unwell. However we need to recognise that some level of risk is integral to human life – any one of us might fall down the stairs at home (where most accidents occur). It is important that we don't become fearful of going out, or meeting others.

In the Bible words such as 'Do not be afraid' occur countless times throughout the literature, often alongside stories reminding of how God acted in the past to save people from slavery, exile, storm or other threats of disaster. God's faithfulness and undying love towards creation is epitomised in the sign of the rainbow (Genesis chapter 9) which remains a powerful symbol of hope. People of faith believe that God is always with us, in every situation we encounter, and this gives the assurance that we can engage with the world with confidence. May God take away your fears and grant you peace.

Reverend Dr Janet E Tollington Retired United Reformed Church Minister

# **OLD WILLINGHAM**

Parades were a popular feature of village life with the annual 'Field Day' and 'Hospital Day' parades. These were often used to raise money for the village in a time when there was no government funding. This group of girls are part of a parade heading up Long Lane towards Berrycroft, probably in the 1930s. Today the school playing field would be on their right. Note that Long Lane is a gravel track at that time. The greenhouses behind them are Thoday's Vineries which covered the whole area including what is now Pyrethrum Way. They have angular roofs and if you now look at the bungalows that were built in their place, you will see that the roofs have the same angular shape in memory of the greenhouses.

See more photos at <u>www.oldwillingham.com/.</u>



If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street, or oldwill@oldwillingham.com.

## **Summer Recipes**

Weather permitting, of course, it's now barbecue time.

We can't invite our friends and family round, but our households can still enjoy eating outside. There's nothing like the smell of cooking in your garden to remind you that it's summertime.

#### Here are a few easy-to-make side dishes to have with your burgers and sausages. The quantities should serve about four people

#### SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

- 2 small onions, chopped finely
- 2 small carrots, chopped finely
- 2 tbsp oil
- 227g pineapple pieces
- 6 tbsp malt vinegar
- 1 tbsp Worcester sauce
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 5 tbsp clear honey
- 4 tsp cornflour, blended with 6 tbsp water

Heat the oil in a pan, add the onions and carrots and fry for five minutes

Pour the pineapple juice, vinegar, sauces and honey and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Then add the blended cornflour and stir.

Finally, add the pineapple, salt and pepper to taste, and bring to the boil, stirring. Simmer for about five minutes. Serve hot or cold.



#### **BARBECUED POTATOES**

Brush baking potatoes with oil and sprinkle with salt. Slit each potato down one side. Wrap each potato in double thickness foil and cook in the charcoal for about 45 minutes, turning occasionally. Serve with butter.

#### SWEETCORN SALAD

- 326g can sweetcorn
- 1 celery stick, finely chopped
- 2 tomatoes, finely chopped
- 2 spring onions, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp French mustard

Drain the sweetcorn and place in a serving bowl.

Add the celery, tomatoes and spring onions.

Mix the mayonnaise and mustard together and stir thoroughly into the other ingredients.





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#### Covid-19

The information in this publication is correct as of the time of writing on 11 May. The most recent updates will always be published on the Practice website: <u>www.willinghammedical practice.nhs.uk</u>.

#### Immunisations

It is important during this pandemic that children continue to receive their routine vaccinations. New babies should receive vaccinations at eight, 12 and 16 weeks. Boosters are also scheduled at 12 months of age and pre-school age which includes the MMR vaccine. You should be notified by the Health Authority when vaccinations are due.

Please contact reception if you believe you child's vaccinations are due and make an appointment.

#### Sick Notes – MED3

You do not need a MED3 or sick note from the GP for selfisolation. Those who have Covid- 19 or are advised to selfisolate can obtain an 'isolation note' by visiting NHS 111 online and completing an online form, rather than visiting a doctor.

For Covid-19 cases this replaces the usual need to provide a 'fit note' after seven days of sickness absence. If your Covid-19 symptoms have not resolved, you can print off another certificate and re-date it.

#### **Citizens Advice – Outreach Service**

It is a very challenging and difficult time for everyone and Citizens Advice are available to help. Although the outreach service has been suspended at the surgery, they can still provide you with information and support with your financial problems, claiming benefits, employment rights and much more.

FAQ's and useful links can be found on the Willingham Medical Practice website. Alternatively you can contact Liz Banks on 01223 222696 or elizabethb@cambridgecab. org.uk.

#### **Bereavement Support during Covid-19**

There are many agencies and charities available to support you in your loss and bereavement during this difficult period. For further information please visit: <u>www.keep-your-</u> <u>h e a d . c o m / a s s e t s / 2 / b e r e a v e m e n t\_</u> <u>support\_in\_cambridgeshire\_and\_peterborough\_april\_</u> 020.pdf.

#### **New Maternity Leaflets**

NHS England have developed new information leaflets for expectant and new parents.

Coronavirus: Planning your Birth

Coronavirus: New Born Baby Information

These leaflets and further information for pregnant and postnatal women during Covid-19 including appointments, attending the hospital and infant feeding is available on the CCG website: <u>www.cambridgeshireandpeterborough ccg.nhs.uk/news-and-events/latest-news/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-information/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance-for-pregnant-and-postnatal-women/.</u>

	WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS		
Monday	8 30 - 1 00	2 30 - 6 00	
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Wednesday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 6 00	
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Friday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 6 00

#### **Online Booking**

Please note all online appointments with the GP are telephone appointments. You should only attend the Surgery if you have spoken with a clinician and been invited to attend.

#### **Payments for Prescriptions**

We are now able to accept card payments at Longstanton Surgery and Willingham Reception if you need to pay for your prescription.

#### **Urine Sample**

Please do not drop off urine specimens for testing at this time. If you are symptomatic and believe you have a urinary tract infection (UTI), please call reception who will arrange for you to speak with a clinician over the phone.

#### **Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics**

Drop ins are currently cancelled for the foreseeable future. Please note they will send new batteries to your home address. Please visit <u>www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.</u> <u>org.uk/</u> or call 01223 416141.

#### Thank you!

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Alam for the delicious food that they made and delivered for the Surgery staff. All staff were very grateful and enjoyed this special treat!

And finally, a big thank you for all the support shown by our patients at this difficult time. Many patients have taken the time to thank us for simply doing our job, which is very humbling and a tremendous boost for us all during this challenging time. We are truly very grateful to all of you, and will continue to do our very best in the weeks and months ahead.

Lisa Smith Assistant Practice Manager

## **Scrubs Sewing Society**



We are all aware of the many difficulties Healthcare workers are facing working amidst a global pandemic, one of these being a nationwide shortage of scrubs in hospitals and surgeries. Upon hearing that staff at Papworth hospital were running short, Julie and Naomi from Sew & Sew at Highgate Farm decided they wanted to use their sewing skills to provide scrubs for NHS staff, following the temporary closure of their business due to the pandemic. With help from a medical student, Megan, now back home in Willingham after her hospital training was postponed, the Scrubs Sewing Society was formed.

In essence, the Scrubs Sewing Society allows high quality scrubs to be made in the name of those of us who don't have the sewing skills to do it ourselves. We rely on donations from individuals, made via our GoFundMe page, to buy the fabric needed for the scrubs and Sew & Sew then set about producing them for local Healthcare workers! It is



important that scrubs are well made as they must withstand frequent and rigorous laundering! Our first set are currently in the making at Highgate Farm to be delivered to Papworth Hospital shortly.

At the point of writing this, we have raised £620 through donations from generous villagers and local businesses! We have also had donations of surplus fabric all of which will go towards the making of new scrubs for Cambridgeshire NHS staff. Our plan is to continue collecting donations until the pandemic is over or the hospitals are overrun with scrubs! Any remaining donations will be split evenly and given to local hospital charities in the efforts to get our NHS back to normality post-Coronavirus.

We recognise there is a lot of uncertainty and fear in the current climate, and we hope the Scrubs Sewing Society can provide a noble cause for the community. If you want to donate towards the cause, be it either money or fabric, the information can be found on the Scrubs Sewing Society Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/groups/scrubssewingsociety/</u>, or alternatively you can email Megan at meganparker\_94@hotmail.co.uk.

# Willingham Women's Institute



Unfortunately, all WI meetings and our monthly craft group remain cancelled until further notice. If you wish to contact us, please email willinghamwi28@ gmail.com.

In the last few months we should have had a visit to the alpacas at Queenholme Farm and had a talk from Willingham Bee Group but we look forward to doing these things as soon as we can, when things return to normal.

As well as our local meetings, it's important to remember that the WI is a national organisation and being a member gives access to all kinds of social, educational and campaigning opportunities. Have a look at the website for more details at <u>www.thewi.org.uk</u>.

Willingham WI is also part of the Cambridgeshire WI Federation which provides trips, events and courses and an opportunity to meet and get to know members from all over the county. Obviously there's not a lot going on at the moment but there is an inspiring message from our chairman, Sally Kingman, at cambridge.thewi.org.uk.





Guides and Rangers Sleepover. See next page

### **Willingham Library**

### www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library 0345 0455225

Unfortunately, there is no further news about when the library will reopen but remember, you can still join the library online and your library card number will be emailed to you. As a member you can download eBooks to read or listen to, and a huge selection of eNewspapers and eMagazines. You can also access the many online reference resources – encyclopaedias, atlases and maps, government publications and business directories. While libraries are closed, library members can access *Ancestry* from home, a time limited offer throughout the Covid-19 outbreak. And it's all FREE!

Also, have a look at the Cambridgeshire Libraries' monthly Newsletter and Facebook page. There's lots of information, reading ideas and activities for adults and children.

#### **Library Events**

As soon as possible we will reinstate all our regular events such as Engage in the Afternoon, Book Sales and Scrabble Afternoons. Emily Winslow, a local author who was due to host a talk for us before the lock-down, will be coming as soon as the restrictions are relaxed.

#### **Friends of Willingham Library**

#### **May's Short Story Competition**

In last month's issue, we ran a short story competition with the title based on two randomly chosen words from a list that we provided. Disappointingly there were not many entries, but we really enjoyed this one:

#### The Naughty Dragon, by Jasper Huxley, aged 9

There was once a very naughty dragon, with green scales, red eyes and tiny wings, who never did as he was told, sometimes he even chased people and stole their food. He sometimes even burnt the houses. After a while, the people got very annoyed, got together and caught the naughty dragon with a very big net, putting him in a big, iron cage. The naughty dragon then got very sad and started crying for his daddy. Eventually his big fat daddy heard him and came to save him, taking him back to dragon city where he learnt from his misbehaviour.

#### June's Competition: Lego Creations

There is an online Lego club on the Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook page, so for this month's competition we would love to see photos of Lego models of a place or character from a book. You can email your photos to and please remember to tell us your age.

#### **Summer Reading Challenge**

#### Get ready to get SILLY!



The Summer Reading Challenge is back with Silly Squad! It's almost time for this year's Summer Reading Challenge, and for 2020 it's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck into all different kinds of funny books. This year, our Challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, who you'll know from amazing reads like *Amelia Fang* and *Evil Emperor Penguin*!

You can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. Our new online platform will help you keep track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.

As always, we'll have loads of brilliant book suggestions to get you started, and tips on how you can keep reading even while schools and libraries are closed. We'll also have heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home!

#### Silly Squad officially begins on Friday 5 June.

Keep an eye on the website at <u>www.sillysquad.org.uk</u> for the latest Summer Reading Challenge news, including details of our fantastically fun launch party!

# Willingham Guides and Rangers have a Sleepover

During this lockdown period Willingham Guides and Rangers have been unable to meet up but that hasn't stopped us doing things. On 30 April we took part in the world's largest sleepover. Organised by Northumberland Scouts, 95,342 people from 68 Countries took part in #CampAtHome.

The 'rules' were

- Pack a bag
- Build a den at home/pitch a tent in the garden/hang up a hammock (whatever you can)
- Sleep in your shelter of choice
- Build a 'campfire' (real or virtual)
- Take part in a 'Scouty activity'
- Help with cooking a meal

The Guides and Rangers, and their leaders, built their dens, put up hammocks and pitched their tents and then slept in them overnight. One leader even slept out in a boat in the garden! In a Zoom session everyone discussed what they were doing and showed off their dens. The meals cooked ranged from hot dogs and baked beans (that was a leader) to spaghetti carbonara with 'Scouty/Guiding' activities including campfire singing and s'mores making.

I'm pleased to report that all dens survived the night although some people found they were not alone with their cats and dogs being very interested in what was going in and joining in with the sleepover.

Lynn McGoff



## How Two of our Advertisers are Adapting During Lockdown

Many of our advertisers have had to change their ways of conducting their businesses during the past few weeks. Here we have news from two of them.

I would like to introduce myself, many of you may already know me, my name is Becky Feaviour and I have been teaching fitness classes in Willingham for 13 years. Over the years I have had the pleasure of meeting so many lovely people in Willingham and the surrounding villages who come along to my classes to socialise, have a laugh, and of course keep fit. The sudden change to classes with the lockdown set me an exciting challenge! I did not want to let everyone down, so I set to finding a way to take my classes on-line and within just a couple of days we were up and running. I am so proud of everyone for joining me on this incredible journey to start holding classes via Facebook Live. Many were not on Facebook and had never wanted to join, but they rose to the challenge, opened an account, and join me every day. I hold up to 10 classes per week including Fitness Pilates, Aerobics, Body Conditioning, HiiT and Cardio Dance. Classes are open to all and are inclusive. Once the Live class has finished, I upload the class to YouTube and pop the link in the group page on Facebook so the classes can be done at your convenience. Many have gone from doing one class per week to four, five or more!

If you fancy joining me, I am offering the FIRST WEEK FREE. To gain this offer either drop me a friend request on Facebook so I can add you to my VIP Group, send me a message or email me. I am happy to answer any questions. My email is mobile number 07905 097961 Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/Beckyfitness/</u> I look forward to meeting you virtually and then hopefully once we can reopen I will be back in the Ploughman Hall holding classes.

#### Becky Feaviour



#### Live Well, Live Long.

Hi, I'm Kaye Rooney, and I practice acupuncture here in Willingham. Yes, using needles isn't currently possible, but I've found there are meaningful ways to be there for my patients online, protecting their physical and mental wellbeing in scary, stressful times. Yes, needles are important tools, but they're not the only ones I'm trained to use. Acupuncturists are practitioners in the Chinese Nourishment of Life tradition – known as Yangsheng - a complete philosophy of illness prevention and promotion of well-being dating back over 2,500 years.

To help us live well and live long, Yangshen takes account of every aspect of our lives and behaviour – physical, mental and emotional. Above and beyond using needles, this tradition gives me the tools I need to encourage people of all ages towards health and fitness, improved immunity, and physical and mental balance. That's why I can continue to support patients online – from recommending food as their best medicine to coping with chronic pain.

In lockdown I see patients for one-to-one sessions using a secure and data-compliant tele-health portal. Some find my continued emotional support is critical; this pandemic hasn't paused their personal traumas. Physical symptoms still cause pain too, and I coach my patients in appropriate techniques, including acupressure and moxibustion, that – with a little practice – they're able to use at home. And there's nothing more life affirming in Covid-19 times than coaching mums-to-be and their birth partners in acupressure techniques!

During this crisis, I'm doing my best to share Live Well, Live Long advice and skills. Learn more at <u>www.kr-acupuncture.com</u>. Facebook: @KayeRooneyAcupuncture and on Instagram @kracupuncture.

In the best of times, it can be a struggle to find space to quiet strident thoughts and emotions. Usually, my treatment room is that place of calm for my patients. While that's not an option, I'm hosting free online, guided relaxation classes, open to all. Join me via Zoom meetings at 8 pm on Monday evenings for 30 minutes of gentle physical and mental relaxation, offering calm and quiet in these troubling times.

Everyone is welcome. To register, email me at kaye@kr-acupuncture.com.

Kaye Rooney Lic.Ac. BAHons. MBAcC practices five element acupuncture online and, in more normal times, at her treatment room in Meraki, Over Road, Willingham.

# OVER THE GARDEN FENCE NEWS FROM WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

#### Covid-19

The monthly meetings of Willingham Garden Club are suspended until further notice. The committee can only abide by the advice to restrict social contact given by the Government.

Unfortunately, due to the social contact restrictions imposed to control the Covid-19 pandemic, the Gardening Club's excursions to RHS Wisley on the **20 June**, and the Shuttleworth Collection on **11 July**, have been cancelled. The viability of the remaining excursions in our 2020 programme will be considered in the light of further developments in the government health advice.

#### **Chelsea Flower Show**

We have all missed our Chelsea fix, whether by visiting or by watching the television. I am sure that you will have been keeping up with the Virtual Chelsea Flower Show

when on the tenth anniversary of Plant of the Year event it became the Plant of the Decade; check the RHS website for that.

Food for Thought – Tips for Inspiring Children. The best way is through their tummies! They really engage with edible gardening, and things like micro salads are popular and really easy to grow on a piece of damp kitchen paper. Sticking some potatoes in a container, waiting for them to grow and pulling them up with the kids is just fantastic.

**Encouraging Wildlife** A project for your garden. A bug hotel built from timber, bricks, pipes, straw and offcuts of bamboo and tree branches. Butterflies, bees and all manner of creepy-crawlies are vital to keeping ecosystems everywhere healthy, but scientists believe more

than 40% of insect species are declining. While bug hotels may appear to be little more than a fun weekend project, they can provide safe nooks and crannies for anything from bees and woodlice to toads and even hedgehogs. All you need for the frame work is old wooden pallets or pieces of wood, then fill the gaps with old bricks, roofing tiles and terracotta pots and organic material like moss, straw, tree bark, pine cones and bamboo.

**Climate: Garden Tips to Try at Home**. Grow a wider range of plants, especially ornamentals and edible plants, to take advantage of the longer growing season.

Evidence suggests the flowering time of plants will be affected, and may no longer coincide with the active feeding period of and associated pollinator, such as bees. To increase the number of pollen and nectar sources, plant a diversity of pollinator-friend native and non-native plants with different flowering times.

**Tip of the Week**. For the next few weeks, mowing the lawn will become a weekly chore. If on occasions you can't keep pace, just zap around the edges of the grass with edging shears will smarten up the whole garden.

# Watering Tubs, Hanging Baskets, and the Garden in the Hot Weather

Try not to let hanging baskets and tubs dry out as the first water will just run off and not soak into the compost. Give the first water application time to soak into the compost then after a while water again for a better take up. The best time to do your watering is early morning or late afternoon. The best time for the garden is from 6 am to 10 am – before the heat of the day sets in. The next best time is roughly 4 pm to 7 pm.



**Colonies of Ants in Tubs and Pots** 

When it comes to fighting ants, we gardeners are hopelessly outnumbered and are ultimately bound to lose the battle. In extreme cases, their burrowing may cause disturbance of the roots of small plants and can result in wilting and even death or create a bit of a mess on patios and lawns. (relatively easily brushed away). Ant powders and products suitable for domestic and greenhouse ant invasions are not suitable for outside use.

Ants favour dry soil, and if those in your flowerpots are a serious nuisance, they can be evicted by standing the pots up to their necks in water for an hour or so. Or keeping your containers well-watered. There are nonchemical treatments (using nematodes introduced direct into the nests) called No Ants available from the usual biological control suppliers such as greengardener.co.uk.

# **READER'S LETTER**

Dear Willingham News Team,

I have made a little COVID-19 poster displaying a QR code that opens a link to PDF guidelines for making efficient barrier masks at home. The link also explains why it has become so important that everybody protects themselves, but also protects others!

I hope that, with me, you will find that this information is important to disseminate widely to help reduce the number of new cases, to potentially save lives, and help us get out quicker



from this horrendous situation. In any case, I would be happy to receive any feedback or suggestions from you. I am now living in Northstowe but have been living in Willingham for 14 years before this, and therefore I have started visiting a few shops in Willingham, along with the Post Office, I have also emailed the surgery. I am thinking that many grannies would be happy to help by making masks for their own families or the community. My mother in law used the guidelines to make a few, gave recommendations to my wife, who then taught our younger daughter how to make them. You will see that the QR code also links to a video giving instructions to make masks that do not need any sewing.

Dr Patrick N Pallier

## Answers

#### **Answers to Book Quiz**

1 Alexander McCall Smith, 2 The Brothers Grimm, 3 Joanne Harris, 4 John Boyne, 5 Hans Christian Andersen, 6 Helen Dunmore, 7 Kate Alcott, 8 Agatha Christie, 9 Dr. Seuss, 10 Shirley Conran.

#### Answers to June Puzzle

1 Juno, 2 Jupiter, 3 The Jungle Book, 4 Juniper, 5 Juggernaut, 6 Jalapeno, 7 Juvenile, 8 Jardiniere, 9 Jubilee, 10 Joiner, 11 Jute, 12 Jingle, 13 Jasmine, 14 Junk, 15 Jaundice, 16 Junction, 17 Javelin, 18 Juice, 19 Judge, 20 Journey.

#### Answers to Crossword

Across: 1 Some Like It Hot, 8 Air, 9 Chocolate, 10 Silkwood, 11 Team, 13 Fandom, 14 Vulcan, 16 Leon, 17 Faulkner, 20 Screening, 21 Ang, 22 The Terminator.

**Down:** 1 Stars, 2 Marilyn Monroe, 3 Lockwood, 4 Kronos, 5 Iron, 6 Heaven Can Wait, 7 The Omen, 12 Mulligan, 13 Film set, 15 Radium, 18 Roger, 19 Gene.

#### Sudoku

Answer

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5	7	3	2	9	1	4	6	8
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# **CELEBRATION DAYS IN MAY**

1 June	<b>SAY SOMETHING NICE DAY</b> – I can remember my mother saying 'If you can't say something nice then say nothing at all'. The world can be an unpleasant place at the moment; if there's something we really need it's a little more niceness.
3 June	<b>WORLD BICYCLE DAY</b> – The bicycle is a very important invention. It's practical, reliable and it helps to keep you fit. We're all being encouraged to cycle more now, for exercise and to improve the environment.
4 June	<b>NATIONAL CHEESE DAY</b> – About 1,400 different cheeses are produced in the world. The European Union is the top producer.
5 June	<b>WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY</b> – This year's theme is 'Biodiversity'. It's the people's day for doing something to take care of the planet.
8 June	<b>WORLD OCEANS DAY</b> – The surface of our planet is 71% water and there are five oceans: Arctic, Atlantic, Indian, Pacific and Southern. This year's theme is 'Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean'
9 June	<b>DONALD DUCK DAY</b> – He first appeared in the 1934 cartoon <i>The Little Wise Hen</i> . This film's release date is officially recognised by the Walt Disney Company as his birthday. Happy 86 <sup>th</sup> Birthday, Donald Duck!
12 June	<b>SUPERMAN DAY</b> – Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Superman! He was created in 1933 and his blue suit with the red cape and red S on his chest has become one of the most recognisable characters in the world. We need him now to eradicate Covid-19.
13 June	THE OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II is normally celebrated by the Trooping of the Colour in London. But, of course, not this year.
	<b>WORLD GIN DAY</b> will be celebrated virtually this year. Created by Emma, the Gin Monkey, go to worldginday.com to join in the fun
15 June	and this is followed by <b>BEER DAY BRITAIN</b> . Celebrate our national drink, (seven out of ten drinks sold in a pub is beer), by having a beer, saying 'Cheers to Beer' at 7 pm and post a message on social media with #CheersToBeer. Visit <u>beerdaybritain.co.uk</u> for more information.
16 June	<b>DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD</b> commemorates the 100s killed and more than a 1,000 injured when South African school children protested about their inferior quality of education in Soweto in 1976. There are about 57 million primary school age children out of school worldwide; over half of them are from Sub-Saharan Africa.
18 June	<b>INTERNATIONAL PICNIC DAY</b> – The word 'picnic' comes from the French 'pique-nique'. So take your sandwiches into the garden and enjoy an 'al fresco' lunch.
21 June	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b> is always celebrated on the third Sunday in June. The tradition started in the USA and quickly migrated to the UK.
	It's also <b>WORLD MUSIC DAY</b> which is digital this year. Go to <u>makemusicday.co.uk</u> for more details.
26 June	TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY – Many dog owners have been doing this since March!
27 June	<b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b> gives everyone the opportunity to show their support and gratitude for those currently serving and who have served in the Royal Navy, the British Air Force, the Royal Marines and the British Army. As we have just celebrated the 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day on 8 May, it's especially poignant this year.
29 June	<b>CREAM TEA DAY</b> – Today drink tea and eat scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam. In Devon, they split the scone into two, cover each half with cream and top with jam. The Cornish method is to put the jam on first, then cover with the cream. There are many disagreements over which one is the correct way to eat a scone.



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