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## Bowls Club

I am pleased to say that the first full week of the Bowls Club getting back to partial normality has gone very well indeed. The club has gone through some strange times over the past couple of years and the COVID-19 virus seems to have been the peak of that. One thing is certain, we seem to be coming out of this a much stronger group and the future is looking very bright. We have a few new initiatives, thanks to backing from local businesses and Government bodies which has generated much needed funding, enabling us to make significant improvements to the club and we are looking to continue this in the near future.

Several very loyal and dedicated members have been working hard to make improvements and we would like to thank everyone involved; it is much appreciated.

We have succeeded in attracting some new members recently and we would love to see more locals down at the Recreation Ground trying their hand at this friendly and relaxing sport. The annual subscription has been dropped to £15 for this year due to the Government restrictions. We can play as many roll-ups as we like but are not yet able to play district matches.

It's therefore the ideal time to pop down and see if you like this pleasant pastime. There is no initial outlay, as all you need is a pair of flat-heeled shoes and the rest will be provided, including someone to point you in the right direction. Lawn Bowls is ideal for any age or ability, from six to 106, and so is an ideal way to socialise safely and get some exercise at the same time.

Contact the Secretary, Ian Bissett on 07973 631802 or email [willinghambowlsclubsec@gmail.com](mailto:willinghambowlsclubsec@gmail.com).

*Ian Bissett*

*Photos by Julian Eales*



## Willingham School Association (WSA) News

WSA and the Primary School have just announced that we hope to have an all-weather running track installed at school by September. This has only been possible with the award of an A14 grant and funds raised by the WSA, including the Fen Gallop. We have thanked everyone for their support.



The Fen Gallop will be a virtual race this year and family or individuals can enter to run or walk 10K or four miles between 2 and 12 July, to raise money for WSA. The entry form can be found at: [www.evententry.co.uk/fen-gallop-virtual-race-2020](http://www.evententry.co.uk/fen-gallop-virtual-race-2020).

Please send any photos of your efforts to [willinghamnews@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamnews@gmail.com) by **8 August**. We're sure everyone would love to see them.

*The Editors*

## Willingham Library

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### Library News

Here's a message from Gary Porter, Head of Libraries and Communities at Cambridgeshire County Council:

#### Library Service Recovery

You will hopefully know that whilst libraries have been closed during the pandemic, the library service has been open for you online. I am sure you have been closely following the communications from Government outlining the next stages of the national 'recovery plan'. Libraries are included in Phase 3 of this schedule which is effective from **4 July**. This means that, if the rate of transmission is declining in the country, we can from this date offer some form of physical library service.

#### What Might this Look Like?

It will not be a full opening of libraries. Our priority is the health and safety of all our staff, volunteers and customers in line with Public Health advice and guidance. We are currently planning what our initial phase of reopening will look like but in headline terms this will be:

- Limited opening hours at some libraries across the county to give reasonable geographic coverage
- No mobile library services due to the challenge of making a confined space safe
- A click and collect book service – not open access, no browsing as in normal times
- Managed, time limited access to our IT facilities
- Reinstating the phone line so that customers without home IT can contact the service
- The Library at Home service is already partially reinstated but we will look to restore it to all customers

Our approach is to start with a small, carefully managed offer that can be gradually grown in line with circumstances and Public Health guidance and requirements.

The limited offer described above is likely to roll out late July/August but we will communicate exact dates when they are agreed. If the public health situation deteriorates, the country may revert to stringent lockdown measures and if so, we would have to revise our approach to reopening libraries. We live in extraordinary times but at all times the library service is here for you online. We look forward to welcoming customers, old and new, back into our libraries in the future.

Remember, you can still join the library online and download eBooks as well as a huge selection of eNewspapers and eMagazines. You can also access many online reference resources and, for the period of lockdown only, Ancestry. And it's all FREE!

Don't forget to check the Cambridgeshire Libraries' monthly Newsletter and Facebook page. There's lots of information, reading ideas and activities for adults and children.

#### Summer Reading Challenge!

We hope that children have already signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge online and have been reading lots of great books. This year the theme is 'Silly Squad' and features an adventurous team of animals, celebrating all kinds of funny books. You can still sign up at:  
[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk).

### Revised Library at Home Service

Cambridgeshire Libraries can now accept new referrals to the Revised Library at Home Service. In addition to our regular Library at Home customers, this service is open to Cambridgeshire residents who fit a further set criterion: –

Anyone who usually relies heavily on reading books or listening to audiobooks AND who is shielding or isolating due to age or health conditions under the current COVID-19 Government guidelines.

People accepted for this service will be contacted by a member of the Library@Home Team who will arrange a doorstep delivery of specially chosen books/audiobooks. Deliveries will be monthly (by prior arrangement) and previously loaned books/audiobooks will be picked up when new ones are delivered. To enquire about the Revised Library@Home Service please email or ring 07442 022926 (Magda) or 07342 700308 (Fay).

### Friends of Willingham Library

#### Lockdown Desert Island Books

If you were stuck on a desert island (or indeed in your house as we currently are!), what book would you like to have with you and why? We're excluding *The Bible* and *The Complete Works of Shakespeare* which will be automatically included, as they do on Radio 4's *Desert Island Discs*. Please email your choice to [willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com) by **31 July**.

#### Short Story Competition

Here's another quirky entry we had for our recent competition, where titles were chosen randomly from a selection of words:

#### *The Purple Prince*

Prince Maximus lived in a purple world. His house was almost completely purple. His sofas were purple with purple cushions and his bedroom had purple wallpaper which he said helped him to sleep.

He was in love with Princess Plum who lived in the house across the road and was always trying to persuade him to get another colour in his life.

'I want to marry you and have babies but not if they are going to be purple', she said and she looked beautiful to him.

'I will try just for you' he said, and kissed her hand. She was always in white or cream and had a vanilla fragrance.

One day he had a problem painting his kitchen. He had asked a man to come round but his allergies kicked in and he said he couldn't cope with the colour and the brightness. Princess Plum said she would come and help him, so the next afternoon she appeared at the door in her cream/white overalls and carrying an old paint tin.

'What's in there?' Prince Maximus asked. 'I have the paint here. I have brushes and everything.'

He made them some tea in purple flowered cups and they sat on purple chairs and with a table covered in purple doilies.

'I have some left-over cream paint.' she said. 'In case you want to vary it a bit.'

Prince Maximum knocked over her tin and watched as the contents met his purple one.

'Look, mauve. That'll do.'

Christine Lacey



## Recommended Books

During this continued period of lockdown and self-isolation, many of you may find that you are reading more than usual. Don't forget the online library facility and you can also support local book shops, many of whom are accepting orders online and delivering by post.

Here are a few more recommended books from Wendy Law for you:

*Wolf Hall, Bring up the Bodies and The Mirror and the Light* by Hilary Mantel

This trilogy, a fictional life of Thomas Cromwell, has just had its third part published this year. Thomas Cromwell, who we only really know from history as Henry VIII's dirty dealer, comes alive as a really rounded character and despite the truly terrible things he does, you find yourself coming to love him! The writing is superb and the characters completely compelling.

*Middlemarch* by George Eliot

Set around 1830 but written in the 1870s, Middlemarch is a small provincial town with a huge range of characters. Their experiences of life, love, disappointment, bad decision-making, hope and grief still ring true today and make it a gripping read.

*Case Histories* by Kate Atkinson

A crime novel but more than just about the crime. Jackson Brodie, a private detective juggles a complicated private life with his investigation of three cold cases in Cambridge. If you like it, there are four more books in the series.

*Reservoir 13* by Jon McGregor

A child goes missing from a holiday cottage but this book focuses on the effect this has on the local community where the disappearance takes place, rather than the parents and family. It follows this place over years and it's a really fascinating read. The characters are convincing and there's a great feel for the passage of time.

*Right Ho, Jeeves* by P G Wodehouse

What to say about P G Wodehouse? It's still laugh-out-loud funny with an undercurrent – Jeeves' past is an ongoing mystery. Bertie manages to be both ridiculous and endearing without being annoying. I've picked this one but there are many to choose from, all hilarious, and we could certainly all do with a laugh at the moment!

### Poem for July

Butterflies dancing in the sun  
to the singing of the birds.  
Of all the really *sunshine* words  
Is the magical month of July.

A gentle breeze whispering  
gliding swans on a stream.  
Such a lovely time to dream  
In the beautiful month of July.

*Christine Lacey*

### Willingham Social Club – A Poem

'Welcome to the club'  
Lynne shouts across the bar.  
'Let me tell you about us  
And about who we are.'

Forget the 'social club' rumours  
Where patrons glare over their beer.  
We're friends you've not met.  
We're not strangers in here.

Round up all your buddies  
There's snooker, pool and a dartboard,  
There's games and the jukebox  
Plays whatever you ask for

There's lagers and ales  
Spirits, mixers and ice  
Ciders and bar snacks  
And all reasonably priced!

There's live bands, discos, comedy  
And all sorts of prizes to win.  
It's a full-house all the time  
Especially when bingo is in!

The nice thing about this is  
It's all not-for-profit  
The money you spend here  
Goes towards our next project

Last year we completed  
A whole list of renovations  
From a leak in the roof  
To the building's foundations

We built accessible toilets  
Then the air-con came later.  
We rebuilt the stage  
And bought a defibrillator.

You see, we're not just your average  
Everyday local.  
It's the village's venue.  
It's the Willingham Social.

(So once all this is over  
My friends can meet yours  
I'll see you all at the club  
When we reopen the doors!)

*Luke Blunt*

*We are pleased to share the poem below  
from a temporary Willingham resident.  
Steve Coward is staying with his daughter  
for the duration of lockdown as it began  
while he was visiting. The pub mentioned  
is the Black Horse and Steve says he didn't  
eat inside as the poem suggests but  
would have, given the opportunity! The  
poem will form part of a poetry book he is  
currently working on.*

*The Editors*

### Willingham to Rampton

This morning, instead of just talking and  
walking  
By the side of a dry river bed  
We did no more striding  
But both went out riding

On a bike made for two instead

We passed through a drove  
Its name was Priest Lane  
And were so unashamed  
That we rode it again

The drove is planted with crops on both  
sides  
With furrow and burrow for rabbits to  
hide  
Part ways along is the Hempnall view  
If you could only just glimpse it  
Then you'd love it too

Further along, those standards just  
dipped  
Where two thoughtless guys  
I espied had fly-tipped

But still came the odour  
Of freshly cut grass  
With birdsong and bee  
Beside a long bridle path

Then came into sight  
A well-dressed young fellow  
While a deer stood alone  
Within a primrose meadow

At Rampton at last, a pub we did pass  
The two of us sampled some wine from a  
glass  
As both of us thought, that both of us  
might

We sampled the menu and had a quick  
bite

With our minds simply full of such  
beautiful images  
We then drank a toast to each one of the  
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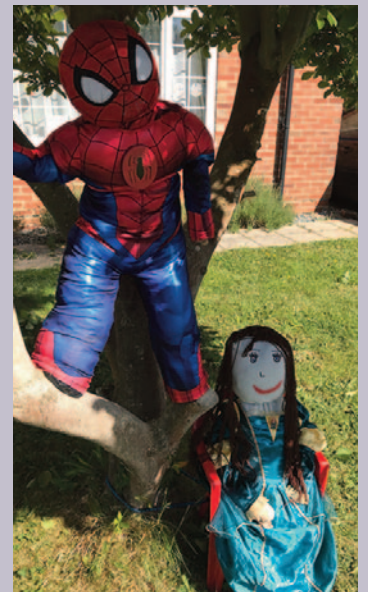
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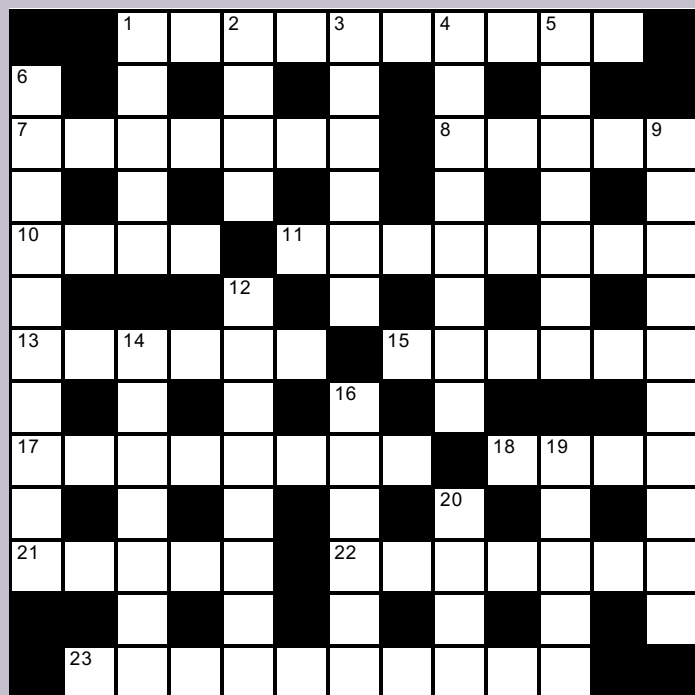


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# General Knowledge Crossword

Answers on p14



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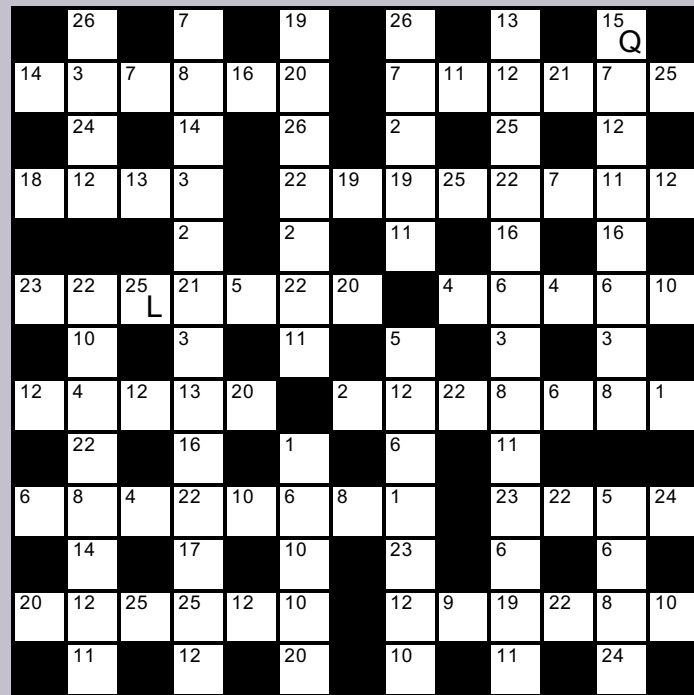
- 1 Small Australian parakeet popular as a pet (10)
- 7 US site of a UFO incident in 1947 (7)
- 8 Coniferous tree native to cold northern regions (5)
- 10 Miss Fitzgerald, Queen of Jazz (4)
- 11 Longest serving Poet Laureate, 1850 – 92 (8)
- 13 Thigh bones (6)
- 15 Louise's friend in the 1991 film (6)
- 17 Drug causing numbness and drowsiness (8)
- 18 French fashion designer, 1905-57 (4)
- 21 Country sharing the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic (5)
- 22 Walter Scott novel published in 1819 (7)
- 23 Brightly coloured riverside bird (10)

## Down

- 1 Herb used in many Italian dishes (5)
- 2 Animal whose species in the UK include roe, fallow and red (4)
- 3 Girl told to *Come on* by Dexy's Midnight Runners (6)
- 4 Gilbert and Sullivan comic operetta set in the fairy kingdom (8)
- 5 Spray invented by Erik Rotheim in 1927 (7)
- 6 Small British bird, *chloris chloris* (10)
- 9 Endangered British bird of prey (3,7)
- 12 Former England footballer who made 647 appearances for West Ham (8)
- 14 Cocktail with vermouth and gin (7)
- 16 Two-piece swimsuit (6)
- 19 Fluid flowing like blood in the veins of the gods (5)
- 20 Spa city in Somerset (4)

# Codeword

Answer on p14



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26



## Book Quiz

Answers on p14

This month I thought a few books with legends, fantasies, beasts in the title would be fun as there are many. Can you find the authors?

- 1 *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*
- 2 *The Devil Wears Prada*
- 3 *The Faerie Queene*
- 4 *Fantastic Beasts and How to Find Them*
- 5 *The Demon Headmaster*
- 6 *Where Angels Fear to Tread*
- 7 *The Hunting of the Snark*
- 8 *The Hobbit*
- 9 *The BFG*
- 10 *The Little Mermaid*

Christine Lacey





# Children's Corner

## Hidden Books Puzzle

Can you find 20 books hidden in this lovely picture?

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## Summer Word Scramble!

Can you unscramble the letters below and make them into words to do with Summer?

Answers on p13

- 1 MICE CARE      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2 SWAPS      \_ \_ \_ \_
- 3 NAGS US LESS      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 4 DIY HALO      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 5 LOOP      \_ \_ \_ \_
- 6 ELF ROWS      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 7 I'M A FLY      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 8 ALP SOAR      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 9 ANT      \_ \_ \_
- 10 DISEASE      \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



## Lolly's at the Park Sudoku

Fill in the grid with the letters P, A, R, and K making sure no letter is repeated in each row, each column and within each mini grid.



P	K	A	
R	A		P



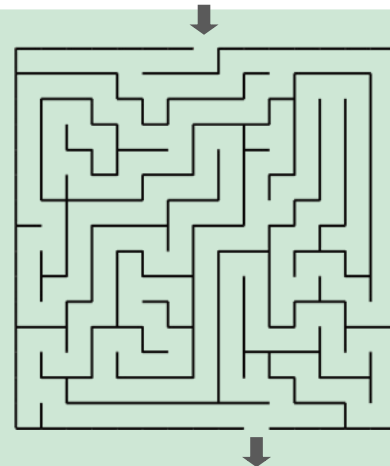
		A	
		R	
	K		
	R		



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## Caterpillar Maze

The caterpillar is very hungry and needs to find its way to the beautiful flowers. Can you guide it through the maze to find them?



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We are really pleased to confirm that we have now been allowed to open the Church again. Following guidance from the Government and the Archbishop's COVID-19 Response Team, we are allowed to open the Church for private prayer only. Initially the Church will be open on this basis daily from 10 30 am – 4 30 pm. Provision is in place for people to use hand sanitisers and observe social distancing while they are in the Church building. If anyone is displaying any of the symptoms of COVID-19 we ask them to follow the NHS guidelines and self-isolate.


At the time of writing, we are not allowed to open the Church for any type of public worship. However, the daily opening of the Church door to our community is a sign that we can look forward to ordinary activities being permitted again. Church services are 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 [www.5folds.org.uk/page/simons-sermon-recordings-and-bible-index](http://www.5folds.org.uk/page/simons-sermon-recordings-and-bible-index).

In the audio recordings section, those beginning with MP are the service recordings and those beginning with 5 are the sermons. Simon is making CD recordings available for those not online, so please let us know of anyone who would like a copy. Also please forward your prayer requests so they can be included in our prayers. On our website at [www.5folds.org.uk](http://www.5folds.org.uk), you can find a range of links to prayer, worship and activities to keep us all connected and encouraged.

We now also offer a weekly online version of *Compline* starting at 9 pm. The ancient office of *Compline* derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (completorium). It is above all a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise. Using Zoom, it lasts about 15 minutes and includes prayers, responses, a hymn and a reading with the words appearing on screen. The room is open from 8 50 pm with people muted so that we start in silence. In order to receive a link to join us or just to get more details, please email [susanmeah@hotmail.com](mailto:susanmeah@hotmail.com) or [hairyclairy2@googlemail.com](mailto:hairyclairy2@googlemail.com). If you don't have a computer, you can still join us by telephone and we can arrange to give you the words in advance. This service is open to everyone and we would love to see people from Willingham, Swavesey, Over, Northstowe and Longstanton.



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As I write this, places of worship are being allowed to reopen for private prayer. Unlike Church of England churches, Baptist churches do not normally have their buildings open in this way and we have never done so here. Opening the Baptist Church building in a COVID-19 secure way would involve a great deal of work and therefore won't happen but that doesn't stop us from praying!! As we have been doing over the last 13 weeks, we can pray at home, whilst out walking, sitting in the garden or out on our daily runs or cycle rides! We are not confined to only praying when we are in the church building!

We are still gathering virtually as a fellowship on Sunday afternoons and have also introduced a mid-week *Wednesday Reflection*. As the lockdown is lifted and the regulations change, we are continuing to look at ways in which we can meet together, either virtually or physically.

If anyone would like to join us at a gathering or mid-week reflection, please get in touch by email to [secretary@willinghambaptist.org](mailto:secretary@willinghambaptist.org) or phone 01954 269538 and we can send you the information.

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

Emma Launchbury  
Church Secretary

## Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia  
[www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org)

During the lockdown, an increasing number of Diocese of East Anglia churches have been live streaming Mass online. Now the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced a very useful searchable guide to Masses across the whole country at [www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/live-catholic-mass-online](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/live-catholic-mass-online).

It's easy to search just using your postcode or by selecting a diocese. Narrow down your search results by selecting the Mass Type (Daily, Vigil or Sunday) and you can select from the available languages.

## Pastoral Letter

As we slowly come out of the lockdown, I hear mixed reactions. Some relieved that we can now go to our favourite venue/shop/hobby; others anxious that with more of us around the opportunity for the virus to spread is greater and might cause a second wave of infection.

Virtually all of us have had to miss something we would really like to do or people we want to see. For me as your vicar, it has been particularly distressing to be ordered to close the church. I fully understand why those orders were given; but at the point in our nation's history when we badly needed to pray, we were limited. Of course God hadn't gone away, but some familiar ways of meeting with him had. I know many of you found that painful too.

So I am pleased that we are beginning to come out of lockdown and that along with many other organisations, the churches are allowed to open in a limited manner. Our first permitted step is to allow people into church to pray on their own. At the time of printing we don't know exactly how this will be managed, but we are hoping to open for a limited time of day with someone on hand to ensure that surfaces can be cleaned as soon as they have been used.

To try and keep everyone safe, we have been understandably instructed to remove anything we might use in common, such as Bibles, prayer books, leaflets, paper and pens, so please do bring your own with you to use. Requests for prayers can be left in the church, please bring them with you. If you don't have a Bible of your own to bring, I do have some I can give away, please ask if you need one.

For the time being our church services continue online, but not in the building. If you cannot access them online, please ask, as I can have recordings made and posted out to you so you can join in.

The latest updates of what we can offer and what is possible in church will be on the website: [www.5folds.org.uk](http://www.5folds.org.uk).

May God bless us all as we slowly emerge from lockdown.

*Simon Gill*  
Team Rector

### Summer Word Scramble Answers

1 Ice Cream, 2 Wasps, 3 Sunglasses, 4 Holiday, 5 Pool,  
6 Flowers, 7 Family, 8 Parasol, 9 Tan, 10 Seaside

### Park Sudoku Answers

P	K	A	R
A	R	P	K
R	A	K	P
K	P	R	A

R	P	A	K
K	A	R	P
A	K	P	R
P	R	K	A

## People Working in Your House During Lockdown?

We all need people to visit our homes to carry out essential repair and maintenance work. Perhaps the boiler needs servicing or the washing machine is broken or maybe there are mice in the loft! There are the less essential tasks too: decorating, fitting a new bathroom or installing a home cinema. The list goes on.

We would normally spread these tasks out but it's no surprise that many people have been putting things off lately. Delaying or failing to arrange service and repair work can increase different risks as well as costs and work may not get done when you want it due to backlogs.

### For Householders:

Our personal circumstances differ. You may be comfortable booking someone to visit your house or it may make you anxious. Regardless of how you feel, it would be reassuring to know that the person coming has some procedures to minimise risks. It shows they care about you, themselves and any employees.

You may find working procedures on their website or social media. Perhaps they will email you a copy. Or, you can just pick up the phone and get your questions answered.

The main things you should discuss are:

- The health of people in your household and the same at their end. Agree to notify each other of any change before the appointment date.
- Observing the minimum distancing guidelines. It's usually easy to be in a different room.
- Additional hygiene procedures such as hand washing, sanitising and cleaning. It's worth knowing that these are considered more important than PPE measures.

### For Tradespeople:

It doesn't matter if you are a plumber, cleaner, painter or chimney sweep. Get yourself a set of procedures and routines and stick to them every time you visit a house. A good set of procedures reduces risks to a very low level. It also makes good business sense to reassure your customers.

There is specific government guidance for working in people's homes at: [www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/homes](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/homes).

It's mostly common sense and will help you identify and minimise the risks to you (or your employees) and the households you visit.

It's easy to do, just adapt someone else's. It makes all the difference, especially to a vulnerable or anxious person. Show you care by publishing procedures on your website or social media or send them directly.

As part of my work for The Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps I have been required to produce guidance procedures for UK professional chimney sweeps: [www.camsweep.co.uk/sample-page/virus-protection-procedures](http://www.camsweep.co.uk/sample-page/virus-protection-procedures).

Have a look and feel free to copy whatever seems useful for your situation.

*Lawson Wight*





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### COVID-19

The information here is correct at the time of writing on 15 June. The most recent updates will always be on the practice website at: [www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk](http://www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk).

### Dental Care in England

From 8 June, dental practices were allowed to open. Practices will need to prioritise patients with the most urgent need. If you need help from a dentist, contact your dental practice by phone or email and you will be given advice or offered an appointment if appropriate. For urgent dental care you can also use the NHS 111 online service.

Please do not visit your practice unless you've been advised to. This will ensure the practice can continue to provide essential care safely.

### GP/Nurse Appointments

Please note that **all** initial appointments with the GP will be telephone appointments. Please **do not** walk into the surgery unless you have been invited, as we are not offering any drop in appointments. This will help us to continue to provide essential care safely.

Your GP will decide, after speaking with you, whether you need a face to face appointment to assess your condition further. You will then be offered an appointment time which will ensure you will not have to remain in the waiting room for any length of time.

### Immunisations Help to Protect you from Disease

During a pandemic it is more important than ever to keep up with infant, child and adult immunisations to prevent outbreaks of other diseases. Please contact reception if you believe you or your child's vaccinations are due and make an appointment.

### Your Mental Health and Support during COVID-19

The following agencies are available to all those continuing to find themselves in difficult situations during lockdown, and needing support.

- National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247/ [www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk).
- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000. If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact NSPCC professional counsellors for help, advice and support.
- Childline: 0800 1111. Offers free, confidential advice and support for any child 18 years or under, whatever the worry.
- MIND: Mental Health Support with specific advice on 'Coronavirus and Your Wellbeing' at [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk).
- YoungMinds: Supports children and young people and their parents/carers with their mental health and

### 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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wellbeing. Specific advice on managing self-isolation and anxiety about coronavirus can be found at [youngminds.org.uk](http://youngminds.org.uk).

- ICON: Babies Cry: You Can Cope. Family support and advice at [iconcope.org](http://iconcope.org).
- SafeLives: Specific resources for domestic abuse and COVID-19 at [safelives.org.uk](http://safelives.org.uk).

*Lisa Smith*

*Assistant Practice Manager*

### Crossword Answers

Across: 1 Budgerigar, 7 Roswell, 8 Larch, 10 Ella, 11 Tennyson, 13 Femurs, 15 Thelma, 17 Narcotic, 18 Dior, 21 Haiti, 22 *Ivanhoe*, 23 Kingfisher.

Down: 1 Basil, 2 Deer, 3 Eileen, 4 *Iolanthe*, 5 Aerosol, 6 Greenfinch, 9 Hen Harrier, 12 Brooking, 14 Martini, 16 Bikini, 19 Ichor, 20 Bath.

### Codeword Answer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
G	M	O	V	W	I	U	N	X	D	S	E	R
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
C	Q	T	B	Z	P	Y	F	A	H	K	L	J

### Book Quiz Answers

1 Stieg Larsson, 2 Lauren Weissenberger, 3 Edmund Spenser, 4 J K Rowling, 5 Gillian Cross, 6 E M Forster, 7 Lewis Carroll, 8 J R R Tolkien, 9 Roald Dahl, 10 Hans Christian Andersen.

# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Multi-Agency Meeting

At a recent multi-agency Zoom meeting, *Willingham Hub* were rightly praised for the work that they have been doing and some astonishment was expressed that they have over 100 volunteers working for them. For anyone that does not know, *Willingham Hub* was set up in March, soon after lockdown, to support anyone in the village who needed help with obtaining food or medicines. A very professional structure was rapidly put in place to meet basic needs and monitor those at risk.

The Parish Council has been very pleased to support this excellent group with some basic tasks such as printing and most importantly, some funding. Fortunately, the Council had an Emergency Plan written many years ago to help deal with problems such as flooding. A pandemic was not foreseen but parts of the plan were still useful in authorising rapid access to cash. When the world returns to a more normal state the plan will be updated.

The meeting was attended by various housing and support agencies as well as County, District and Parish Council Officers and Councillors and Cambridgeshire Police. There was a review of the anti-social problems that beset Willingham last summer and the action taken. The view was expressed that this year has been much quieter with the caveat that we may see more problems as the lockdown is relaxed. As always, everyone is encouraged to report any incidents however trivial. Whilst no action may be taken on an individual case, providing it is logged, it will add to the cumulative picture.

A benefit of lockdown has been the massive reduction in traffic. The flip side has been an increase in speed from a few inconsiderate drivers. The police have been made aware of this but say that they do not have the resources to do anything about it for now. They have asked if the village could restore a 'Speed Watch' team.

Increased fly tipping has been another downside of the lockdown. With the temporary closure of recycling centres and restrictions on vehicle movements, some unsocial folk have used the droves around Willingham as dumping grounds. There is a backlog of mess to be cleared for which we, as council tax payers, will be liable. If you do see anyone dumping rubbish, please give us the details of time, place and vehicle registration number.

## Climate Change

In 2008, the Climate Change Act established a legally binding target to reduce the UK's greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% in 2050 from 1990 levels. Over the past year or so the dramatic effect of these emissions on our climate has become widely recognised as a very urgent problem and tackling it has moved higher up the agenda. In addition to greenhouse gas reduction, the sustainability of our environment also involves issues such as biodiversity, pollution and plastic waste.

Fundamental change requires international and national commitments, but local authorities also have an important part to play. The Parish Council will continue to engage fully with the County and District Councils, both of which have declared climate emergencies and are working on policies and strategies towards net zero carbon.

## Virtual Meetings

For the time being we have had to suspend our normal meetings but they are all continuing on Zoom. Members of the public are most welcome to join in and can speak, subject to the usual rules on timing. The Parish Council website carries details of meeting dates and times together with a lot of information on council activities. Information is also available on a non-interactive Facebook page.

## Village Heroes

Whilst the NHS have rightly been applauded for their excellent work, there are a lot of other folk who have quietly got on with keeping services running. The Parish Council is enormously grateful to the store workers who have kept us fed, the Post Office that has kept communication links open and all the other heroes in our village who have risked their own safety for the benefit of us all.

## Contact Details:

Councillors' details can be found on the website but below are details for the Chair, Vice Chair and Lead Councillors.

## Council Office Contact Details:

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Parish Clerk

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## District Councillors' Report

### Mobile/Community Warden Schemes

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) recently announced a £200,000 fund to establish new Mobile/Community Warden schemes across South Cambridgeshire. COVID-19 has slowed down the roll-out of the scheme but a tender has now been put together and is open for applications.

This does not affect Willingham as the Parish Council voted to adopt an Age UK scheme at the end of last year. As the village is considered 'strategic' (having a higher proportion of elderly/vulnerable people than most other parishes) the funding for the scheme in Willingham is already secure.

SCDC will fully fund the Willingham scheme for the period 2020-2022. After this, it will transition to annual grant funding and SCDC will work with all schemes to help identify additional sources of funding to help with the transition.

### Discretionary Business Grants

A Discretionary Grant Scheme has just been rolled out to help small businesses who were unable to access the previous tranche of COVID-19 support. This is intended to help them deal with immediate challenges, secure jobs and recover from the lockdown. Eligible businesses include charities, market traders, bed and breakfasts and those operating in shared offices or flexible workspaces. There's also an opportunity for businesses forming part of the supply chain for the retail, hospitality and leisure industries, who have lost a minimum of 75% of their annual turnover as a result of COVID-19. If you know of any businesses that may benefit from this, please let them know.

SCDC has a first-rate record in administering the support packages available to small businesses in this pandemic, with around £22 million distributed to almost 1,900 local firms.

### Food Scheme

We have been working with officers of SCDC and the Over Day Centre (ODC) trustees to establish a food scheme for vulnerable people of any age. By the time you read this, the first meals will have been produced and delivered by volunteers, targeting the villages normally served by the Day Centre (including their Willingham clients) but it is intended that the scheme will be district-wide. It is envisaged that production will be ramped up as the ODC kitchen gets into full swing and the volunteer network beds in.

### Automated Number Plate Recognition Cameras at Northstowe

We recently had a very productive meeting with L&Q Estates, the primary developer at Northstowe. We agreed that L&Q should go ahead and install Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at the entrance to the development. The system chosen is a sophisticated one that will provide data for SCDC Enforcement Officers to use, if they feel there is a need to prosecute clear and repeated breaches of planning conditions. In fact, we all hope that the installation will be sufficient to provide a deterrent. The installation may be affected by COVID-19 backlogs but it is planned that it will go ahead in the coming weeks.

*Bill Handley and Dawn Percival*

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## Willingham Women's Institute

All WI meetings and our monthly craft group remain cancelled until further notice but if you wish to contact us, please email us at [willinghamwi28@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamwi28@gmail.com).

You can access WI news and all kinds of social, educational and campaigning opportunities at the national website, [www.thewi.org.uk](http://www.thewi.org.uk), and the Cambridgeshire Federation at [cambridge.thewi.org.uk](http://cambridge.thewi.org.uk).



### Denman College

Denman is the WI's own centre for education, established following World War II, and since then it has gone from strength to strength. In 1960, there were 159 different courses but by 2017 there were over 650, covering the three main themes of cookery, craft and lifestyle. Every year, Denman welcomes over 10,000 students, some visiting for a few hours and some for a day, whilst others enjoy the overnight experience or stay for weekends.

### Denman at Home

During lockdown the college has obviously been closed so Denman is now offering online courses using Zoom, to allow students to engage with tutors and learn new skills. Denman courses are open to all. Have a look at their website: [www.denman.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.denman.org.uk/whats-on).



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# Over the Garden Fence: Notes from the Gardening Club

## Hello all Willingham Gardening Enthusiasts!

Bearing in mind that the village Horticulture and Craft Show has had to be cancelled this year, how about sharing your gardening triumphs and failures, giving us a harvest flourish finale in September and October?

You can email articles, anecdotes and photos to [willinghamnews@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamnews@gmail.com) and we would love to hear from you all, especially our young budding gardeners. We look forward to seeing photos of your best flowers and vegetables, what's happening in your garden or allotment, and anything the children are doing, even if it's just growing something on a window sill in a plastic container.



*Plant of the month: Callistemon (Yellow Bottle Brush).  
There is an article about this plant at [www.willinghamlife.org](http://www.willinghamlife.org).*

## July Topics of Interest

- Keeping on top of those dreaded weeds! Weeding is actually a skilled job, and it would be nice to think of it as creative editing rather than something mundane. So never surrender: where's a weed, there's a way. Hand weed where possible. It is amazing what you can do in 10 minutes. Try giving yourself a specific area to work on and have a blitz.
- Deadheading starts now. In many instances, by preventing seed formation you prolong the flowering season, particularly for annuals. Worn-out natural wicker waste paper or shopping baskets strategically placed around the garden make aesthetically pleasing collection receptacles for deadheads, removed yellowing leaves and the general dross of summer gardening.

## 10 Top Tips To Make Your Watering More Effective

**DON'T** water 'little and often' and don't sprinkle water on exposed soil. Both merely dampen the surface, from where moisture evaporates rapidly, leaving the soil underneath dust dry. Instead water less frequently but more thoroughly and direct it at the base of the plants, so that the moisture reaches right down to root depth.

**AVOID** spraying foliage. Although it cools the plants down on hot days, it fools them into opening their stomata (the pores on the underside of the leaves), so in the long run they actually lose more moisture.

**SPRAY** paths and soil in greenhouses and poly tunnels on hot days to increase humidity, which helps plants reduce moisture loss through their leaves.

**CUT** down on watering by adding a thick layer of mulch while the soil is moist. Use garden compost, bark chippings, gravel or something similar.

**COVER** the surface of the compost in containers with pebbles to keep plant roots cool and reduce evaporation. This actually generates moisture, as water condenses under the stones at night.

**AVOID** overwatering established plants. Instead encourage them to send their roots deep into the cooler damp soil.

**DON'T** apply high-nitrogen feed as it encourages large, soft, thin leaves that lose moisture quickly.

**USE** high-potash feed to 'toughen up' foliage.

**DELAY** planting woody plants until autumn, when the weather is damp.

**KEEP** up with the latest water-wise garden techniques. National Trust gardens such as Nymans in Sussex, practise water harvesting, water recycling and low-water planting schemes. You'll also find watering advice at [gardenersworld.com/watering](http://gardenersworld.com/watering), as well as on the RHS website at [rhs.org.uk](http://rhs.org.uk).

## July Jobs in the Garden

- Check clematis for signs of clematis wilt
- Make sure houseplants are cared for while on holiday
- Water tubs and new plants if dry, but be water-wise
- Deadhead bedding plants and repeat-flowering perennials
- Pick courgettes before they become marrows
- Treat apple scab
- Clear algae, blanket weeds and debris from ponds and keep them topped up
- Order catalogues for next year's spring-flowering bulbs
- Give the lawn a quick-acting summer feed, especially if not given a spring feed
- Harvest peaches, apricots and nectarines

July Jobs courtesy of [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk).

Carol Bailey



## Willingham Guides and Rangers

### Willingham Leader Awarded for her Dedication and Contribution to Girlguiding

Lynn McGoff, a Guide and Ranger leader in Willingham, is celebrating after receiving the prestigious Anglia Brooch from Girlguiding Anglia. The Anglia Brooch is a regional award given in recognition of commitment and service 'over and above the call of duty' to Guiding.

Lynn has held a variety of roles in over 35 years of faithful service to Girlguiding, from achieving the Queen's Guide award as a teenager to running a number of Guide and Rangers units and, as County Residential Adviser for Guide and Ranger holidays and camps, supporting leaders to take their girls away on trips.

Local leader, Hilary Marsh, commented, 'During this time Lynn has been extremely reliable and committed to the task. Lynn thoroughly deserves the Anglia Brooch; she is very diligent, hard-working, and is a lovely person too!'

Kerenza, one of Lynn's Guides now in her Ranger unit, said, 'Lynn is always there for a chat if you need to and she always listens. She always goes above and beyond, helping others feel welcome and safe, even under pressure and on camp.'

County Commissioner, Claire Course, added, 'I am so grateful for the hard work of all our volunteers. They put so much energy and enthusiasm into giving all girls and young women an opportunity to try out new adventures.'

Over 150 members and supporters of Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East, along with Lynn's Mum and leaders



and members of Willingham Ranger Unit, were present to witness a surprised Lynn receive her award from Andrea Oughton, Deputy Chief Commissioner for Girlguiding Anglia, during the annual Thanks and Recognition Afternoon Tea, celebrating the amazing contribution of Guiding volunteers.

Lynn said, 'It was such a lovely surprise to receive the Anglia Brooch. I was delighted as I have received so much out of guiding over the years and it is such a privilege to be part of ensuring that girls and young women get all those opportunities now.'

### Healthwatch, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

#### Take new survey about health and care during the coronavirus crisis

How has the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown affected your health and care?

People in Willingham are being asked to share their experiences in a new survey from Healthwatch Cambridgeshire, the local champion for people who use health and social care services.

The way most services are provided is changing to help keep people safe from COVID-19 and Healthwatch wants to know how this has affected you and those you care for, as well as the impact it has had on your mental health and wellbeing.

The survey is online, takes 10 minutes to complete and is anonymous. So you can share experiences in confidence. What you say goes back to the people running the health and social care system, so they understand what is working well or what needs to change and why.

Like a paper questionnaire? Contact Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285.

Take the survey at: [www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/coronavirus-yourviews](http://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/coronavirus-yourviews).





## Part 15 – Bradshaw – Cromwell's Man in Willingham

Reign of King Charles I 1625 to 1649

'Commonwealth' of Oliver Cromwell – 1649 to 1660

Reign of King Charles II – 1660 to 1683

### The Rise of Nathaniel Bradshaw

After the appointment of Nathaniel Bradshaw (an ardent Cromwell supporter) as Rector of Willingham in 1647, there followed a most extraordinary 15 year period in the village. There is no evidence that Bradshaw, a Presbyterian, was ever even ordained; indeed it is said 'he was very averse to the Church until God visited him with smallpox'. After this event he was converted, and soon became well known as a 'barn preacher'. Within two years of Bradshaw's arrival at Willingham, King Charles I had been executed, and the monarchy replaced by Cromwell's 'Commonwealth'. The career of the new Rector went from strength to strength under Cromwell. In addition to his post as Rector of Willingham, he was made Assistant to the Commissioners for the counties of both Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire in 1654 to 'eject scandalous, ignorant, and inefficient schoolmasters and ministers'.

However, Bradshaw's twice daily preaching led the congregation to complain that 'he more wearie th parishioners than profit them'. More importantly, when Cromwell died in 1659, and the monarchy was restored under King Charles II, Bradshaw's patronage disappeared.

### Cromwell's Death and Bradshaw's Ejection

After the monarchy was restored under King Charles II, most non-conformist clergy were deprived of their livings, and Bradshaw was ejected from Willingham Rectory, 'leaving 90 devout families at my ejectionment'. He promptly changed allegiance and founded the first non-conformist church in Willingham in the house of Francis Duckins but we have no information of where exactly that was. A Congregational Chapel and its Baptist successor were founded in the same year. Bradshaw carried on preaching in Willingham and surrounding villages for a further five years, until he moved to London, just after 'The Great Fire' there. He later returned to St Ives after the Act of Toleration and preached in a non-conformist capacity in Willingham until his death in 1690 (from scorbutic dropsy). In effect, he had preached in the village for the greater part of 43 years. Bradshaw must have retained some kind of favourable relationship with the Rectory after all this time, as he managed to arrange for his own burial in Willingham, in the chancel of St Matthew's Church as it was still known at that time.

### Royal Restoration

After Cromwell's death and the coronation of King Charles II in 1660, there was inevitably a reaction against all things Cromwellian. While Nathaniel Bradshaw had been enjoying the living at Willingham during Cromwell's Commonwealth, the royalist Bishop of Ely, Matthew Wren, had been imprisoned for 18 years in the



Oliver Cromwell



King Charles II

Tower of London. When Wren was released in 1660, he wasted no time in compensating his children for the hardships they had suffered during his imprisonment.

Nepotism thrived! His second son, Thomas Wren, had been admitted to Cambridge University as an undergraduate but was forced to leave when his father was taken to the Tower. Despite being denied any financial support from his father, he had somehow managed to transfer his studies to Oxford, where he was said to have become 'much addicted to musick'.

After his father's release from the Tower, Thomas Wren's career was nothing short of meteoric. He was ordained by his father in 1661, appointed as Rector of Willingham and Canon of Ely in 1662, Archdeacon of Ely in 1663, and a Canon of Southwell in 1664. He retained all these appointments until his death in 1679.

Alan Fawcitt

*Next time: Willingham Agriculture Thrives*

*Pictures courtesy of [www.amrcoins.com](http://www.amrcoins.com)*

## Willingham 100 years ago

The following is an advert from the *Cambridge Independent Press* of 13 August 1920.

'Lost between Willingham and Cottenham on 30 July, GOLD BRACELET. Finder rewarded on returning same to Miss Mildred Gautrey, Cottenham.'

This is of interest to Willingham readers as Mildred Gautrey married Francis Herbert Jeeps of Willingham about two years later in 1922. Many people will remember them living and running the fruit growing business from 2 Church Street.

Francis was a well-known local fruit grower and later Chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council, and he and Mildred were the parents of the England rugby player Dickie Jeeps, also a resident of Willingham.

It's tempting to wonder if Miss Gautrey lost her bracelet while cycling back to Cottenham after visiting Francis Jeeps, but that we shall never know.

Anne Kirkman

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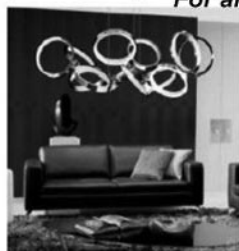
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## Strawberries in July

The height of the English strawberry season is during the time of the tennis championships at Wimbledon in late June and early July. Its cancellation means the traditional partnership of strawberries and cream will not be in SW19 this year.

Usually 28,000 kilogrammes of strawberries would be destined for tennis fans during Wimbledon fortnight. Freshness is guaranteed as the strawberries are picked at

### Strawberries in Balsamic Vinegar



The vinegar brings out the lush redness of the berries and really enhances the flavour. This quantity would serve six.

500g hulled and halved strawberries

2 tbsp balsamic vinegar

4 tbsp caster sugar

¼ tsp black pepper

A few mint leaves for decoration

Place the strawberries in a bowl and drizzle the vinegar over them. Sprinkle with sugar, stir gently, then cover and let them sit at room temperature for at least one hour, but not more than four. Just before serving, grind the pepper over the strawberries. Enjoy it with a sponge, over ice cream or simply on its own.

4 am, collected from the packing plant at 9 am and then delivered to the Club for inspection and hulling. They are enjoyed by customers on the same day. At the 2019 championships, 191,930 portions of strawberries and cream were consumed at the price, for a minimum of ten strawberries, of £2.50; this has remained the price since 2010.

Here are some other ways to enjoy strawberries:

### Pimm's with Strawberries



276,291 glasses of Pimm's were enjoyed at Wimbledon last year. It's easy to make:

Fill a jug halfway with ice cubes and pour over 200 ml of Pimm's No 1 and 600 ml lemonade. Add six sliced strawberries, an orange cut into wheels, four slices of cucumber and a few sprigs of mint. Stir well and serve in tall glasses.

I'm hoping that, instead of live tennis during this fortnight, classic past matches will be broadcast, so I'll still be able to enjoy the strawberries while watching my favourite sport!

Jane Dowle

## Ghost Sign

This is a brewery sign painted on a house opposite Church Street. As far as I can tell, the writing says:

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Francis Pullen

*We have consulted our Old Willingham expert Jon Edney about this and he replied as follows:*

*'Yes, that was the 'Ringer's Rest' pub, conveniently opposite the church tower. I don't know when it closed – probably sixties or early seventies.....What you may not know is that there used to be a door in the base of the church tower so that the bell ringers (who would have been paid) could get out without having to stay for the service – probably to head over to the Ringer's Rest! The door was blocked in at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.' More photos of Old Willingham can be seen at [www.oldwillingham.co.uk](http://www.oldwillingham.co.uk).*





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<b>1 July</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL JOKE DAY</b> – Laughter is the best medicine, so make people around you laugh out loud today. What did the cheese say when it looked in the mirror? Halloumi!
<b>2 July</b>	<b>WORLD UFO DAY</b> – Gaze up at the skies and look for Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). This date marks the anniversary of the 1947 incident in New Mexico when wreckage of a flying saucer was purported to be found.
<b>3 July</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC BAG FREE DAY</b> – A global initiative that aims to eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags in the world. On average a plastic bag is used for 25 minutes but can take up to 500 years to disintegrate. One million are used every minute and 80% of marine litter is plastic. Visit <a href="http://zerowasteeurope.eu">zerowasteeurope.eu</a> for more information.
<b>4 July</b>	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> – In 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England which led to the formation of the United States of America.
<b>5 July</b>	<b>TYNWALD DAY</b> is a public holiday in the Isle of Man. It marks the annual outdoor sittings of the Manx Parliament. The Isle of Man is not part of the UK, it is a Crown Dependency. The Head of State is Queen Elizabeth II who holds the title of Lord of Mann.
<b>10 July</b>	<b>TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC DAY</b> – <i>If you go down to the woods today...</i> Theodore Roosevelt was President of the USA from 1901 to 1909. While out hunting one day he refused to shoot a small bear. The story was reported and a couple of toy shop owners wrote to him asking permission to call their stuffed animals 'Teddy Bears'.
<b>11 July</b>	<b>WORLD POPULATION DAY</b> – <i>'The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is the world's blueprint for a better future for all on a healthy planet'</i> António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations. See <a href="http://populationmatters.org">populationmatters.org</a> for more information.
<b>13 July</b>	<b>ROYAL SWAN UPPING</b> is the annual census of the swan population of the River Thames. It was due to start today, but has been cancelled this year. There are some interesting photos of the uppers wearing the royal scarlet uniform on <a href="http://royalswan.co.uk">royalswan.co.uk</a> .
<b>14 July</b>	<b>BASTILLE DAY</b> – <i>Joyeux Quatorze Juillet!</i> This is the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille that took place in 1789. It also celebrates the unity of the French people in 1790.
<b>15 July</b>	<b>ST SWITHIN'S DAY</b> – According to traditional folklore, whatever the weather is today, rain or shine, it will continue for the next 40 days and 40 nights!
<b>18 July</b>	<b>NELSON MANDELA DAY</b> is celebrated today, his birthday. Nelson Mandela's many achievements are remembered, including: working towards conflict resolution, democracy, human rights and peace and reconciliation.
<b>25 July</b>	<b>ST CHRISTOPHER'S DAY</b> – The patron saint of travellers, he is also believed to protect people from lightening, storms, pestilence and floods.
<b>27 July</b>	<b>NATIONAL SCOTCH DAY</b> celebrates the iconic whisky. In order to be considered Scotch, it must be made in Scotland, fermented from malted barley, aged in oak barrels for at least three years and have an alcohol content of less than 94.8%.
<b>29 July</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY</b> – Since the beginning of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century, wild tiger numbers have dropped by more than 95%. Find out more at <a href="http://wwf.org.uk">wwf.org.uk</a> .
<b>30 July</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP</b> – <i>'Our world faces many challenges which undermine social harmony. To confront them, their root causes must be addressed by promoting and defending a shared spirit of human solidarity – the simplest of which is friendship'</i> United Nations #ENDViolenceSpreadKindness.
<b>31 July</b>	<b>HARRY POTTER'S BIRTHDAY</b> – Muggles worldwide are celebrating the wizard's birthday. Harry James Potter was born in 1980. J K Rowling shares his birthday, she was born in 1965. <i>Wingardium Leviosa!</i>





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# VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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<b>Council</b>	Parish Council ( <i>See full details on page 15</i> )		01954 261027
	County Councillor	Tim Wotherspoon	timothy.wotherspoon@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
	District Councillor	Dawn Percival	07948 683599 / cllr.percival@scambs.gov.uk
	District Councillor	Bill Handley	01954 200287 / cllr.handley@scambs.gov.uk
<b>Services</b>	Police		101
	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests		01954 207602
	Library		0345 045 5225
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	Urgent Care Cambridgeshire		111
<b>Schools</b>	Primary School	Mr Dave Morel	01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3–6 pm only)	Mrs M Lenk	01954 283033
	School Governors Chairperson	Katy Stevenson	chair@willingham.cambs.sch.uk
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Ray Croucher	01954 261113
<b>Children</b>	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Matt Haigh	adventure@1stwillinghamscoutgroup.org.uk
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	Mrs Kate Van Dort	01954 201567
	Koala Kidz	Mrs Edith Jeffrey	01954 260046
	Guides and Rangers	Lynn McGoff	willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk
	Ladybird Borland's School Of Dance	Mrs L Borland	01954 203347
	Messy Church	Margaret Edney	07528 193858
	First Steps	Vicky Page	vickypage85@gmail.com
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Katy Gilbert	01954 261922
	Little Notes Music Group (0-4 years)	Lisa Adcock	07949 062360
	KFC Kid's Friday Club Years 1-6 (Baptist Church)	Lorriane Bald	01954 261189
<b>Halls</b>	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon	Gillian Beal	admin@5folds.org.uk
	Baptist Bookings and Rentals	Emma Launchbury	01954 263108
	Willingham Social Club Bookings	Lynne Sadler	01954 260557
	Willingham Youth Centre bookings		willinghamsocialclub@gmail.com email: enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org
<b>Local Representatives</b>	Allotments	Sue Ayling	01954 260718
	Billavincea Lodge 8719	Mr M Scrivener	01480 413533
	Fen Edge Community Association	Eileen Wilson	chair@fenedge.co.uk
	Over & District Royal British Legion	Jane Matthews	07983 630265 overanddistrictrbl@yahoo.com
	OWLS Community Car Scheme	Lorraine Hunt	07505 254363
	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Mike Tidball	01954 260647
	Willingham Combined Charities	Kassia Bunnett	k.bunnett@googlemail.com 07969 541095
	WEA	Jacqueline Hodkinson	01954 201816
	Willingham RBL Poppy Appeal Organiser	Graham Atherton	01954 260331
	Willingham Bee Group Chairman	Steve Smith	07795 215071
<b>Clubs</b>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)		willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com
	Gardening Club	Mrs C Bailey	01954 260794
	WBC Youth club (Baptist Church Years 7-9)	Bev Thomas	01954 789230
	Willingham Dance Club	Teresa Weston	willinghamdanceclub@gmail.com
	Willingham Social Club	Lynne Sadler	01954 260557 willinghamsocialclub@gmail.com
	Willingham Jam Club	Julian Eales	01954 201818
	Willingham Photography Club	Steve Harding	07595 668161
	Willingham Running Club	Monica Garcia	gcompass.monica@gmail.com
	Willingham Walkers	Mike Tidball	01954 260647
	Willingham Youth Club	Bonnie Twiss	bonnietwiss@me.com
	Women's Institute	Wendy Law	01954 202188
<b>Sport</b>	Angling	Colin Dodd	07773 719330
	Badminton	Sarah Custance	01954 202005
	Bowls Club	Ian Bissett (Sec)	ianbissett@gmail.com Willinghambowlsclubsec@gmail.com
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 260446
	Cycling Club – <a href="http://www.willinghamwheels.com">www.willinghamwheels.com</a>	Paul Knighton	07787 530394
	Ladies' Hockey	Teresa Hutchcraft	01954 260177
	Tennis Club	John Graham	01954 231968
	Willingham Diamonds Netball Club	Emma Byrom	01954 202481
	Willingham Running Club	Gerry Mears	07511 131645
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Jamie Smith (Sec)	01954 261141
<b>Churches</b>	Mothers' Union (Branch Leader)	Mrs S Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Emma Launchbury	01954 260538
	Methodists (Ministerial Contact)	Rev Simon Oliver	07554 202929
	Roman Catholic Priest	Rev Thomas J Walton	01480 462192
	Parish Church	Gillian Beal	admin@5folds.org.uk
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