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Bin Collections – Fridays

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

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Old Willingham



This looks like a scene from a horror film but it is taken in Willingham around 1935. At that time a group performed a 'pantomime' as part of Feast Week each year. As you can see this involved costumes and grotesque masks. The performance was staged on the back of a flat cart in the middle of the road outside Haynes (Co-op today) in front of a large crowd. The origin of this event or when it died out is not known. The previous year they had a wedding and this picture shows the result, a 'christening'.

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com.

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

Volunteers Needed to Listen to Children Read in Local Primary Schools

Our reading volunteers are going to be desperately needed following the Coronavirus pandemic. Thousands of children won't have had enough reading practice during lockdown. In a normal year, one in four children leave primary school unable to read well. Most children will have missed a term of school, so the reading gap is now even wider. Children who struggle with reading are more likely to live in poverty and be unemployed as adults.

Schoolreaders needs more volunteers in this area to support children's reading and prevent them falling further behind. If you want to make a difference to a child's life, apply to become a *Schoolreader*. No qualifications are needed; just a love of reading and some spare time each week.

To join us, please visit the website www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer-application-form or call 01234 924111 for further information.

The Alternative Advent Adventure

24 Windows, 24 Days

Theme: A Message for Willingham!

Live Streamed Village Light Switch On

This year on **Tuesday 1 December** at 6 30 pm we will live stream on Facebook the Big Light Switch on at 41 High Street. Immediately after this we would like as many people in the village as possible to switch on their own Christmas lights! You can live stream this too to your friends if you wish!

Live Streamed Window Unveiling

At 6 45 pm we will live stream on Facebook the unveiling of the first Advent window.

Live Streamed Juke Box Carols – Time to Vote!

Here is a link to our online carols voting system for this year: www.surveymonkey.com/r/VKQHGRL.

Please vote for your top three carols. You can also access the survey through our Facebook event page and at willinghambaptist.org. At 7 pm the church music band will live stream the top three carols and you can join in at home!

Your Advent Adventure Launch Night Pack

We won't be able to serve the usual drinks and mince pies this year, but we would love you to sign up to receive a special launch night goodie bag which you will be able to collect from outside the church the weekend before. Email secretary@willinghambaptist.org by **20 November** to secure your bag!

You will be able to pick up a list of all the Advent Windows from the usual places: The Post Office, The Library, Boswells Bakers and from willinghambaptist.org.

Willingham School Association

By the time you read this, hopefully there will be a new all-weather running track installed at the school to enable the daily mile initiative for pupils. This has only been possible with a lot of fundraising by the WSA, the Fen Gallop team and the award of an A14 grant. To open the track GB athletes Holly Archer and Marc Scott will be at the Primary School on **Thursday 5 November**. Due to current restrictions this will be a closed school event but we hope to include some photos in the December issue of *Willingham News*.

For Christmas we will be supplying wreath-making kits for £15 per wreath. Kits are likely to sell out quickly as this will replace our usual wreath-making sessions at school. Information can be found on our Facebook page.

If you receive your magazine just before the end of October you may be interested to learn that we are holding a Halloween Hunt with Halloween windows around the village between **25 and 31 October**.

Readers' Letters

I don't know who is responsible for the upkeep of the footpath and ditch around the field that can be accessed at the end of Mill Road but I want to thank them.

I have regularly walked along the footpath to, or from, Rampton Road as part of my daily exercise since March and this path has been rough mown and kept clear of nettles and so on throughout, making it a delightful, safe place for anyone to walk. I noticed, in mid-September, that the ditch had also been cleared and nicely prepared for the coming of autumn and winter.

The whole area beside the field has been a haven for wildlife, butterflies, insects, flowers during spring and summer and now the berries are forming in the hedgerow. I once followed a deer along the path in an early evening, which was a wonderful surprise.

Thank you to whomever has ensured that villagers can enjoy such a lovely place to walk.

Revd Dr Janet E Tollington

How many more cats have to be killed on Rampton Road? I lost my sweet girl Minnie a little while back and there have been so many, especially recently, when it is treated as a race track. One cat was so badly injured that it will never be the same again. Minnie's brother is looking for her and I am devastated. Cats run out I know, but please think and slow down.

Christine Lacey

Remembrance Sunday and Poppy Appeal

This year events unfortunately have to be adapted to meet current guidelines and may change further nearer to the date.

Remembrance Sunday Church Service – it is most likely that due to limited capacity within the church the service will only be accessible to invited guests, with priority given to members of the Royal British Legion initially. We hope that you understand the necessity to keep everyone safe at this difficult time and we are sorry that we will not be able to accommodate everyone this year.

Poppy Appeal – There will be some static pots in some of the usual locations in Willingham. There will also be a Poppy Table on a variety of dates in the village – outside the Post Office, Co-op and on the Village Green. Dates for these are not yet available but look out for a poster in the Post Office, Co-op and on the village website when confirmed. Every poppy matters this year.

Poppy Posters – a colour-in downloadable poppy is available free from www.britishlegion.org.uk.

Poppy Face Masks – available for £4 with £1.50 from each mask going to the Poppy Appeal.

Please contact me for further details; Jane 07983 630265 or overanddistricttbl@yahoo.com.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

We came together. Let's stick together.

Under our Local Outbreak Control Plan, the County Council are keeping close track of COVID infections, especially if more than one occurs in the same setting. This is called a 'cluster' unless the cases are linked to that particular setting, in which case it is classed as an outbreak, triggering risk assessment and appropriate management. Please continue maintaining basic hygiene, especially hand-washing, keeping hands away from face, and wearing a face covering as required.

The County Council has launched a 'Cancel COVID' campaign, focused on Instagram and TikTok, enlisting social media influencers and other role models for the 18–30 target demographic, and stressing further limits on their lifestyle (rather than morbidity and mortality, from which this age group is largely immune in this pandemic – though interestingly youngsters seem to be taking a bit more notice as potential long-term effects of infection are becoming apparent).

I have also been supporting the Primary School in setting up a 'school street' operation at opening and closing times, to make the road safe for children and parents to cross whilst keeping a safe distance apart.

I keep being inspired by the dedication of everyone involved in education during these troubled times, from Jonathan Lewis, the Service Director of Education for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, to all the heads and teachers, parents and guardians, children and young people themselves – all of whom are proving remarkably resilient in the face of unprecedented pressures.

I have no idea how other generations can ever repay this one for the financial and social burdens that we have bestowed on so many people at the outset of their lives. What we can do, however, is take action now to mitigate against climate change – surely the least we can do for our descendants. The report of the UK Citizens' Assembly on Climate Change was published on 11 September – a sane mixture of urgency and common sense.

Tim Wotherspoon

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The December issue of *Willingham News* will include a Christmas Greetings page. If you would like to send greetings to friends and neighbours you can do so via *Willingham News* and at the same time help a very worthy cause. You need to get your greetings to us by **8 November** so you need to act in the next few days.

It will cost £10 for a small greetings box, all of which will go to East Anglia Children's Hospice.

Email your greeting to willinghamnews@gmail.com or drop it off at 54 High Street, addressed to *Willingham News*. Cheques should be made payable to East Anglia Children's Hospice and also can be posted through 54 High Street.

Hurry you need to do this by **Sunday 8 November**.

District Councillors' Report

Mobile/Community Wardens Scheme

Age UK, who will run the mobile/community warden's scheme, has begun the process of recruiting staff and liaising with the Parish Council. It is hoped that the scheme will be operational by November or December.

Public Access to South Cambridgeshire Hall

Unfortunately the hall is again closed due to government advice and the national increase in infections. Hopefully, this will not inconvenience Willingham residents too much but, if it does, feel free to contact either of us for help.

Continued COVID-19 Response

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Communities Team recently held a virtual briefing with the district's COVID-19 volunteer groups and Parish Councils. Although infection levels in South Cambridgeshire remain relatively low, parts of the UK are experiencing a worrying rise in infections and we cannot afford to be complacent. Willingham's volunteers, who continue to provide a fantastic response, are standing by in readiness to scale up their efforts, should it become necessary. The District Council will be running further meetings and briefings so that groups can share their knowledge and experience and SCDC is offering financial help to all of the volunteer groups to buy essentials such as hand sanitiser and to cover the printing costs of information cards etc. Let's hope that, with responsible behaviour by all of us, the volunteers do not have to scale up their efforts in the village.

Five-Year Housing Land Supply (5YHLS)

There has been quite a bit in the press and social media recently suggesting that the Council can no longer demonstrate a five-year housing land supply, which is essential if we are to keep control of the planning system. This was precipitated by an appeal report from the Government's Planning Inspectorate associated with an appeal decision on a property in Abington. Unfortunately, the Planning Inspectorate's report contained a fundamental error that, thankfully, they have now admitted and apologised for. South Cambridgeshire's 5YHLS figure remains intact at 5.4.

Investment Partnerships Formed

Two investment partnerships have been formed that will see up to £340 million invested to support the local recovery, through regeneration and development. SCDC has appointed the housebuilder Hill Group and an international infrastructure investor, Balfour Beatty Investments as partners in this initiative. The partnerships will acquire land for new homes, including council and social rented properties, along with commercial developments and supporting services which will help to support the local economy as it recovers from the Coronavirus pandemic.

Difficulties with Water Bills?

Are you or do you know someone struggling to pay their water bills because of COVID-19? Contact Cambridge Water via the website, by Facebook or Twitter or call them on 0800 587 7701. More information can be found online at www.cambridge-water.co.uk/covid-help. They can offer tailored support including the 'Assure Social Tariff' (for customers whose household income is less than £16,380 a year); the 'Assure COVID-19 Tariff', which is available for a 12-week period for customers whose household income has been impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak and is temporarily less than £16,380 a year, as well as a number of other plans.

East-West Rail

The rail route proposed by and campaigned for by 'CamBedRailRoad' is along the A428, and now seems to be the preferred route for the East-West Rail from Bedford to Cambourne. There are differences of opinion regarding the best entry point into Cambridge. A new pressure group, 'Cambridge Approaches', has some ideas regarding the railway's approach to Cambridge.

If you wish to follow the work of 'Cambridge Approaches', sign up for news updates etc via their website, cambridgeapproaches.org.

If you would like to see what CamBedRailRoad has achieved and continues to work towards, their website is www.cambedrailroad.org.

Bill Handley and Dawn Percival

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High Flying Vicar

Many of you will remember Geoff and Sheilah Turner. Geoff was the rector here in Willingham from 2001 to 2008 and also looked after the lovely old church in Rampton. Sadly, Geoff and Sheilah had a serious car accident in 2007 which hastened their early retirement to be near their daughters in Yorkshire. Prior to that, both of them were very involved in our community and amongst many other activities were instrumental in setting up *Willingham News*, more or less in the format that we see it in today.

In common with many clergy, Geoff was a great enthusiast for old cars and aircraft. In earlier days it would probably have been steam driven traction engines. His enthusiasm for flight helped him qualify as a glider pilot and made him a regular visitor to the aircraft museum at Duxford. Last year he was diagnosed with a cancer requiring surgery and chemotherapy but with his usual strong resilience he has returned to better health, at least well enough to take back to the skies.

And so, on the 9 of September this year he climbed into the second pilot's seat of a Spitfire at Duxford for a quick buzz around Willingham. You can be excused for missing



Photo by Colin Brown

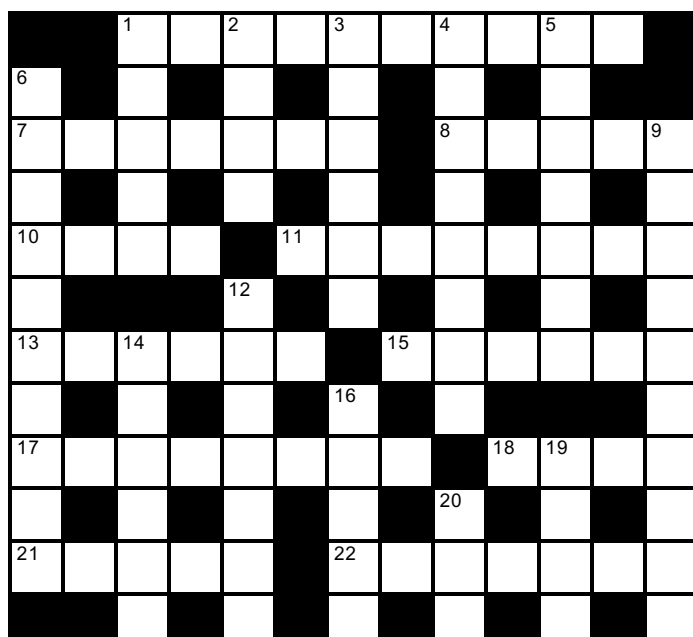
him. Although he did do three circuits of the village at approximately 4 pm, he was just a dot on the horizon. Photo was taken at Duxford by Colin Brown of both the aircraft and the intrepid Rev Biggles Turner.

Phil King

General Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 18

Answers on page



Across

- 1 Small lizard-like amphibian (10)
- 7 In Greek myth she helped Theseus escape the Labyrinth (7)
- 8 Old Spanish coins (5)
- 10 Aniseed flavoured alcoholic drink (4)
- 11 Indian prince (8)
- 13 Light-hearted film with a love interest (6)
- 15 Time leading up to Christmas (6)
- 17 Personification of USA (5,3)
- 18 German philosopher, 1724 – 1804 (4)
- 21 US No 1 tennis player in the 1970s (5)
- 22 Captain Jack in Pirates of the Caribbean (7)
- 23 Port city in South Carolina (10)

Down

- 1 Spanish F1 driver (5)
- 2 Board game (4)
- 3 British writer of *Atonement* and *On Chesil Beach* (6)
- 4 Region of Northern France (8)
- 5 Steamed soybeans in the pod (7)
- 6 State capital of Louisiana (5,5)
- 9 Settlement of poor people in makeshift housing (6,4)
- 12 Person who works with trees (8)
- 14 Shakespeare's shortest tragedy (7)
- 16 Collie in a series of films in the 1940s (6)
- 19 Brother of Moses (5)
- 20 Unit of power (4)



Young Readers' Corner

Here are some riddles for you to solve this month.
Answers on page 18

1. What gets wetter as it dries?
2. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
3. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?
4. Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?
5. What type of cheese is made backwards?
6. What has to be broken before you can use it?
7. What has lots of keys but can't open a lock?
8. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?
9. Three men were in a boat which capsized but only two got their hair wet. Why?
10. I'm tall when I'm young but short when I'm old. What am I?

Willingham Guides Finally Met Up Together

After six months of virtual Guides and Ranger meetings, Willingham Guides and Rangers were finally able to meet face to face at the beginning of October. The COVID-19 guidance allowed up to 15 members of youth groups and their leaders to meet both indoors and outdoors. So after getting permission from the school to meet in the school grounds and completing the required risk assessments and consent forms we were finally given permission to meet up. It was a rather noisy affair as everyone was so excited about being able to see each other in person again. We also had three new girls join us.

We planned that our first evening would be one which was a firm favourite with the girls. Lighting a fire and cooking dampers (a kind of bread dough) and s'mores. The girls brought their favourite ingredients to add to their dough which was in individual plastic bags so everyone only touched their own mixture. Chocolate seemed to be the favoured addition. Having to be socially distanced was aided by having a number of family groups and year group bubbles and everyone managed to cook their dampers and s'mores.

Everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to having alternate outdoor and Zoom meetings until the weather stops us or the guidance changes. If you have a daughter aged 10 years or over who would like to join Guides (10-14 year old) or Rangers (14-18 year old) contact us at willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk.

Lynn McGoff

Guides meet up



Part 19 – The Dawn of a New Era

Introduction to the Period

This span of 200 years from 1700 to 1900 is one of massive change. At home there are revolutions in industry, transport and agriculture which are to transform the national economy and living conditions. Abroad the emergence of British naval supremacy enables the development of colonies in North America, India, Africa and Australasia to form the British Empire. Through all this, Willingham remains an agricultural fen village, but sees big changes in the character of its agriculture. Together with the arrival of the railway, this is to change the base of the village's economy and its size.

Early 1700s

Reign of Queen Anne: 1702 to 1714

King George I: 1714 to 1727

King George II: 1727 to 1760

The Dissenters

The first half of the 18th century in Willingham saw a revolution in the religious life of the village. The three rectors appointed to the Anglican church over this 50-year period were often absent, during which time a total of seven curates stood in for them. One of the curates, Thomas Ibbot, also acted as schoolmaster for two years until he was said to have been 'found somewhat disordered in the head, made worse by the perverse humour of the people of this parish'. Membership at the parish church fell. These were obviously ideal conditions for the growth of the 'dissenters' – Protestant Christians who had separated from the Church of England. They were first established in Willingham by Nathaniel Bradshaw in 1662 as Congregationalists and by 1714 over 100 members were meeting twice each Sunday in the thatched 'Meeting House', newly built on the east side of George Street. Growth, however, was not without problems. Between 1711 and 1751 disputes led to three successive Congregationalist ministers being forced to leave, the last two on charges of immorality. Nevertheless the Baptists who succeeded them were to dominate the religious scene in Willingham for the next 200 years.

Agriculture

Farming in the early 1700s was now benefitting from the fen drainage schemes of the previous century, when the flow of the River Ouse had been diverted away from the Old West river into the newly engineered New Bedford river at Earith. Four windmills were now being built along the Old West between Earith and Queenholme Farm to lift water from a system of drainage ditches up into the river. The stream that we now know as the Lode running past the Recreation Ground and the QEII play area was part of this network of drainage ditches and dates back to this period. A significant development in the 1740s was the growth of dairy farming in Willingham for cheese

production, perversely under the name of Cottenham cheese. Indeed production of this cheese in Willingham continued for another 200 years until the Second World War.

Population

The population of the village continued to grow, albeit slowly. It had reached around 650 by 1728 after new cottages had been built in what is now Silver Street (formerly Mill End) and the south end of High Street. John Brownell continued as Lord of the Manor of Willingham until 1735, when it is said that he shot himself. The manor was left to his steward, with the memorable name of Dingley Askham. It then passed to the Hatton family in 1752 and remained so for another 170 years until 1922. The Parker and Hamond families meanwhile continued as Lords of the smaller manor of Bourneys until 1893.

The National Picture

Nationally, the 1700s was a period of growing expansion. It began in the reign of Queen Anne with the union of England and Scotland in 1707 to form Great Britain. The newly unified country started well with a major victory over the French at Blenheim led by the Earl of Marlborough. After Queen Anne's death in 1714, the monarchy passed to the Hanoverian dynasty from Germany. This led to a succession of Georgian monarchs over the next hundred years, and despite a great deal of

initial doubt and resentment over this German background (King George I spoke no English), Great Britain developed and expanded rapidly. At home, driven by a new spirit of innovation, a revolution in industry and agriculture was taking root. Overseas, new colonies were being established in America and India, which provided ready markets for manufactured goods as well as supplying raw materials. The Royal Navy was expanded to protect the colonial trade routes from French and Spanish interference. East Anglia had long been a source of emigrants to the new colonies and a small but steady number were continuing to leave this area for a new life in the British colonies on the east coast of America.



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Next time: *The Wonder Boy* of Willingham

Alan Fawcitt

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Enjoying Willingham Open Spaces and Facilities

The outside areas are looking good so thank you to those who work hard for us to keep them well cared for and green! Certain hedges can now be attended to and the Parish Council would be keen to hear from likely tenders to cut these. The Recreation Ground has looked amazing and has been used well, as has our Orchard. Likewise, the QEII field is a popular venue and has benefitted from the few maintenance repairs, namely two lovely baby swings replacing the old ones, the safe surfacing colourful refill for the 'Under 5's', plus new balancing logs. There will continue to be notices placed at each entrance to advise safety measures with COVID-19 in mind including that no eating or drinking happens within the play areas. Naturally it is vital your own litter is taken home for your bins – particularly tissues and masks which would be a danger if left behind. Sadly fly-tipping in more 'secret' places is happening so reporting this would be helpful as it is another mess we have to sort out.

As groups have begun to use the halls again the Track and Trace system is up and running in line with current government guidelines and as described by the County Council's Director of Public Health, (an offence if there is non-compliance). The entrances of the main hall of the Pavilion, the Public Hall, the Ploughman Hall, the Willingham Youth Trust and office entrances, all display a QR code which will provide our office with necessary contact details. Those unable to scan the code can leave their details with their organisers who will pass these on to the office. Rest assured the Clerk keeps these solely for the purposes of Track and Trace and will destroy them after the required period.

Last month with regard to our commitment to Zero Carbon Communities, further to our application for a grant towards more efficient sustainable heating in the Ploughman Hall, the Local Energy Advice Partnership was mentioned. This countrywide organisation is particularly aimed at helping any householder or someone known to be struggling with their energy bills and who could use their free advice. Their free-phone number: 0800 060 7567 for weekdays 8.45 am to 7 pm and Saturday mornings, or contact can be made via their website www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire.

Supporting Local Groups

The Over Day Centre recently published their annual report which can be downloaded at www.overdaycentre.co.uk. Although the largest proportion of clients enjoying the programmes organised there are from Over, Willingham is second with 17% places being taken by our residents. Therefore, it is only right that our parish continue to contribute a large amount towards the Centre. Since its creation 31 years ago, Willingham has also been a vital link through many of our village groups not least Willingham Wheels who teamed up last year with other local cycling groups and raised a fantastic amount to help fund the Centre.

Meanwhile the Parish Council has agreed to continue to support our own local groups such as the Wolves, Cricket Club, Bowls Club, Running Club and the Willingham Youth Trust as best they can financially through these difficult times.

OWLS Community Car Scheme

This service for the vulnerable of Willingham, Swavesey and Over resumed in October. As we have a reduced number of drivers who are happy to return to voluntary driving, journeys will be limited to medical ones that include one-way trips to hospitals. Drivers are being provided with all the necessary PPE equipment and will be working under strict new operating instructions. Regular reviews will assess whether it is possible to extend the types of journeys we offer and whether it continues to be safe to operate if local infections rise significantly.

The B1050 Highways Application

The safety of this route has long been a priority and the Speed Watch group, our Community Roadwatch and Councillor Harris have worked long and hard to achieve a satisfactory result for the village. We are now waiting for updates to our application for speed restrictions along Earith Road. Since the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the route has become a busier, speedy, dangerous one and the submission for a Minor Highways improvement is timely. The application outlines a request for an extension of the 30 mph limit 30 metres north past the bridleway and Community Orchard entrance, plus a 40 mph buffer zone beyond that. The Parish Council has set aside a large amount of money to facilitate this, so alongside the A14 legacy money still outstanding for the footpath we are hopeful this can now be actioned.

Willingham Hub

Just a reminder, the Parish Council continues to support the village Hub and the current five designated telephones: 07529 222538; 07529 222542; 07529 221954; 07529 222578; 07529 222579.

Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Octagon, starting at 7.30 pm but are currently being held remotely via Zoom. Agendas are published on the website, the notice board outside the Public Hall in the High Street, and in the library. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details).

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1 November	No Service
8 November	Holy Communion
15 November	No Service
22 November	Morning Worship
29 November	Advent Service – time to be announced.

Church News

We are still adjusting as to when we have services as the Coronavirus pandemic continues. We are hoping to have a more regular pattern for the near future, with regular services on the first and third Sundays of the month and special services on the fifth Sunday of the month when there is one. We hope to get back to having services every Sunday, but it is likely to be 2021 before that is possible.

Daily Church Opening

The opening of the Church each day for Private Prayer and reflection is continuing, subject to any change in the regulations. Details of any changes in plan will be posted on the Church door and noticeboard.

The time of being open is between 10 am and 4 pm every day unless the Church is closed for hygiene purposes after an open service – **please see above for service dates as the church will be closed before and after for three days.**

There a dedicated space for people to use and a daily cleaning and sanitising regime in place. Socially distanced chairs are set out and each one has a card to be turned over to show when they have been used and so will need to be cleaned.

We are pleased to have seen several people using the church for a quiet and reflective time in their day. Everyone in the village is welcome so please do come and try it for yourself.

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For online Masses please see www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/live-catholic-mass-online.

We are still gathering virtually as a fellowship on Sundays in November and also in our mid-week Wednesday Reflection. We are recording some of the reflections and these are available to listen to on our website www.willinghambaptist.org.

If anyone would like to join us at a gathering or mid-week reflection, please get in touch secretary@willinghambaptist.org or phone 01954 263108 and 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, or have any other needs, please also get in touch.

Emma Launchbury
 Church Secretary

Pastoral Letter

This year has been the 80th anniversary of significant events in World War II. I thought recently how our situation today has some similarities with people's experience in 1940. Every time the radio is turned on, the news is not good, especially in the battle with the new enemy, COVID-19.

St Mary and All Saints Church is here to help in difficult times. (Good ones as well.) I'm conscious of many people feeling under pressure in many ways. The grand old hymn *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* encourages us at the end of the second verse saying:

'Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.'

May I encourage us all to do that. We can do that personally. The church is now open regularly during daylight hours for anyone to come and pray quietly by themselves. You can also leave a request for prayer with us. That can be done via our website (please see email addresses there) or it can be done physically, by leaving written requests in church. We are about to get a proper post box, which will be by the entrance to the hall at the back, known as the Octagon. Until that is in place, they can be pushed under the grill door if you find it locked. Please could you date your request, as for Covid safety it would then be opened on the following day.

Life is difficult at the moment, but we can help each other as we carry each other's loads and one way to do that is in prayer. Please don't hesitate to take up that offer.

May God bless us all as we continue to face tricky times.

Simon Gill
 Team Rector, Parish Church.

Allotments

This year, despite COVID-19, has been a good year down on both allotment sites, Westmeadow Close and Church Street. There have been times when the colour and variety of produce being grown there has really taken my breath away. Sadly, earlier in the year, quite a few people lost their runner beans due to the weather but since then things have really looked up – the marrows seemed intent on taking over the sites!

Every year we award prizes in two categories, this year being no different.

Prize Winners were:

Best Allotment: Lawrence and Sarah Pullar from Church Street allotments. They are amazing and manage to grow such a variety of produce all year round.

Best Newcomer: Anne Hayward from Westmeadow Close allotments. Anne showed the variety of produce that can be grown in a five metre square plot – with such good humour!

Well done to the winners, also to all the allotment holders. The judges were very impressed with the standard.

We really do have a mixture of expertise from the very experienced to those who just want to have a go. We created the five metre square plots for those with very little or no experience and are pleased to say that they have turned out to be very successful and we are now in the process of creating some more to fill demand.

Towards the end of last year, one of our allotment holders kindly agreed to offer part of his plot to the Primary School's *After School Club*. Preparations were going great guns until COVID-19 raised its head but we are hopeful that, when things have sorted themselves out a bit, this facility can be used by the children with support from the adults. Thanks to everyone involved in this venture. If you are interested in acquiring an allotment please get in touch with me.

Many thanks to Luke Burling who took the picture on the front cover using his drone.

Sue Ayling 01954 260718

WHAT'S (VIRTUALLY) ON

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Sun 8 Nov	Willingham News Copy Deadline	P3
Tue 1 Dec	Live Streamed Village Light Switch On, organised by the Baptist Church	P5
Fri/Fri 4/18 Dec	Christmas Family Book Trail Organised by the Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	P15

Willingham Women's Institute



All meetings and events are cancelled until the COVID-19 crisis has passed but normally we meet on the second Monday of the month at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. If you would like to join us please email willinghamwi28@gmail.com and we will keep you up to date on when we will be re-starting.

Our WI has a huge range of talks and activities as well as the annual Quiz Night, open evenings, outings and parties in the Summer and at Christmas. We have a successful darts team and a monthly craft group, open to all in the village.

Most importantly though, our WI is a great way for women in the village to socialise and get to know new people. Why not give it a try?

History of Willingham WI

Following our trip back to 1943 last month, here are a few snippets from the 1955 Minute Book. There were 76 members that year, compared to our current membership of around 60. Readers may recognise many of the names on the Committee.

- Names were then read of those nominated for Committee. Those willing to stand were Mrs Robinson, Mrs Bonus, Mrs Frohock, Mrs Kester, Mrs Law, Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Bryant, Mrs W Raven, Mrs Severn, Mrs B Denson, Mrs F Few, Mrs A Elsome, Mrs Clark and Mrs F Smith.
- It was announced that we should be using the Church Hall for our meetings after March at a privilege rent of 12/6 per night. *The WI had been meeting in the British Legion Hall – do any of our readers have any memories of this? The Editors.*
- Correspondence included a letter from the Matron of Willingham House, thanking the WI for the over-70s tea which the inmates attended.
- Birthday handkerchiefs were presented by the President.
- A most interesting talk on corsetry was given by Mrs Bartram.
- WI canning classes were held in the village this year. Produce Guild demonstrations have also been held. Members gained 3rd place at the Produce Guild Show in Cambridge and Mrs Law has passed her preserves test and gardening test. Members were successful in the Handicrafts Exhibition including several gold star awards and Mrs Severn has since had her work entered for the Inter-County competition.



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Staffing at the Surgery

You may come across many new faces and voices at the surgery as we welcome new members of reception staff into our team. We said a fond farewell to our Office Manager, Sarah Thompson, after 33 years at Willingham Medical Practice. Sarah has retired to spend time with her family, and we would like to publicly thank her for all the hard work and dedication she has put into the practice over her long career. She has seen many new faces come and go, having started her career with the surgery back at the bungalow in Schole Road all those years ago, when everything was written on paper! I'm sure our patients will miss her greatly as she has been a regular front figure at the surgery for such a long time, and will be greatly missed.

Surgery Update

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, how you contact us will be different at the moment. This is to limit face-to-face contact whenever possible and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Your GP practice is open and if you need to see your GP, please ring us on 01954 260230 or visit our website for details. You can also call NHS 111. **Please do not come to the surgery unless you have an appointment.**

A clinician will speak with you over the phone before booking your face to face appointment. Appointments are also being delivered online and over the telephone. If you are asked to come into the surgery for a face-to-face appointment, please remember to wear a face covering. Measures are in place to keep you safe from infection during your visit to the surgery.

If your query is in relation to COVID-19 please visit NHS 111 online in the first instance www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/.

Please be aware the GP will only try to call you once, and should you miss the call you will need to reschedule your appointment for a later date. Updates regarding your appointment will be sent via SMS message or you will be contacted by a member of our reception team. Please ensure we have your up to date contact details.

Facebook Page

Willingham Medical Practice is now on Facebook. Please feel free to like and follow our page for important health updates as we move through the winter and deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. We ask that any feedback or concerns are emailed to willinghammedicalpractice@nhs.net as we are unable to respond directly to all comments on our Facebook page and there is not the facility to message us using social media for your security, safety and confidentiality.

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

WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787 NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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

Flu Programme

If you're age 50-64 and don't normally get a flu vaccine, you will be offered one if there is enough vaccine **after** the vaccination of higher risk groups. You may not be contacted until December. Please do not contact the practice now, we will contact you when the vaccines are available on the NHS. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Thank You from Dr Suter

Dr Suter would like to thank her patients for all the gifts and cards she received for her retirement. She was quite overwhelmed by all the appreciation and kindness, and is now enjoying the extra time she has with her family.

Carers' Meetings

Due to the pandemic, the carers' meetings are still currently postponed until further notice. They will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we would like to continue to support carers in our local community in any way possible. If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at or 01954 260230.

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

Lisa Smith –Assistant Practice Manager

Willingham Library

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Willingham Library is Open

Our current opening hours are:

Tuesday 2 – 6 pm Friday 10 am – 2 pm

- The library is not open for browsing. Staff will find and issue items for you that have been ordered in advance, much like a 'Click and Collect' shopping service. You will only be able to enter the library to collect pre-ordered items or use a pre-booked computer.
- All items must be ordered in advance, either by calling 0345 045 5225 or by using the online reservations system at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-online.
- The Select and Collect service allows you to request a selection of books from a particular genre, which library staff will choose for you. If you want specific books, please use the normal reservations system.
- You will need to bring your library card with you when collecting books and queue outside the library.

Please look at the notices in the library window for more information.

Friends of Willingham Library

Christmas Family Book Trail – 4 – 18 December

Our books are so excited about the upcoming festivities that they have escaped to view the Christmas lights around the village. Please can you help us find them?

Pick up a form and map from the lobby of the library or the Post Office from 4 December or contact us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com to receive one.

Write the title of each book you find on the form and return to the library for a small reward.

Please note the trail is not suitable for unaccompanied children.

Thank you for supporting your village library.

Recommended Books

This month the recommended reads come from Trevor Weston

Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier

Epic struggle for survival of the human spirit in the form of a confederate deserter making his way back home to North Carolina towards the end of the American Civil War.

Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger

A revelation to me that literature could be written in this way – from the point of view of teenage rebel Holden Caulfield.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

One to read and re-read and discover new things in each time; it has often struck me how would be to meet and chat with Lizzie Bennet.

Shipping News by Annie Proulx

About a man's journey of self-discovery on the coast of Newfoundland, this rewards reading slowly as not a word is wasted.

Outlander series by Diana Gabaldon

Once started never to be put down, the adventures of a Second World

If you have a book to recommend to readers please let us know via the usual address.

Willingham Sustainability

The Willingham Sustainability Group aim to provide residents with information on a range of sustainability topics. Last month we touched on plastic, recycling and our exciting plastic pledge (if you haven't signed up yet there is still time, more information on the village website www.willinghamlife.org). This month we are tackling food and the impact of our diets on the environment and climate change.

You may already be aware that agriculture and forestry have an impact on the environment. In terms of greenhouse gas emissions, 23% of total anthropogenic (human-generated) greenhouse gas emissions (2007-2016) derive from Agriculture, Forestry and other land uses. Livestock farming also requires a lot of land for both animals and feed production and has resulted in deforestation of many woodlands and rainforests. Today, 37% of all available land surface in the world is used for pasture. Cattle farming is particularly intensive and is responsible for 62% of the sectors greenhouse gas emissions. There are also additional carbon emissions for transporting meat around the globe.

Climate change is not the only concern with livestock farming, animal welfare is also a cause for concern. The UK has high standards for animal welfare but not all countries have the same standards and you may not always know this when you buy meat imported from other countries.

Whilst the above is all true, it is also true that eating meat is an important part of many people's diet, provides many nutrients for our bodies and a livelihood for many people. And therefore the aim of this article is provide you information to help you make more informed and sustainable choices. Here are a couple of ideas!

Why Not Try Meat Free Monday?

This campaign, made famous by Paul McCartney, doesn't ask you to give up meat but rather to look to reduce your meat consumption and, in doing so, play a small part in reducing climate change. Having one meat free day a week will help contribute to reducing climate change and will also give you an opportunity to try new and exciting recipes.

Why Not Buy Local?

We have some great local butchers in and around Willingham. Highgate Butchers has a great selection of meat and even has extra treats such as pies and quiches. Buying local also has the benefit of supporting local businesses and reducing food air miles. By reducing our meat consumption, it may mean we can afford to buy locally or even organic.

If you struggle for inspiration there is a lot of help out there! The BBC Good Food website has hundreds of tasty vegetarian recipes. If cookbooks are more your thing, both Jamie Oliver and Joe Wicks do vegetarian recipe books which come highly recommended!

Nine Months – Couch Potato to Marathon Runner

On Sunday 4 October, I completed the 40th 'Virtual' London Marathon. Armed with a Virgin GPS app that tracked us in real time, I and 45,000 runners in 161 countries set off. Never mind this was the first 'virtual' London Marathon, this was my first Marathon. This was no walk in the park!

Training started on New Year's Eve, prompted by my work company embracing a fitness strategy. With my Fitbit and company gym sessions, I ran my first mile. For someone who loathed going to the gym, and liked running even less, it was exhausting! By March I could run 12 miles, six of those without stopping, in little over an hour! I began monitoring my eating habits, drinking more water and cutting out takeaways. Then lockdown came, postponing the Marathon till 4 October. But I had an incentive; my dad had died of heart disease. The goal - to raise money for The British Heart Foundation and look after my heart. I continued training till the day arrived.

I set off on 4 October at 8 am. There were no crowds cheering me on, just puddles, numb fingers and wet windswept roads on my route from Willingham to Rampton. At 15.6 miles I hit a 'wall'. I stopped, wobbled, grabbed a jam



sandwich and a 'Keep going Grandad' from family. I had seven miles to go! With my left knee screaming at me to stop, good neighbours shouting encouragement and a virtual Steve Cram announcing the miles I'd ran, I could see my family at the finishing point on the Green. Then I was done! I handed my phone to my son James as my other son Jack placed a coat over my shoulders. Elation. Then a bombshell. My son said, 'Dad, it says 26.15 miles. Not yet 100%.' Grabbing my mobile, I set off again, another 80 yards around the Green and real 'whoops' from the crowd. Then it was official. I had done it. Relief. I went home for a hot soak and KFC with the family. Bliss!

Another Marathon next year? I haven't decided. But I'll continue looking after my heart. My dad did not have that second chance. One in five men die prematurely of Coronary Heart Disease, representing 25% of all UK deaths. The Marathon was as much about bettering my health as it was fundraising and community spirit. I increased my fund target to £2,620.

Thank you, to local business sponsors: Down to Earth Electrical Ltd, Bushell Box and Mannings, Cambridgeshires Property Bureau Ltd, F Kaseem Javed- St Ives Chiropody and Jessella Ltd.

Peter Sacre

Willingham Parish Council is Subsidising Lifelines for Willingham Residents

The Community Lifeline Service allows people, young and old to stay in their homes longer and live independently. It is run by South Cambridgeshire District Council. If you live alone or someone in your family is sometimes left alone and may need to call for assistance, the Council's Lifeline team can help. In an emergency, pressing a button - worn around your neck or on your wrist - connects you via a contact centre with family, friends, neighbours, or the emergency services.

For more information on how *Lifelines* work, please look at www.scamb.gov.uk/lifelines or contact us for a leaflet on 01954 713470.

How to Apply for a Subsidised Lifeline Alarm

If you are interested in a lifeline subsidised by the Parish Council, please contact the clerk, Mandy Powell on 01954 261027 or email@willinghampc.org.uk to see if there are places available. This is operated on a first come first served basis. The Parish Council will pass your details to the Lifeline Service who will contact you with more information and an application form.

How to Apply for a Self-funded Lifeline Alarm

If there are no subsidised places currently available, the parish clerk will put you on a waiting list and contact you when a space becomes free. In the meantime, you can still apply and pay for your own lifeline through the Lifeline Service. When a subsidised place becomes free, the payments of your lifeline will be passed over to the parish council on the next quarterly bill.

The Community Lifeline Service costs £4.47 per week. This is payable every three months in advance by a £58.11 direct debit. The installation charge is £30.

You can apply online at www.scambs.gov.uk/lifelines.

If you are interested in speaking with someone regarding the Lifeline Service, or would like an application form, please contact us on 01954 713470 or email lifelines@scambs.gov.uk.

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Are there any Clubs still Meeting During this Difficult Time?

It was good to hear news of Willingham Wolves last month but are there any other clubs which are still able to meet, albeit virtually? We would love to hear how you are coping during these difficult times.



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Over the Garden Fence.

Thanks to all those who contributed photographs to this year's Virtual Horticultural and Craft Show. More of you are taking to the outdoors and engaging with the practicalities of growing vegetables and flowers as well as enjoying the physical and mental benefits of gardening in these times. Additional photographs and anecdotes are to be found on the 'Extras' section of *Willingham News* on the Willingham Life website.

Change of Seasons

We often talk about it beginning to feel like autumn when the nights start to draw in and temperatures start to drop. This year autumn began on 22 September and ends on 21 December. However, the meteorological calendar considers the first day of autumn is always 1 September, and ends on 30 November.

Food for Thought

It is time to start thinking about spring flowers and bulbs. Wallflowers are available in garden centres in pots or bare rooted. The scent and stained-glass shades of wallflowers (*Erysimum cheiri*), make them the ideal partner for spring bulbs so planting should be well on its way now.

Planning Ahead

Bulbs that will bring the wow factor into the home in time for Christmas; amaryllis simply ooze exuberance but be aware that some amaryllis varieties will dribble nectar once they are open. Keep this in mind when placing pots of them around precious furnishings. Bowls of hyacinths, scented narcissi, tulips and other bulbs can be planted for flowering indoors over the Christmas and cheer up the early days in January.

Weed Control

Lay weed control fabric on beds. It's time to put covers over the beds for the winter. Plastic woven landscape fabrics work well as they block the light to kill off the weeds but still allow some moisture through into the soil. They can be packed away in the spring and will last several years. Cardboard, newspaper, and dark coloured fabrics are good alternatives. Ideally clear away established weeds first and rake a layer of compost over the bed before covering. Next spring when the covers are removed you will have a perfect tilth for sowing and a collection of slugs on the underside of the fabric to remove from your plot.

Help Wildlife Survive the Winter

Build habitat piles, piles of sticks, leaves and logs for insects, mammals and amphibians to shelter in over winter. Avoid burning waste as you'll undoubtedly burn insects among the matter. Leave borders intact. Clear your borders in spring rather than autumn. Insects such as ladybirds will sneak into seed heads and hollow plant stems, taking advantage of the safe, dry shelter. Birds will take seeds from plants, including plants left over until spring.

Feed the Birds

Hang feeders to keep birds visiting your garden. Feeding now when natural supplies of seeds and berries are low, builds up their strength for the winter and helps them survive the cold winter nights. Providing additional food is essential. Choose peanuts, sunflower hearts and suet. They'll nest nearby in spring and be ready to eat insect pests in your garden next year. Think about planting berry bearing trees or shrubs. Guelder rose, rowan, hawthorn, and cotoneaster are ideal.

Provide a source of fresh water, as well as food. Birds need water to drink and bath in. Regularly scrub your bird bath clean with a brush then rinse before filling. In cold weather top up with hot water to melt ice.

Don't Forget

- Check tree stakes and standards do not rub when windy, causing stem damage.
- Insulate outdoor taps by covering with recycled bubble wrap before freezing weather.
- Mend insecure fence panels so they don't break in a gale.
- Finish lawn maintenance and keep mowing the lawn while it's growing, but otherwise try to keep off it until spring.
- Clean and oil garden tools, clean and store used plant pots and trays for use next year.
- Take photographs of your garden as an aid memoire of spaces that need filling, and plants or shrubs that need moving early next year.
- And best of all, in the cold dark days of the next few months peruse the gardening magazines, plant and seed catalogues for ideas and the must have additions to the garden.

Answers to Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Salamander, 7 Ariadne, 8 Reals, 10 Ouzo, 11 Maharaja, 13 Romcom, 15 Advent, 17 Uncle Sam, 18 Kant, 21 Evert, 22 Sparrow, 23 Charleston.

Down: 1 Sainz, 2 Ludo, 3 McEwan, 4 Normandy, 5 Edamame, 6 Baton Rouge, 9 Shanty Town, 12 Forester, 14 Macbeth, 16 Lassie, 19 Aaron, 20 Watt.

Answers to Children's Riddles

1 A towel, 2 A clock, 3 A stamp, 4 The letter C, 5 Edam, 6 An egg, 7 A piano, 8 Seven, 9 One was bald, 10 A candle.

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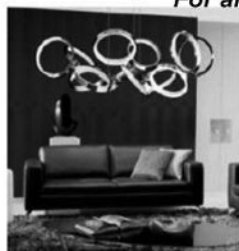
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2 Nov	DAY OF THE DEAD is a Mexican festival (Día de los Muertos). Families welcome back the souls of their deceased relatives for a brief reunion. It became the focus for a thrilling pre-credits sequence in the James Bond film <i>Spectre</i> .
3 Nov	US ELECTION – Americans vote today to elect their 59 th President. SANDWICH DAY – John Montague, the fourth Earl of Sandwich, ordered his meat to be delivered between two slices of bread so he wouldn't get his hands greasy when he was playing cards. As people heard of this, they started ordering their food <i>the same as Sandwich</i> and this was eventually shortened to just a <i>sandwich</i> .
5 Nov	GUY FAWKES' NIGHT commemorates the Gunpowder Plot in 1605 which was meant to kill King James I and destroy Parliament.
8 Nov	TONGUE TWISTER DAY – According to the Guinness Book of Records the most difficult tongue twister in the English language is <i>The Sixth Sick Sheikh's Sixth Sheep's Sick</i> .
10 Nov	WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT – UNESCO proclaimed today should highlight the significant role of Science in society. This year's theme is <i>Women in Science</i> .
11 Nov	ARMISTICE DAY – <i>Armistice</i> is Latin for <i>to stand (still) arms</i> . Two minutes silence is held at the 11 th hour of the 11 th day of the 11 th month to remember the 8.5 million who died across the world in the First World War as well as those lost in the conflicts that followed.
13 Nov	WORLD KINDNESS DAY was created by a collection of international humanitarian groups in 1997. Find out more at the worldkindnessmovement.org .
14 Nov	WORLD DIABETES DAY – This year's campaign focuses on promoting the role of nurses in the prevention and management of Diabetes.
16 – 22 Nov	ROAD SAFETY WEEK – Every 20 minutes, someone is killed or seriously injured on a British road. You can register on roadsafetyweek.org.uk to receive a free pack full of advice, ideas and activities.
17 Nov	INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DAY – This originally commemorated the Nazi storming of Czech universities in 1939 and the subsequent killing and sending students to concentration camps. Today it marks a celebration of multiculturalism of international students. This year's theme is <i>Learning for People, Planet, Prosperity and Peace</i> .
18 Nov	MICKEY MOUSE DAY – Happy 92 nd Birthday!
19 Nov	BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU DAY is marked in France with fireworks, music and festivals. Under French law the wine is released at 12 01 am, just weeks after the wine's grapes have been harvested.
20 Nov	WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY – <i>Around the world, children are showing us their strength and leadership, advocating for a more sustainable world for all. Let's build on advances and re-commit to putting children first. For every child, every right.</i> António Guterres, UN Secretary General
21 Nov	WORLD TELEVISION DAY – Television continues to be the single largest source of consumption. Though screen sizes have changed and people create, post, stream and consume content on different platforms, the number of households with TV sets around the world continues to rise.
22 Nov	STIR-UP SUNDAY is held on the last Sunday before Advent. Traditionally families get together and stir the Christmas Pudding and make a wish. Adding coins, originally charms, was said to bring you luck if you found one in your helping of the pudding on Christmas Day.
26 Nov	THANKSGIVING DAY is a Federal holiday celebrated in the USA. It dates back to 1621 when the Pilgrims gave thanks for their first bountiful harvest in Plymouth Rock.
30 Nov	ST ANDREW'S DAY – Today is Scotland's official national day. St Andrew is also the patron saint of many other countries including Barbados, Cyprus, Greece, Romania and Russia. CYBER MONDAY – Because of challenges that have hit retailers, online offers are set to be promoted more than ever this year.

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