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Bowls Club

It never rains but it pours, as the saying goes and did it pour!



Late December the heavens opened in Willingham and the water flowed; a few days later the Recreation Ground was flooded and the Bowls Green was totally under water. It remained that way for nearly seven weeks; the Bowls Green is now visible even though the side ditches are still full of water. A warm dry spring is desperately needed.

Regardless of these problems we are still positive and with the fantastic NHS giving vaccinations at a remarkable rate we hope that the Government will allow us to meet and play bowls even if we have to keep more space between us than before but we will be out there, in the fresh air, sun and company, all well needed.

To show some gratitude to all those who have been so valuable to us all, the Bowls Club is offering free membership to all NHS Staff and Key Workers. If you are one of those and interested, please contact our Secretary or Terry Buckley for more details.

We would also hope to get our Community Scheme up and running. We really hoped to have this running last year but circumstances ... well you know what I mean.

Let's hope the vaccines return us back to some form of normality and we can work with Willingham and Over Surgeries and other members of the community to get our scheme going.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their help with the flooding problems; they are having meetings with the relevant authorities to see if anything can be done for the future.

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Anyone for Underwater Bowls?

Water on Willingham Green in the 19th Century

The following letter appeared in a local newspaper in the late 19th century and shows that some problems never go away. Also that, like many other newspaper correspondents even today, the author, a local auctioneer, did not stick to the point.

'Mr Editor

Will you allow me another small space in your valuable columns respecting the water on the green? I see by the correspondent of our village (to the Independent Press) that the excuse for not letting off the water is quite preposterous. I again state that the surveyors lost no time in sending two men to let the water off as soon as they could possibly spare them, and they wished to finish a sewer they had begun as they thought it very unsafe to leave it open all night. As to the correspondent saying, if I wipe my eyes and go round the village I should find a band of reformers, if I was to wipe them till they were quite sore I should still find the band very small. The rejoicing of the reformers that was spoken of by your correspondent happened to be the correspondent himself, who threw a shilling down to fetch some ale at a shoemaker's shop.

Yours faithfully, Alfred Underwood'

Anne Kirkman



Annual Photographic Exhibition 2021

Our Annual Photographic Exhibition has been an established event for many years. It is an important opportunity for club members to demonstrate our photographic vision and skills to the public. Unfortunately we could not hold the 2020 exhibition last April because of the Covid lockdown. Given the continuing uncertainty over public gatherings as we move towards spring, we have decided that we will be holding our 2021 Exhibition online. Participation by all club members is encouraged and we will have a diverse and fascinating display of digital photographs, AV presentations and images that have scored highly in competition in club and external competitions. The exhibition will commence on Saturday 10 April and will run for two weeks. To find out more just check out the club's website: www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk.

Willingham Community Plan

You now have an opportunity to help make a difference in the future of your village and we're asking for your input!

Would you like to help plan the future course of the village and help put the concerns of the village in front of the decision makers? Do you want to help make Willingham's voice heard? If you would, now you have an opportunity to do so.

In 2008 a Parish Plan for Willingham was produced; this was a 200-page document that brought together the views, needs and opinions of the Willingham community to guide future development of the village. The views of the village were captured through a Village Meeting, a questionnaire delivered to every household, and traffic surveys. There was a committee of 12 people and 73 helpers who carried out the task.

Since then, 13 years have passed and many things have changed: Northstowe now exists; the A14 has been developed; we are in the middle of a pandemic and ways of working have changed; the village is bigger, with lots of development; the effects of climate change are becoming a real concern.

A small independent committee of parishioner volunteers has formed to create a new plan.

The committee considers that we should repeat and update the process from the 2008 plan, as the population and concerns of the village will have changed. We will hold two village meetings to allow people to voice their concerns. Unfortunately, they will not be until June, due to the current restrictions. In the meantime we will be advertising, mainly through Willingham Village facebook and door-to-door flyers.

The revised questionnaire will then be distributed to all the village after we have incorporated the outcome of the meetings and other feedback received.

We have a considerable amount of work to do, so we need more volunteers to increase the size of the team, to help with distribution of flyers and questionnaires and with analysis of results, but most of all we will need you to tell us your concerns, so we can plan the future.

If you have an interest in joining the team, please contact either:

Chris Chesher chrispchesher@aol.com

Paul Knighton p.knighton@runbox.com

Chris Chesher

Chairman Willingham Community Planning Group (WCPG)

The Over Day Centre Bike Rides (hope to) return on 3 October

With our diaries ready for adventures once it is safe to do so, we wanted to share this date with you.

Over Day Centre has suffered greatly during the pandemic, being unable to open to provide professional care, friendship and recreation for older people in Over and the surrounding villages. They are also feeling the financial strain being unable to fundraise to provide this service.

Willingham Wheels and Swavesey and Over Cycling Group have decided to dust off their bikes, invite you to do the same and join them for the 2021 Bike Rides on **Sunday 3 October**.

The 2019 event was a great success with riders appreciative of the excellent, clearly waymarked 50-mile route around the Cambridgeshire countryside. Families were catered for by an 8.5-mile route along the

guided busway with free cake and drinks at the turnaround point.

The Bike Rides – to celebrate the 10-year anniversaries of both Willingham Wheels as a cycling club and the Over Day Centre 5-Pub Challenge and Meridian Meander – raised over £3,000 for the Day Centre. Fundraising was greatly boosted by live music kindly supplied by Mystery Train and Cat Pawsey (both with strong links to Willingham Wheels), a BBQ and bar on Over Village Green and glorious June weather.

This year, post-ride activities will be held at Over Community Centre with its attractive bar (and cold beer!) separate café area and superb outdoor seating (weather permitting).

This year, we hope to create a third route for those who find 8.5 miles too short and 50 too long.

More information including start times and booking information will be available just as soon as we finalise all the details.

If you are unable to take part but would like to support the Day Centre there will be a fundraising page where you will be able to make a donation to this fantastic local charity.

Nigel Leaney, Willingham Wheels



2019 Event

Queenholme Alpaca Update

As I write this on an unseasonably warm day in early spring, the bitter cold (and very muddy days) of January and February seem a distant memory. The days are getting longer, buds are appearing on the trees and the alpacas are enjoying a good pronk around their paddocks. No, I haven't just made that word up! Pronking, in alpaca language, means to leap in the air with joy, and when spring arrives, I rather feel like pronking too!

The alpacas will very soon have their annual haircuts (the lucky things!) so by the time we re-open in April, they'll be sporting a much less fluffy look, just in time for the warmer weather.



Alpaca Herd

Shearing day is an exciting time, almost like a harvest. Each alpaca can grow up to six inches of fleece across their body, so it's essential for their welfare that it's removed once a year at springtime. This beautiful natural fibre is then prepared for processing into luxurious yarn at the East Anglia Alpaca Mill in Norwich. With coronavirus restrictions set to ease over the coming months, we're now looking forward to inviting visitors back for more alpaca experiences on our farm from **19 April**. Despite the pandemic delaying our planned April opening in 2020, we still managed to welcome many visitors over the summer and autumn months, providing a much-needed escape from reality for many.

Not only are we excited about re-starting our trekking experiences, but we're also anticipating the pitter patter of tiny alpaca feet from May. Baby alpacas are called cria, and since an alpaca pregnancy takes around 11 and a half months, it's an exciting time when they finally make an appearance!

If you would like to know more about our alpacas, please visit <u>queenholmealpacas.co.uk</u> and also find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Katy Gilbert Queenholme Alpacas



Iowa and Pandora

Old Willingham

Last month you may have read Alan Fawcitt's piece about the terrible fires that sometimes destroyed many buildings in a village. It was a constant fear for the residents. This photo looks pretty dull, but it shows a sort of emergency system against fire. This wall still stands on the High Street opposite the entrance to Bourneys Manor Close. The two poles are ready on hooks for anyone to grab in an emergency. As you can see from the insert, there are large hooks on the end and the idea was that if you saw a thatched roof on fire, or even smouldering, you could grab the poles and pull the thatch off before it spread. Presumably there were other locations around the village with such poles but this photo captures a little bit of history, that is long gone.

See more photos at <u>www.oldwillingham.com</u>. If you have stories or memories about this picture,



please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or oldwill@ oldwillingham.com.

Puzzle Page

Answers on page 18

Codeword by Willow



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 |
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Book Quiz

Here's a selection of books which relate to the weather. We love to talk about it, don't we? See if you can name the authors.

- 1. Gone with the Wind
- 2. A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 3. The Wind in the Willows
- 4. Silent Spring
- 5. Cloud Atlas

Christine Lacey

A Poem for April

This year Easter comes in April with chocolate eggs and a holiday. A chance to reflect what Easter means to each and everyone of us today.

We search and find the little eggs that are hidden among the garden flowers and hoping that the sun will shine at Easter in between the showers.

Christine Lacey

- 6. The Snows of
- Kilimanjaro
- 7. Half of a Yellow Sun
- 8. The Snow Queen
- 9. The Spy Who Came in from the Cold
- 10. A Week in Winter

Cryptic Crossword by Naxos

The theme of this crossword is something we've all been unable to enjoy, at least live, for the past year. Twelve answers are on this theme. You will find one number in each of the twelve related clues, as a reminder of what we've been missing. The other clues and answers are normal, but cryptic.



Across

- 1 and 21 down Train at night by pumping iron (9, 7)
- 6 Fast, not loud, but flat out (5)9 Cheered by emerging from a
- state of despair (7) 10 Safari, say, in search of
- something that eats shoots and leaves? (7) 11 Bones discovered by police
- detective with foul air all around (5)
- 12 Naughty but popular (6)
- 13 See 24 down
- 14 Cool types renowned for their memory (4)
- 16 Pole position is a minor thing – only half there (5)
 19 I'd be surprisingly good for
- 19 I'd be surprisingly good for you backing native nonstarter (5)
- 21 Rider finds seat isn't really hard? (4)
- 22 Article on CIA fabrication bears fruit (4)
- 25 Potato man is very touchy (6)26 Receivers come from shire in
- revolt (5)
- 29 Among the spoilt elite good book provides permit (7)
- 30 French buccaneer with rough-sounding manner (7)
- 31 Alan loses weight in Italian city (5)
- 32 See 27 down

Down

- 1 Stick with unorthodox sleep guru (9)
- Row follows a boy that's always one jump ahead (7)
 Stars seen as a result of
- 3 Stars seen as a result of wayward missile one let go (3, 3)
 4 Are these seats in the theat
- 4 Are these seats in the theatre divine? (4)
- 5 Time with unhappy babies leads to 14 across (7)
- 6 Nothing found in connection with circle of life (4, 4)
- 7 One who's in the know works at the press apparently (7)
- 8 Good in real life as beginners
 could be funny in this context (4)
- 15 Surprisingly ate rather a lot in China (3)
- 17 Clutch firmly the big, blonde and beautiful (9)
- 18 Not coming back after meat I left in the room where it happens (8)
- 20 As a stirrer, I am detained by miserable cretin (7)
- 21 See 1 across
- 23 Funny honey smart some time back (7)
- 24 and 13 across Hundred wasted hours on the railway – I can do that! (6, 4)
- 27 and 32 across Somewhere included by Conservative representing Chelsea and Fulham? (4, 4, 5)
- 28 Topped with some choice decorations (4)



Since April Fools' Day takes place this month, we thought a few jokes were in order.

Why was the donkey annoying his friend? Because it was April Mules' Day.

Which day of the year do monkeys like?

The first of Ape-ril.

What did April Fools' Day say after it won an award? Prank you!

Did you hear about the man who swapped the labels on the pumps at the petrol station?

It was an April Fuels' joke!

Can you match these 5 numbers to these 5 egg-cellent Easter records?

- 1. 1875
- 2. 300
- 3. 501,000
- 4. 500 million
- 5. 7,200
- a. The number of Creme Eggs made by Cadbury's every year. If you piled them on top of each other, it would be 10 times higher than Mount Everest. The Creme Egg is the most popular egg-shaped chocolate in the world.
- b. In this year Cadbury's made their first Easter egg.
- c. The number of eggs that were searched for in the largest ever Easter egg hunt.
- d. The weight in kg of the largest chocolate Easter egg.
- e. The world record for the number of rabbits pulled out of a magician's hat.

Answers on page 18.



Hello to Spring!

Spring is here, spring is here! Leaves and buds everywhere. Caterpillars crawl along, The birds sing a cheery song.

The smell of grass in the air, Children playing without a care. Bees flying from flower to flower, A rainbow appears during a fresh shower.

The coldness of winter disappears, The warmth of spring reappears. Goodbye to the dark and hello to the sun, Spring is a time to play and have fun!

Draw a picture which shows your vision of this poem.

Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library 0345 0455225

Willingham Library is open Our current opening hours are: Tuesday 2 – 6 pm Friday 10 am – 2 pm

The library continues to be open in accordance with the national lockdown restrictions offering:

Select and Collect Service

This 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.

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Overdue Charges – there will be no reintroduction of overdue charges at this time.

This information is constantly subject to change. The most up-to-date information will be displayed in the library window and at <u>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library</u>.

Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

Springtime Activity for Children – Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April

Just a reminder that we are inviting all Primary School children to design a springtime related bookmark. Any size or shape will be fine. Think flowers, baby animals, blue skies and sunshine!

When completed please take your design to the Library lobby to receive a small reward. Remember to add your name and contact details too as the entries will be judged and the best Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children will be awarded a prize. We look forward to seeing your entries.

Meanwhile we will have to remain patient and wait for our library-based activities to resume once more. We're hopeful for the summer.

Cambridgeshire Library Service News

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Please see <u>www.cambridgeshirelibraries.overdrive.com</u> for details.

Facebook for Families

Have you followed our new Facebook page yet? This is where all of our events and activities for children and families will be in future. We are still posting to our main Cambridgeshire Libraries page but will eventually move entirely to the new page. Have a look today and make sure you click the Follow button! <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>CambslibFamilies</u>.

Book Review – The Boy on the Shed by Paul Ferris

Paul Ferris was born in Lisburn, Northern Ireland in 1965 into a happy Roman Catholic family. However Lisburn, which lies eight miles from Belfast, is a staunchly Loyalist and Protestant area. The troubles began three years later and Ferris's life was badly affected by the atrocities that took place. He had a loving relationship with his mother who unfortunately had heart trouble. Her health concerned Paul greatly and the title of the book is due to him climbing on to a shed to look into the kitchen and monitor his mother's health.

He was a very talented footballer while at school and because of his ability was watched by scouts from several big clubs including Manchester United. Eventually he is signed by Newcastle United and he becomes the youngest person to play for the first team. At one stage Kevin Keegan says that Ferris is the best he has ever seen at his age. Unfortunately he was injury-prone and a series of hamstring injuries led to him being released and forced to pursue another career. Out of work, he is supported by his loyal wife who finds work as a teacher.

He goes to university for a physiotherapy degree and after a few months he is offered a job at his beloved Newcastle United. There he does the medical when Alan Shearer signs for the club at a world record fee and Ferris and Shearer become great friends. However, after a series of managerial changes, Paul becomes totally disillusioned with football and embarks on a law degree.

He suffers many more ups and downs, including another invitation from Newcastle United, before the end of his story.

The book was well received by the members and promoted an interesting discussion within the group.

David Stevenson



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Easter Closures

The surgery will be closed on Friday 2 April (Good Friday) and Monday 5 April (Easter Monday). Please ensure you have enough medication for the holiday weekend. Please order from Dispensary no later than Tuesday 30 March.

Contact Details

Please ensure the surgery has your most up-to-date contact details including your mobile number and home phone. We are using the details on your medical record to invite you for your Covid vaccine as soon as you are eligible. If we cannot get hold of you by phone, we will write to your home address.

Covid Vaccination Programme

The surgery is under immense pressure as we continue to support the local GP hub in collaboration with neighbouring practices. Please only contact the surgery about the vaccine if you have been invited. We are getting a vast amount of queries about medical conditions which are exhausting our already stretched resources. We will contact you when it is your turn.

Some patients will receive a letter from NHS England and Public Health inviting them for vaccine before the surgery has been in touch. This is because the large vaccination hubs are able to provide more appointment availability and can work through the eligible cohorts at a different pace. These letters will provide a website address or ask you to call 119 to book an appointment, and divert you to vaccination centres within a 40 mile radius (the most local being centres in Cambridge and Chesterton)

You can choose to wait to be invited by the GP to the local hub in Over, but we cannot indicate time scales as to when this will be. Please do not contact the surgery – we will contact you when it is your turn.

Second vaccinations will soon be due. The surgery will contact you when it is your turn.

Dr Stevens' Maternity Leave

Dr Stevens has now started her maternity leave and will be due back in the surgery later this year. Dr Bhandari and Dr Rej will regularly attend the surgery to cover Dr Stevens. We will provide an update when the baby arrives!

Travel Vaccinations

Due to the travel restrictions, the surgery have a number of specialist vaccinations in stock which need to be used. If you believe you will need Hepatitis A or Typhoid boosters this year, please contact the surgery to make an appointment with a nurse.

Hearing Aid Maintenance and Batteries

Cambridge Hearing Help (CAMTAD) are still unable

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to return to the surgery for hearing aid maintenance, however they continue to provide batteries in the post and maintenance/re-tubing service appointments at other locations as part of a limited service.

If your hearing aid needs cleaning and maintenance, they have launched a 'drop-off and pick-up 20 minutes later' service at local Hearing Aid Maintenance Centres.

For further information please see <u>www.</u> cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk, or call 01223 416141.

Carers' Meeting

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 susan.lawson7@nhs.net or 01954 260230.

Lisa Smith Assistant Practice Manager

Agricultural Land To Let

9.51 hectares (23.71 acres), or thereabouts, of agricultural land off Mustills Lane, Over available to let on a Farm Business Tenancy from 29th September 2021.

Initial enquiries to Church & Town Lands Charity, Over, please email ctlcharity@gmail.com.



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Church Opening and Services

At the time of writing this report we are still in the early days of the Government plan to open up the country after the recent lockdown provisions and of the roll-out of the mass vaccination programme. Initial results seem promising, but in early March it is still too early to announce firm plans around opening up the Church for services and access generally.

However, we would love to be able to open the Church on **Easter Sunday 4 April** if we can. We are hoping that the scientific data will have improved enough to allow us to welcome everyone to a service on that special day.

We are also looking at the period following on from Easter and have draft plans for re-commencing services in April. It will depend on improving data, of course, and so decisions for this will have to be made closer to that time.

We have been making sure that information on all of the above has been spread via our website, noticeboards and Facebook page during March as it comes available.

We have started offering online Sunday services during March and we plan to continue this after Easter – the frequency and type of service will depend on whether or not the Church is open full-time or on a partial basis. If you would like to join in on any of these services, please do contact us for joining details.

Also, we will be continuing to record a weekly service that can be downloaded from our website. The ongoing audio services and talks are accessed via: <u>www.5folds.org.uk/page/online-services-and-resources</u>. Extra video resources can be accessed at: <u>5folds.online/YouTubevids</u>.

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Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia www.sacredheart-stives.org

Services have now re-started at St Ives. Numbers are limited but you may join any Mass live-streamed. Details at <u>www.sacredheart-</u><u>stives.org</u>.

For more information about the Diocese of East Anglia, please see <u>www.rcdea.org.uk</u>.

George Street, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LJ www.willinghambaptist.org and

We are still gathering virtually as a fellowship on Sundays and also in our midweek Wednesday Reflection. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates on our gatherings over the next few weeks. We have recently introduced a Cafe Church at Home, which is a much more informal style of meeting together and we warmly welcome families to join us for these.

If you would like to join us at a gathering, Cafe Church or midweek reflection, please get in touch at 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

Thought for the Month

Alleluia – Jesus is Risen

This is the traditional Easter message in four words. Many soundbites have been tweeted and hash-tagged throughout this last year that has been dominated by COVID-19. #You are not alone has been etched in my mind. 'Do not be afraid' and 'Peace be with you' are equally apt. These straplines hail from the Scriptures and are especially evident in the Easter story.

Have you ever noticed how the first followers of Jesus are never alone in the Easter gospel accounts? It is Mary and her friends who first declare 'Alleluia – Jesus is risen'. Peter and his fellow disciple race one another to the empty tomb. Cleopas and his companion walk along the Emmaus Road discussing the events of that first Easter Day. Once Thomas is re-united with his fellow disciples, the risen Jesus reassures them with the wonderfully warming words 'Peace be with you.... Receive the Holy Spirit.'

'You are not alone' characterises how many parish councils, local communities and churches up and down the land have responded to COVID-19. From meeting the needs of neighbours to one-to-one walks, from household bubbles to delivery folk at the door. Virtual gatherings on screen have helped to keep dispersed members of many families in contact. Video messages from loved ones have lifted the spirits of those confined to nursing homes.

I am comforted by the opportunity to walk with a companion, just as Cleopas was. These four soundbites from Jesus and his followers have carried me through the last year, all the way from Lent 2020 to Easter 2021. Alleluia – Jesus is risen.... Thanks be to God.

Rev Lucy Cleland, Team Vicar (Designate) in Longstanton, Over, Swavesey and Willingham.



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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Elections

As you know there will be elections on **6 May**. You will only be required to vote during the Parish Council election if there are 16 or more eligible candidates; otherwise the election is non-contested and those who apply are appointed. If you want to stand you can obtain guidance and nomination papers from the electoral commission website: <u>www.electoralcommission.org</u>. <u>uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england</u> but beware as, by the time this *Willingham News* goes out, you will have very little time left to submit your nomination; it must be returned to SCDC by 4 pm on **8 April**. For more information about the Parish Council go to our website, click on 'Documents', then 'Policies & Procedures' and select 'Who we are and what we do' and 'Why become a councillor'.

Drainage Problems

A huge amount of work has gone into trying to understand exactly what went wrong over the Christmas period. The Parish Council is grateful for the considerable assistance received from our County and District Councillors and, in particular, our local experts who have the detailed knowledge to ask probing questions and are part of the working group that has now been formed.

We are being repeatedly told that the underlying causes were due to the exceptionally wet weather. This was clearly a major factor but if climate change predictions are correct, we will need infrastructure that can cope with wetter winters and hotter summers. A major failing appears to be poor communication from Anglian Water. We are working hard to improve that and have a meeting scheduled with them in April.

Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground was severely affected by the very wet weather with extensive flooding. We have had discussions with the Environment Agency regarding the lode, and are working on getting the under-pitch drainage pipes cleaned out. We are also exploring ways of remedying the lack of sports pitch provision in Willingham. It is currently well below the SCDC requirement.

Parish Carbon Footprint Tool

The Centre for Sustainable Energy has produced a community level carbon footprint tool available at <u>impact-tool.org.uk</u>. You can search for Willingham's carbon footprint and compare it to others from around the country. The aim is to enable communities to look at ways of reducing their footprint. To get more information, click on 'Council' on the Parish Council website and select 'Environment'.

Willingham in Flower

In conjunction with the WAG Environment Group the Council is working on two new initiatives – turning unused ground at the QEII Field into a wildflower meadow and coordinating tubs of flowers at various locations in the village, hopefully with the help of village groups and local businesses.

The B1050

The Parish Council has been pressing for some years for a permanent solution to the poor surface in the section of the B1050 north of the village along the river bank. Thanks to hard work by our County Councillor, the County Council has responded with a major scheme to totally rebuild that section of road. It will certainly be an improvement but is not the complete answer. Willingham desperately needs a bypass and should have had one before construction began at Northstowe. The danger is that by simply improving the B1050 to the north of the village we will have even more cars, vans and HGVs coming down the High Street day and night.

Anti-Social Behaviour

There have been reports of youths gathering in the Ploughman Hall car park in the late evening and causing noise and general nuisance. The police have been informed and asked to increase patrols in the area. If you do witness anti-social behaviour please report it. Single reports may not carry huge weight but the cumulative effect does. We do not want a repeat of the summer of 2019.

Meetings

It is not yet clear when physical meetings will resume but for April they will remain on Zoom. These will include the full Parish Council meeting on **7 April** and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on **28 April** plus any Planning Meetings that are needed at a new starting time of 6 30 pm. You are welcome to join any of these with joining instructions available from the Parish Clerk and listed on the appropriate agenda.

Councillors' details can be found on the website but below are details for the Chair/Vice Chair and Lead Councillors. Council Office contact details: Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham, CB24 5LP Tel: 01954 261027 Email: clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk Clerk: Mandy Powell

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County Councillor's Report

At the County Council's Budget meeting, the leader, Steve Count, said: 'The destabilising soil under the B1050 contributes to its deteriorating condition. This needs to be addressed with a funding allocation now. Without a major intervention it would ultimately have to close, denying reasonable connectivity to tens of thousands of people and businesses a year. We therefore propose to invest just under seven million pounds to ensure the B1050 can continue to be used in future.' This is the culmination of a long campaign by me and my predecessors, together with present and former parish councillors, to improve this very dangerous road. You can watch the leader propose this £7m expenditure on the B1050 from 1:03:35 to 1:04:03 at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1cWwHra2vA&t=905s.

I am hoping that we can put together a comprehensive package comprising this reconstruction, other carriageway maintenance on the rest of the road, the traffic calming scheme entering the village from the north (which is being promoted as a Local Highway Improvement scheme jointly with the parish council) and an A14 Legacy Fund project to provide a footpath to the Community Orchard.

At the full Council meeting on 15 December 2020 we voted to seek the reclassification of the A1123 from St Ives to Soham as a B road, with the intention of gradually reducing the number of Heavy Commercial Vehicles (HCV) using this route instead of the much improved A14, to which it had in effect functioned as a bypass. This ought also to reduce HCV movements along the B1050 from Earith through Willingham (and possibly through Rampton) as well as those along the B1049 from Wilburton through Cottenham. The Highways and Transport Committee is setting up an HCV working group to assess movement of traffic across the whole road network.

I believe that residential streets ought to be spaces for people to enjoy being in, rather than thoroughfares for vehicles to pass through as fast as possible, so I have been supporting calls for low traffic neighbourhoods. I receive many expressions of concern about the speed of traffic through Willingham. Is there an argument for some form of traffic calming? Would anything work other than vertical features ('speed cushions') which tend to be unpopular?

Being a committed cyclist myself, I am also keen on extending measures to support active modes of transport. I have always taken a 'field of dreams' approach to cycleways: 'If we build it they will come'. Holland has become a nation of cyclists because of a conscious decision 40 years ago to invest in safe cycleways, making cycling attractive to people of all abilities. At the Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly meeting in February I took the opportunity of mentioning the advantages, potential benefits and local support for a high quality link between Willingham and Cottenham off main roads. I was supported by the County Council's cycling champion and other members highlighted the importance of making cycling an appealing mode of transport for secondary school pupils.

Tim Wotherspoon

District Councillors' Report

COVID-19 Related Matters

A reminder that information about South Cambs' response to coronavirus can be found on the regularly updated coronavirus pages on the SCDC website: <u>www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus</u>.

Local Hardship Scheme

SCDC are appealing to those businesses in South Cambridgeshire which have not yet benefitted from Government grants to help them through the Covid lockdowns to get in touch. The Council has now paid out £8,932,592 in financial support to 3,863 businesses since the recent lockdown last November. In the last 11 months, from the initial pandemic lockdown, the council has paid out over £31 million in Government grants. This, and the administration of other grants, is a major undertaking for the council. It has been necessary to redeploy staff into the Business Team to cope with this hugely important work, which means that response times in other areas may be slower than usual. Please bear this is mind if you encounter delays in any dealings with the Council.

Continued Financial Help for People Self-Isolating

Financial help for people who need to self-isolate has been extended until the end of June and expanded to include parents who need to have time off work to look after a child who is self-isolating. People who need to self-isolate are able to make a bid for funding from the 'Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme' which is administered by SCDC. Those who do not meet the criteria for this scheme are also able to apply for a discretionary payment of £500. Full details of the schemes and the eligibility criteria can be found here: <u>www.scambs.gov.uk/coronavirus/</u><u>financial-support-to-help-you-in-self-isolation</u>.

Mobile/Community Wardens Scheme

Willingham now has a Mobile/Community Warden Scheme, supported by SCDC and run by Age UK. Mobile and Community Warden Schemes (sometimes called Community Care Schemes) have been set up to support older people to live independently in their homes and in the community they know, and which knows them. The Warden Schemes are complementary to statutory care services and do not duplicate or replace the medical or social care services that individuals may also require. They can help to combat loneliness and social isolation and can provide significant benefits to clients at relatively low cost and are seen by clients and their families as a vital communitybased service. Willingham's Community Warden is Joanne Twinn on 07812 496002. More information is here: www.ageuk.org.uk/ cambridgeshireandpeterborough/our-services/community-wardens.

'Dangerous' Barriers on New Bar Hill and Swavesey A14 Bridges

We're supporting a campaign by Camcycle to remove the recently installed barriers on either end of the two new equestrian/pedestrian/ cycle bridges over the A14 at Bar Hill and Swavesey. Far from improving safety, the campaign argues that that the barriers represent a hazard, forcing users into conflict with each other and excludes disabled users, those with tandems and adapted cycles. They also argue that it ignores the latest design guidance. Non-motorised users from Willingham may have already encountered these barriers. More details can be found here: www.camcycle.org.uk/blog/2021/02/the-wrong-way-to-design-for-people.

An e-petition has been started, supported by Camcycle and the Swavesey and District Bridleway Association and can be found here: tinyurl.com/rsjvph28.

Beyond Lockdown – Under 18s and Adult Basketball

Northstowe is planning on starting two basketball clubs, one for Under-18s and one for adults in Northstowe and its surrounding villages with Living Sport (Active New Communities). Willingham residents would be very welcome. Living Sport has put out a tender to two local providers and is looking to start taster sessions in Northstowe in mid-April. If you or your teens are interested please contact Firouz Thompson on ftlibdem@gmail.com.

Bill Handley and Dawn Percival

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A Brief History of Willingham 1700 to 1900

Part 24 – Victorian Willingham – Inns, Pubs and Ale Houses

Reign of Queen Victoria, 1834 – 1901

Inns have existed in the village since the 17th century. Then you would have found the Five Bells on the Green and The George in what is now George Street. But the 1800s saw an astonishing increase in premises purely for drinking beer or ale. Although premises had to be licensed, it was relatively easy to convert the front parlour of a house to become an ale house. Several of them also brewed their own beer.

In 1869 the Cambridge Independent Press published an analysis of the number of public houses per village population. Willingham and Swavesey tied for first place with one licensed house for every 61 of the population, which was then 1,630. It will come as no surprise to find there was also a Temperance Society!

The following list of 23 has been compiled using records from Herbert Norris's *History of Willingham* of 1890 together with census records researched by Anne Kirkman.

| Three Tuns | Church Street |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Ringers Rest | Church Street |
| The Hoop | Church Street |
| Lord Nelson | Church Street |
| Black Bull | Station Road |
| Vine Inn | Green End |
| Five Bells Inn | The Green |
| The Milkmaid | Rampton End |
| Jolly Millers | Rampton End |
| Kings Arms | Rampton End |
| The George Inn | George Street |
| Rose and Crown | George Street |
| White Hart | High Street |
| Duke of Wellington | Church Street |
| (before the Battle of | Waterloo it was known as |
| The Warrior) | |
| Black Horse | |
| Black Lion | |
| King William | |
| Live and Let Live | |
| The Greyhound | |
| The Windmill | |
| The White Horse | |
| The Plough | |
| George and Dragon | |
| | |

I have shown the known street location of many of them but others are not recorded and there must have been more. Can anyone fill in the blanks? Please email willinghamnews@gmail.com if you know any of the missing locations or if you're aware that your house was once used as an inn.

Many thanks to Jon Edney, Old Willingham, for the photographs.



The Three Tuns before it burnt down



Duke of Wellington and landlady



The George Inn

Alan Fawcitt Next time: Victorian Willingham – Schools





Willingham Social Club

Good news! We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the club, but this will take place in a cautious, gradual manner. Opening

times to be released soon.

Now is a good time to make sure you have your annual membership in place as, amongst the first events we hold, will be live music in the members only bar.

Dates dependent, these will probably be seated events with limited numbers and members will take preference. Wednesday Bingo, open to everyone over 18, will also be amongst the first events. See Village posters in the Post Office and Library.

Membership is only £15 a year or £7.50 for over 65s. This entitles you to free members events, cheaper bar prices and access to the members bar for snooker, darts etc.

Our facebook page is the best place for regular updates, but of course we have a website too for general information: <u>www.willinghamsocialclub.co.uk</u>.

You can download a membership application form and post it to us while we are closed, for the attention of the next committee meeting.

Onwards and Upwards!

Lynda Blunt

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be via Zoom on **Monday 12 April** with David G Allen – *Manners Please Dearest*.

David is a writer and storyteller on Victorian Etiquette and the Language of the Fan. The Zoom link will be emailed to members a few days beforehand.

Our Zoom sessions so far have been successful and quite well-attended. If you are a member and would like to participate but are unsure about using Zoom, please contact us by email or give Jane a ring on 01954 202069. In normal times, 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 and we will keep you up to date. When restrictions allow we will consider re-starting walking groups.

Our WI is large and friendly. It's a great way for women in the village to socialise and get to know new people. Why not give it a try?

Contact email: willinghamwi28@gmail.com.

Answer to Codeword



Willingham Sustainability Group – Food Waste

I'm writing this in Food Waste Action Week (1 to 7 March) and I thought about World War 2. My parents lived through the war and so they would be familiar with ration books. For younger readers, these books were issued in 1940 after every household provided details of family members; food was scarce during wartime so the government wanted everybody to get their fair share and to stop price rises and people hoarding. In order to get food you had to go to a designated shop with an identity card and your ration book and could only buy what was allowed by your 'ration.' Rationing only ended in 1954. My thoughts turned to the war because I was struck by the contrast with life today. We take for granted that large supermarkets will have so much and such a wide variety of food always available.

But there's a big problem, for while we are fortunate to have so much food to consume, 4.5 million tonnes of edible food is just discarded by households in the UK each year. Households account for 70% of all edible food waste. Between 15% and 24% of food people pay for in shops is thrown away. In total, wasted food costs the country £19 billion a year and on average £720 for every household. Every day we throw away about 20 million slices of bread, 4.4 million potatoes, 1.2 million tomatoes, 2.7 million whole carrots, 3.1 million glasses of milk, 920,000 whole bananas.....

Then there's a much bigger problem, for about 30% of the damage inflicted on our planet, call it global warming, climate change or greenhouse gas emissions, is caused by our food production. We are obviously not able to stop eating but what if we stopped throwing food away? The 4.5 million tonnes of food being wasted in UK households creates the same pollution as 2.4 million cars; it causes more damage to the environment than flying. Not wasting the 710,000 tonnes of potatoes each year would have the same effect as planting 5.4 million trees.

Reducing food waste is one way to help save the planet. To find out how to reduce food waste go to: <u>www.</u> <u>willinghamlife.org/food-waste</u>.

To get in touch: willinghamsustainability@gmail.com. Information sourced from <u>wrap.org.uk</u>.

Mike Tidball

Answers to Cryptic Crossword



Book Quiz Answers

- 1. Margaret Mitchell
- 2. William Shakespeare
- 3. Kenneth Grahame
- 4. Rachel Carson
- 5. David Mitchell
- Ernest Hemingway
- Chimamanda Ngozi
- Adichie 8. Hans Christian
- Andersen
- 9. John le Carre
- 10. Maeve Binchy

Answer to egg-cellent Easter records: 1b; 2e; 3c; 4a; 5d



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CELEBRATION DAYS IN APRIL

| 1 April | APRIL FOOL'S DAY - In 1957 the BBC's Panorama programme, narrated by the distinguished | | | | |
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| т Артп | broadcaster, Richard Dimbleby, featured a Swiss family harvesting spaghetti from a tree! | | | | |
| 2 April | GOOD FRIDAY is a Christian religious holiday marking the crucifixion of Jesus. | | | | |
| 3 April | UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE, between Cambridge and Oxford universities, will take place on the Great | | | | |
| 5 Артт | Ouse at Ely this year for the first time since 1944. It's the 166 th men's and 75 th women's races. | | | | |
| | theboatrace.org | | | | |
| 4 April | EASTER SUNDAY celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. | | | | |
| 6 April | INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT – Today, in 1896, the first modern | | | | |
| одрії | Olympic Games took place. | | | | |
| 7 April | WORLD HEALTH DAY – Each year the World Health Organisation highlights a specific area of concern. | | | | |
| , , , p | This year's theme is <i>Protect Health From Climate Change</i> . | | | | |
| 11 – 17 | PARKINSON'S AWARENESS WEEK 's theme this year is <i>Mental Health in Parkinson's</i> . | | | | |
| April | parkinsonscare.org.uk | | | | |
| 12 April | INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT is the annual celebration of the anniversary of the | | | | |
| | first human space flight by Yuri Gagarin in 1961. | | | | |
| 13 April | WORLD SCRABBLE DAY – This popular board game is sold in 121 countries in 29 different language | | | | |
| F | versions. | | | | |
| 19 – 30 | THE BIG PEDAL – On each day of this challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest | | | | |
| April | number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking, scooting or using a wheelchair to school. | | | | |
| - | bigpedal.org.uk | | | | |
| 20 April | CHINESE LANGUAGE DAY – Chinese is one of the six official languages of the UN. Around 1.3 billion | | | | |
| | people speak some form of Chinese. Standard Mandarin is the official language of mainland China and | | | | |
| | Taiwan. | | | | |
| 21 April | QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY – Elizabeth Alexandra Mary of the House of Windsor was born today in 1926. | | | | |
| | NATIONAL TEA DAY – Britain consumes more than 60 billion cups of tea a year! <u>nationalteaday.co.uk</u> | | | | |
| 22 April | INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY – Visit <u>earthday.org</u> and join over a billion participants around | | | | |
| | the world. Together We Will Restore Our Earth. | | | | |
| 23 April | ST GEORGE'S DAY – According to legend, the patron saint of England killed a dragon and saved a | | | | |
| | princess! | | | | |
| | ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAY – Today is William Shakespeare's birthday, so it's also SHAKESPEARE DAY | | | | |
| | and WORLD BOOK & COPYRIGHT DAY. Tonight it's WORLD BOOK NIGHT which celebrates its 10 th | | | | |
| | anniversary with the theme <i>Books To Make You Smile.</i> <u>worldbooknight.org</u> NATIONAL ASPARAGUS DAY marks the start of the short English asparagus season which lasts just two | | | | |
| | months. | | | | |
| 24 – 30 | WORLD IMMUNISATION WEEK – While the world focuses on important new vaccines to protect | | | | |
| April | against COVID-19, there remains a need to ensure routine vaccinations are not missed. who.int | | | | |
| 24 April | INTERNATIONAL MARCONI DAY is a 24-hour amateur radio event which celebrates the Italian wireless | | | | |
| • | communications pioneer, Guglie Imo Marconi. | | | | |
| 25 April | ANZAC DAY commemorates the contributions of the Australian and New Zealand armed forces during | | | | |
| | the First World War. It is a national public holiday in these two countries. | | | | |
| 26 April | NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK – The Royal Horticultural Society is committed to continue to help and | | | | |
| to 2 May | support the nation to get gardening and grow a new generation of gardeners. <u>rhs.org.uk</u> | | | | |
| 26 April | DRIVE IT DAY, to support Childline, is organised by the British Historic Vehicle Clubs. Yesterday's | | | | |
| | Vehicles Supporting Today's Children. driveitday.co.uk | | | | |
| 28 April | STOP FOOD WASTE DAY – Of all the food produced globally, 33% is wasted each year. | | | | |
| | stopfoodwasteday.com | | | | |
| 29 April | ON YOUR FEET BRITAIN - On this national activity awareness day, desk-based workers across Britain | | | | |
| | can take part in a variety of fun activities. <u>onyourfeetday.com</u> | | | | |
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