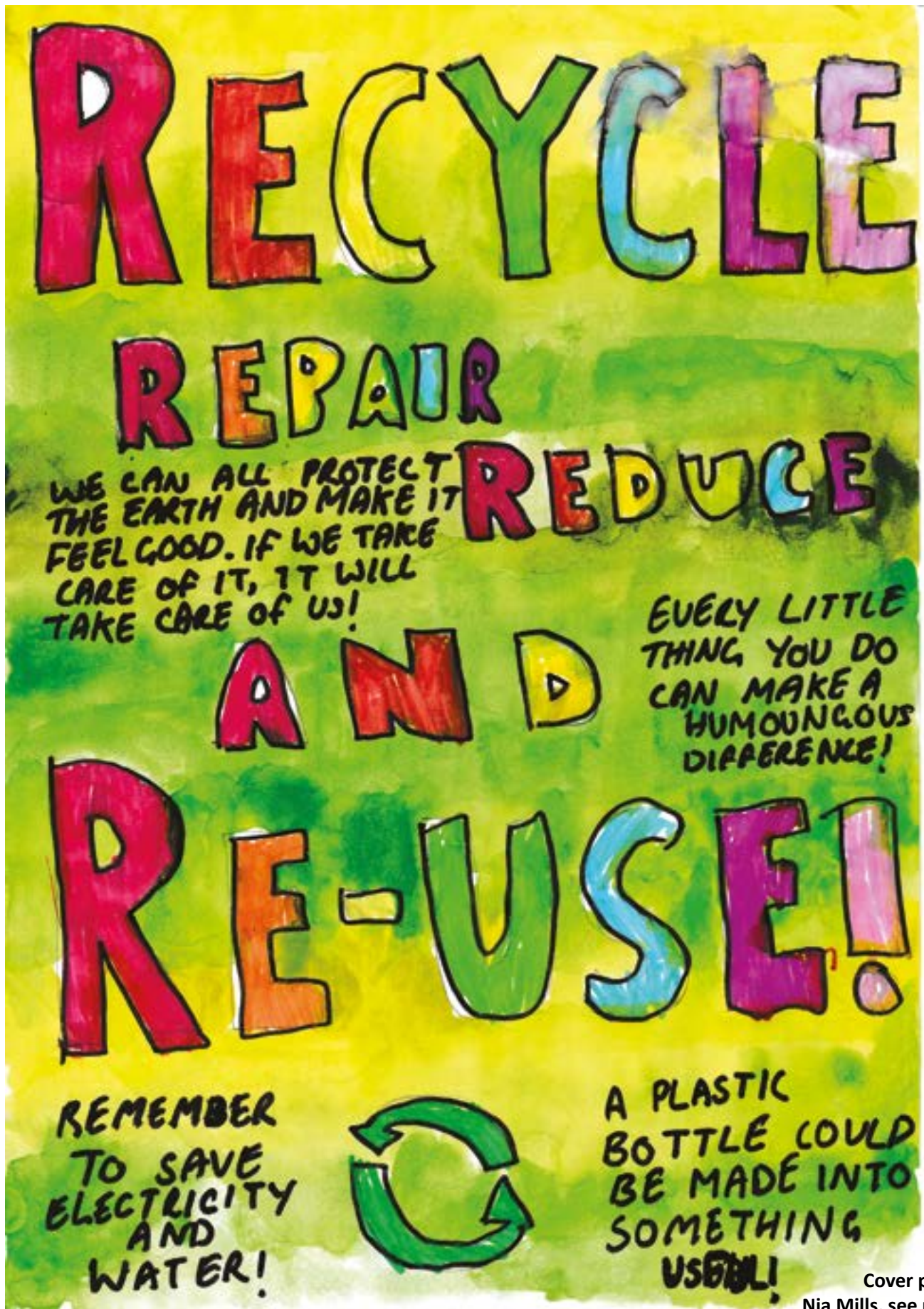


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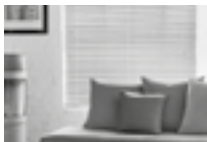
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Old Willingham

In the past, parades were a big feature of village life. It seems there was always an excuse for a parade. Thanks to a relative of this young lady, we now know that her name was Pansy Brittan and that she won first prize in the best decorated bicycle category at the 'Peace Celebration' parade. We assume this was to celebrate the end of the World War 1 so the picture would be 1918 or 1919. What an amazing festoon of flags and ribbons but it might have been pretty tricky to ride!



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.

Willingham Action Group

Yet again we must thank South Cambridgeshire District Council after our successful bid for funds from the Community Chest. With help and permission from our Parish Council we have been able to place six tubs (whisky half-barrels) of flowers in various places around the village. Our thanks also go to Hayden's Nursery in Mill Road for supplying the plants and donating the flowers for one of the tubs. We also thank the Gardening Club for advice, and the volunteers who form the watering teams from the Scouts, Library and Parish Office.

The flower tubs bring a wonderful touch of colour and are bee friendly. If you own a business in the village and have a place where you can put a tub then please contact us as we will supply a tub for you (we'll send a sample photo to you on request) with soil/compost and plants for £50 – all you have to do is water it occasionally!

Mike Tidball of WAG

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Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

When looking out over Ferry Lake in the spring and summer, particularly from the picnic tables near the car park or from the northern view shelter overlooking Ferry Mere, you may notice some rafts floating out on the water. You can see these same constructions from the hide on Moore Lake. These are our tern rafts and are specially made artificial nesting platforms for common tern.

Common tern are fantastic birds that spend the autumn and winter in Western Africa before coming up to breed in Europe. With their long, slender wings and long outer tail feathers they fly agilely over the lakes, earning them the nickname 'sea swallow', energetically turning and swooping up and down as they catch small fish from just below the surface.

Unlike their coastal nesting cousins, common tern can often be found on inland lakes in the breeding season. As ground nesters, terns do not build nests in trees. Instead, they lay their eggs directly on the ground or on a small

pile of vegetation, usually favouring sandy or gravelly areas where their eggs and chicks are adapted to be well camouflaged.

Whilst we have several islands on Moore Lake and a single island on Ferry Lake that our terns nest on, these tend to be crowded with nesting black-headed gull that push the common tern to the edges. We therefore take out rafts and anchor them in the lake near the islands to provide some much-needed extra space for the terns, timing their deployment for after the gulls have begun nesting to limit the number that will attempt to use the rafts.

It doesn't take long for the terns to find the rafts once they are out and begin claiming nesting spots. When visiting the reserve, keep an eye out for birds flying overhead carrying fish to bring in to incubating partners or chicks on the rafts.

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Willingham Gardening Club

Over the Garden Fence

What to Water First When it's Sizzling Hot

With our spring and summer weather patterns changing over the years, gardeners may feel deeply conflicted by the blue, cloudless skies and relentless sunshine. What about our plants, lawns and allotments? Here is a basic guide to your top watering priorities in a heatwave and some ingenious tips. They are in order of priority.

Small Plants in Small Pots

Thirsty annuals and young vegetable plants in small pots, are the most vulnerable. Group pots 30 cm diameter or smaller together and, if possible, give them a spot out of direct sun to reduce stress. Place saucers under pots or place several pots in trays together to save water. Water that isn't taken up by the plants will gradually evaporate and contribute to the humid micro climate that massed plants create around themselves.

Large Plants in Large Pots

Don't lose valuable feature plants that you've nurtured for years. Keep an eye out and water mature containerised shrubs and trees. Move pots out of direct sun if you can.

Anything You Want to Eat

If you want home-grown crops this season, you'll need to prioritise all fruit and vegetables; raspberries, stone fruit, apples, tomatoes, potatoes and onions – anything that swells and ripens needs watering to succeed. This is the moment to feel smug about having installed a rain barrel on the allotment and wish you had put in two more. Think seriously about putting in a micro-irrigation system if you're a raised bed/patio grower.

Newly Planted Trees or Shrubs

This is not the time to let one or two-year old trees and shrubs fend for themselves. The first few summers after planting are a critical time – so to encourage deep root formation, keep up the watering. Scrape away any mulch before you water and give a can full each time, every few days. Use the old trick of creating a mini-circular embankment about 60 cm in diameter around the base of each trunk so that the water collects. There are other tricks for deep watering trees and shrubs, a piece of piping or a plastic bottle with the bottom cut out sunk into the ground can direct the water deeper into the ground and it also evades evaporation.

Leave the Lawn Alone

The standard advice in a heat wave is don't water your lawn. Although sun baked grass turns to a deep-fried crispy brown, it recovers very quickly once rain arrives. However, if your lawn is a much used area and you feel strongly about keeping it green and springy, give it a deep soak in the evening for every four days of sunshine and feel silly when it rains afterwards.

Don't Forget the Sun Lovers

Certain plants love to bask in the sunshine – get your pelargoniums (the bright red ones aka bedding geraniums) out in the sun. The same goes for other Mediterranean types, for example, rosemary, lavender, bay, and olives. If dusty collections of succulents and cacti haunt your windowsills, give them a surprise holiday outside.

Water Late Evening

Apply water direct to the soil, not the plant foliage.

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

A New Five-Year Strategy

In 2022, the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity will be celebrating 40 years of supporting patients, with life-limiting conditions and those at the end of life, and their loved ones. It also marks the year in which we will launch our new five-year strategy. The aim of this is to decide the direction in which our care and services should develop in reaction to changing needs, together with dealing with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over the next decade, more people in Cambridgeshire will be living with frailty, complex ill-health and palliative diagnoses. Our strategy will aim to ensure that the best possible quality of life can be achieved for patients and their families, right up until the very end.

We would like to hear what you think about our services and our focus for the future.

You can fill in our online Strategy Survey, which will be open until **Friday 30 July**. We are also delivering a number of virtual events where our community can share their thoughts. If you have any queries regarding either of these contact Sharon, Sharon.allen@arhc.org.uk.

Virtual Sessions

Wednesday 14 July	9 – 10 am
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Friday 23 July	2 – 3 pm

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If you need any help, please contact the team on 01223 675888.

Front Cover Picture

WAG Sustainability and the editors of *Willingham News* invited the Primary School to hold an art cover competition for Years 3 - 6 pupils on all or one aspect of the Rs of waste: Reduce, Reuse/Repair and Recycle. The school has had a recycling programme for some time but very recently the Key Stage 2 pupils and staff learnt fresh facts and information on the importance of not

only recycling but also reducing levels of waste and reusing and repairing what we already have. As a school, we are thrilled that the pupils have showed what they are learning and practising by their talent, hard work and creativity on the covers. Well done to our winner, Nia Mills, age 10.

Kerstin Swahn
Primary School

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Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

There is currently no news of when our own activities will resume but over the summer we will support the library staff as needed and encourage all primary school children to take part in:

The Summer Reading Challenge – Wild World Heroes

This year's challenge will be a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment. Developed in partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature, Wild World Heroes will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet. The challenge will officially begin on **Monday 19 July** so call into the library or keep an eye on the library window for details on how to join. By reading library books over the summer, you can collect stickers to complete your Wild World Heroes poster. It's fun and free to take part!

Visit the Cambridgeshire Libraries Facebook for Families page @CamslibFamilies, www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library or www.wildworldheroes.org.uk to find out more.

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Resilient Reading Groups

It's a testament to the power of friendship and books; out of 240 reading groups registered with Cambridgeshire Libraries, an impressive 164 have continued to borrow books to read and discuss during the pandemic. Meeting over Zoom, or outside in person when allowed, reading group members have been keeping in touch, supporting each other and enjoying books together.

If your group hasn't been able to meet, don't worry – that time will come soon and the library will be here to support you with book recommendations and loans.

This autumn we plan to launch an additional service for our reading groups – a quarterly e-newsletter. This will feature book reviews and top tips from other reading groups and library staff, plus news of author events and other bookish activities we think you'll enjoy. To make sure your group receives the *Reading Group News* we need to have up-to-date contact details, so please be sure to speak with staff next time you visit the library.

Reading Group – Book Review

Last Letter Home by Rachel Hore

Not a short read at 551 pages but an easy one and ideal for holidays at home or wherever. The story switches between events in the Second World War and the present day. This is an intricately woven story of love, jealousy and intrigue. The main character, Briony Wood, a history lecturer, stumbles on a mystery while on holiday in Italy that had its origins in the early 1940s.

Working through letters and photographs, she slowly unravels the main traits which finally lead to her revealing secrets relating to her own family. While busy with this research, she uncovers the true nature of her relationships with those closest to her. There is lots of atmosphere throughout the novel and the ending, for those romantically inclined, is perfect.

The average score given by the book group was 7.1 out of a possible ten.

Free Summer Holiday Scheme for Children in Receipt of Free School Meals

A scheme to provide holiday childcare, activities and food for children in Cambridgeshire is now taking bookings. Any child receiving benefits related free school meals is eligible to access free holiday provision under the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme. Funded by the Department for Education (DfE), it enables local authorities to coordinate free holiday childcare, including healthy food and enriching activities. The programme will be delivered by approved holiday scheme providers and childminders.

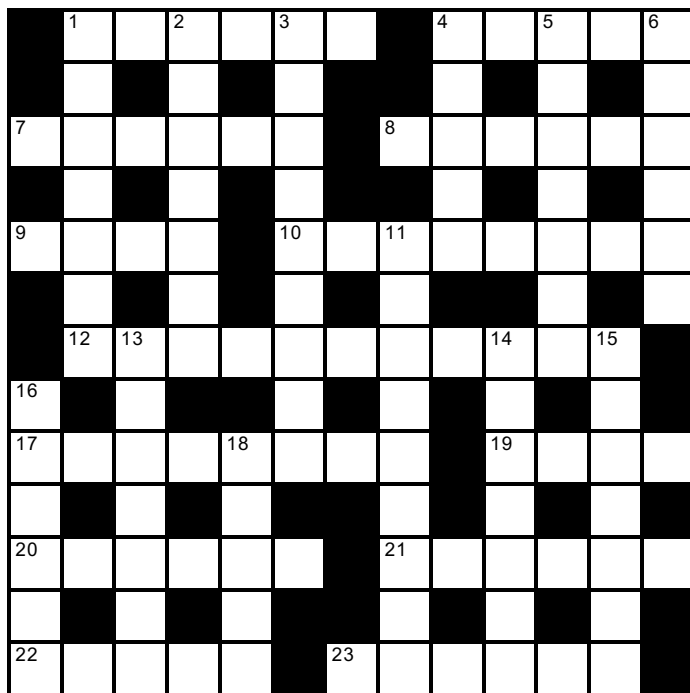
Up to four weeks of activities will be offered and each eligible child will be entitled to up to 64 hours of free holiday childcare throughout the school summer holidays. More information can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/haf.

Eligible children will be able to access:

- Fun and enriching play opportunities
- At least one meal a day
- Sessions on healthy eating
- Support for families with guidance on how to source, prepare and cook nutritious and low-cost food
- Information and signposting to other services and support which might be helpful.

Quick Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 12



Across

- 1 Conference of government heads (6)
- 4 Hiding place (5)
- 7 Cloth (6)
- 8 Open to everyone (6)
- 9 Scottish valley (4)
- 10 Tension (8)
- 12 Forever (11)
- 17 Throw (8)
- 19 Slightly open (4)
- 20 Plaster a wall (6)
- 21 Having strong feelings (6)
- 22 Amount produced on an area of land (5)
- 23 Saw (6)

Down

- 1 Fan-shaped shellfish (7)
- 2 Sailor (7)
- 3 Continuous (9)
- 4 Group of things (5)
- 5 Army rank (7)
- 6 Go beyond (6)
- 11 Herfordshire town (9)
- 13 Concentrate (7)
- 14 Nonsense (7)
- 15 Longed for (7)
- 16 Dug out piece of land; prey (6)
- 18 Thick cloth (5)



Young Readers' Corner

Spot the differences

Can you find all 7 differences between the two pictures? Circle each one as you discover them.



Summer Word Search



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This month the Wordsearch and Spot the Difference were sent in by Emma Fuller's daughter.

Willingham Photography Club

Under current conditions, we are not meeting in person, but we continue to aim to learn more about photography and to enjoy ourselves. There is a monthly assignment and photographs can be submitted online for consideration and feedback from our resident professional photographer.

The theme for July is *Concrete*. Photographs may be submitted via www.willinghamphotoclub.org.uk following the link to the Virtual Assignments Google Drive.

All photographs should be submitted by 19 July

We cordially invite anyone who enjoys photography to get in touch and see what is on offer. Your expertise level does not matter; nor does the nature of your camera.

The membership cost is £20 for six months, with the first month free of charge, however, subscriptions are currently deferred.

For further details, please contact Steve Harding
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In the meantime, do have a look at our website on
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Part 27 – Victorian Willingham – Religious Rivalries

Reign of Queen Victoria, 1834 – 1901

Baptists v Anglicans

Ever since the 1660s when the Dissenters in Willingham split from the Church of England there had been fierce rivalry between them. The Dissenters were Congregationalists initially in Willingham, and from 1714 met in a thatched meeting house in George Street next to the George Inn. They formally adopted the Baptist tradition from 1789, and grew rapidly in numbers during the 1800s. In contrast, the Anglicans at the Parish Church suffered from having no resident Rector for much of this period, although there was always at least one curate who lived in the village. The Baptists took full advantage of this, and by 1830 had expanded so much they found it necessary to replace their 'old thatched meeting house' with a new Baptist Chapel on the same site on the east side of George Street. It opened in 1830 and, with its gallery, seated 750.

By the 1850s Baptist attendances in Willingham were exceeding 400 on Sunday mornings and 700 in the evening, with a large Sunday School for children in between. The Baptists believed very strongly in the importance of Sunday Schools for children and they had regular attendances of well over 100 in the mid-century. Throughout the 1840s and 1850s there were fierce arguments between Baptists and Anglicans at public meetings over the future of education in the village, before final agreement was reached to build the British School in Fen End in 1856.

Baptist Internal Splits

With this astonishing rate of growth it was perhaps not surprising that the Baptists would experience some internal dissensions themselves. There were various secessions in 1814, 1820 and 1838 to form separate congregations, but the most dramatic was in 1875 when a new Pastor, William Jackson, led a breakaway group to build a new Baptist Tabernacle directly opposite the 1830 Chapel in George Street. In contrast to the rather plain old Chapel, the architecture of the new competing Tabernacle was quite ornate with twin towers and pinnacles. It too had a gallery. The two buildings remained (and competed) for another 100 years until their demolition in the 1970s and 1980s respectively. The present Baptist Church in George Street stands on the site of the demolished Tabernacle.

A High Achieving Anglican Rector – But Rarely in Willingham

Meanwhile the Anglicans at the Parish Church undoubtedly suffered during this period from absentee Rectors. They were generally eminent academics at Cambridge University and elsewhere, who spent little or no time in Willingham. The record of John Graham, the Rector who was appointed in 1843 is certainly impressive. When he arrived he was already Master of Christ's College, having twice been Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University. He

is said to have 'enjoyed the close friendship of Prince Albert and the respect of the Queen'. Perhaps such good connections helped when he left Willingham in 1848 to become Bishop of Chester.

Methodists and Salvation Army

To complete the religious scene in Victorian Willingham, the Methodists and Salvation Army also arrived. The Primitive Methodists had a Chapel in Church Street early in the century, which closed in 1865. The Wesleyan Methodists established themselves in a barn in 1836 and recorded attendances of between 65 and 107 at each of three services on Census Sunday in 1851. They built a new Chapel in 1852 overlooking the Green with seating for 160. A Salvation Army 'barracks' was established in 1887 and thrived with its own Officer and band. It was replaced by a modern building in Silver Street in 1969.

Alan Fawcitt

Next time: A Rector Who Brought Light to Cambridge



The Baptist Chapel



The Baptist Tabernacle

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting on **Monday 12 July** would have been the Summer Party but, due to the extension of COVID-19 restrictions, this has now had to be cancelled. We hope it can be held later in the summer. In May, 20 members connected via Zoom for *Face Yoga* with Polina Ryazantseva, a qualified Pilates and Yoga teacher. Face Yoga incorporates exercises, massage, acupressure and relaxation aiding:

- ageing well
- strengthening of muscles
- stimulation of blood and lymph circulation
- release of tension.

We practised breathing technique and then Polina led us through the exercises, focussing on muscles in each part of the face and neck. We then used our finger tips to massage our faces, ending with some acupressure on important energy points. The session ended with questions and answers and members enjoyed it very much.

Our next meeting after July will be in September and we are hoping that by then, we will be able to return to our usual style of meeting, on the second Monday of the month at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. Our WI is large and friendly and a great way for women in the village to socialise and get to know new people. Why not give it a try? If you would like to find out more, please contact us at willinghamwi28@gmail.com.

Over Day Centre – Looking for Trustees and Volunteers

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We are keen to find new trustees who can provide strategic direction, appropriate oversight, scrutiny, challenge, leadership, and passion to support the development of the Centre. Skills and expertise in business development, social care, human resources, and governance/policy would be welcome.

For further information about becoming a trustee or volunteer, please contact our Administrator, Halina Szulakowska by phone 01954 231807, or email admin@overdaycentre.co.uk. Arrangements can be made to meet with the co-chairs David Barker or Cecilia Tredget. Applications to be made by letter of support and CV.

Willingham Wolves Ladies' Football Club

In October 2020 our lead Girls' and Ladies' Coach, Chloe Smith advertised that a new ladies football team would be formed. The response was amazing and what followed was months of training with the help of experienced coach Neil Scrivener. Some of the ladies had never played football before and have children in the club already so this was an opportunity for them to also get involved. Training during the winter months has now seen this group of ladies confident enough to enter the Cambridgeshire FA S-Tech Ladies league in September!

Over the coming months friendlies have been arranged with other local ladies' teams and the first test is on **Sunday 4 July** against Manea United Siren Ladies at the Recreation Ground, kick off is 3 pm. We would love to see as many spectators as possible for this fixture to give the ladies the support they deserve for all their hard work up to now.

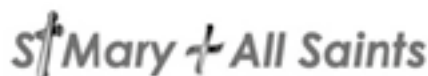
Other friendly fixtures are **Sunday 11 July**, 2 pm kick off against Cambourne United Women at the Recreation Ground and **Sunday 25 July**, 2 pm kick off, away to Cardea



Ladies' First. Willingham Ladies are also looking for any local business or businesses who would like to sponsor them with their training kit. If this is of interest then please contact Chloe Smith for further details at womensfootball@willinghamwolvesfc.com.

Jamie Smith

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Throughout the month an audio copy of a separate weekly service will be recorded. Please get in touch with one of the contacts below if you would like a copy.

Please do keep checking our website, noticeboards and Facebook page for news about all these services and other notices.

The Octagon

We have started to bring the Octagon back into use as a space for meetings and other gatherings as the lockdown restrictions are gradually relaxed. We will be pleased to hear from anyone considering regular or one off bookings. Please contact us on admin@5folds.org.uk or James Watts by telephone for further details.

Weddings and Baptisms

We are now able to host marriages in Church again! It is a delight that a number are already booked to take place during the summer months. Each service will be conducted following the new Marriage Registration regulations introduced across the country in May. One change is that the names of the Mothers of the Bride and Groom are now recorded on the marriage document. Another development is the secure, electronic registration of all marriages by Register Offices. We are working with the team at Shire Hall, Cambridge in the registration of all weddings taking place in the Church.

At the time of writing there is a backlog of wedding demand. The uncertain times since the initial lockdown has made a sense of blessing and hope feel very important to couples and their families. As your local Parish Church, we are here to help any couple who would like to explore the possibility of marriage or to pick up plans that had been put on hold during the pandemic. Please contact one of our clergy to begin a conversation.

Also, we always look forward to hearing from families who are interested in holding a Baptism or Dedication Service to give thanks for the gift of a new child. There are different ways in which this can be marked so please get in touch to find out more.

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At the time of writing this in early June, we are still gathering virtually as a fellowship on Sundays and also for our monthly midweek reflection.

We are hopeful that we will be meeting together in the church building in July, but we are still waiting for updated guidance for churches.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates on our gatherings over the next few weeks. We have a monthly 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 by email to secretary@willinghambaptist.org or phone 01954 263108 and we can send you the information you need.

Emma Launchbury
 Church Secretary

Thought for the Month

The sun is shining, roses are blooming, the grass is green, people have smiles on their faces and many are happy to share a few words with me if we pass in the street, or from their gardens. Gone are the cold, wet, windy days of early spring - there is a sense of optimism around. It's almost as though we let the weather dictate our mood and behaviour. Yet I wonder how many of those I saw huddled under coats and umbrellas on a shopping trip, or walking the dog, would have appreciated a friendly word of greeting and the sense that someone else was at least aware of their existence.

We are perfectly capable of creating a 'sunshine' world with an optimistic, or should I say hopeful, outlook if we choose to do so. I am confident we can always find something to be thankful for in our day-to-day living; or something that can bring a smile to our faces, be it a memory recalled, or a momentary sight or sound that delights our senses. It takes no effort to exchange a few kindly words with friend or stranger - and who knows how that might brighten another person's day. It also has a positive effect on any sense of loneliness that either party might have been feeling, especially anyone who lives alone (as I do).

It's easy to let bad news, personal troubles, global concerns, lower our spirits and even depress us, but it needn't be so. Christians believe that creation is inherently good and that Jesus came to show us how to turn this world, our community, into a place of peace and joy and life for everyone. Believing in what we hope for and doing something every day towards achieving it, really does make a difference.

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- the NHS App which you can download from app stores.

It may take more than a week for your identity to be checked and verified so you can use this service.

If you cannot access this online service, and you have had two vaccines, you can request a paper letter from the NHS by calling 119. Only call 119 if you are due to travel abroad in the near future and have had your second dose more than five working days ago. It may take seven working days for the letter to arrive.

This practice is not able to provide you with a letter that shows your COVID-19 vaccination status.

When you're planning your travel, check the latest information on the gov.uk website. Make sure there is time to get proof of your vaccination status before you leave.

Staffing and GPs

At the end of May Dr Jankovic left the practice after a long career in the village. Our rapidly expanding team are delighted to welcome Dr Greg Trilling and Dr Vidhya Viswam to the practice as permanent GPs. They are already settling in well and proving to be a big asset to the surgery. Many of you will be aware that Dr Brown is expecting her second child in the summer, and will be going on maternity leave from the beginning of August. You will be seeing some familiar faces in the surgery, including Dr Suter, as she continues to locum for the practice to keep us fully staffed.

Coils and Implants

We are working hard to reduce waiting times for contraceptive implants and coils at the surgery. We now have three GPs who are trained in this procedure.

Unfortunately, due to the unprecedented demand on the surgery during the pandemic, we do have a long waiting list for these procedures. Patients have the option to self-refer into the iCaSH service by phoning 0300 300 3030 to be assessed. Clinics are available in Huntingdon and Cambridge.

For further information please see www.icash.nhs.uk/where-to-go/icash-cambridgeshire.

Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) plays a vital role in linking the community to the surgery, voicing your concerns and asking questions which are important to you. Meetings had to be cancelled during the pandemic, however we are planning on having an online PPG meeting

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via zoom/Microsoft teams to re-engage patients and answer any concerns.

If you are interested in joining our PPG please email willinghammedicalpractice@nhs.net.

Carers' Meetings

Due to the pandemic, the carers' meetings are still cancelled 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

Poem for July

I'd dance in the sky for July
and sing in the trees like a bird.
What a really sunshine word
is the magical month of July.

I'd fly like a bright butterfly
and glide as a swan in a stream.
What a lovely time to dream
in the beautiful month of July.

Christine Lacey

Crossword Answers

Across: 1 Summit, 4 Cache, 7 Fabric, 8 Public, 9 Glen, 10 Suspense, 12 Permanently, 17 Unsettle, 19 Ajar, 20 Render, 21 Ardent, 22 Yield, 23 Beheld.

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Anti-Social Behaviour

The Ploughman Hall has again been the subject of various reports of anti-social behaviour, including trees whose bark was stripped away, which leaves them seriously vulnerable to disease. There has also been a recent incident of criminal damage to CCTV cameras and intimidating behaviour towards parishioners. Following correspondence with the Parish Council, police patrols in the area have been increased and they remain vigilant on this issue while investigating all reported crimes. While the Council and our police liaison continue to work alongside the police as much as possible, we urge you to contact the police if you witness any anti-social behaviour.

As the weather improves and the hot summer days arrive once again, we will all be out and about more than ever as families, children, and our older residents, enjoy the easing of COVID restrictions. It is imperative that everyone feels safe at all times in our wonderful local community and that anti-social behaviour is firmly opposed, no matter what kind it is. We do not want a repeat of the summer of 2019, which was very distressing for many parishioners.

COVID-19 and Outdoor Spaces

With national restrictions easing, the Ploughman Hall and Pavilion are starting to open up more and more to regular users although sadly we are not yet in a position to be able to make these venues available for party hire etc. However, we look forward to opening the doors for these types of events in the future. With usage of the neighbouring QE II Field increasing as we move into the summer months, please make sure all current guidelines are being followed and that people are acting appropriately. Unfortunately, we have had some incidents of people leaving soiled nappies in the play park, so we would like to remind everyone to take these items home with them as well as being responsible in respect to littering.

As part of the COVID-19 pandemic recovery, the WEA: Adult Learning Within Reach is offering an excellent service to village residents. The WEA provides support and learning for people who face barriers in returning to education, job search or work. They have extensive experience working with people from all walks of life who are facing multiple barriers and helping those people realise their personal and professional goals. If you are not currently working or engaged in education/training and feel like you have lost some of your confidence since the pandemic started, then they can support you to: Rebuild your confidence and help you to recognise your potential, Plan your next career move, Move into job searching if you are thinking about returning to the workplace, Develop your CV and prepare for interviews, Apply for further education and training. This fantastic support service is open to anyone over the age of 15 and we encourage anyone who could benefit to get in contact with WEA.

Contact details are as follows; Tanis Paulin, 07385 463335 or email, tpaulin@wea.org.uk.

All-weather Sports Facilities on the Recreation Ground

Following the winter flooding, sadly our plans for an all-weather multi-use games area (MUGA) on the lower Recreation Ground

were found to no longer be feasible in the planned format as the proposed sand-dressed surface would have been badly damaged. However, that surface was a compromise to cater for three main sports – football, tennis, and netball – but ideal for none. We now have an improved and revised plan that splits the project into two, with a hard permeable tarmac type surface for tennis and netball at the location of the original MUGA which occasional flooding would not harm, and a 3G rubber crumb football pitch on the upper Recreation Ground that simply replaces one of the grass pitches. While this will be more costly it has many advantages, and it may be easier to attract grant funding.

Council Meetings

The Council is delighted to welcome two newly co-opted Councillors, Simon Clark, and Andrew Cook, following our most recent full Council meeting. Andrew has rejoined us while our newest Councillor, Simon, has been appointed as the Deputy Lead for Leisure and Amenities. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new County Councillor, Neil Gough to the parish and we look forward to working closely alongside him and all our other elected officials on the important issues that we, as a village, face. Additionally, our deepest gratitude and appreciation must also be expressed to the departing County Councillor, Tim Wotherspoon for all of his dedicated service, candid humour and particularly for his efforts to address flooding and climate change during the past four years. We wish him all the best going forward.

After 13 months of online Zoom meetings, the Council has now returned to physical meetings which are currently being held in the larger venue of the Ploughman Hall for the full Council or the Octagon for committees, this is due to social distancing guidelines. The date for the next meeting is **Wednesday 7 July** – at a venue to be confirmed.

Contact Details:

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

Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Octagon, starting at 7 30 pm. Agendas are published on the website, the notice board outside the Public Hall in the High Street, and in the Library. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details).

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Mrs Mandy Powell

Parish Clerk

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Reader's Letter

Dear *Willingham News*,

Like many others in the village I received a request to complete a survey (supported by the Parish Council) on housing needs in Willingham. I responded to the survey and attach my letter of response in the hope that *Willingham News* might print the letter so that other village residents will know that an opinion on housing has been expressed to Cambridge Acre (the author of the survey) and to the Parish Council.

'Dear Cambridge Acre,

I am responding to your request for information on the housing need in the Willingham parish.

First of all, I have to state that I am not in favour of further housing development in Willingham whether it is in the form of private or affordable homes.

In the time (15 years) I have lived in this village, having previously lived in neighbouring Longstanton, there has been significant housing development of which, I assume, you and your organisation are aware. You will have access to the relevant statistics, I am sure, which will also show that the development in Willingham is ongoing, continuous and current.

I will not pass opinion on the development in Longstanton except to say that if similar developments

continue to take place in this area a number of current residents will be considering moving house to another part of the country.

The usage of main roads in and out of Willingham has increased significantly in recent years, in spite of the upgrading of the A14, and with further local housing development will continue to do so. The state of these roads is appalling as a result of increased daily traffic and poor/non-existent maintenance. At least twice a day, the traffic density resembles that of Cambridge city at its busy times – the current infrastructure of the village barely copes on several levels.

The best that could happen if this housing need continues to rise exponentially is to provide a by-pass to Willingham (as has happened in Longstanton) so that the residents of Willingham feel that the 'village environment' has been retained. One would like to think that the Parish Council, in their support for the survey, has put forward this point of view.'

*Yours sincerely,
Michael Pomphrey*

Editorial Note. Neil Gough, our new County Councillor is planning to address this issue in next month's magazine.

Update from South Cambridgeshire District (SCDC) Councillors

COVID-19 Matters

At the time of writing this report, rates of COVID-19 continue to decrease across the whole of Cambridgeshire and in every district they are now well below the national and regional average. The most recent data shows that Cambridgeshire had four COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population - well below the England average of 23.6 and the regional average of 18.6. Hospital admissions remain low and there have been no COVID-19 deaths since the end of April. Although this is very encouraging, past experience has shown how quickly this can change and the public is encouraged to continue to follow the rules and to understand that getting back to a more normal way of life depends on all of us and the actions we take. People are still being called to have their second vaccine and it is very important that people have both doses to give them the best possible protection. Thanks to Val Thomas, Acting Director of Public Health, for the above information.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant

As the closing date is **30 July**, we want to emphasise that Community groups can now bid for a share of £100,000 from the District Council's Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme, which has already funded more than 35 grassroots projects to tackle climate change. Grants between £1,000 and £15,000 are available. The money comes from business rates from renewable energy sites, like solar farms, in South Cambridgeshire that the Council retains and earmarks for use in green initiatives like this. Non-profit groups or organisations that are based in the district and Parish Councils can apply. Other groups, such as social enterprises and community interest companies can apply as part of a partnership led by a Parish Council or

not-for-profit groups. tinyurl.com/yp9pxewm.

'Wild Minds' Outdoor Activities for Young People

Fourteen to 17 year-olds can register free for eight outdoor activity sessions at Milton Country Park, where they can try their hand at bush craft, yoga, survival skills, water sports on the lake and much more, for the benefit of their wellbeing. The sessions are 90 minutes long and are run on Sunday afternoons as part of an eight-week programme, in which small groups of teenagers are supported by skilled instructors as well as trained youth workers. The course is designed to help teens tackle things like mild anxiety or low mood, or to improve self-confidence and esteem.

The courses have been developed by South Cambridgeshire District Council together with Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust (which runs Milton Country Park) and is also supported by a Clinical Psychologist. Register free for courses on our Wild Minds page at www.scambs.gov.uk/wildminds. The courses are popular and some are already fully booked, with further dates being released soon.

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Note from Editor. The original article from the District Councillors was longer and can be seen in the 'Extras' section of Willingham News on the village website.



Willingham Community Plan Update

By the time you read this, the Willingham Community Plan Group (WCPG) will have held

two public meetings to consult on the content of the 2021 survey. It truly is a team effort and we have been delighted by the response. If you would like to be involved it's not too late. Contact the team by phone or email details at the end of the article.

So how does a survey of Willingham residents' opinions change anything? What does it take? Let's see what happened after the 2008 survey concentrating on young people.

It Takes a Village to Raise a Child

Although the Connections Bus visited the village as a mobile youth club, the 2008 survey identified that *'The youth of Willingham are keen to have more facilities to express and enjoy themselves within the village'*. Lack of public transport or safe cycle ways meant there were few activities that young people could access and few facilities to support them within the village. More worryingly 40% of young respondents expressed worries about intimidation and the village was concerned about vandalism. The recommendation was *'The provision of the following should be explored: a youth club/drop-in centre/café, dedicated building on the Ploughman Hall site, an all-weather sports pitch, tennis courts, a skate park, a swimming pool, an integrated indoor sports facility to cover multiple sports, a shelter and seating on the Recreation Ground'*.

From Bus to Baptist Church

Young people needed somewhere immediately. The Willingham Action Group (WAG) was formed by some members of the 2008 plan group. They worked with the Parish Council to deliver the outcomes of the report. Part of WAG was assigned to address youth matters.

The WAG Youth Group became Willingham Youth Trust (WYT), registered as a not-for-profit charity. Rev Trev, Hilary Wylie and the Baptist Church stepped up to set up a youth club at the Baptist Church. As the club developed, they added equipment to offer table tennis, snooker, board games and several computers. Working in partnership with the youth bus and Parish Council, the plan was to provide a longer-term home for the youth club by converting part of the Ploughman Hall into a youth facility. That needed money!

Knockout Fundraising

Grants from the Parish Council and the District Council and Section 106 grants provided the main funding, but more was needed. A sub-group of WAG championed fundraising to improve the provision of play equipment (more next issue) and to renovate an area of Ploughman Hall to be dedicated to young people. Who could forget the 'It's a Knockout'! The fundraising efforts of Caroline Hyde, Caroline Stoneham, Catherine Atkins and Karen Chamberlain were amazing. In the end a staggering total

of over £65,000 was raised for the WYT premises.

WYT – The Next Generation

Over the last ten years or so there have been many people involved. Bonnie Twiss and Emma Mason with their team kept the centre going with other fund-raising events (including more Knockouts) and opened the youth centre as a cafe for users of the QEII play area during the summer school holidays and at weekends. The leadership of WYT has now been passed to Jack Stinton (Chair), Vicky Richards (Secretary) and Frances Watts (Treasurer). They have the task of reigniting the Youth Club post-pandemic. We are delighted that they support the WCPG on the 2021 Youth Survey.

Scorecard!

Have we done everything listed in 2008? Absolutely not.

- ☒ Willingham Youth Trust charity funded dedicated youth club with own premises.
- ☒ Skate park, football wall, fitness equipment as part of the QEII field (more next month).
- ☒ The Multi-Use games area (MUGA) is being rethought after site flooding issues.

Could we do more? It's time to revisit what's needed to make the village a great place for young people to live. The 2021 survey will include a special questionnaire for young people 11-18 to have their say. This will be completely anonymous and fully compliant with the privacy and GDPR rules. Look out for the orange logo and don't be surprised if your young people pester you to fill in the survey for adults in September!

There are many heroes involved in these groups to whom Willingham owes thanks. They got involved, got stuck in, and committed many hours of voluntary time. If you can't see your name, please take this as full acknowledgement and appreciation of your role. This story shows that the survey will be just the start. It needs money and dedicated people coming together to make things happen. Be part of it.

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Cambridgeshire County Councillor Neil Gough



It's been a very busy month since my first introductory article as your new county councillor. The new council has been sworn in and a new joint administration has been formed between the Liberal Democrats (20 seats), Labour (nine seats) and the Independent group (four seats). Liberal

Democrat Councillor Lucy Nethsingha has been appointed as leader with Labour's Elisa Meschini as deputy leader.

We have an exciting, comprehensive and ambitious agenda for change with tackling the climate emergency at its heart across all policy areas.

Twenty mph for Cambridgeshire Villages

Councillors attended a webinar on 22 April hosted by the '20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire' Campaign. Along with Bill Handley and Dawn Percival, I have, for a long time, been supportive of a 20 mph speed limit through our villages and the information provided at the webinar reinforced the need to slow down traffic on mainly residential, village roads.

Up to now, it has been necessary to show that the average speeds are 24 mph or less before we can change the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph. However, the way this condition was implemented by Cambridgeshire County Council made it difficult to introduce the change. The new County Council administration agreement includes a pledge to make it easier for villages to introduce speed limits of 20 mph.

The '20's Plenty for Cambridgeshire' Campaign is campaigning for 20 mph to become the default speed with 30 mph or 40 mph speed limits being exemptions, where appropriate.

This is a key element in the new County Council joint administration's agenda.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Cambridgeshire

This Plan is an early stage policy document that is potentially very important for prioritisation of local walking and cycling routes. It may be several years before monies come forward for these projects and works can take place but identifying the best routes means that the County will be in the best position to bid for future.

Please take a look at the proposals. Are these the right routes? Are there alternative routes which we should suggest? Please let the County Council know your thoughts via the survey and I would like to hear them too. The consultation runs through to 11 59 pm on **Tuesday 13 July**. Respondents are invited to complete the survey and/or mark cycle ways and footpaths they would like to see created or prioritised on our map. This information will then be analysed and presented to the County Council's Highways and Transport Committee for their review tinyurl.com/4xb3s9dv.

As ever, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, views and issues. My mobile is 07919 990299 and email is neilgoughcrw@gmail.com.

Neil Gough

Willingham Social Club



Since our reopening at the end of May we have seen a huge influx of members, new and old, wishing to enjoy the newly refurbished facilities and entertainment programme we have in place. Bingo is more popular than ever and to be sure of a table, booking is essential.

As the relaxation of COVID restrictions allows, we are adding more events all the time, so please check our Facebook page www.facebook.com/willinghamsocialclub/ and website www.willinghamsocialclub.com/ for more up to date details.

Thursday Night Poker League

The Thursday Night Poker league returns **Thursday 1 July**. New players are welcome.

Beer Festival

We will be hosting our very own Beer Festival again this year on **23, 24 and 25 July**. This year's main sponsor is Fen Edge Community Association with barrel sponsorship from local businesses. More details can be found on the festival website. www.willinghambeerfestival.co.uk/home.



As in previous years it's more than just a Beer Festival. We see the return of our Gin Bar, with over 30 gins to choose from. We have music from two bands who are well known on the Cambridge music scene, SJ and the Flying Pigs and The Phat Controllers.

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We will be doing our own food again this year and would really appreciate volunteers to help serve food. We are sourcing ales from further afield this year due to our relationship with Marston's Brewery, so look out for some exciting new beers to try.

The main function room bar will also be open for the lager, Guinness, and the wine drinkers amongst us.

Custard Comedy Nights

Friday 1 October sees the return of our Custard Comedy nights, so look out for more details in the coming months.

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2 July	Amelia Earhart went missing over the Pacific Ocean in 1937 as she was attempting to fly round the world.
3 July	Karl Benz drove the world's first car in Germany in 1886. It reached a speed of 10 mph!
4 July	In 1829, the first horse-drawn bus route opened between Paddington and Bank; a ticket cost 1s!
5 July	Jeff Bezos founded Cadabra, an online bookstore, in 1994; it became Amazon in 1995.
6 July	Sir Thomas More was executed in 1535 for refusing to accept Henry VIII as head of the Church of England.
7 July	In 2013 Andy Murray became the first British man to win a Wimbledon tennis singles title since 1936.
8 July	North Korea's president, Kim Il Sung, died in 1994; he'd ruled for 46 years.
9 July	In 1901, Barbara Cartland was born. She wrote 723 books, mainly romantic fiction.
10 July	The first test cricket match was played at Old Trafford in 1884. Rain stopped play on the first day!
11 July	In 1962, the first transatlantic TV was transmitted via the satellite, Telstar, from USA to Britain.
12 July	Malala Yousafzai addressed the UN on her 16 th birthday in 2013. She called for worldwide access to education.
13 July	In 1837, Buckingham Palace became the main royal London home. Victoria was its first resident.
14 July	Lewis Hamilton won a record sixth British Formula 1 Grand Prix in 2019; he has won 98 F1 races.
15 July	In 1799, the Rosetta Stone, key to the translation of hieroglyphs, was discovered in Egypt by a French soldier.
16 July	USA's top 40 had 20 British acts in 1983. The Police was No 1 and Eddy Grant was No 2.
17 July	In 1841, the satirical magazine <i>Punch</i> was first published; it finally closed in 2002.
18 July	Shakira became the first person to accumulate 100 million 'likes' on Facebook in 2014.
19 July	In 1545, one of Henry VIII's great ships, the <i>Mary Rose</i> sank in the Solent with the loss of about 500 men.
20 July	In Sri Lanka, Sirimavo Bandaranaike became the first world's elected woman Prime Minister in 1960.
21 July	In 356 BC, the Temple of Artemis in Ephesus was set on fire, one of the Seven Wonders of the World.
22 July	More than a year after the end of the second World War in 1956, bread was rationed.
23 July	In 2010, One Direction was formed during the X Factor Show with Niall, Harry, Liam and Louis.
24 July	Explorer Hiram Bingham discovered the Machu Picchu, the lost city of the Incas in Peru, in 1911.
25 July	In 2019, the highest ever UK temperature of 38.7 degrees was recorded in Cambridge's Botanical Garden.
26 July	George Bernard Shaw was born in 1856 in Ireland. He won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1925.
27 July	In 2012, the Queen opened the 30 th Olympic Games in London with a little help from James Bond!
28 July	The six-digit postcode was trialled in Norwich in 1959. It wasn't nationally rolled out until 1974.
29 July	In 1974, Cass Elliot (Mamas & the Papas) died of a heart attack in London. She was only 32 years old.
30 July	Penguin Paperbacks were launched in 1935 to make books affordable to all.
31 July	Cliff Richard's <i>Living Doll</i> was No 1 for six weeks in 1959. It was the top selling song of the year.



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