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Deadline for your contributions is the 8th of each month.

Bin Collections – Friday

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8 October	Black
15 October	Blue and Green
22 October	Black
29 October	Blue and Green

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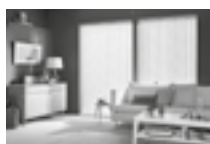
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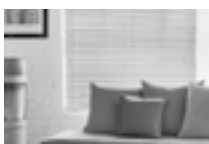
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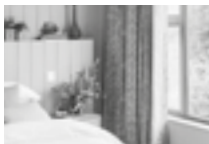
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Old Willingham



Here is Harry Beaumont who wound the Parish clock in the Church Tower, taken sometime after 1959 when he took over the job. The clock was installed in 1887 to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria and likely replaced an earlier clock. It is driven by a heavy weight on a rope which had to be wound back up twice a week. Over the years various dedicated people took the task of winding until 1990 when an electric motor was installed. Rather than winding all the way, this runs every few minutes and just pulls the weight up a few inches at a time. Time keeping is adjusted with small weights on the pendulum – pennies in the old days! The clock has been running for 135 years and here's to many more!

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 Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 11 October** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club with speaker Linda Scoles talking about *Divided by a Common Language*. Also in October, we will finally be taking our very long-postponed visit to Willingham's Alpaca Farm which we are really looking forward to.

Members will have received information about our COVID-19 precautions but if you would like to join us as a new member or are unsure, please contact us as below.

The Mixed Craft Group has restarted its meetings on the last Wednesday of each month between 10 am and 4 30 pm in the Baptist Church. All welcome and no need to be a WI member.

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.

Willingham Feast

Monday 27 September to Saturday 2 October

Thurstons Funfair on the Green

Friday 1 October

Custard Comedy Returns to the Social Club

There might just be some tickets left. Featuring Alistair Barrie, El Baldiniho, Pauline Eyres and MC Lorna Pritchard.

Doors open 7 45 pm, comedy starts at 8 15 pm.

Tickets £10 advance members or £12 on the door.

Tickets also at www.wegotickets.com/event/522745 – £1 booking fee.

Sunday 3 October

The Charity Sportif Bike Ride is Back!

Three rides to choose from; a picturesque 50 miler, a 20 mile 'have-a-go' ride and 8.5 miles on the Guided Busway for families – with free cake and juice halfway! Finish at Over Day Centre with its bar, café and live music.

Entry fee goes to support the centre.

For times, registration details and other information go to www.odc-bike-rides-2021.eventbrite.co.uk.

Saturday 9 October, 2 30 – 5 pm and Sunday 10 October, 11 am – 3 30 pm

Art Exhibition at the Library. Free entry.

A fine display of art work produced by Willingham artists with the chance to buy some work alongside a second-hand book sale for a donation to the library on behalf of Friends of Willingham Library.

Details: Vicky, 01954 201405 or baggaley@hotmail.com.

Saturday 9 October, 12 noon – 5 pm and Sunday 10 October, 10 30 am – 4 30 pm

Photography Exhibition at the Public Hall. Free entry. The Photography Club presents a collection of beautiful photographic work by members from recent years.

Details: willinghamphotoclub@hotmail.com.

Saturday 16 October, 7 30 – 11 30 pm

Wine Tasting Quiz at the Social Club.

Six good wines to identify with bread, cheese and nibbles to clear the palate and the chance to dance to a great live band.

Admission by ticket only – £20 per person.

Contact: Cat on 01954 202630 or carolinepawsey@gmail.com.

OCTOBER

October is the month of gold with trees of red and brown.

There is beauty in the countryside, each village and each town.

Soon little creatures scurry by, the sun has an Autumn glow for October is the month of gold giving us an unforgettable show.

Christine Lacey

Avalon Eco Farm

Our aim at Avalon Eco Farm Meadow Road, is to reduce our carbon footprint so we have installed a heat pump and as many solar panels as possible on our roof.

This is our experience working with Anglian Energy, the installer:

Solar panels: For aesthetic reasons, we installed 15 integrated roof panels, which look great, however the installation cost was about £1,500 more than standard solar panels. The existing roof tiles needed removing and the back integration panels and flashings needed to be installed prior to the panel installation. It took two men two days to complete. We installed a single inverter as we do not get shading on that strip of roof and could only install 15 panels; we do not have triple phase electricity at the farmhouse. A 3.2 kw battery was installed in the loft so that we could benefit from electricity storage. An I-Boost and a new 170L unvented cylinder were installed in the airing cupboard. The I-Boost heats up the hot water and when there is excess electricity produced by the solar panels, gives us free hot water.

Heat pump: We chose to install an air to water Daikin Altherma high temperature heat pump, as it is designed as a direct replacement for any boiler without the need to change radiators, unlike a low temperature heat pump.

The Daikin system consists of an external double fan compressor and an internal hydrobox. The hydrobox replaced the old oil boiler and is connected to the double fan unit situated on the outside wall of the utility room by using insulated refrigerant pipework. In total the installation of the heat pump took five days; three days with two plumbers and two days with two electricians.

As it stands, we should be more carbon efficient and are all electric; reducing noise as well as the awful smell of heating oil inside the house. It took a while to get used to the thermostat and to understand what we needed to do to keep the house warm and cosy.

Our next step is to examine the efficiency and size of our radiators as our current ones are probably over 50 years old. New high efficiency radiators will improve efficiency and may allow us to achieve desired room temperatures at lower flow temperatures, thus further reducing both cost and energy usage.

At the time of installation, the new heat pump was eligible for two grant schemes: a £5,000 subsidy through the Government Green Homes Grant Scheme (GHG) and the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). Under this scheme you receive quarterly payments which are indexed linked over seven years to a capped maximum of around £9,500. However, if we had chosen the £5,000 GHG this subsidy would have been deducted from the total payable under the RHI scheme and we would have received reduced payments over the next seven years.

We did not opt for the £5,000 GHG because the RHI grant was better value, allowing us to receive a credit of £1,100 per year for seven years. The Government has now ditched the GHG, but the RHI is still available.

One of our reasons to make the leap to an electric heating system was the knowledge that the government will be requiring all new builds to install electric heating in residential properties from 2025 onwards. And, more importantly we are an eco-farm after all!

Christine Hertoghe

Willingham News Distribution Co-ordinator – Help Needed!

We are very lucky to have *Willingham News* delivered free of charge to every house in the village by our wonderful volunteer distribution team. Sadly, our stalwart Distribution Co-ordinator, David Clarke, will be standing down in December. We thank him heartily for all his work over the years but now need to find a way to replace him, either by one person or a small team. The tasks involved are:

- Collecting the magazines from the printers in Cottenham
- Weighing, bagging and labelling the magazines into the rounds
- Maintaining a list of the delivery team and people willing to cover holidays and sickness.

If a few people were to come forward, it would mean sharing the work over the year. This is a crucial role and without it the current operation cannot continue.

Please email us at willinghamnews@gmail.com if you are able to help.

Willingham Photography Club

We are aiming to begin to meet again in person at the Baptist Church and hope to be there for the October meeting, where we will 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 October is *All Kinds of Curves* and photographs may be submitted via

www.willinghamphotoclub.org.uk and following the link to the Virtual Assignments Google Drive.

All photographs should be submitted by **18 October**. 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 have been deferred at the current time.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

Steve Harding 07595 668161

In the meantime, do have a look at our website on www.willinghamphotoclub.org.uk



Social Club

Friday 1 October

The return of the Custard Comedy Club hosted by Lorna Pritchard. Lorna Pritchard is a Welsh comedian and a trusted broadcaster, having appeared regularly on TV and radio for the last 12 years.

Headline act is Alistair Barrie, one of the top headliners on the international comedy circuit. The evening will also feature El Baldiniho, a magician and prop comedian and Pauline Eyres, a comic who talks about being middle-aged, 'n' stuff and not quite fitting in anymore, because the world seems to be aimed at people younger than her.

Tickets and details of the acts can be found at www.wegotickets.com/event/522745 and are also available from the Club. There might just be a few left!

The event will also show case the new sound and lighting system which we purchased with the proceeds from this year's Beer Festival.

Other Dates for Your Diary

7 and 21 October – League Poker 7 45 pm start

8 October – Live Music from Submarine Racers

12 November – Live Music from the ever-popular Graham Buxton

26 November – Live Music UB40, Reggae & SKA
Bingo Every Wednesday 7 30 pm start

Reading Group Book Review

Erebus by Michael Palin

In 2014 the wreck of an old sailing vessel was discovered at the bottom of the sea in the Canadian Arctic. She was the Erebus, missing since 1845. Originally built as a warship and named after Erebus, the god of chaos, she had been refitted for exploration in the treacherous conditions of the seas around the Poles. During 1839-1843 she successfully explored the Antarctic, mapping and gathering vast amounts of scientific data, though failing in the main mission of reaching the magnetic south pole.

The book describes the battles with appalling weather, but also lighter moments such as dancing on the Antarctic ice on New Year's Eve 1842! But on her next trip in 1845 to the Arctic to find the Northwest passage her luck ran out and after a few sightings over a couple of months she was never seen again. Rescue attempts over the next few years, plus more recent expeditions, eventually pieced together that the ship had remained trapped in ice for three unusually cold winters, and none of the crew survived.

Given the grim ending to this tale, it was not to everyone's taste, but those of us who persevered found it a fascinating account of long-distance sailing in the mid-nineteenth century – the navigation, the scientific work and the lives of the sailors on board. There were also glimpses into the world back home, and the English-centred world view that prevailed at the time.

Linda King

Reader's Letter

Dear Editors

I would like to use your Letters to the Editor page to thank the people who helped me when I fell in High Street recently. I'm particularly grateful to the kind couple who came to tell my wife about the accident, then later took me home in their car.

Yours sincerely

Bill Kirkman

Bill has been very closely involved with Willingham News since its conception and for many of those years was an editor and very much led the evolution of the magazine from a single sheet of A4 paper into its current format. The current editorial team wish him a speedy recovery.

The Aldreth 950 – Hereward's Last Stand!

Steve Moore, a photographer and history enthusiast who lives in Willingham, has alerted us to this commemorative event celebrating the hero of the Fens, Hereward the Wake, on the 950th anniversary of the defeat of his forces at Ely. Steve will be a guide waiting for walkers at Belsar's Hill from 12 pm on **Wednesday 27 October**.

The defeat at Hastings has been described as the most cataclysmic moment in English history. However, one pocket of resistance stood out on the Isle of Eels, where an outlaw known as Hereward organised guerrilla warfare against the Normans. Hundreds of Normans seeking glory only found a watery grave in the Fens just outside Willingham. Only once William had defeated Hereward could he truly claim to be the Conqueror. William forced a beachhead on the Isle of Eels on 27 October 1071 at Aldreth but could Hereward escape William's advance?



Wednesday 27 October: 'On the Conqueror's Trail' Commemoration Hike

Heritage hike, 6 am to 6 pm, 25 miles cross-fen history from Cambridge to Ely, tracing the route of William the Conqueror in his assault on the Isle of Ely via William's camp at Belsar's Hill, just a mile east of Willingham. A local guide will be at Belsar's Hill from 12 noon. Tel 07726 498851 if you need more details.

Saturday 30 October: 'Hereward's Last Stand!' Aldreth School field 11 am to 6 pm
Re-enactment of Hereward's Band v the Normans.

Sudoku

Solution on page 18.

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Book Quiz

Answers on page 18

With Autumn arriving and nights drawing in it reminds me of my mother reading me tales by the firelight before bedtime. Who are the authors of these tales?

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| 1. <i>The Tale of Mrs Tiggy-Winkle</i> | 7. <i>The Complete Fairy Tales</i> |
| 2. <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> | 8. <i>Tales of Mystery and Imagination</i> |
| 3. <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> | 9. <i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i> |
| 4. <i>The Old Wives' Tale</i> | 10. <i>Tales of Benjamin Bunny</i> |
| 5. <i>Tales of the Unexpected</i> | |
| 6. <i>The Winter's Tale</i> | |

Three Peaks Challenge

My name is Jake Goodchild and I have lived in Willingham all my life and next summer, with friends from the University of East Anglia, I will be taking on the challenge of trekking the Three Peaks in aid of 'Hope for Children'. The Three Peaks Challenge is considered one of Britain's toughest challenges and consists of climbing the tallest mountain in England, Wales, and Scotland. In total I will climb over 5,200 feet and trek 25 miles all within 36 hours. 'Hope for Children' is an amazing charity that helps children all over the world gain access to education and healthcare and believes every child has the right to a happy and healthy childhood. £1,402 could supply school shoes to 129 children for a year to allow them to have what they need to achieve their potential in education.

I have a JustGiving page at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jake-goodchild and am hoping to raise as much money as possible in order to help this great charity. I would be very grateful for any local support, even a small amount can go far in helping these children.

Thank you for your support.



Young Readers' Corner

Halloween

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Halloween

Of course you know Halloween takes place on the last day of October, but here's something you might not know. The word itself literally means 'hallowed evening,' and was previously known as All Hallows' Eve. All Hallows' Eve (31 October) and All Saints' Day (1 November) both paid homage to saints ('hallows' = saints). The name was eventually shortened to 'Halloween.'

You might like to try making this pumpkin soup, perhaps with the help of a grown up, particularly when you remove the peel! The pumpkins you use for carving aren't really suitable as they don't have much of a taste but you can buy edible pumpkins.

Quick, Easy, Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients

1 edible pumpkin, peeled, deseeded and cubed. Or you could use butternut squash.
1 potato, peeled and cubed
1 large carrot, peeled and roughly chopped
1 onion, chopped into smallish pieces
2 tablespoons of olive oil
4 tablespoons of vegetable stock powder. You could use chicken stock.

Method

- Heat oil in a pan and fry all vegetables gently until golden.
- Add 2 litres of water to the pan and stir in stock powder.
- Bring to the boil and simmer for 20 minutes until all vegetables are soft.
- Using a stick mixer liquefy all the soup until it's nice and smooth.
- Taste and season with salt and pepper accordingly.

If you go out trick or treating, send us pictures of you in your outfits or of your carved pumpkins and we will try and include some in the next issue.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

Highways

Following a series of complaints on illegal or inconsiderate parking, and the refusal of the police to deal with it, the Parish Council has asked about Civil Enforcement. Our County Councillor, Neil Gough, is looking at a possible solution working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership. It will need formal approval and authorisation from the Department of Transport but, hopefully, may be a way forward.

Councillor Gough has also set up regular quarterly meetings with the Highways Officer and the Parish Clerks from Cottenham, Rampton and Willingham. Communication with Highways has been a problem for some time and the new arrangement, whilst unlikely to solve all the issues, should certainly help improve the process.

We are quite often asked about a bypass. It is something that the Parish Council has lobbied for over many years. Sadly, there is not much hope of any near-term solution. Highways did a paper exercise a few years back into possible routes to the east of the village and to the west. The ground conditions on both sides of the village are difficult and low lying. The estimated cost of either route was in excess of £50m.

The Surgery

Various problems have been reported to us regarding difficulties in obtaining appointments or receiving responses to calls as the surgery has tried to deal with the additional workload from COVID at a time of rapid expansion in patient numbers. The matter was raised at our September meeting. Councillor Handley confirmed that the issues were not restricted to Willingham as the NHS struggles to recover from the impacts of the pandemic. This would take time and he asked that residents be patient whilst the NHS recovered.

Defibrillators

The village has two installed, on the pavilion and at the library, with a third one planned for the old phone box on the High Street. A fourth unit has now become available, funded by the Football Association. The best location for

it is still being reviewed. If you have a view, please send a brief email to our clerk (details below). The unit needs connection to an electricity supply.

Environment and Sustainability

Proposals for improved bus and cycleway networks are being encouraged at both national and local government level. The existing provision in Willingham is poor and the Parish Council has contributed to two Cambridgeshire surveys on cycle ways and submitted a proposal to our MP covering both bus routes and cycle ways. A copy is available from the Parish Office.

The work to replace the heating in the Ploughman Hall with a low-carbon infrared system, with a 50% grant from the SCDC Zero Carbon Communities, was completed in September. In the spring, we hope to organise an event in the Hall on low-carbon heating of homes for residents. The Zero Carbon Communities e-newsletter, available from the SCDC website, contains information and advice, including examples of other projects in the district.

The Orchard at the top of Earith Road is looking in fine condition and at the time of writing is well loaded with fruit. It is a Community Orchard so no-one is going to mind if you want to help yourself but please leave some for the rest of us.

Meetings

In line with government advice, it has been agreed to lift the restrictions on numbers using the Ploughman Hall and the Pavilion. Full Council Meetings will return to the Octagon for a trial period of three months commencing with the next meeting at 7 30 pm on **Wednesday 6 October**. Planning meetings will continue to be held in the Octagon if available.

Contact Details

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

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Flu Vaccinations

As you may have seen reported in the national press, we are currently experiencing delays to the supply of flu vaccines. This is a national issue and not specific to this practice. At the time of writing we are unable to confirm when our supply of vaccine will be available but will keep the community as updated as we can through social media and on our website.

Please do not contact the surgery regarding this rest assured our staff will contact you if your appointment has been affected.

Blood Test Bottle Shortage

At the time of writing we continue to experience shortages in the supply of blood test bottles. This is a global supply issue which has been widely reported on in the national press. Due to the continuing shortage through September this will inevitably affect appointment bookings for blood tests for some time to come including once supply is re-established. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this challenging time.

DoctorLink

The DoctorLink service is available to all patients as an alternative to 111 when a GP appointment is unavailable. Doctorlink connects you to your GP practice allowing you to check your symptoms online, gives medical advice based on your symptoms and provides access to GP services.

Download the app or visit the website: www.doctorlink.com/patients/.

Online Appointment Booking

We would like to remind you that online appointment booking is available to all patients who have signed up to our online booking service. This can be particularly useful during busy times when there can be long waiting times on the phone lines. If you wish to sign up for this service please visit our Reception in person bringing two forms of photo ID with you. Please note that at this time this practice offers telephone appointments only.

Welcome Back Dr Faye Stevens

We would like to welcome back Dr Faye Stevens who returns from maternity leave this month.

Patient Participation Group and Patient Feedback

After placing these initiatives on hold during the Coronavirus pandemic, we are looking to relaunch our patient engagement activities over the next few months. Please look out for more details on our social media and websites as well as in future newsletters and in the surgery waiting area.

WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	4 30 – 7 00
Ante Natal/Baby Clinic		2 00 – 4 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Emergencies		4 00 – 6 00

WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787 NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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

Carers

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.

Unattended Appointments

Our Did Not Attend (DNA) rate for August 2021 was 505 slots which equates to 8.5 hours of lost clinician time. We would like to kindly remind our patients of the importance of attendance at appointments or being available for scheduled telephone calls. Timely cancellation of appointments you are unable to attend is equally important as it frees up a slot that can potentially be used by another patient.

Amy Wilson – Practice Administrator

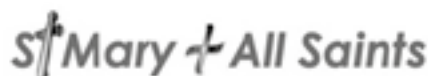
Countdown to Christmas!

Instead of that last minute scramble to deliver Christmas cards to friends and neighbours in the village, why not use the Greetings page in the December issue of the *Willingham News* and support a local charity?

For £10, all of which will go to *East Anglia Children's Hospice*, you can place your greetings in a small box. Simply let us know what you want to say and we will do the rest or personalise your box with your own design, font and words and send it to willinghamnews@gmail.com or leave it at the Library, addressed to *Willingham News*. Cheques should be payable to *East Anglia Children's Hospice* and can be left at the library or posted through 54 High Street.

Your Greeting needs to be with us by **8 November**.

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Services in Church

10 October 11 00 am Joint Service for Willingham Feast Week

24 October 11 00 am All Age Service

Joint Service on 10 October

We are joining with the Baptist Church for a Joint Service to celebrate Feast Week. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Church for what should be an interesting and thought provoking service.

Other Services

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 to listen to.

Please do keep checking our Website, Noticeboards and Facebook page for news about all our services and other Notices.

Gift Weekend

Our annual Gift Weekend will be held over the weekend of **23 and 24 October**. The Church will be open all day on Saturday and after the Service on Sunday with Church members on hand to receive Gifts to support the life and work of the Church in the village. For further information or to arrange for Gifts to be made online please contact our Treasurer, Phil King, on 01954 260780 or by email to phil.king10@outlook.com.

The Octagon

We are pleased that the Octagon is back into use as a space for meetings and other gatherings as the lockdown restrictions are gradually relaxed. If you are planning regular or one off bookings, please contact us on admin@5folds.org.uk for further details.

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Services

3 October	10 00 am	Family Worship**
	6 00 pm	Evening Worship
10 October	11 00 am	Joint Service at St Mary's and All-Saints Church, followed by a light lunch.
	6 00 pm	Evening Worship
17 October	10 00 am	Family Worship
	6 00 am	Evening Worship
24 October	10 00 am	Family Worship**
	6 00 pm	Evening Worship
31 October	10 00 am	Café Church
	6 00 pm	Evening Worship

Events

Nimble Fingers Craft Club: Mondays 2 – 4 pm. Bring your crafts and join with others, or come and learn new skills. Tea, coffee and good company provided. Contact Daphne for more information 01954 260568.

TOPS Toddler Group: Tuesdays at 9 45 am for 18 months plus in the church. Great place to meet other families whilst the children enjoy the activities and playing. Contact Debbie Allen for more information 01954 261581.

Open Door Coffee Morning: Wednesdays 10 – 11 30 am. Contact Cynthia Nolan for further information 01954 202240.

Community Luncheon Club: Thursdays bi-weekly, prior booking essential. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

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

This month 'Thought for the Month' can be found on page 16

Virtual Horticultural Show

As the Gardening Club Horticultural Show has been cancelled for the second year running, readers were invited to send in pictures of their gardening triumphs.



*Display of pinks
Brenda and Mervyn Smith*



Harvest

Brenda and Mervyn Smith



*Yellow rose
Brenda and Mervyn Smith*



A perfect lunch

Carol Bailey



A bean feast

Carol Bailey



*Clematis
Brenda and Mervyn Smith*



*Gladioli
Brenda Mansfield*

*Flower field
Lindsay Clark, Hygate Farm,
West Fen Road*



Tomato heavyweight
Brenda Mansfield

Jams Brenda Mansfield



Good cropping gardener's delight
Carol Bailey

Evergreen agapanthus Rosemary Cullum



Above and above left:
Sunflowers and seedlings
Lindsay Clark, Hygate
Farm

Above: Allotment successes

Seda Ozman with daughters Deniz and Melis. Deniz (six years old) loves gardening, she is not good at trying new things unless she grows them. Her favourite things to grow are sorrel, sweetcorn and broadbeans.

Group of tomatoes
Brenda Mansfield

Part 30 – A Vibrant Willingham Ready for the 20th Century

Reign of Queen Victoria, 1834 – 1901

Queen Victoria Jubilee Clock

By 1887 Queen Victoria had reigned for 50 years and the village decided to celebrate this Golden Jubilee with a clock paid for by public subscription. The obvious place to house a striking clock was the Church Tower as a peal of five bells had already been installed in it for over 300 years. The firm of Potts and Son was given the contract to design, manufacture and install a clock to strike the hour and each quarter hour on the existing bells. The clock was designed to be wound weekly by hand, accessed by the existing narrow spiral staircase. The maintenance costs, including the clock winder's fee, were to be covered by the Parish. The clock continued to be wound manually each week for 100 years until it was replaced by an automatic electrical winding system in the 1980s. A complete overhaul was carried out by Smiths of Derby in 2019 who were greatly helped by the discovery that many of the original drawings and tooling were still in existence, as they had subsequently taken over Potts. Since the overhaul the clock has proved to be remarkably accurate.

A New Village Doctor

In 1888 Dr Robert Travers Lewis arrived in the village after the death of Dr Ellis. He and his wife were Irish and came to live in Church Street. He was a surgeon and physician and, at age 32, not long qualified. His skills must have been tested severely by having to cope with endless epidemics of infectious diseases in the village which frequently led to the complete closure of the school. Whooping cough in 1890 was followed by diphtheria in 1892, smallpox and measles in 1894 and mumps in 1895. There were no antibiotics or vaccines to help him either. In 1891 he was very involved in one of the worst of the many Willingham fires. A labourer, Beasley Rogers, became trapped under a burning oak beam, breaking his arm in two places, burning his back, neck, hair and head, and becoming unconscious. He was treated on the scene by Dr Lewis and eventually recovered. This fire had started in the premises of Mr Thoday, a drapery, grocery and general store that stocked oil and petroleum, which exploded. Dr Lewis must have been very busy that day.

Willingham Public Hall

1896 saw the completion of the Public Hall in the High Street. The concept of the building was 'for recreational activity for young men to benefit themselves' (no mention of women!). In effect, it was to be the village's first Youth Club and had been

strongly driven by Mr H G Few, who donated the land in the High Street. Mr Fred Crisp, a successful stockbreeder of Shire horses and Aberdeen Angus cattle, donated the building and furnishing cost of £600. The design allowed for ground floor accommodation for a caretaker, a strong room for the security of parish documents and a games and smoking room, while the first floor was for a reading and meeting room. It was all to be well lit and well heated. It opened in 1897 with 160 subscription members and certainly appears to have been well used, especially in the winter months. The Cambridge Independent Press reported on 15 February 1898 that a framed oil painting of Oliver Cromwell, 'a valuable acquisition', was presented to the committee, to be hung on the north wall opposite the fireplace in the reading room. Where is it now?

A Vibrant Willingham – and What Was to Come

For a fen village, Willingham was in a strong position in 1900. The population was expanding, housing standards were improving, education was thriving, churches were full and the local economy of agriculture and horticulture was buoyant. Shops in the village ranged from butchers to tailors and workshops from blacksmiths to wheelwrights. The village buzzed. Overseas, the British Empire was at its height and Great Britain still ruled the waves. At least that is how it must have seemed to a Willingham school-leaver in one of those school photographs in 1900. He or she could not in their wildest dreams have guessed that the

next 50 years were to bring two world wars, an influenza pandemic and the great depression, but also electricity, telephones, antibiotics, cars and aircraft.

Alan Fawcitt

Source material references for Alan's 'Brief History of Willingham' can be found on page 21.

Message from the Editors:

This concludes Alan's 'Brief History of Willingham'. Over the course of 30 months he has taken us on a fascinating journey that started in 1200. We would like to thank Alan very much for his highly entertaining articles. We will miss them. Do add your own thoughts and reactions by contacting us at: willinghamnews@gmail.com and we will pass any messages on to Alan.



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Our opening hours have returned to normal and are:

Tuesday: 10 am – 1 pm and 2 – 5 pm

Thursday: 4 – 7 pm Friday: 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

The library is open but please help us keep our customers, volunteers and staff safe and healthy:

- Wear a face covering if you can and use the available hand sanitiser and Test and Trace.
- Please continue to be kind and respect other people's space.
- Computers can be used as normal and there are cleaning products to wipe down computer stations in between uses.
- The library is well ventilated with a limited number of people inside.
- The self-service machine can be used to issue and return items.

You can still use:

- Select and Collect, where library staff choose books for you.
- Reservations, with a charge of 50p per item.
- Online Services and a wide range of eBooks, eAudio books, eComics and eMagazines which you can access without visiting a library.
- Your online account to see your loans, renew items, search the catalogue and reserve items.

Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

Second-Hand Book Sales

Our September sale was a great success, with a steady stream of customers and over 100 books sold. Hopefully our next one, on **Saturday 2 October**, 10 30 am to 12 noon, will be just as popular!

Come along to the library and buy a book from our wide selection. 50p each or three books for £1. Exact change if possible, please. We will be following all Library Service coronavirus guidelines.

Games Afternoon, Friday 8 October, 2 – 4 pm

As part of Libraries Week (4 – 10 October), we will be restarting our enjoyable Games Afternoons. Scrabble is popular but please feel free to introduce us to any board game you would like to bring along. For now, we are restricted to 12 players, so please book your place in advance by emailing us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com. As we won't be able to serve our usual refreshments, please bring your own.

As soon as we are able to, we hope to put on more events and activities, so watch this space!

Feast Weekend, Saturday 9 October 2 30 – 5 pm & Sunday 10 October 11 am – 3 30 pm

The library will be hosting the Art Club Exhibition so please come in and have a look at their lovely work. Numbers in the library will be restricted, so you may have to wait outside for a short time before coming in. Please wear a face mask and use the available hand sanitiser on entry. There will also be a trolley of second-hand books for purchase on a self-service basis with money to go in the library's donations box.

Cambridgeshire Libraries' News

Libraries Week 4 – 10 October

In anticipation of celebrating this week, we are carrying out a survey for people to tell us what libraries mean to them. We want to hear what is valued about our staff, services, books and buildings. The closing date is **1 October**, so you may still have time to complete it in the library or at: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/6HSTQX/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

More information at www.librariesweek.org.uk and www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library.

Thought for the Month

Simple Answers?

I'm always suspicious of answers that sound very simple being offered for complicated problems. We live in a time of short attention spans and people wanting easy and quick answers to the world's problems. There are terrorist training camps in Afghanistan – the solution to invade. Sounds simple, but could such a simple solution solve such a complicated problem in a country that was so diverse? Sadly we now know the answer – no it could not. Will throwing an extra £10 billion at the care system solve our near crisis in social care? Well I admire the government for trying. At least they are trying to tackle the problem rather than kick the can down the electoral road. But I fear the problem is far more complicated than just money – please join me in praying our politicians will have the sticking power to stay with it and put the effort in on the long haul to improve it. However, we need to ask, why do politicians and other leaders offer simple solutions? I fear the answer might be our fault – that we want simple answers and aren't prepared to engage with complicated plans. I was preparing a sermon in early September when the full enormity of this struck me, thinking of the timescale over which God revealed his plan of salvation; approximately 1,500 years. It was so complicated it took that long to put into action! Maybe we all need to give our politicians and leaders a bit more space and time to develop really sustainable answers to some of our complicated problems. Hopefully then we will have better solutions.

God bless

Simon Gill

Team Rector, 5folds.

Community Plan – Targeting the Five Cs!

Most will agree that creating a community characterised by the five Cs is a highly worthwhile ambition. We want to contribute to making Willingham as self-contained as possible (Complete), with everything easily accessible (Compact), benefiting from good communications (Connected), offering a wide variety of facilities (Complex) and with many opportunities for social interaction (Convivial). All this requires a plan that, to quote ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), 'brings a community closer together, realises the resources and skills available of members of that community, and takes control of the community's future needs in terms of services, housing, health.'

There is talk of a 'Power of Well-being' being given to our local councils, enabling them to respond to issues identified through community planning by undertaking actions which are not already the responsibility of another agency (or acting on behalf of another agency). So, whether a Community Plan, a Parish Plan or a (significantly more complex) Neighbourhood Plan, having a 'plan' with solid community backing is our best chance to move matters in a more favourable – or less unfavourable – direction than would otherwise be the case.

Having consulted various bodies, a statistician and the excellent Cottenham Neighbourhood Plan, we are now at the editing stage with the first phase of our own plan – the survey questionnaire.

Our aim is to get the questionnaire to you in both online and in printed form by mid- to late October. It will then be up to you to add that 'solid community backing' by making sure you complete the survey and get it back to us, preferably at drop-off points like the Post Office and the Library, but we will also collect! In the meantime, we would like once again to appeal for volunteers to deliver the hard copies.

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Willingham Gardening Club

Garden Club Meeting Notice

An extraordinary meeting of the Gardening Club was held on 6 September to discuss the Club's status following our long close down due to the Covid-19 restrictions in place. The position regarding speakers, excursions and our financial situation was discussed. It was agreed that we need to grow the membership of the Club in order to remain viable. With this in mind we are looking to find a speaker for our November meeting from a diminished availability of speakers. The November meeting will be held at the Social Club on **Monday 1 November** at 7 30 pm.

Over the Garden Fence

Thanks to all who have contributed photographs and notes to this year's Virtual Horticulture and Craft Show. It's pleasing to see more of you taking to the outdoors and getting in touch with the practicalities of growing your own vegetables and flowers.

This has been a challenging year for gardeners and farmers, the erratic weather conditions impacting on agriculture, fruit and vegetable growers and gardeners generally. The evidence points to climate change being upon us, so what should we grow next year to survive and flourish?



Mis-shapen Carrots Try cleaning these carrots! One of a few possibilities regarding mis-shapen carrots is an excess of nitrogen and the development of many small roots instead of one central one. Avoid this by cutting back on fertiliser/manure use, and if

your soil needs feeding, use a low-nitrogen formula. Also, avoid growing carrots after nitrogen-fixing legumes in a crop rotation scheme, placing them after nitrogen-hungry brassicas instead. So long as you provide the right soil conditions and keep on top of watering, you'll be rewarded with a fruitful harvest of sweet, crunchy roots from early summer to late autumn and beyond.

Food for Thought

It is that time of year to start thinking about the spring flowers and bulbs. Wallflowers by name, glamorous backing dancers by nature. The scent and stained-glass shades of wallflowers (*Erysimum cheiri*) make them the ideal partner for spring bulbs so planting should be well on its way now.

Book Quiz Answers

1. Beatrix Potter
2. Charles Dickens
3. Margaret Atwood
4. Arnold Bennett
5. Roald Dahl
6. William Shakespeare
7. Hans Christian Andersen
8. Edgar Allan Poe
9. Judy Blume
10. Beatrix Potter

Sudoku Answer

6	3	5	1	7	2	8	4	9
9	7	8	6	4	3	1	2	5
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District Councillors' Report

Important update on the (New) Local Plan – Preferred Options

The next stage of the Local Plan – the preferred options stage – has been published by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (a partnership between South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Councils). Over 690 sites were put forward by landowners in the first stage 'Call for Sites' but only 19 (3%) of them are being proposed for acceptance and, of those, many are extremely small. Of 11,000 new homes proposed, only 384 are planned for rural villages, none of which are in Willingham.

Environmental considerations are paramount and only four of the sites put forward met the rigorous tests to allow development in the Green Belt – two being extensions to research sites of national importance and two housing allocations close to excellent public transport (the guided busway and a railway station).

The plan sets a high bar for building standards, including policy recommendations for low carbon buildings and, for the first time ever, a 'Call for Green Sites' was issued and the proposals include new green spaces and wildlife projects.

Finally, and very importantly, this Local Plan will put constraints on the amount of development if the water issue is not resolved and our chalk-streams protected. Central Government and the water companies have to invest in this in advance of further growth and if they cannot, or do not, there will be no option but to scale back growth.

Please take a look at the new section of the website, which includes an interactive map: www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan and take the opportunity to comment during the next public consultation, which starts on **1 November**.

A New Website for South Cambridgeshire

SCDC's Business Support team is working on a new website to promote everything there is to see and do in South Cambridgeshire. This is to support the local economy by encouraging tourists to visit the area and for local people to spend more time in the district.

The site will be launched in the autumn and SCDC and the team is inviting local businesses and event organisers to secure a free listing by submitting information and photos online via a short questionnaire. Visit www.VisitSouthCambs.co.uk to create a free listing or email visit@scambs.gov.uk for further information.

Afghanistan Refugees

SCDC Housing staff have been working on plans to resettle three Afghan families, provide a home and essential support in response to the international crisis. South Cambridgeshire District Council's five-year (2020-2025) Business Plan commits to working with national, regional and local partners to support the needs of refugees and asylum seekers. Council owned homes are not being used to house these three families and it will not have an impact on the waiting time for local families who are already on the Council's housing waiting list.

Launch of Six Free Trees Scheme

SCDC has just launched the 'Six Free Trees' scheme. Every Parish Council in South Cambridgeshire can apply for six free trees which they can plant on their land. This follows last year's hugely successful 'Three Free Trees' scheme.

Parish Councils have been offered a choice of six native trees which can be either pot grown or bare rooted.

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Mon 27 Sept to Sat 2 Oct	Thurston's Funfair	Feast Committee	The Green	See p5
Fri 1 Oct	Library survey closing date	Library	Library	See p16
Fri 1 Oct	Custard Comedy Night	Social Club	Social Club	See p7
Sat 2 Oct	Second-Hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p16
Sun 3 Oct	Charity Sportif Bike Rides	Willingham Wheels	Starting at Over Day Centre	See p5
Wed 6 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p9
Fri 8 Oct	Willingham News Deadline	Willingham News		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Fri 8 Oct	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p16
Fri 8 Oct	Live Band – Submarine Racers	Social Club	Social Club	facebook.com/willinghamsocialclub , see p7
Sat/Sun 9/10 Oct	Feast Weekend Photography Exhibition	Feast Committee	Public Hall	12 – 5 pm/10 30 am – 4 30 pm, see p5
Sat/Sun 9/10 Oct	Feast Weekend Art Exhibition	Feast Committee	Library	2 30 – 5 pm/ 11 am – 3 30 pm, see p5
Mon 11 Oct	<i>Divided by a Common Language</i> , talk by Linda Scales	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Sat 16 Oct	Wine-Tasting Quiz	Feast Committee	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Mon 18 Oct	<i>All Kinds of Curves</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p6
Sat/Sun 23/24 Oct	Gift Weekend	Parish Church	Parish Church	See p11
Wed 27 Oct	Hereward the Wake Commemoration Hike	Hereward the Wake Project	Belsar's Hill	12 noon, see p7 Contact 07726 498851 for details
Wed 27 Oct	Mixed Crafts	Women's Institute	Baptist Church	10 am – 4 30 pm, see p5
Sat 30 Oct	Hereward's Last Stand Re-enactment	Hereward the Wake Project	Aldreth School	11 am – 6 pm, see p7 Contact 07726 498851 for details
Mon 1 Nov	Gardening Club Meeting	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p18

Facts About October

- In old Roman calendars, **October** was the eighth month of the year and got its name from the word 'octo' meaning eight.
- The Saxons had a name for **October** – Wyn Monath. This translates into Wine Month because it was the time of year to make wine.
- In the 18th century, **October** was a common name for a strong ale that was brewed this month.
- More American presidents were born in **October** than any other month.

- According to folklore, 'rain in **October** means wind in December' and 'when birds and badgers are fat in **October**, expect a cold winter',
- Many people were born in **October** including: Julie Andrews, Hillary Clinton, Christopher Columbus, Simon Cowell, Mahatma Gandhi, Bob Geldof, Lillie Langtry, John Lennon, Luciano Pavarotti, Cliff Richard, Dylan Thomas and Christopher Wren.
- The word **October** doesn't differ too much in most other languages. For example: in Dutch, German and Icelandic it's **Oktober**, French is **Octobre**, Spanish is **Octubre** and in Italian is **Ottobre**. But in Welsh it's **Hydref** and in Irish it's **Deireadh Fomhair**.



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