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Bin Collections – Friday

5 November	Black
12 November	Blue and Green
19 November	Black
26 November	Blue and Green

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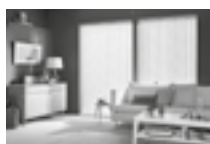
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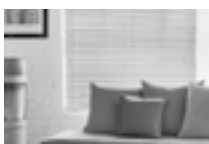
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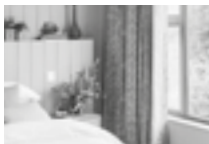
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It's Time to Have Your Say – The Community Survey is About to Go Live!

The Willingham Household Survey questionnaire should be with you by the beginning of November. We will be putting one through every door in the village (with special thanks to *Willingham News* deliverers) in the hope that everyone will feel part of the process.

Your Choice – Paper or Online?

Either fill in the paper questionnaire OR follow the instructions – website link or QR code – on its front cover to enter your answers ONLINE. This option saves us having to input the data manually. All the information you need for getting further copies, assistance and collection is likewise printed on the front cover. Also, we confirm that we have tried to make delivery and recycling of the paper questionnaire as sustainable as possible.

Engage

Our aim is to encourage dialogue and engagement. There are sections covering all aspects of life in Willingham and your view of how the village could improve. You can fill in as much or as little as you like, but ideally, we want to hear your opinion on all of it! The wording of questions is deliberately neutral. Topics have been drawn from passionate discussions at two public meetings, your emails and the suggestion boxes that were placed around the village.

Young People

Uniquely (as far as we know), we have also prepared a separate Youth Survey for our young people aged 11 to 18 – primarily for online completion. This will have its own website link and QR code (you will see posters and leaflets

showing these) suitable for all devices. Paper copies will also be made available and help in the form of space and scribing will be provided where needed. The Youth Survey has already been trialled with the assistance of Willingham Primary School (WPS), with 32 children, mainly Year Six respondents, having provided their feedback. Both WPS and Cottenham Village College will be helping Willingham's young people have their say in the survey proper. We would also like to express our thanks to the other youth groups, especially Willingham Youth Trust, who have greatly helped us with their inputs in the run-up to questionnaire finalisation.

Safe and Anonymous to Have Your Say

No personal details will be requested – nor should any be included – in the questionnaire, and full confidentiality and anonymity are assured in compliance with legal requirements.

The survey is only open to residents of Willingham. The objective is to find out where our village's priorities should lie. Resources – both human and cash – will always be scarce, so fulfilling every wish is ... well ... wishful thinking. That said, however, the higher the number of responses, the better evidence of Willingham's opinion to inform agencies and local authorities in their allocation of funds and effort. So PLEASE – complete so we can compete!

Together we are stronger.

Willingham Community Planning Group
(Call 07787 530394 for Information or to volunteer)

Willingham in World War I

This month it seems appropriate to recall the fates of two of Willingham's casualties of World War I.

Driver Fred Askew of Westfield died of tuberculosis in a military hospital in London in 1918. He and Ernest Smith had left home at the age of 17 for Australia, where they were doing very well. They had come back to Willingham for a visit in 1914, intending to return to Australia for the wheat harvest. But when war broke out, they cancelled their passages and joined up. Driver Askew was given the best they could do for a military funeral. There was no firing party available, but the coffin was draped in a Union Jack and two buglers from Pembroke College played the Last Post at the graveside. Driver Askew was passionately fond of horses and during his last illness he was constantly patting and stroking his bed covers, imagining they were the horses of his gun team.

Dorothy Willis (née Hart) had married shortly before war broke out and was living in London. She worked in a munitions factory and died aged 23 in July 1916 of blood poisoning, which was a hazard of this work. Sadly, her husband was serving in Salonica at the time and could not be contacted to be told of her death.

Anne Kirkman



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Remembrance Sunday

The Act of Remembrance will take place on Remembrance Sunday – **14 November** at the War Memorial in the churchyard of St Mary and All Saints Church, starting at 10 50 am.

If anyone would be interested in helping with a door-to-door Poppy Appeal collection or assisting

at a static stall on one of the weekends in November, then please get in touch. My contact details are by phone 07983 630265 or by email to overanddistricttbl@yahoo.com.

Jane Matthews



Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 8 November** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club with speaker Angela Collins, *The Puppet Lady*.

In September, we were able to get together in the Social Club for the first time in 18 months. We had a lovely social evening, when we were pleased to welcome quite a few new members. There was a quiz in which we had to identify places in the village from close-up photos. It was more difficult than we expected and there were lots of groans of recognition when the answers were revealed!

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.

Ride And Stride Event for Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

On Saturday 11 September we took part in the annual Ride and Stride event in aid of Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust.

While Val visited most of the churches and college chapels in Central Cambridge on foot, David cycled to visit some of the churches near Willingham and then moved into the City to visit several more churches and some of the College Chapels. We met for lunch to discuss our progress!



It was interesting to see inside those that were open; the College Chapels were inspiring, especially as some of the Porters took the time to give us an insight into their history. For example, we found that while Trinity Hall College Chapel is the smallest in Oxford and Cambridge, there were several connections with prominent people – for example Stephen Hawking was married there and Terry Waite lived in the college for a while after he returned from Beirut.

In all, we visited 43 chapels and churches and we both found the day most interesting. A lovely way for people to visit them and to raise money by sponsorship for Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. I certainly recommend it and we enjoyed it immensely!

Val Parsons and David Scott
St Mary & All Saints Church

Willingham Brownies

More Help Needed

Could you spare a couple of hours a week to help with Willingham Brownies? Since we re-opened in September, we have been really successful and are at the limit of how many girls we can have with only two leaders. Currently we have a waiting list and are looking for a third leader so we can increase our numbers to 24 girls.

If you, or if you know of anyone, who would like to join the leadership team, please let us know. It doesn't have to be as a uniformed leader (although that would be the ideal) but it could be as a unit helper. The unit helper role ranges from just coming to every unit meeting and helping supervise activities to taking a full part in the planning and organising of the Brownie programme. It doesn't usually involve much administration – unless that is your speciality and is something you would like to do. Please have a think and if you or anyone you know who would like to help us, then please contact us at 1stwillinghambrownies@gmail.com to arrange to come and have a chat with us.

Lynn and Linda
Brown Owl and Tawny Owl

WILLINGHAM GARDENING CLUB

Apology from The Editors

There was an error of attribution within the lovely photos of the Virtual Horticultural Show on page 12 of the October edition of *Willingham News*. Four photographs on the page had been submitted by Brenda and Melvyn Smith. Unfortunately, Melvyn's name was incorrectly spelt within the titles of these photographs, and we do apologise for this.

Coping with Climate Change.

The Gardening Club are pleased to be hosting the presentation by Nigel Start described below –

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- The self-service machine can be used to issue and return items.

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Second-Hand Book Sale – Saturday 6 November, 10 30 am to 12 noon

Thank you to everyone for supporting our book sales over the last few months. This will be the last one this year before our winter break, so stock up on your reading needs in time for those dark and chilly evenings! The sale will be held inside the library, so please come along and buy from our wide selection whilst enjoying the warmth of the library and, as always, a friendly welcome. The books are 50p each or three for £1. Exact change if possible, please. We will be following all the Library Service coronavirus guidelines.

Games Afternoon, Friday 5 November, 2 – 4pm

Scrabble is always popular but please feel free to bring along any other board games to share with the group. At our October session we had a very enjoyable time playing Rummikub as well as Scrabble. We are still restricted to 12 players at the moment, so please book your place in advance by emailing us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com. Regrettably, we won't be able to serve our usual refreshments, so please feel free to bring your own.

A Christmas Family Quiz, Thursday 2 December – Saturday 18 December

Quiz sheets will be available from the library free of charge throughout December. There will be a small reward for children returning the quiz to the library and a larger sweet reward for the family or families who get the highest scores. Further information will appear in the December magazine.

Cambridgeshire Libraries' News

Libraries Week in October

We asked Cambridgeshire Libraries' customers what libraries mean to them and are proud to share some of the heartfelt responses we've received:

- Fantastic free resource!
- My local library is a godsend to me.
- A life saver, especially during lockdown.
- An invaluable part of the community.
- Wonderful friendly and knowledgeable staff.
- A peaceful retreat.
- A huge help to my mental health through the difficult times of early parenthood.
- It has helped my children to discover the joy of reading.
- The first place to go when we move to a new community to start feeling part of it.

The Over Players Concert – Songs from the Shows Performances on 26 and 27 November

With all the uncertainty around, we made the tough decision not to produce a pantomime this year. However, not wanting to be beaten, we decided instead to put on a concert of popular songs from some of the big musicals we have performed over the years, such as *Fiddler on the Roof*, *My Fair Lady*, *Me and My Girl* and *The Sound of Music*.

There will be ample space around the hall and further measures will be put in place to ensure our audience's safety. We would love to have you join us!

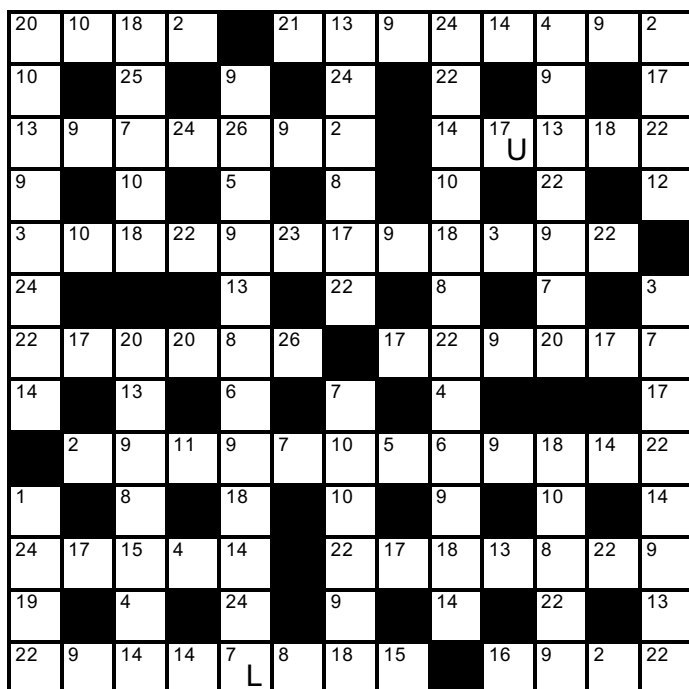
Performances are on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 November, starting at 8 pm.

The Venue is The Community Centre, Over and Tickets are priced at £6.00 per ticket.

The Box Office open now! For tickets please visit www.overplayers.uk.

Codeword By Willow

Answer on Page 13



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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Book Quiz

Answers on page 13

I was thinking of places you may have visited in the past or may go to in the future when we can. Can you guess the authors of these books?

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. <i>The Canterbury Tales</i> | 7. <i>Shopaholic Takes Manhattan</i> |
| 2. <i>The Chronicles of Narnia</i> | 8. <i>Round Ireland with a Fridge</i> |
| 3. <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> | 9. <i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> |
| 4. <i>Brooklyn</i> | 10. <i>Amsterdam</i> |
| 5. <i>The Mayor of Casterbridge</i> | |
| 6. <i>Salem's Lot</i> | |

Christine Lacey

Poem for NOVEMBER

November. A time to remember
those who were brave for us.
Let us pause in our daily life
as we quietly, softly remember.

November. The nights are cool
and there are colours in the sky.
Fireworks delighting children
on the fifth of November. Remember.

Christine Lacey



Young Readers' Corner

Remember, remember the Fifth of November, Gunpowder Treason and Plot

Do you know why we have fireworks and bonfires on the fifth of November each year? It is because on 5 November in 1605 a group of conspirators tried to blow up the English Parliament!! (They didn't succeed.)

Here is a quiz about the fifth of November

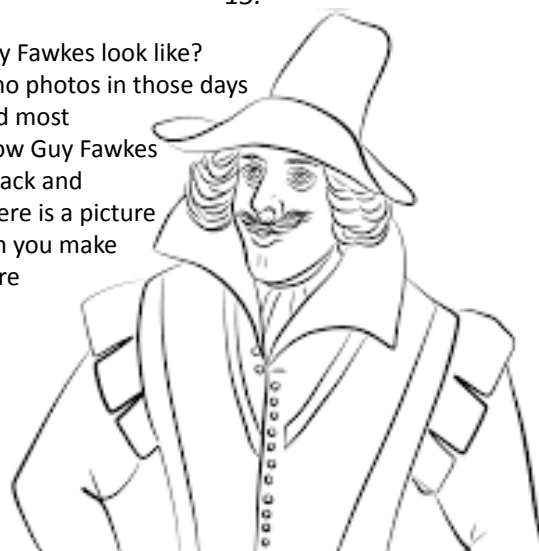


QUIZ

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| 1. How many years ago did they try to blow up Parliament?
a) 415
b) 416
c) 421 | 4. It is thought that they were probably first invented by accident. Do you know in which Country this was?
a) New Zealand
b) Belgium
c) China |
| 2. Robert Catesby was the leader of the conspirators but what was the name of the man who got the gunpowder and explosives ready?
a) Guy Fox
b) Guy Rope
c) Guy Fawkes | 5. There are big public firework displays in many Countries to welcome in the New Year. Do you know which Country is first to start their display?
a) South Korea
b) New Zealand
c) Norway. |
| 3. When were Fireworks were first invented?
a) About 2000 years ago
b) About 200 years ago
c) About 100 years ago | |

How did you get on?
The answers are on Page 13.

What did Guy Fawkes look like? There were no photos in those days of course and most paintings show Guy Fawkes dressed in Black and Dark Blue. Here is a picture to fill in – can you make him look more colourful?



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

Parish Council

The Parish Council has co-opted two new residents. They are Maedee Rogers and James Welton, who both not only have a keen interest in the village but also considerably reduce the average age of the Council. We welcome them both and look forward to their involvement.

We still have one Councillor vacancy following the resignation of Andrew Cook. Andrew has served on the Council for many years, including several as chairman and leading committees. Andrew brought a wealth of experience and knowledge of the village and its history, and this will be much missed. We wish him every success in the future.

Traffic

The Parish Council has had meetings with our MP, Lucy Frazer, together with the County Council Highways department regarding the traffic issues, particularly on the B1050, and discussed our proposals for the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid this year. Although the volume of traffic was greatly reduced during the lockdown periods, it is now back to near the previous levels. We have monitored the volumes and speed of vehicles along Earith Road and Station Road, in both 30 mph and 40 mph areas, and also along Rampton Road south of Newington. We discussed the results which showed that in all these locations speeds have averaged somewhat over the limit and highest speeds of over 100 mph were recorded.

Along Earith Road, construction of a footpath to the Community Orchard is scheduled to go ahead early next year. This will reduce the width of the highway to 6.2 metres, just above the legal minimum, and move the 30 mph signs slightly further out together with 40 mph signs to create a buffer zone. We will monitor the traffic to compare with previous results.

Our LHI bid this year will be to add road markings in various locations along the B1050 to create apparent narrow lanes to encourage lower speeds. We have also identified several locations in the village to plan for future bids. Depending on the development of our current proposals together with the orchard footpath, we will look at these options and decide which to progress further.

Public Transport

Our County Councillor's report highlights improved public transport schemes planned for Greater Cambridge. This will include longer operating hours and greater frequency. It also promises additional routes, but none appear to include Willingham. We have asked again that links to

Cottenham must be created. A frequent service to the local guided busway, as promised in the initial development proposals, seems to have been forgotten. Also, when the repairs to Shelford Road alongside the river have been completed, the route to Somersham could be reinstated.

Haden Way Development

Meetings have been held regarding the development of 64 homes south of Haden Way. Bill Handley, our District Councillor, together with members of the Parish Council, the CEO of SCDC, planning and enforcement officers have had separate meetings with representatives of the residents and with the developers, which were very informative. Ways of resolving issues were discussed and SCDC will present their conclusions within a week of the meetings.

(Editors' Note – There is a Reader's Letter and a further comment from the Council, specifically on this issue, on page 16 of this edition of *Willingham News*.)

Cemetery

Over time, the ground has sunk in various parts of the cemetery. Not only has this made maintenance difficult, including mowing the grass, but could be hazardous to visitors. Warning sign have been put in place. The Parish Council has approved works to remedy this which should take place in the near future. Also, the hedge on the northern boundary is to be cut back which should allow for several more burial plots, extending the life of the cemetery.

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, starting at 7 30 p.m. Agendas are published on the website and the notice board outside the Public Hall in the High Street. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details).

Council office details:

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Flu Vaccinations

We will be running flu clinics on **20 November** – for those aged under 65, who are eligible for a jab according to NHS criteria.

Please call Reception to book your vaccination as we are unable to offer online booking for these appointments. Please try wherever possible to avoid calling first thing in the morning or immediately after lunch as these are the peak times for our Reception staff.

COVID-19 Booster Vaccinations

COVID-19 booster vaccinations will be given in order of COVID-19 Priority Risk Groups (see below) and no less than 180 days after the patient's second vaccine. Patients will be called forward for their jab when it is their turn to receive the booster vaccine.

Priority Groups are Identified as Follows:

Priority Risk Group –

1. Residents in a care home for older adults and staff working in care homes for older adults
2. All those 80 years of age and over and frontline health and social care workers
3. All those 75 years of age and over
4. All those 70 years of age and over and clinically extremely vulnerable individuals (not including pregnant women and those under 16 years of age)
5. All those 65 years of age and over
6. Adults aged 16 to 65 years in an at-risk group
7. All those 60 years of age and over
8. All those 55 years of age and over
9. All those 50 years of age and over

Patients will be invited to book an appointment for their COVID-19 Booster using the National Booking System and will need to attend a Mass Vaccination Hub to receive it.

Patient Feedback

We have introduced patient feedback forms to be completed in person at the surgery or on our website after your telephone or face to face appointment.

Please take the time, if you can, to visit the patient survey section located at the bottom of our website homepage www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk or complete the form in person to leave us your constructive comments every time you visit or speak to the surgery.

This is your chance to give us your comments and suggestions and helps us to understand how we're doing

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 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Emergencies		4 00 – 6 00

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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

as a surgery. This will help us to offer you the best service we can.

Patient Participation Group

We will be re-launching our Patient Participation Group with a first meeting on **Tuesday 30 November** from 12 noon to 1 30 pm, which will take place online. We are looking for new members to join these sessions which are your chance as patients to give us feedback directly and help to shape the services we offer to the community. Meetings will take place every 8-12 weeks either online or in person at different times of day/evening and there is no need to commit to every session. If you would like more information or would like to be involved, please send an email, for the attention of Amy Wilson, to willinghammedicalpractice@nhs.net.

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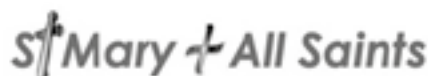
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Amy Wilson – Patient Engagement and Communications Officer

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Services in Church

14 November 10 50 am Remembrance Sunday Service
 (See below)
21 November 11 00 am Morning Worship
28 November 11 00 am Holy Communion

Remembrance Sunday Service

On Remembrance Sunday (**14 November**) we will gather around the War Memorial in the Cemetery together with representatives of the British Legion and other local organisations in time to observe the Two Minute Silence, remembering those who died in the two World Wars and other military conflicts since then. Depending on having favourable weather conditions, we will then remain around the Memorial for a short reflective Service of Remembrance. All are welcome.

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.

The Octagon

The Octagon is now back in use as a space for meetings and other gatherings as hiring restrictions can be steadily relaxed. A programme of refurbishment is now getting under way. 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

7 November	10 00 am	Family Worship
	6 00 pm	Evening Worship
14 November	10 00 am	Family Worship
	6 00 pm	Evening Worship
21 November	10 00 am	Café Church
	6 00 pm	Evening Worship
28 November	10 00 am	Prayer Walk
	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 children aged 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.

Men's Breakfast 20 November: 7 45 am for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Contact Pete Sacre for more information 01954 261655 or peetamin@gmail.com.

If you would like to join us at a gathering, Café Church or mid week reflection, please get in touch via secretary@willinghambaptist.org or phone 01954 263108 and we can send you the information you need.

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

This month's 'Thought for the Month'
 can be found on page 12.

Thought for the Month

I've just returned from a short Autumn Break in Torbay, where I appreciated the opportunity to visit new places and meet new people. I spent one day walking part of the South Devon Coastal Path and enjoyed some breath-taking views of rocky outcrops and secluded coves with sandy beaches. It reminded me that there are hidden gems to be found in every locality if we open our eyes and look around.

November is a month for being reminded, for remembrance. All Saints on the first, then comes 'Remember, remember, the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot', as we enjoy bonfires and fireworks (safely, I hope, at officially organised events); and Armistice Day on 11 November when we remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars and many other military conflicts since. It's important that we are reminded, so that we do not forget the past - but not so that we dwell there. We need to learn from our remembrance of times past and give thanks for those who sacrificed so much that we might live in freedom. We need to ensure that we don't repeat the mistakes of previous generations as we face challenges in our own day.

Memories can equally inspire us to follow in the footsteps of saints or great figures from former times, or our own ancestors whom we loved and admired but have now lost. Remembrance makes a difference to the present; but it achieves its real purpose when we allow it to change the way we see the future and affect the way we behave.

Memorable occasions don't need to be major events, though. Every day has the potential to be one to remember for positive reasons – see how many memories you can create this November to bring you long lasting delight.

The Revd Dr Janet E Tollington

Retired United Reformed Church Minister

Readers' Letters

Pilot's Lost Logbook

I have been looking after an elderly gentleman, Mr Jakes, for nearly 18 months. As a young man in his early 20s, he served in the RAF, flying as part of Bomber Command. Just recently, he's been talking about his Logbook, where he recorded details of all his 30 operations/tours. As I hope you will understand this would be something his daughter could treasure in the future.

I have looked all over the house for him but have not found it. His daughter tells me that he lent it to someone, but it was never returned.

I was hoping that someone had come across a Logbook belonging to a Mr Jakes and not known what to do with it. It would be lovely to reunite Mr Jakes with his Logbook, whilst he's in reasonable health.

If you have found the Logbook or have seen it somewhere, please contact *Willingham News* – I have left my phone number with the Editors.

Thank you

Mrs Arlene King

Editors' Note – if anyone can help re-unite Mr Jakes with his old Logbook – then please contact the Editors at willinghamnews@gmail.com.

The Proposed Extension of the 30 mph Speed Limit on the Earith Road

The Community Orchard is an area used by local families with young children. People wanting to walk to the Orchard from the village currently have to use paths past private homes for safety. There is no safe public path or pavement to the Orchard. The proposals to extend the 30 mph speed limit should have brought a benefit to both the walkers and mobility scooter users, by making the road safer, and residents by giving them more privacy.

I am disappointed to see this golden opportunity to improve the lives of all villagers and the residents of the Earith Road has been missed. In particular, the re-instating of road calming measures, removed some four years ago, is not reflected in the proposal. Not that they were very effective, but at least they had shown that the council recognised there was a problem.

Speeding traffic will not be eased by the improvement to this very small patch of road. There is a real danger to young children and elderly people using the very narrow, uneven and poorly maintained paths. Why not build road calming measure into this extension?

I am delighted that the council is at last looking at improving the lives of the villagers and the residents of the Earith Road, but why do so little? At a time when we should all be trying to refrain from using cars, please give us the security of being able to use the pavements into the village in safety.

Mrs M Tumber

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Old Willingham



I have to eat humble-pie this month. In August we had a picture of Church Street by the Baker and I said 'none of these buildings remain today'. I was corrected by Lou and Pete Evans as follows:

'The right hand part of the thatched house with upper windows and

the house next door became what is now 5 Church Street, where we now live. No 3, seems to have been built later and apparently replaced the low thatched building. There is now an alley way between No 3 and No 5, replacing the left most part of the taller thatched building. No 5 was also a Baker at one time, and had a chimney which we think is the paler of the two chimneys in the photo. We have a brick floor and large oak beam in one of the front rooms which has absolutely no foundations. According to the deeds that part predates 1850, that being as far back as records go.'

The lower part of the photo shows the house that was constructed out of the old ones. You can see how the door and windows are in the same places. I could be excused for not knowing this, especially as it looks even more different today. Thank you to Lou and Pete for this interesting history.

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com.

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

Willingham Photography Club

We are now meeting again in person at the Baptist Church, where we will continue to aim to learn more about photography and to enjoy ourselves.

There is a monthly assignment and photos are submitted at the meeting for consideration and feedback from our resident professional photographer.

The theme for November is Country or City

All photographs should be submitted at the meeting on **15 November**.

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 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

Notes From An Impatient Parent In Lockdown

I don't know about you but, after the time we've all been having, I've found it helpful to 'count my COVID blessings' – to list the good things which might not have happened, or might not have happened so quickly, without the trials and tribulations of the pandemic. Topping the table in our house are all the walks in and out of Willingham village, which we've started to explore as a remedy for the Lockdown Blues.

We live in a remarkably lovely part of England. Sharing this scenery with our daughters, aged six and three, helped keep me vaguely sane when Mummy was away at the NHS frontline. Since, for young children, there's only so much excitement to be got out of a picturesque bank of meadow crane's-bill (and all those other wildflowers which have the temerity not to be a fully-loaded blackberry bush), word games play a big part in our walks and ramblings. Here are two firm favourites:

The first is called **WRONG ANSWERS ONLY!** 'What colour is the sky?' asks Player One loudly. 'Wrong answers only and no pause for thought.' The other players' answers must be immediate and unambiguously wrong. 'What is the capital of England?' 'Where does the Queen live?' 'What noise do wolves make?' This last one works best with an especially excitable crowd of youngsters. If passers-by stop and stare, you're doing it right. Interspersed with the occasional 'RIGHT ANSWER PLEASE!' you've got at least five to ten minutes of noisy focus to get you through that last muddy furlong before reaching the sweets counter at the One Stop Shop. Points are not automatically deducted for vulgarity, but unoriginality is a keelhauling offence.

The second game is a memory game. Player One begins, 'Once upon a time there was a...'. The other players shout out suggestions for a main character at a volume that would not be socially acceptable trackside at a speedway fixture. Player One repeats the line, 'Once upon a time there was a princess called...'. More shouted suggestions, one of which Player One incorporates into the narrative, 'Once upon a time there was a princess called Snot who lived... 'in a puddle!' 'under a bridge!' 'on the moon!' At each new addition Player One must return to the start AND tell the whole story without forgetting or muddling any of the details until Princess Snot and her Moon Monkeys have found all the treasure and returned it to her castle made of crisps and strawberries where they can all live happily ever after.

And if those don't work there's always Disney.

Dan Lentell

Codeword Solution

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

Book Quiz Answers

1 Geoffrey Chaucer, 2 C.S. Lewis, 3 William Shakespeare, 4 Colm Toibin, 5 Thomas Hardy, 6 Stephen King, 7 Sophie Kinsella, 8 Tony Hawks, 9 Robert James Waller, 10 Ian McEwan.

Young Readers' Corner Quiz Answers

1 416, 2 Guy Fawkes, 3 2,000, 4 China, 5 New Zealand.

The Advent Adventure

24 windows, 24 days
Theme: Recycled Nativity

Big Light Switch On and Parade

This year on **Wednesday 1 December** at 6 30 pm we will hopefully (!) gather at 41 High Street for the Big Light Switch On. We also plan to show this live on Facebook too! We will then parade to the Baptist Church on George Street. You can make your own lantern or bring along LED candles, lights or torches. Please bring drums, bells and whistles to make a loud noise!

In Person and Live Streamed Window Unveiling

At around 6 45 pm we will gather at the Baptist Church and also live stream on Facebook the unveiling of the first Advent window.

In Person and Live Streamed Juke Box Carols

On arrival at the Baptist Church mulled wine and refreshments will be served (Covid restrictions permitting) and there will be a chance to choose your favourite carol to sing!! We will then sing the 'Top Five' carols chosen by you and also stream this live on Facebook so you can join in at home if you prefer.

Our Eco-Friendly Theme

We wanted to make some links with the Willingham Plastics Pledge, so this year all the windows will be created from recycled or eco-friendly materials. Why not do your bit this Christmas too and sign the pledge? For more details see www.willinghamlife.org/take-the-willingham-plastics-pledge.

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

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

There are still a few days left for you to send in your Christmas Greetings to friends and neighbours in the village.

Then sit back and we will do the rest!
For £10 (all of which will go to **East Anglia Children's Hospice**) you can have a small box in the December issue.

Email your greeting to willinghamnews@gmail.com or leave it at the library, addressed to *Willingham News*.

Cheques should be made payable to **East Anglia Children's Hospice** and can be posted through the door at 54 High Street.

Hurry you need to do this by
8 November

Wildflower Areas and Pollinators

I have attended some meetings led by ACRE, which focussed on 'New Life On The Old West' – the Old River Ouse north of us – and found that there was a lot to learn about our friends the pollinators. Basically, all flying insects help spread pollen. It was a surprise to learn that Hoverflies visit the highest percentage of crops. There are Latin names for each group of creatures but basically apart from Hoverflies, other key insects in order are Blowflies, then Ants, Butterflies and Moths, Potter Wasps, House Flies, Wasps and Ladybugs.

Nectar attracts the insects with a yummy scent and flavour but nectar in flowers is actually an energy source for the insects. Then the pollen itself is taken in various ways back to the young and their eggs for protein. Flower forms also are key for each little creature. Some have tubular shapes needing insects with a long tongue (or proboscis), to dive into the base of that flower, while others have a flatter shape more suitable for insects with smaller mouthparts. Thus, it is important to have a good variety of flowers for all: no discrimination!

As we try to help our pollinators there must be a ground connection between these tasty flowers too. It isn't good for little insects to have to fly such a long way across massive fields between meals as it is exhausting. Therefore, we are trying to find ways to link our whole area with patches and corridors of flowering plants. Not only do these areas have to be connected, but they need to have the variety of flowers which give pollen for a longer season. The experts appreciate that we humans don't really like the three rogues – Nettles, Dock and Thistles, so they are trying to focus on replacing them with alternatives which will give good food and cover for wildlife, ideally from February until December. A Meadow Mix may cost a bit, but it consists of about 25 different seed varieties. If they are mixed with sand they spread more evenly and they will be better spaced when they land, which is helpful if children are involved in the sowing! Apologies but those Dandelions are the first delicious useful flowers for pollinators, a tricky call for gardeners I agree.

Generally, the message for preparation of the ground is this – in the late autumn cut the patch very short, then 'scarify' (scrape down with a strong rake to disturb grass roots), clear every bit of rubbish into the green bin, and then seed your patch with a wild meadow flower mix. This gives the seeds space and time to gather moisture, settle down and flourish in the spring. A gentle light cut later in the season will allow flowers to regrow.

The Parish Council have plans to reseed the large Nettle filled strip in our QEII field which is exciting. Visit the website: www.newlifeoldwest.org.uk for events and more information, you will discover Willingham is right in the middle of this amazing River and Fen project.

Valerie McKee



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The Hayden Way Development

Introduction

We have received several letters from Readers in respect of this development and all levels of local Government have become involved in issues raised. Accordingly, *Willingham News* thought that it would be helpful to show a sample letter and a response from the Parish Council separately from other Readers' Letters and Council Reports.

Reader's Letter

The following letter is representative of letters received by *Willingham News*

Dear Editors

Illegal Pile Driving on the Hayden Way/Westmere Site

I consider that illegal pile driving took place on the Westmere site (behind 64 Haden Way) between 30 August and the 7 September, which seemed to us, akin to a physical assault in our own home. To add insult to injury, every time we complained to the site or at the developers' office, they claimed that they were working within Council agreed limits of noise and vibration. They would not double check the position. They carried on with this unsupportable approach until written evidence was found by the residents of Haden Way that SCDC actually declined them the authorisation to pile on the 15 September, therefore a week after they finished their handy job! We have recorded video evidence of all this.

The noise nuisance coming from the site has been constant. From 8 am (or even earlier some days) to 4 pm we have to cope with the more or less constant loud noises from site machines, the loud revving of diesel engines, the ringing sound of diggers clearing their buckets by banging them on the ground, and on the rare occasions when it is quiet enough to venture in the garden or open a window, the loud music blaring from site radios.

We have been trying to be civil and communicate with people on site and at Brampton valley office, but the answers we received from all sources appeared to us to be incorrect when it came to the legality of the pile driving. Since the Council issued a breach of condition notice to the site, the only time they are

silent is when it comes to responding to our concerns; it seems to us that they choose to ignore us totally.

My wife is still recovering from recent surgery and is trying to start working again from home. But this is proving almost impossible due to the constant noise pollution coming from our neighbours on the Westmere site. The constant noise not only disturbs our life at home causing us undue stress and tiredness, it also impacts on our ability to work and earn a living. We hope that the meeting with SCDC officials will prove to be fruitful.

Didier Beaugrand

Parish Council Response To Letters From Concerned Parishioners About The Haden Way Development

The Parish Council have also been very concerned about the issues that residents have been facing during the initial stages of the development and have made representation to the District Council on a number of occasions to request that enforcement officers ensure that the development is undertaken within the constraints of the planning approval.

Whilst the pursuit for compensation by affected parishioners is a civil matter between individual residents and the developers, the Council will continue to support and work with SCDC in its efforts to ensure that the developers respond to residents' concerns and comply with all applicable planning conditions.

Our District Councillor has worked hard to try and resolve the numerous issues raised and has escalated these concerns to the highest level within SCDC. The Parish Council would like to thank him for all his efforts thus far and hope that these efforts will ensure the developers respond responsibly and transparently to the issues and requests for information.

The Parish Council will continue to monitor this situation closely and work with our District Councillor and SCDC officers as appropriate to try and ensure a positive outcome for the residents of Haden Way.

Parish Council

District Councillors' Report

Grant Scheme for Young People

A new grant aimed at providing funds for projects that support children and young people has just opened. £38,000 is available through the scheme for projects which help to empower children and young people, helping them to build self-belief and make a positive difference to themselves and their community. Organisations that are independently set-up for charitable or social benefit (including Parish Councils) can apply for grants of between £4,000 and £8,000.

Universal Credit: Available Support

The £20 per week increase to Universal Credit, introduced by the Government in response to the pandemic, officially ended on 6 October. Residents in financial difficulty should contact SCDC soon as possible to discuss the support that may be provided. There are a range of options available and you can find more detail at www.tinyurl.com/3vjkmcdx.

Local Plan Consultation to Start in November

Residents are being encouraged to comment on the First Proposals for the new Local Plan. The public consultation starts on **1 November** and runs for 6 weeks until **13 December**. Your views will help to shape the final plan and will eventually set out how Greater Cambridge will develop over the next 20 years.

The proposals at this stage include 19 new sites for homes and business space, with the majority of extra development proposed for North East Cambridge and the Cambridge Airport site.

The proposals have been praised for their ambitious approach to meeting the environmental challenges facing the area. The plan states that without urgent action on new sources of water supply by the water industry and central government the number of new homes will have to be reduced.

Your views are crucial and welcomed – please take the time to comment. More details can be found at www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/localplan.

Afghanistan Refugees

Five more homes for families from Afghanistan are being put forward by SCDC as part of its response to the international crisis, in addition to the homes for three families announced in August, SCDC's plan is to house around 40 refugees.

Bill Handley and Dawn Percival

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Best Newcomers: Mr Tony and Mrs Penny Marrone, who took over their plot in 2020. It is pure delight to see what they have managed to grow this year- their Dahlias are a joy to behold!

Congratulations to the winners and also to all the allotment holders. Thanks have to go to the Judges who were very impressed with both sites saying that competition was very fierce. I will be emailing the judges' comments to the allotment holders later.

I personally would like to say a special thanks to both Pete Cornish and Brian Jarvis, who are themselves allotment holders, and are so helpful to other allotment holders. Their enthusiasm, assistance and terrible jokes keep me going and make it a real pleasure to work alongside them. Mind you, my heart misses a beat when I hear the immortal words..... 'Sue, we have been thinking.....'

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Mon 1 Nov	<i>Coping with Climate Change</i> with Nigel Start	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, p6
Wed 3 Nov	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p9
Fri 5 Nov	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p7
Sat 6 Nov	Second-Hand Book Stall	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p7
Mon 8 Nov	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 8 Nov	<i>The Puppet Lady</i> with Angela Collins	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Fri 12 Nov	Live Music from Graham Buxton	Social Club	Social Club	willinghamsocialclub.com
Sun 14 Nov	Act of Remembrance	Royal British Legion	War Memorial Parish Church	10 50 am, see p5
Mon 15 Nov	Theme: <i>Country or City</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p13
Sat 20 Nov	Men's Breakfast	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Wed 24 Nov	Mixed Craft Group	Women's Institute	Baptist Church	10 am – 4 30 pm, see p6
Fri 26 Nov	Live Music – Reggae & Ska	Social Club	Social Club	willinghamsocialclub.com
Fri/Sat 26/27 Nov	Songs from the Shows	Over Players	Over Community Day Centre	8 pm, see p7
Tue 30 Nov	Patient Participation Group Meeting	Surgery	Online	12 noon – 1 30 pm, see p10
Wed 1 Dec	Big Light Switch On & Parade	Baptist Church	From 41 High Street	6 30 pm, see p14

The History of Scrabble and Monopoly

As the Games Afternoon at the Library has restarted we wondered about the origins of a couple of our favourite board games. In 1933, during the depression, a jobless architect from New York, Alfred Mosher Butts, invented a game that merged anagrams and crossword puzzles into a scoring word game he called Lexiko. It was refined to become Criss Cross Words. But game manufacturers weren't interested. Then Butts met a game-loving entrepreneur, James Brunot and together they refined the rules and design and renamed it **Scrabble**; it was trademarked in 1948. In 1949, 2,400 sets were made at a loss of \$450. Then in the early 1950s, the president of Macy's department store discovered the game and ordered some for his store. Within a year **Scrabble** was a must-have family game. It is sold in 121 countries and is available in more than 30 languages. About 150 million sets have been sold worldwide; it was first sold in the UK in 1954 and now half of British homes have a **Scrabble** set.

The story of **Monopoly** is a sadly typical one for female inventors. The game was invented in 1903 by an American woman, Lizzie Magie, who was trying to explain a theory about tax. She called it the Landlord's Game and took out a patent. In 1932, an out-of-work man, Charles Darrow, played the game at a friend's house. He decided to make his own version and sold it to Parker Brothers. He told them he had invented it out of boredom. He and the games company made millions. Parker Brothers eventually learned the truth about the original inventor, Lizzie Magie, and bought her copyright for a pittance. For years she was never mentioned in relation to the game. **Monopoly** has been sold in 114 countries and translated into 47 languages. About 275 million sets have been sold, including over 300 different versions – changing the traditional London setting to other locations and themes; we now have the Cambridge version of **Monopoly**!



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