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Wednesday 5 January **Black**

Tuesday 10 January **Blue**

Monday 17 January **Black**

Saturday 22 January **Blue and Green**

Friday 28 January **Black**

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Old Willingham

One of the fixtures of winter in Willingham used to be skating on the frozen fen at Earith. The shallow flooding of the fens made perfect and safe skating when it froze over - as it did every year. It was the place for families but also for competition as speed skating and course skating races were held with national level skaters. Here we see the Rule family (who used to own Berrycroft Stores) out on the ice. Competitive skating races were last held in 2010 and regular freezing is now a thing of the past.

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.



We have subsequently learnt that it is Geoff Rule's father Frank wearing the cap at the back of the photo with his Uncle Ron in the foreground holding cousin Chris. Geoff's cousin Jane is in the middle of the photo and his sister Sue is on the left.

See opposite for article about locals speed skating on the fen.

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Ice Skating on the Fen

Talking to friends Kathy and Keith Elsome over coffee about this month's Old Willingham photo has set in motion several phone calls and prompted me to find out a little more about this sport and the impact it has had on many of our locals. Keith suggested I should speak to George Harding who used to regularly participate in the sport of speed skating. 'Everyone went out skating as soon as they could tie on a pair of fen runners,' George told me. The last race he participated in was at Sutton Gault. He hung up his skates and sold them to Mel Scrivener in 1999 when he had his hip replaced. Mel Scrivener still has George's skates and takes them out each year to check them over. Mel and his father used to skate at Wicken Fen whenever possible. Later when Mel met Pat they used to regularly skate on either Mere or Bury Fen when the conditions were right. Pat's father also used to skate on Mere Fen and so she was brought up skating on the fen as were many children in the surrounding villages. 'It was just a way of life in those days with the bad winters,' Pat told me.

George then suggested I speak to Rodney Hayden who, he said, was a much better and more successful skater than he was. Rodney wasn't available but his wife, Sue, told me that as Willingham and the surrounding villages were predominately agricultural areas, if there was a bad winter and the land couldn't be worked, everybody used to skate. 'There wasn't much else you could do'. Rodney himself began skating in the early 1950s but it was already a well-established winter sport by then. The keen skaters used to hope for a hard winter and without mobiles relied on the 'jungle drums' to spread the word that Mere Fen at Swavesey or Bury Fen towards Bluntisham were frozen.

Sue also told me that when her daughter was at the primary school, the then Headmaster, used to allow her to have the odd afternoon off when the fens were frozen. A skater himself, he said you had to grab the time when the conditions were right! It could be village hearsay Sue said, but it was thought that people also used to skate on Long Pond in Rampton Road and also on an area of land that is now Brickhills. Apparently people have also been known to skate with tilley lamps.

Other names which came up in various conversations were Reggie Parker and his son Stephen who became very successful at the sport, winning various competitions, David (Duggie) Smith, Ray Manning and Geoff Rule, all of whom were very keen speed skaters. Geoff Rule's family feature in the 'Old Willingham' photo opposite Geoff still has his set of speed skaters but participated for fun rather than getting involved in competitions.

The Fen Skating Association still meets annually but the last time Bury Fen was skated on would be about 11 years ago. For conditions to be right a frost is needed for several successive nights. Will it happen this year?

There must be many locals who also used to enjoy this sport. We would love to hear from you if you used to participate in speed skating. Have you still got your 'fen runners'? Send your story to us at willinghamnews@gmail.com.

Manderson Trust

The Manderson Trust was initially set up by Denis Manderson to allow disabled and less able-bodied fishermen and women easy access to a fishing lake. The complex consists of several friendly and accessible lakes in Over and is open to everyone who enjoys fishing, whether as a day-ticket, season ticket or family membership.

In turbulent times the Trust has continued to provide a haven of calm. A place to sit, think, take in a bit of nature and unwind.

September finally saw the installation of a double fishing platform on Lake Five. Now an angler and carer can fish together in comfort.

If you know of a group or organisation that would benefit from the facilities we can offer, please contact us.

Annual membership is £60 but only £30 for OAPs and £15 for Juniors 13–18. We also offer night fishing for a £25 supplement to annual membership. As always, registered disabled members fish for free.

The Manderson Trust.

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Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 10 January** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and our speaker will be Kate Kirk on *My Amazing Aunt: Cicely Saunders and the Modern Hospice Movement*.

Kate is Chair of Trustees at the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity having been a trustee there for nine years, Vice Chair for two, and a volunteer for 11 years. As a niece of Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern hospice movement, she has a lifelong knowledge of the sector, so we are looking forward to a very interesting talk.

Mixed Craft Group

The group meets 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.

Spot the Difference

There are fewer pages in this issue which is often the case at this time of year. We would love to hear stories, news or ideas for articles from readers so don't be shy. Get in touch with us.

Have you spotted the subtle difference to this issue? If so please get in touch with us at the usual address (it isn't the number of pages!). No prizes but the first person to email in will have the accolade of being the first to do so! It will also be interesting for us to see how many readers notice the difference.

Willingham Gardening Club

OVER THE GARDEN FENCE:

Our December talk, *Coping with Climate Change*, given by Nigel Start was well received. Climate change affects us all with the extremes of weather it brings. Nigel's talk looked at ways we can adapt our gardening techniques to create more resilient gardens that we can continue to enjoy. The talk considered potential winners and losers in the types of plants we grow as well as giving a very knowledgeable insight into the difficulties facing gardeners today, and in the future. Strategies were suggested to help in garden planning, looking after the soil, watering, coping with pests, and the selection of plants better able to cope with our changeable weather.

As usual, there will be no meeting in January.

Tips to Keep you Busy Over the Next Few Weeks

Have a good sort out in your shed – wash pots and trays, clean tools, and try and find a space to hang up the larger items. Clean lawn mowers and strimmers.

Houseplant leaves can become dusty like any other surface in the house. This will reduce the amount of light getting to them, especially in the darker months. Use cotton wool dipped in water to gently clean the leaves. Remember to water plants more often in dry centrally heated rooms over the winter months.

Keep an eye on outside plants in pots and troughs as they too can easily dry out over the winter if there is little rain. Keep pots raised off the ground to prevent water logging and if we have very cold weather and the water in the pot freezes you could lose your plants.

Remember to serve up a treat for our garden birds. Make sure that their drinking/bath water containers are kept clean and ice free.

Check trees, flowers and shrubs on a regular basis. Strong winds can damage and untether climbers, so keep them securely attached to supports. Ensure tree ties, stakes and guards are securely in place and not biting into the bark, and gently re-firm the soil around the root ball if frost heave looks to have lifted new plantings.

Willingham Combined Charities

Allotments

A few years ago we created smaller allotments of five metres square for those who might like to try growing vegetables and or flowers but are slightly tentative or short on time. These have proved very successful and we have had to create more, to date we have 17 as some of the allotment holders are now moving on to larger plots.

We now have a few that are available for rent. These do not come up often so if you are interested please do get in touch.

If you would like to get involved but don't feel you can take on the responsibility of a plot, please contact me as I might be able to help.

Sue Ayling

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East Anglia Children's Hospice

For several years now we have invited readers to place their Christmas greetings in a box in *Willingham News* and in doing so to donate to our chosen charity, East Anglia Children's Hospice (EACH). This year we donated £140 and to date we have raised £714 for this very worthy charity which helps children and young people with life threatening conditions and their families, across Cambridgeshire, to receive specialist care and vital support free of charge. For children like Erin and her family, this means spending time at the hospice making memories and enjoying activities which wouldn't be possible at home.

'Erin's condition now is that her kidneys are only functioning at 10% – dialysis isn't an option as her heart would not stand it. We are just living day to day, enjoying the time we have together and living life as much as we can' – Erin's mum.

There are three hospices in East Anglia, including the one in Milton. Anyone who has visited will know what incredible, inspiring places they are, full of love, fun and positivity. Both the staff and volunteers do an amazing job. In addition, EACH also cares for families in their own homes – something so important for so many.

Found

Found, a lovely child's scarf outside our house in Church Street. We put it on the wall for a few days but it just stayed there. I have now brought it in and washed it. It is a lovely cat scarf with the initials 'ML' hand written on the label.

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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 **January** is *A Night Shot (Without Flash)*. This is a continuation from December and members are invited to submit three images.

All photographs should be submitted at the meeting on **17 January**.

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 for new members. We will be taking subscriptions from existing members at the January meeting.

If you have any further questions, please contact: Steve Harding
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In the meantime, do have a look at our website on
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The British School Trust

The Trustees wish everyone in Willingham, especially its young people and the teachers of our children, a safe, successful 2022.

The Trustees held a face-to-face meeting in October 2021. Valerie McKee and Brenda Mansfield were welcomed to that meeting as two newly nominated Parish Council representatives. Following consideration by the Trustees, applications which had been made by five young people from Willingham, about to start their undergraduate degree programmes were funded. The Trustees also decided to fund an application from the Primary School to support the costs of implementing the newly adopted *Ark Mathematics Mastery* programme and an application from Cottenham Village College for funding to support activities and resources enhancing its Geography curriculum. A small grant was also made to Willingham Youth Trust to support the purchase of video consoles and games for use in the re-instated Youth Club.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be **21 January**. The Trustees will be pleased to consider and would encourage applications for funding if:

- you are a young person who has recently started a university or further education course and have encountered unexpected costs associated with your course such as equipment, field trips and reading lists.
- you are the representative of a Willingham community group seeking funds to support an educational project.

Applications are also welcome from the governors and staff of the local schools attended by Willingham's children.

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Book Quiz

Answers on page 14.

As it is January I have chosen books with the word snow, ice or winter in the title. Find the authors while you are keeping warm.

1. *The Snow Queen*
2. *The Snow Goose*
3. *The Snowman*
4. *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*
5. *Ice Station Zebra*
6. *Light on Snow*
7. *The Winter Ghosts*
8. *A Song of Ice and Fire (A Game of Thrones)*
9. *The Snowman*
10. *The Winter's Tale*

Christine Lacey

Poem for January

Welcome to a new year,
the old one safely gone.
Look forward, smiling,
to all that it may bring.

Say hello to January
and embrace it everyone.
A new start, new hope,
come let your heart sing.

Christine Lacey

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Young Readers' Corner

January J Word Quiz

Answers on page 14.

All the words begin with the letter J

1. The name of a character associated with frosty weather
2. Something you might spread on toast
3. A precious stone
4. The name given to riding trousers
5. A word to describe a young person
6. The title of a nonsense poem written by Lewis Carroll
7. The name given to casual trousers usually made of denim
8. A light spear thrown as a weapon or in an athletic field event
9. An area overgrown with trees and other vegetation
10. Someone who is authorized to make decisions brought before a court
11. A mass of things mingled together without order
12. Someone who can keep several objects in motion in the air at the same time

I wonder if it will be cold enough during January for some snow? Try colouring this snowman or better still draw your own snowman and send in your picture to willinghamnews@gmail.com.



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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New Year Greetings, to all residents of Willingham, from your Parish Council.

Councillor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a new Councillor. If you would like to apply then contact Mandy Powell, our Parish Clerk, (details below). Applications need to be in by 12 noon, on **4 January**.

We shall not be having Parish Council Elections in 2022, as following the Northstowe Governance Review, elections were held early in 2021. The next Parish Council election will be due in 2026. Our councillors have been elected for five years.

Due to the Christmas holidays, the next Parish Council Meeting, will be held on **Wednesday 12 January**, 7 30 pm in the Octagon.

Barton Field

As previously reported, following the granting of a 'Zero Carbon' grant, work is underway, planting a hedge and preparing an area for a 'Wild flower' space.

Cemetery

Hedge work, is being carried out on the North East boundary, to reduce the thickness.

Reclaimed ground is being prepared for grassing, in order to provide some more burial plots.

Budget

The Parish Council, after much debate, has agreed an 11% uplift, in the Precept for 2022/23.

This is caused by the Council being required to undertake more and more work, some through legislation and some through work being delegated. The Council did not wish to take this action, but found itself with little choice in balancing the books. Money will still have to be taken from reserves. The uplift for a Band D property will be 17p per week, or £9 per year.

Bus Network Upgrade Proposal for Greater Cambridge

In November/December, the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) ran a survey on its proposals for 'major improvements to our bus network through more frequent, more reliable services', which actually leave Willingham worse off. Your Parish Council registered a strong protest and encouraged residents to do the same. Our current direct Bus Service 5 to Cambridge is replaced by a rural hourly bus, on a loop connecting Swavesey, Papworth Everard, Bar Hill, Longstanton and villages in between. There are no direct links to any urban centre or Cottenham, or to the Sixth Form colleges in Cambridge. Cottenham by contrast, has a service to Cambridge every 10 minutes, with an express bus once an hour.

The consultant's report on which the proposal is based almost completely disregards Willingham. It is missing from the map showing the existing bus network and from the majority of the

maps showing details of the new proposals. We have proposed that some buses (say two an hour) are diverted from the Busway, as originally promised, to provide direct links to Cambridge and St Ives. Alternatively, we need a frequent feeder service to the Busway.

County Councillor Neil Gough attended our last Council meeting, on 1 December. This gave Councillors an opportunity to express our concerns to him about this proposal. It seems that the GCP group, overseeing improvements to bus services, had outsourced the work to a Consultancy.

When the agenda for the groups next meeting is published, we can forward questions relating them to specific items on this agenda.

Cycleway's Consultation

The GCP is also looking at upgrading the 'Cycleways' network, and has produced a report on responses to a survey held in the summer. The Parish Council had responded that we only have one inadequate shared-use cycleway and needed more.

There are numerous comments in the report on the need for more links between rural locations and to education centres, and we will continue to press that this is taken into account in the final proposals.

Dog Walking

We are conscious of the ongoing demand from dog owners, for some central open space, where vehicles can be parked, and dogs allowed to roam safely off their leads. Unfortunately, we do not have any such space, nor have we been able to purchase, rent, or lease any. If you know of anyone that is prepared to offer land for this use, then please let us know.

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 pm. Agendas are published on the website, the notice board outside the Public Hall and in the Library and will give details of the venue.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details).

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Happy New Year

Willingham and Longstanton Surgeries would like to wish all our patients a very Happy New Year!

Staff Changes

Lynda Few retired at the end of December after 30 years working in the Longstanton Dispensary. We would like to thank Lynda for all her hard work and years of dedicated service looking after the needs of patients in Longstanton and beyond.

Rhea Brown will be our new Dispensary Manager at Longstanton. Rhea has worked with Lynda in the Dispensary for a number of years and we wish her all the best in her new role.

Dr Gilbert left for her maternity leave in December, her clinics will be taken over by Dr Bhandari until she returns.

COVID Testing

All patients will need to have a negative PCR test before they attend the surgery with any COVID related symptoms. This includes cough, high temperature, chest infection/URTI, colds or flu.

Receptionists will not be able to book patients displaying these symptoms in for an appointment until a COVID test has been carried out and patients will only be allowed to visit the surgery in person upon presenting proof of a negative test result. This applies to all patients regardless of vaccination status.

Colds and winter bugs can mostly be treated at home with rest and medications from your pharmacy. If possible, make sure you stay away from babies, young children and vulnerable adults until you are better.



How to treat a cold yourself at home, and get better quicker

- rest and sleep
- keep warm
- drink plenty of water (fruit juice or squash mixed with water is OK) to avoid dehydration
- visit a pharmacy for basic medications; a pharmacist can advise you on the best medication



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We're aware patients may have experienced longer wait times on the phone or for their appointment, but we have been working hard to ensure you receive the right treatment from the right person at the right time. We have increased the number of telephone and online appointments available,

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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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Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
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so our patients don't always have to come to the practice. We also employ a range of highly trained staff, including doctors, nurses, pharmacists and healthcare assistants who are able to deal with a range of medical conditions, which will help patients get treated sooner.

Whether your appointment is over the telephone, via an online video consultation, or face-to-face, patients will always receive the same high quality standard of care from our practice team. So please, if you contact our practice, be kind.

Thank you for your patience and support.

COVID Booster Jabs

At the time of writing the Government is expanding the booster programme to all adults over the age of 18 with all those eligible being offered a top up jab by the end of January as well as halving the gap between doses to protect people more quickly. Booster jabs must be booked through the national booking service at www.nhs.uk/book-a-coronavirus-vaccination.

Appointment Attendance

104 appointment slots were missed between 1 and 30 November 2021. This means **104 booked appointments** went unattended by patients. This equates to 21 hours of wasted clinical time.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP YOUR BOOKED APPOINTMENT OR TELEPHONE CALL. Failure to attend appointments puts added pressure on the NHS.

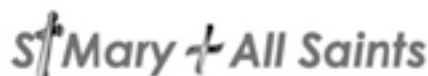
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Carers

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.

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Services in Church

9 January 11 00 am Morning Worship
23 January 11 00 am Holy Communion
30 January 11 00 am Candlemas Service

Other Services

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

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

Candlemas

Our Candlemas service is held a few days before Candlemas Day itself, which is on **2 February**. At this time Christians remember the moment, 40 days after Christmas, when the baby Jesus is presented by his parents in the Temple.

Traditionally it became the day when the candles that were to be used in Church in the coming year, were brought into Church and blessed. So it became known as Candlemas Day.

This year we will reflect upon this rite of passage with candlelight, music, readings and prayer.

Sale of Christmas Items

Our **Christmas Fayre** was held at the Church on **4 December**. Many villagers came along and were able to buy produce of all sorts and to collect pre-ordered Christmas decorations and similar items. Tea and coffee were served in the Octagon to provide a chance for a rest and a chat. Most of the produce and decorations were sold with all proceeds going to Church funds – a big thank you to everyone who organised the event, produced goods for sale, provided the refreshments or came along for their Christmas purchases for making this such a successful and enjoyable event.

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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.



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Services

Sunday 2 January

10 00 am Morning Worship
 6 00 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 9 January

10 00 am Morning Worship
 6 00 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 16 January

10 00 am Morning Worship
 10 00 am Café Church on Zoom
 6 00 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 23 January

10 00 am Morning Worship
 6 00 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 30 January

10 00 am Morning Worship
 10 00 am Café Church on Zoom
 6 00 pm Evening Worship

Events

Café Church: Café Church is an informal style of church with interviews, games, chat, quizzes, films and crafts. Join us for 45 minutes of fun and interaction from the comfort of your own lounge! Please contact: secretary@willinghambaptist.org for the Zoom link.

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. A 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 15 January at 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.

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

Update from Lucy Frazer

I met over recent months with the Parish Council, the police and the County Council to discuss concerns raised with me by constituents about speeding on the B1050 through Willingham. I have seen data from the Parish Council's speed loggers which indicates that on average nearly 70% of vehicles are exceeding the 30mph limits.

The Parish Council have submitted a bid for work to emphasise the change in speed limit on entering the village and to narrow the appearance of the road through the village, which should deter speeding and overtaking.

As discussed during our meetings, I am in full support of the Council's bid and hope that these measures will improve road safety for my constituents in Willingham.

I have been proud to recognise those in our communities that have gone above and beyond to help others throughout the pandemic: collecting medication and groceries, to looking out for elderly neighbours or volunteering for local causes. I am pleased to have recognised this hard work through the Cambridgeshire COVID Community Champions Awards that I have organised, spotlighting these stories of selfless acts. I will shortly be announcing the winners and holding a special event in Parliament to recognise the hard work of nominees. Their stories will be shared on my website and social media as well as with the local community.

In September I was appointed to a new post in government as Financial Secretary to the Treasury and am pleased to have played a role in the recent Budget.

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

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Thought for the Month

It's time to talk resolutions. It is a time when we say goodbye to one year and embrace the possibilities offered by a new one; a time when we often resolve to stop doing something we feel is harmful to us or to start something we feel will help us. Based on good intentions to improve or health or happiness, resolutions can be a hopeful symbol for the start of a new year. Giving up sugar, turning vegan, taking up a new exercise regime. All worthy aspirations of course.

To be resolute in a decision or a plan is, of course a valuable quality and having had decisions taken out of our hands in recent times, we perhaps value it more than ever. Many of the decisions that we have been able to make for ourselves have been plagued by uncertainty and sometimes fear, against a backdrop of ambiguity rather than clarity. To have a resolution then, could be a powerful symbol of taking control of our lives again.

But... the imperative 'must' of a New Year's resolution can, on occasion, be a real threat to our peace and contentment because when we inevitably slip up, we can be hard on ourselves. We can feel that we have failed or that we are too weak to stick to our plan.

What if there were other ways to show resolve? Sometimes, resolve can simply be maintaining a position, rather than determining to do something new or shedding a bad habit. Sometimes, to be resolute, all we need to do is keep going, to just take the next step.

The Christian faith recognises the inevitability of human weakness and we place our faith in Jesus as the only thing we can truly rely on: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.' *Hebrews 13:8 ESV* We resolve to follow him as our sure foundation and we know that we will not be condemned for our slip ups: we will be comforted, picked up and encouraged to keep going. In fact, the bible encourages us to see our weakness as a kind of strength because when we accept that we are never ultimately in control, when we acknowledge that we need help, we turn to Jesus and open up the opportunity for him to work in our lives:

'But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.' *2 Corinthians 12:9-11, NIV*

What if, this year, we resolve to accept the uncertainties of life and our limited control over the future? What if we just take stock of where we are and how far we have come? Resolutions are great but it can be enough to just resolve to do our best, each day and to recognise that when we slip up, there will always be another opportunity to do a bit better tomorrow.

Charlotte Hockin
Baptist Church

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Friday: 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

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Log in to your account at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library, using your library card number and PIN, to access our online services with a wide range of eBooks, eAudio books, eComics and eMagazines. You can also see your loans, renew items, search the catalogue and reserve items. If you're not a library member yet, it's easy to join online.

Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

Winter-themed Quiz

Thank you to all who took part in our quiz, we hope you enjoyed it. Details of the winners will be in next month's magazine.

Games Afternoon, Friday 7 January, 2 – 4 pm

These afternoons are proving popular, with mainly Scrabble or Rummikub being played, but feel free to bring a board game of your own choice to share. Our numbers are still restricted so please book a place in advance by emailing us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com. We are also unable to serve refreshments so please bring your own.

Second Hand Book Sales

Our next sale will be on **Saturday 5 February**, 10 30 am until 12 noon.

We hope to be able to organise more activities for the coming months, so look out for details soon.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

The Wild World Heroes are back to help with the Winter Mini Challenge!

Join the Wild World Heroes as they embark on an Arctic adventure to find out about the creatures that live there. You will find out about the environmental issues facing this remote place and might even spot a narwhal or two.

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Children just need to read at least three books between **1 December and 16 January**. Create a 'profile' on the website at www.wintermini.org.uk then add the books read to unlock the special virtual badge and certificate. There will be other fun activities on the website too, including games, book reviews, and author content.



Cyber Resilience for the Small Local Business

11 January, 12 noon – 2 pm

The Fraud and Cyber Security Advisor for Cambridgeshire Police will be at the Business and Intellectual Property Centre in Cambridge Central Library, providing free advice and guidance to help protect your business from fraud and cyber-crime. You can also pick up a free copy of *The Small Business Guide to Cyber Security*. It's a drop-in session with no pre-booking required.

New Books

We're trying to make it easier for you to reserve and borrow our new books, so instead of giving you a pdf file to open, we've created a new area on our online catalogue. This means you can read about the new books and click to reserve all in one place. You'll still see the covers and be able to read about each book, but you will also be able to add your own tags and reviews. If you use screen reading software this should be far more accessible. Let us know what you think of the new look via Facebook and Twitter.

Willingham Jazz Club

The Jazz Club is held on the first Sunday of each month, with the exception of January, in the Social Club 12 30 – 3 30 pm. Doors open at 12 noon. Admission £10. Fully licensed bar, large dancefloor, tea/coffee and fresh rolls available. Here is a taster of what's to come.

Sunday 6 February	The Dynamic Jazzband
Sunday 6 March	Peter Rudeforth Jazzband
Sunday 3 April	The Riverside Jazzband
Sunday 1 May	The Gambit Jazzband
Sunday 5 June	The Savoy Jazzband
Sunday 3 July	Mike Barry's Uptown Gang

For further information contact Rosie-Val 01954 789670.



District Councillors' Report

Community Chest Grants and Community-lead Plans

The council has increased the maximum amount of Community Chest funding that can be applied for from £1,000 to £2,000. These grants are available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in their communities. More information at www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/grants/community-chest-grants.

A significant sum of the Community Chest pot has been ring-fenced to fund the development of community-lead plans, which are intended to allow communities to determine and specify what things are a priority for them. Willingham has already taken up the challenge and a village group has already issued a survey to take the views of residents.

More information can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-action/community-led-plan-toolkit.

Call Back Feature on South Cambridgeshire District Council's New 'Golden Number' Phone Line

The Council's contact centre has moved across to a single 'Golden' number for most of its services. The number is 01954 713000. This service does not cost any more money in call charges than the previous numbers did. For more details visit: www.scambs.gov.uk/your-council-and-democracy/contact-us.

There is also a new call back feature for when answering times are longer than five minutes.

A webchat service is planned for this year – further details will follow soon.

Business Support and Development Team

The Council's Business Support and Development Team has set up a new website to help the hospitality sector. The site highlights the wealth of local food and accommodation businesses, and the attractions of the area, to boost both local and visitor trade. Local hospitality and leisure businesses can have a free listing on the website via the link: visitsouthcambs.co.uk.

The Council also supports and showcases local businesses and traders on its social media channels under the banner #OnYourDoorstepSCDC.

COVID-19 Update

In South Cambridgeshire the COVID case rate is at some of the highest levels seen throughout the pandemic. The vaccine programme is having a huge impact on health outcomes and hospital admissions for COVID are significantly lower than the pre-vaccine days. However, general hospital admissions are rising. The new Omicron variant is now present and spreading in the district.

With continued pressure on local services, the period of 'enhanced response area' (ERA) status has been extended. This accelerates vaccinations to the 12–15 year olds and booster vaccinations in the areas where they are needed most. The ERA also allows the local authorities to enhance controls and testing in schools.

Vaccinations

The best place to check the latest vaccination advice is on the County Council's website: www.thevaccinators.co.uk and/or www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination.

Over and Willingham Facebook Page

We have recently refreshed our Facebook page, with much more information. Each Monday, we post a summary update of the current planning applications for the village, which is proving very popular, and we also post important updates from local authority sources. Go to www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18.

A Happy New Year to all Willingham Residents.

Bill Handley and Dawn Percival

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Twitter: @bill_handley55

Book Quiz Answers

1. Hans Christian Andersen
2. Paul Gallico
3. Raymond Briggs
4. Ernest Hemingway
5. Alistair MacLean
6. Anita Shreve
7. Kate Moss
8. George R R Martin
9. Jo Nesbo
10. William Shakespeare

January J Word Answers

- 1 Jack Frost
- 2 jam
- 3 jewel
- 4 jodhpurs
- 5 juvenile
- 6 Jabberwocky
- 7 jeans
- 8 javelin
- 9 jungle
- 10 judge
- 11 jumble
- 12 juggler

Sudoku Answer

4	3	9	8	2	7	1	6	5
5	1	6	4	9	3	8	2	7
2	8	7	6	1	5	3	4	9
6	9	3	5	7	1	4	8	2
8	5	2	3	6	4	7	9	1
7	4	1	2	8	9	6	5	3
1	7	4	9	5	8	2	3	6
9	6	8	7	3	2	5	1	4
3	2	5	1	4	6	9	7	8

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Fri 7 Jan	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p13
Sat 8 Jan	Willingham News Deadline	Willingham News		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 10 Jan	Cicely Saunders & the Modern Hospice Movement with Kate Kirk	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 11 Jan	Cyber Resilience for the Small Local Business	Police Fraud & Cyber Security Advisor	Cambridge Central Library	12 noon - 2 pm, see p13
Wed 12 Jan	Parish Council Meeting	Octagon	Parish Council	7 30 pm, see p9
Sat 15 Jan	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Mon 17 Jan	Theme: <i>A Night Shot (Without Flash)</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p7
Wed 26 Jan	Mixed Craft Group	Women's Institute	Baptist Church	10 am - 4 30 pm, see p6

County Councillor Report – Neil Gough

A very happy and prosperous New Year to all Willingham residents. I hope that the festive period was both fun and restful for you.

Here is my update of County Council matters.

COVID-19 Update

At the time of writing (early December) COVID cases in schools have risen significantly. Pressure on staffing resources is now critical and a number of schools are close to closing classes on safety grounds. However, attendance continues to be high. Vaccination rates among Cambridgeshire's 12 – 15 year olds are at or above the East of England average in all districts, and all are higher than the England average.

Household Support Fund

Cambridgeshire's Household Support Fund, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions, has been created to help people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food, energy or other essential items. The scheme will run until **31 March**.

Support is offered in two ways:

- Support with essential items: residents are eligible to access this support if they earn less than £17,940 per year, or are in receipt of certain state benefits.
- Direct food voucher scheme: supermarket vouchers will be issued to families meeting the low income criteria for free school meals, funded childcare for two-year-olds, early years pupil premium, or sixth form students eligible for free school meals.



Details are at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund.

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

The County Council's Environment and Green Investment Committee approved a draft revised Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, which is now out to public consultation. The new strategy will cover the period 2021 – 2027. It has been updated to reflect the effects of climate change, changes in policy and legislation, the increased importance of working in partnership – and of course the winter 2020 floods.

The consultation runs until **23 January** and more details can be found at: tinyurl.com/2p8pan23.

Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) Consultation: Making Connections

This is an important consultation on GCP proposals for transforming public transport, cycling and walking and reducing pollution and congestion. It will shape the specific proposals that will come forward next summer. In my view, the proposals offer some improvements in some areas but still fall short of creating frequent and reliable links (via link-buses and cycling/walking) for the Fen Edge villages to enable residents to access the major pieces of infrastructure (busway, railway stations) and places of work and study.

The proposals cover:

- A new bus network, offering more frequent services, with longer operating hours, more rural connections, and new routes into our growing employment sites. More information at tinyurl.com/mr43uz9b.
- Creating space for improvements to walking and cycling and our public spaces.
- Options for raising money to pay for improvements.

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

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	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Over Surgery		01954 231550
	Urgent Care Cambridgeshire		111
	Community Warden	Joanne Twinn	wardens@ageukcap.org.uk 07812 496002
Schools	Primary School	Mr Dave Morel	01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3–6 pm only)	Mrs M Lenk	01954 283033
	School Governors Chairperson	Katy Stevenson	chair@willingham.cambs.sch.uk
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Ray Croucher	01954 261113
Children	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Matt Haigh	adventure@1stwillinghamscoutgroup.org.uk
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	Mrs Kate Van Dort	01954 201567
	Koala Kidz	Mrs Edith Jeffrey	01954 260046
	Brownies, Guides and Rangers	Lynn McGoff	willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk
	First Steps	Vicky Page	vickypage85@gmail.com
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Katy Gilbert	01954 261922
	Little Rainbows Baby & Toddler Group	Tiko Pending	tmwale31@gmail.com
	KFC Kid's Friday Club Years 1-6 (Baptist Church)	Lorriane Bald	01954 261189
Halls	Ploughman Hall Bookings	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon		admin@5folds.org.uk
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	Cycling Club – www.willinghamwheels.com	Paul Knighton	07787 530394
	Tennis Club	John Graham	01954 231968
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	Willingham Sports Pavilion	through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Jamie Smith (Sec)	01954 261141
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