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4 February	Blue
11 February	Black
18 February	Blue and Green
25 February	Black

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Old Willingham

There is lots going on in this picture from about 1910 in George Street, on the corner of Love's Lane. In the foreground is a well-dressed family in a pony trap with two young ladies wearing large hats. Perhaps they were setting off after a visit. Two young lads can just be seen hanging out of the front door, perhaps to wave them off. Caught by surprise in the background is a thatcher, who is re-thatching the large barn next door. You can see the very long peg ladders used to scramble up and down to the roof. Today, the house remains pretty much unchanged at the front but the barn and shanty buildings running down to the Lode are all gone.



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.

Volunteer Deliverer Required!

We need someone to deliver *Willingham News* in Glebe Field and it would be great if we could get a resident there to do this. It's quite enjoyable to do and is only once a month. If you are able to help, please contact Dean Cullum on 07845 936521.

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Ice Skating on the Fen

The article in the January issue about fen skating conjured up a few memories.

When our family arrived in the village in 1968, we had no experience of skating. Bill was from the balmy New Forest and I grew up in Northumberland where the waterways tended more to the vertical than the horizontal.

Dennis Jeeps discovered this and took us in hand. We were taken to a quiet spot on the lode where Dennis produced a kitchen chair, and we took turns moving up and down, up and down holding the back of it and sliding it along the ice. I think Dennis provided the skates. Only my younger son really became competent as a result of this.

A few years on, when I was in the habit of going to the Friday auctions held by Raymond Munns, I bought a box of oddments one day and discovered a pair of fen runners at the bottom. These suited me well, as the wide blades gave me confidence that I could balance and even move about. I remember going up to Bury Fen one weekday and finding the only person there was Reg Parker, the renowned speed skater mentioned in the article. We must have provided an interesting contrast.

My skating days were over long before the mild winters came along, but I still have the fen runners at the bottom of my wardrobe.

Anne Kirkman

Reading the article about ice skating in the last issue reminded me of an article I wrote about the village sign, when Bill Kirkman and I were editors in the early days of the magazine. Unfortunately, I have not retained a copy, but I do remember that Sarah, the artist, included in the village sign a pair of wooden skates belonging to John King.

Colin Brown

Over Players – Musical Director Required

Over Players are seeking a musical director/rehearsal pianist and musicians to play for our upcoming production of *Me and My Girl*. We have been fortunate to have the same musical director for the last 20 plus years. Unfortunately, our budget will only allow us to pay travelling expenses.

The show dates are **Wednesday 8 – Saturday 11 June** in Over Community Centre.

We will be rehearsing every Wednesday evening, 7.45 – 10 pm, in Over Church Hall from **Wednesday 2 February** and for the full week of show week for Technical and Dress Rehearsals.

Over Players is an amateur group based in Over and was founded in 1984. We are fortunate to have a large, talented membership and have performed many of the large musicals over the last 30 plus years. For further information, please visit our website, www.overplayers.uk or contact our director, Christine Turner, at c.turner1@hotmail.com, 01954 261132 or 07840 989915.

Willingham Gardening Club

Gardening Club Update

A new year, but with the Omicron variant of COVID-19 widespread throughout the country, we have decided to delay our first meeting of the year until **Monday 7 March**, depending on infection rates nearer the time. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, at which members can pay their membership subscription for 2022–23. The subscription will be the same as the last time it was paid, £20 per member, subject to the successful resolution of the issues below.

In past years the Gardening Club Committee comprised five or six people. As time went by, members retired, left the area, or fell into ill health, leaving us today with a committee of just three, who have given many years of service to both the club and the Horticultural Show. Unfortunately, none of us is getting any younger and we are not able to do as much as we would like. The present committee feels unable to continue for any longer.

The future of the Gardening Club depends on a new committee being formed, as well as there being a viable number of members to meet our costs.

The cost of speakers has risen and it has become increasingly difficult to find good speakers who are affordable. The club was able to survive in previous years by using the profits from the popular coach outings but the coach company we used is no longer undertaking excursions and we have been unable to find another as competitively priced.

A new committee is not only essential to the survival of the club, but it offers an opportunity for new ideas to be introduced. It could also be timely to take advantage of the new enthusiasm for gardening which has been generated during the pandemic. The current committee will offer support to the new committee for as long as necessary to help them settle into the role.

Should you be able to help, please contact Carol Bailey on 01954 260794 or bailey_carol16@sky.com.

Over the Garden Fence

When can we expect Spring? Well, this year, the start of the Spring Equinox in the northern hemisphere is on the 20 March. So, what exactly does 'Spring Equinox' mean? The word equinox comes from the Latin words for 'equal night' *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world. With the equinox, we start to enjoy an increasing number of sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets. If the weather is kind to us, your jobs for February and March will include reorganising your garden shed, preparing seed beds and sowing some early vegetables under cover. Also, chit potato tubers (encourage seed potatoes to sprout), protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches and net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off.

Spot the Difference

Congratulations to Anne Turpin who was the first reader to spot that we have changed the font of *Willingham News* on our front page – well done!

Advent Adventure Thank You

We know it is a couple of months since the Advent Adventure finished, but we wanted to say thank you to everyone who took part, either hosting windows or visiting them! We thought that the creativity was particularly flowing this year as everyone had to use recycled, second hand or other eco-friendly approaches to their windows. You can still view all the windows online here: www.willinghambaptist.org/advent-adventure-2021.

We are already planning the adventure for 2022 and really hope we can have a big event on 1 December! If you are interested in hosting a window, please contact kathryn.wright@fenlodge.uk.

Kathryn Wright and Emma Launchbury

Repair Café Coming to Willingham



Repair Cafés are community events that match people who need stuff fixed with people who like fixing things. Repair Café International kicked off in Amsterdam and there are now nearly 2,000 Cafés around the world, covering most continents. It is a great way to reduce waste and save some money!

Repair Cafés are completely non-commercial. There are no promises and no guarantees, but if something can be saved, the repairers will do everything they can. Repairers are always keen to teach visitors how to do the repair themselves and at the very least, happy for them to watch while they do it.

Willingham Action Group and Sustainable Willingham are excited to announce they are organising a Repair Café in March, so why not come along?

We are currently looking for repairers who would be happy to volunteer, so please get in touch if this sounds interesting to you (email willinghamsustainability@gmail.com). Repairers in all trades are useful but here is a list of common items seen at Repair Cafés: small electrical or electronic appliances, bicycles, clothing, toys, lamps, small pieces of furniture, mobile phones, laptops, printers, items that need gluing and jewellery that needs a clean or repair.

Due to COVID-19, numbers may need to be regulated and therefore a booking system is being introduced. If you have an item you want to bring along, why not book it in early by emailing willinghamsustainability@gmail.com.

February Fill Dykes

We've all heard about March winds and April showers bringing forth May flowers, but there's a lesser-known description for February from an old proverb:

February fill the dyke

Be it black or white

But if it's white

It's better to like

Black refers to rain and white to snow and generally, we prefer snow. It's not very catchy, perhaps explaining why it's not very well-known!

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Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

Winter-themed Family Quiz

Three families, from Rampton, Longstanton and Willingham, were winners in our quiz leading up to Christmas. We hope everyone enjoyed doing it.

Games Afternoon, Friday 4 February, 2 – 4 pm

Bring along a board game of your choice to share or join us to play Scrabble in the library. Our numbers are still restricted, so please book a place in advance by contacting us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com. We aren't able to serve refreshments, so please bring your own if required.

Second Hand Book Sale, Saturday 5 February, 10 30 am – 12 noon

Our popular sale will be back this month with some new stock and will be held inside the library. Books are 50p each or three for £1.

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- 4 **Donate:** It's free to use the library but cash donations

of any size help us provide more books and services.

- 5 **Spread the Word:** If you love your library, tell your friends and neighbours and encourage them to join! The more members we have, the stronger we are.

Engage in the Afternoon is back!

Wednesday 2 February, 2 – 3 30 pm

The Ladybird Trust

Pat Cole will be speaking about the Trust which organises river trips for the disadvantaged, disabled and vulnerable people in our community. Pat is chair of the organisation and also a crew member. If you would like to attend, please **register your interest at the library** as numbers are still restricted.



Online Engage Sessions

The Library Service has also organised some Engage talks via Zoom as below. Please contact the

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Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 14 February** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and our speaker will be Honor Ridout talking about *The Cambridge You May Have Missed*.

At our December meeting we had a lovely sociable time, eating drinking and generally being merry. Vicky and Doreen organised some traditional fairground games – hoopla, throwing balls into bowls, fishing with magnets and roll a penny for which we had genuine old pennies. To round off the evening, Jane tested us with her festive quiz.

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.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

As we move into the final weeks of winter, the Parish Council hopes residents have had a joyous festive season and a Happy New Year. We now have a chance to look forward to the year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with excitement and ambition and reflect on the positive things the Parish Council has been doing over the last 12 months.

Environment and Sustainability

Last year, Environment and Sustainability issues were given a regular place on the agenda with two dedicated councillors, as we endeavoured to fight back against climate change issues. We have made several progressions in this area. Flower tubs have been installed around the village including on the Green. These beautiful displays have been very well received and look very pretty. We encourage as many parishioners as possible to walk around the village to see them.

Another place to visit is our recently acquired Barton's Field, which was generously donated to us last year. The Parish Council has been awarded a grant for hedge planting to reinforce the beauty of the area, a lovely place for family and dog walks. We have also received grant funding for a wildflower strip on the QEII Field to increase and improve biodiversity and wildlife, as it provides homes and food for insects in the form of leaves, nectar and pollen.

Ploughman Hall

The long-awaited heating project has been completed in the Ploughman Hall. This will not only save money but will make for a more pleasant experience for users. The new heating system will also be much kinder to the environment. The project was funded as a result of the successful Zero Carbon Community Grant application made by our Environment and Sustainability councillors and Section 106 monies.

Leisure and Amenities

Work is still continuing with the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) on the Recreation Ground and the Council will be resubmitting an improved application over the coming months. We are looking forward to seeing this project come to fruition. Last year also saw new equipment put in place at the QEII Field which has since been enjoyed by many.

The Football Association kindly donated a defibrillator to be sited at the Pavilion which has enabled the Council to re-locate the one that was there to the Primary School. In the coming months, in addition to these and the one

at the Library, we are hoping to install another, located in the High Street phone box. We hope that doubling our defibrillator capacity could make the difference in saving a life.

Cemetery

Work has been carried out to increase available space for burials in the Cemetery, including hedge works and reclaiming land via the removal of a pathway that has since been seeded and grassed. Despite this, we are becoming more and more limited in terms of burial plots, and have been looking for a new site. If anyone is aware of land for sale that may be suitable for a new cemetery, then please get in touch with the Parish Council.

Roads and Speeding

The Parish Council has been working in collaboration with the police, the County Council, and our MP Lucy Frazer on the issue of speeding and traffic in the village. Data from our speed loggers indicates that on average, nearly 70% of vehicles are exceeding the 30 mph limits. After a strong bid, worked on by the County Council and supported by Lucy Frazer and our local councillors, we have been successful in getting a Minor Highways Improvement Scheme which means that we will see improvements on Earith Road to try and encourage slower driving speeds entering and leaving the village. These changes are currently due to start next month.

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

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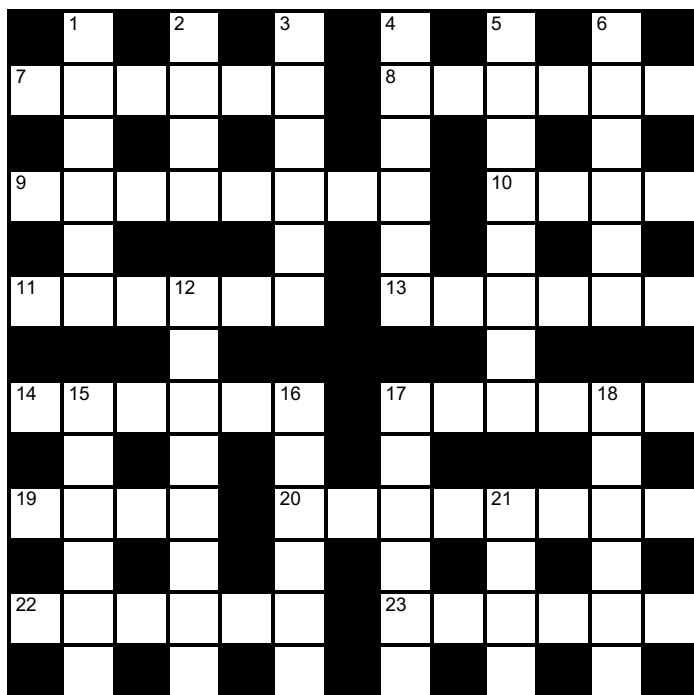
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Cryptic Crossword by Willow

To help anyone wanting to learn about how to do cryptic crosswords, I have included an explanation of the way each solution is arrived at, along with the answers on page 15.



Across

- 7 Flavouring stew without vino to be thrifty (6)
- 8 Legal language initially unpleasant (6)
- 9 Turn food producer and green energy provider (4,4)
- 10 Knock back drink in bottle (4)
- 11 Man's keeping design for suit (6)
- 13 You once, finally hopeful, went ahead and cried (6)
- 14 Judge blue dish with mark inside as stuff for charity sale (6)
- 15 Nurse put energy into job (6)
- 19 Pressure on one mode of public transport (4)
- 20 Water spirit protects island and fish habitat (8)
- 22 Gangster has man in a corner (6)
- 23 Lounge around in brother's jacket (6)

Down

- 1 Penny's pay increase for approval (6)
- 2 Old French artist's briefly ascendant (4)
- 3 Continually break law since year inside (6)
- 4 Muscly type's heavy-handed (6)
- 5 Cheat is finally led out after victory run (8)
- 6 Fast cut short by man having pie (6)
- 12 Chatter in pub about piece working (6,2)
- 15 Powerless to catch university student swallowing drug (6)
- 16 Times editor heartlessly used to rub out writing (6)
- 17 Goodness me - tiny bits of cake! (6)
- 18 Avoids Earl's son after ridiculous duel (6)
- 21 Harvest mushy pear (4)

Book Quiz

Answers on page 15.

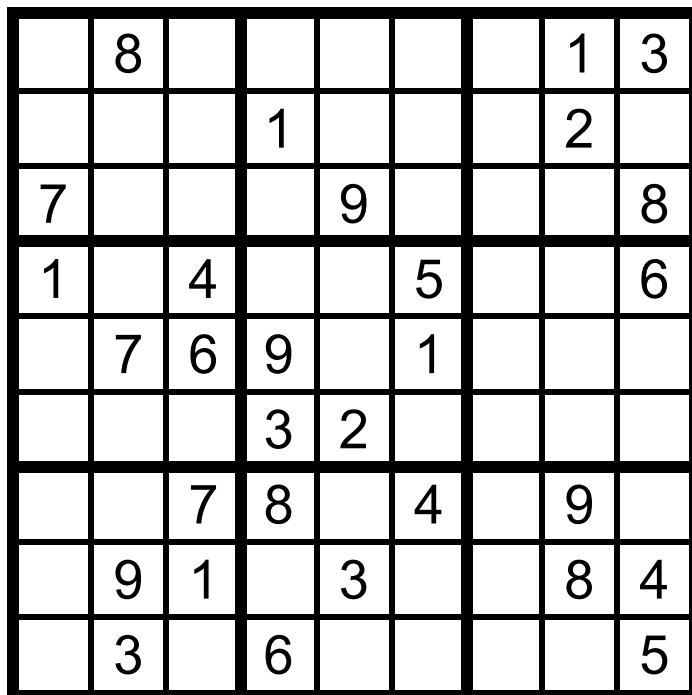
Well, I guess February must be all about love and pancakes! See if you can get the authors of these classic love stories:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i> | 5 <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> |
| 2 <i>The Great Gatsby</i> | 6 <i>Jane Eyre</i> |
| 3 <i>The Remains of the Day</i> | 7 <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> |
| 4 <i>Birdsong</i> | 8 <i>Anna Karenina</i> |
| | 9 <i>Gone with the Wind</i> |
| | 10 <i>Wuthering Heights</i> |

Christine Lacey

Sudoku

Solution on page 15.



A Poem for February

It takes a certain skill to toss
pancakes in the air.

Otherwise they enter space
and completely disappear.

Enjoy them with maple syrup
and ice cream on the top.

For if you toss them properly
there'll never go flip flop.

Christine Lacey

Willingham Wassail

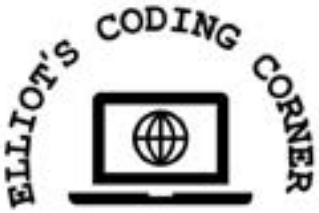
On Sunday 16 January, we gathered at the Community Orchard to crown our King and Queen of the Wassail. Frances and James led us in waking up the trees and driving out evil spirits, to ensure a good harvest for 2022.

Photos by Julian Eales





Young Readers' Page



Part 1 – Introduction

Welcome to Elliot's Coding Corner. I am Elliot Page, and I am eight years old. I live in Willingham, go to the Primary School, and I am obsessed with coding! ... but what is coding?

Coding is telling a computer what to do. You have – and I mean you *have* – to spell it right or your code won't work. Computers can do sums and things more quickly than humans, but they don't think for themselves! (Or at least, not unless you program them to!) Every time you set an alarm, use your phone, or even put on your dishwasher, you are coding!

I like coding because you can make loads of things with it – games, maths problems, videos, password logins, and much more.

Over the next few issues, I will do six – and I *mean* six – articles on coding. You will learn all about coding, including programming languages, interviews, and some ideas about the future of coding, which is so cool.

Look out for Elliot's Coding Corner next month, where I'll talk about the history of coding, binary, ticker tape and the Elliott (the computer, not me!).



A Python program I wrote using the Mu IDE. More information on Python, Mu, and IDEs to come in Part Three!

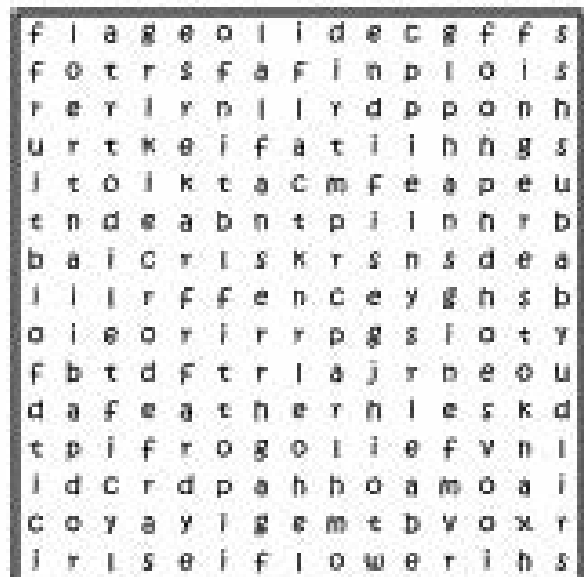
I'd like to say thanks to Simon Page (my dad) for proof-reading and Tom Page (my uncle) for checking the technical things in my articles.

February Mini Trivia Quiz

Answers on page 15.

- 1 How often does February have 29 days?
- 2 What is the birthstone for February?
- 3 What is February in Spanish?
- 4 The Winter Olympics start on 4 February in which country?
- 5 The Aurora Borealis may be seen in February. What is the more common name for this?
- 6 If you were born on 25 February, what is your star sign?
- 7 What date is St Valentine's Day?
- 8 Decimal coinage was introduced on 15th February in which year?

F for February Word Search

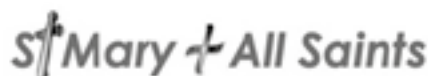


www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk

Do you have a special interest like Elliot? If so, we're sure other young readers would like to hear about it. Please get in touch with us at willinghamnews@gmail.com.

The Editors

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Services in Church

13 February 11 00 am Morning Worship
20 February 11 00 am Holy Communion
27 February 11 00 am Holy Communion

Other Services

Throughout the month we continue to share audio copies of the separate services that are recorded each week. Please get in touch with one of the contacts below if you would like a copy. Please keep checking our website, notice boards and Facebook page for news about all our services and other notices.

Church Office

We are pleased to confirm that our new administrator for the 5fold Group of Churches is Colin Smith. He started work in the Group Office in January. He will be working in the office Tuesday – Friday mornings and can be contacted by telephone or by email, as below.

New Chairs for the Octagon

Thank you to everyone who contributed so much in making, helping and buying produce and gifts at our Winter Fayre on Saturday 4 December. This event raised just over £1,200 towards our fund to buy new chairs for the Octagon, for which we are very grateful.

Contact Details

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 Lucy Cleland 01954 277758 or lucy@5folds.org.uk
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Colin Smith 01954 203459 or admin@5folds.org.uk.

Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives are at
www.sacredheart-stives.org.

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



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www.willinghambaptist.org and 

Services

Sunday 6 February

10 00 am Morning Worship
 6 00 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 13 February

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

Sunday 20 February

10 00 am Morning Worship
 6 00 pm Evening Worship

Sunday 27 February

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, 19 February at 7 45 am for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Contact Pete Sacre for more information, 01954 261655 or petetamin@gmail.com.

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

Thought for the Month

Do you like salt?

These days I expect the answer should be 'No!'. High blood pressure, heart problems and other medical conditions tend to make us think of salt as bad. How strange that Jesus should bid us be 'the salt of the earth' in Chapter 5 of Matthew's Gospel. With the recent frosts we have recently had, we are reminded of some of the positive benefits of salt. How many more accidents would there have been without salted roads and paths? That gives a clue to what Jesus was getting at, even if salt was used for different purposes in his day. We might not always like the mess gritting the roads makes, but we would be worse off without it. The trouble is, we don't see the accident we didn't have.

Many of Jesus' sayings and instructions left to us are not that comfortable and we might be inclined to ignore them or not apply them, but how many more mishaps are caused in life by such lack of spiritual salting? I fear too many. Next time we are cleaning the mess off our cars, bicycles or footwear, let's be grateful it helped us not to fall over. Let's also take courage and apply spiritual salt in our lives and communities as well. Maybe one day you will be thanked that you helped someone avoid a stumble of a different kind.

Simon Gill

Team Rector

St Mary & All Saints Church

Reader's Letter

Regarding the January Issue's Thought for the Month

One can read the testament to really realise the reality in our everyday lives; also, it brings all of us into situations with thoughts of togetherness. Our weaknesses and personal doubt are situations of one failing but actually there is just time to find peace within. The quote that there is always a presence of faith, ever present: we seek peace and love – the way of Christ.

At my age, most happenings are profound. The joy of helping, widespread via Covid, must be profound and brings a resolution, however hard to achieve.

Every day is a challenge, every day there is hope!

Peter Dennis



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Our Centre is staffed by Cancer Support Specialists, Benefits Advisor, Nutritionist, Counsellors and Psychologists who can support people in whichever way is best suited to their needs. Maggie's is a place to find practical advice as well as emotional support; a place to meet other people or simply to sit quietly with a cup of tea. You don't need an appointment – just come in for a chat to find out more. Our centre is open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Address: 21 Milton House, Puddicombe Way, Addenbrooke's, Cambridge, CB2 0AD.

Tel: 01223 249220, Email: cambridge@maggies.org.

Facebook: @maggiescentrecambs,

Instagram: @maggiescambridge,

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Website: www.maggies.org.

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 February is *Using a Handmade Filter*. (For example, fine materials, cling film with holes or coloured paper).

Members are invited to submit three images: two from the assignment and one other image that they wish to present of any subject. All photographs should be submitted at the meeting on **21 February**.

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 07595 668161

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



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A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111.

Hospital Waiting Times – Patient Helpdesk

The COVID-19 pandemic has added to the strain on all NHS services. As a result of this, waiting list times for outpatient and specialist appointments and procedures have increased for everybody.

We appreciate that this can cause worry and uncertainty about when you will eventually receive an appointment, but the practice has no direct access to hospital appointment lists. If you have been referred by your GP and are waiting for:

- An outpatient appointment
- An appointment for hospital tests (eg scans)
- A date for an operation or other treatment
- A follow-up from your hospital team

and you have a query about what is happening, please contact the Patient Helpdesk on **0800 048 5800**, open Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm.

Only call the practice if your condition has genuinely deteriorated. You will then be reviewed by one of the clinical team and appropriate action can be taken with regard to your care.

Vaccination Centres

If you are due to have your first, second or booster vaccination, visit www.thevaccinators.co.uk for details of all centres in the local area where you are able to receive a walk-in vaccination. Please be aware that the Medical Practice is not offering COVID-19 boosters and is unable to book appointments for you. If you are eligible, please visit www.nhs.uk/Covid-Vaccination or call the National Booking Service (NBS) on 119 to book an appointment in advance.

Updating Your NHS Records With Vaccinations Received Abroad

If you were given vaccination(s) overseas, and they are one of the four MHRA approved vaccines, these can be added to your NHS vaccination records via the Overseas Vaccination Validation Service, now live via the National Booking Service (NBS). Patients need to book, then take ID and their vaccination evidence to an appointment. You can use this service if you:

- Are aged 18 or over.
- Have an NHS number.

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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NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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

- Have received one of the MHRA approved vaccines outside England – Oxford/AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Pfizer/BioNTech (Comirnaty), Johnson & Johnson (Janssen), or Moderna (Spikevax).

Further details at: www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-covid-pass#residents-in-england-who-have-received-covid-19-vaccinations-overseas.

Booking link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/tell-nhs-about-coronavirus-vaccinations-abroad.

Please note – our GP systems do not have the ability to update vaccination information on the NHS app. You must call 119.

Carers' Meetings

Due to the pandemic, the Carers' Meetings are still cancelled until further notice. They will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so but, in the meantime, we would like to continue to support carers in our local community. If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at susan.lawson7@nhs.net or 01954 260230.

Lisa Smith
Assistant Practice Manager

Fen Drayton Lakes Update



The winter is a busy time on the reserve as we go around the different habitats carrying out work to maintain and improve them for target breeding species. Come Spring this work must finish to prevent disturbance to the wildlife so it is always a bit of a race against time and weather to get to as many areas as possible.

As in previous years, the reedbeds on Holywell and Elney Lakes have been a priority for our volunteer work groups. We remove willow trees which, if allowed to grow tall, would take the place of the reeds, to entice one of Britain's most elusive and rare species, the bittern, to call Fen Drayton Lakes home.

Bitterns are medium-sized, brown herons and are reedbed specialists. They are very secretive and difficult to spot as they stalk silently through reeds looking for fish. They are one of our conservation success stories. In 1997, there were just 11 territorial breeding males in the country due to loss of habitat. Following a concerted effort to save this species, that number has increased to around 200 in the UK with two of those being with us at Fen



Eurasian bittern, Botaurus stellaris, standing in reedbed habitat - Ben Andrew (rspb-images.com)

Drayton Lakes.

Working in amongst the reeds by Holywell Lake can be a bit treacherous as there is standing water and you are presented with a wall of reed stems to push through. Surrounded by vegetation taller than you, it is easy to lose your bearings! But it is a unique experience spending time in the habitat of a bittern.

Over on Elney Lake, we have removed spindly willows from one of the islands to open up new reedbed and you may notice the eastern half of the lake is quite open now. Thanks to this work, bearded tits have colonised and were confirmed to breed on the reserve for the first time last

year. Listen out for their ping-pong call if you are at any of the lookouts surrounding the lake. You'll be very lucky to see them though, as they blend in with the golden-brown reeds very well indeed.

Thanks to the hard work of the volunteers, Fen Drayton Lakes will hopefully be home to a growing number of these rare reedbed specialists in the years to come.

Manjeet Bolla

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk, 01954 233260

Thanks, Willingham Co-op!

In the words of a well-known comedian, 'not many people know this', but the Co-op has been busy behind the scenes donating food stuffs to the village.

In October/November, there was an over-abundance of bananas delivered to the branch and a call for help went out. So, for a few weeks, Pat and Sue collected the produce and went forth knocking on doors, accosting folk in the street and handing out the surplus. Everyone was extremely grateful, saying things like 'never have I been made an offer like this!' and 'thank you Co-op!'. More poignantly, someone said that now they had something to give the children for tea. Poverty is where you least expect it.

In December, Co-op staff heard that there was to be a Christmas lunch in the Baptist Church for about 40 residents and they donated provisions including fresh fruit and vegetables, tea, coffee and chocolates. This was all arranged within 48 hours and added considerably to the enjoyment of the meal provided by Marian and the ladies. Everyone was delighted by the Co-op's donation.

So, a big 'thank you' to the manager Scott, Emily and all the staff of our local Co-op for taking the time and trouble to bring a bit of light into people's lives.

Sue Ayling

Message from Lucy Frazer

Lucy Frazer has recognised the efforts of local constituents in her COVID Community Champion Awards. Nominated by members of the public, Katja Gauci and Stephanie Prior, Dr Katrina Young and Phil Priestley were selected as the overall winners of these awards.

Katja Gauci and Stephanie Prior created the Willingham Love Hub, organising and managing a team of volunteers to support vulnerable residents throughout the village with a wide range of needs including collecting prescriptions, shopping, food bank and IT for children. Other local winners were Dr Katrina Young, at the forefront of St Mary's Surgery, Ely's response to COVID-19 and Phil Priestley, who repaired and redistributed over 2,000 laptops for disadvantaged children.

Lucy Frazer said: 'The response to the COVID Community Champion Awards has been fantastic, and I would like to congratulate and thank Katrina, Phil, Katja and Stephanie for their amazing efforts. Whilst all the nominations were deserving, the work that these individuals did really stood out. I'd like to thank the individuals who nominated them, as well as all of those who contributed to the Awards.'

South Cambridgeshire District Councillors' (SCDC) Report

COVID-19 Update

At the time of writing, cases in Cambridgeshire continue to increase dramatically, with the increase in those aged over 60 of most concern. Infection rates are expected to rise rapidly in schools which is likely to have a major impact on parents and hence on the workforce. Together with testing, the vaccination programme remains key to our way out of this crisis.

Lateral Flow Test (LFT) Availability

There has been a huge surge in demand for LFTs, temporarily outstripping supply and recently, local pharmacies have not been able to regularly source or supply test kits. For most people this will simply mean that extra patience is needed when ordering tests online. The national system refreshes the delivery slots available every 30 minutes. For those who urgently need tests and are able to travel, an alternative is to collect them from one of the rapid testing centres. For details of these, please see the County Council website: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-community-testing.

You can still ring 119 to place an order in advance of a medical appointment but please do so in plenty of time.

Proposals for Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) in South Cambridgeshire

In common with many other villages, we suffer from illegal and inconsiderate parking – a problem that the police do not have the resources to enforce. Proposals for an application to the Department for Transport to introduce CPE are soon to be discussed by SCDC with the aim of

giving formal approval for an application later this year. Watch this space!

Digital Champions: A Reminder

SCDC's Communications Team is continuing to build a bank of 'Digital Champions', who we can call on to help when we have urgent messages to communicate to residents. Volunteers will only be contacted for a limited number of important notifications or updates that require an urgent response on issues such as extreme weather events, flooding, village-wide missed bin collections, or other time-sensitive communications. We have, so far, one name for the village but would like to have one or two others to ensure coverage. If you would like to help, please contact Bill. (cllr.handley@scambs.gov.uk).

Contacting Us

We haven't run a surgery in the village since the start of the pandemic but are always willing to speak with residents on the phone (see contact details below) or if you prefer, via a Zoom call which we will set up. 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 at www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18.

Bill Handley and Dawn Percival

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Cryptic Crossword Answers with Explanations

Across: 7 FRUGAL - Anagram of FLAVOURING without VINO, 8 LAWFUL – First letter of Language + AWFUL (unpleasant), 9 WIND FARM – WIND as in TURN + FARM as in FOOD PRODUCER, 10 NECK – Both meaning to Drink Quickly and Courage, 11 HEARTS - HES with ART (design) inside, 13 YELLED – YE (old fashioned way of saying YOU) + last letter of hopeful + LED, 14 JUMBLE - J + anagram of BLUE with M inside, 17 CAREER - CARER with E inside, 19 TAXI TAX (pressure) + I, 20 AQUARIUM – AQUA (water) + RUM (spirit) with I inside, 22 ALCOVE AL (gangster) + COVE (man), 23 BLAZER - LAZE inside BR.

Down: 1 PRAISE - P + RAISE (pay increase), 2 AGED – French artist DEGA(s) reversed with last letter removed, 3 ALWAYS - Anagram of LAW + AS (since) with Y (year) inside, 4 CLUMSY - Anagram of MUSCLY, 5 SWINDLER – Last letter of IS + anagram of LED after WIN + R (run), 6 QUICHE – QUICK with last letter removed + HE (man), 12 RABBIT ON - BAR reversed + BIT + ON, 15 UNABLE – NAB (catch) with UL (abbreviations for university and student) outside + E (drug, ecstasy), 16 ERASER – ERAS (Times) + Editor with middle letters removed, 17 CRUMBS – Both parts of the clue mean the same, 18 ELUDES - E for EARL + S for SON after anagram of DUEL, 21 REAP - Anagram of PEAR.

Book Quiz Answers:

1 Thomas Hardy, 2 F Scott Fitzgerald, 3 Kazuo Ishiguro, 4 Sebastian Faulks, 5 Jane Austen, 6 Charlotte Bronte, 7 William Shakespeare, 8 Leo Tolstoy, 9 Margaret Mitchell, 10 Emily Bronte.

Sudoku Solution

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

Young Readers' February Mini Trivia Quiz Answers

1 Every four years, 2 Amethyst, 3 Febrero, 4 China, 5 Northern Lights, 6 Pisces, 7 14 February, 8 1971.

Rosie in Stitches

We continue to promote our handcrafted items for sale on the various online platforms. You can find us on Facebook, Amazon, eBay and our own website. We have had one event in person which was very well attended and hope to attend more in person craft markets this year.

With your help we added £1,358.79 to the fundraising pot for The Rosie Hospital and received £766.24 from PayPal and Amazon Smile shoppers rounding up for charity at the checkout.

If you have been tidying cupboards, we are still welcoming donations of craft materials but need to find alternative storage space for the items we have for sale. If you have a garage or a shed that you are not making full use of, would you consider letting it out to our charity? The Rosie Hospital are still not able to accept donations of knitwear, but as soon as we hear they can, we will let you know on Facebook.

We are still unable to run our Friends of the Rosie Tea Bar in Clinic 21 due to COVID-19. Most of our volunteers are over retirement age and we need more and younger volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Ann Laskey, annlaskey@icloud.com, for more details.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, join our team of knitters, provide transport for our volunteers, display a small selection of our wares or help at the Rosie Tea Bar. Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615 or see our website at www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.

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Ouse Fen

Last weekend we visited Ouse Fen via its new entrance on Earith Road and were very impressed with how lovely it is. There are two trails, Lockspit's Mere, 0.8 miles and Crane's Fen Trail, 1.4 miles. Both are level grassy paths (although it was quite muddy) with gentle gradients to viewpoints. On our visit we saw a heron, an egret, four swans flying, a cormorant, four moorhens, a kestrel and we think, a marsh harrier.

The site is easily accessible by bicycle (for those stout enough of heart to tackle Earith Road) or by car, as there is an ample car park. The website has more information: www.rspb.org.uk/reserves-and-events/reserves-a-z/ouse-fen.

Wendy Law



Grey Heron in the Winter Sun by Colin Brown



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Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report

Making Connections Consultation

I hope you took the opportunity to submit comments on the Greater Cambridge Partnership's proposals for improvements to public transportation in the area. We highlighted the notable absence of improvements for our residents. Willingham is a sizeable community and at the very least, deserves direct and regular bus services to Cambridge (potentially via the guided busway) and a shuttle service to and from the guided bus, to give residents a viable alternative to private transportation. Disappointingly, none of this was contained in the proposals. We will press for better in the next round of proposals.

Household Support Fund

The County Council's Household Support Fund is still available to support families who are struggling. It offers:

- Support with food, household energy and other essentials for individuals and families. 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 vouchers. As in previous school holidays, 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.

Letters have recently been sent out to approximately 6,000 residents identified as eligible for support. The letter includes reminders of existing financial support, but it also encourages residents to contact South Cambridgeshire

District Council's Welfare and Money Maximisation Officer, who can discuss residents' circumstances and signpost any support that may be suitable to them.

More details are available at: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund.

Climate Change and Environment Strategy

The County Council's Climate Change and Environment Strategy will go to the Full Council at its budget meeting in February. It sets a new target for a Net Zero Cambridgeshire by 2045, five years sooner than the current 2050 target.

The strategy commits the Council to focusing its contribution in three key areas: reducing carbon emissions, supporting the development of resilient communities so that they can adapt to the impacts of climate change, and supporting nature and biodiversity.

As part of the Council's plan to achieve Net Zero for its own direct carbon emissions by 2030, the draft strategy sets out how the Council will meet that deadline including:

- Low carbon transport solutions for fleet vehicles.
- Net Zero carbon buildings and generation of renewable energy from Council assets.
- Improving the management of the Council's open spaces to increase biodiversity.

The Strategy also commits to halving the Council's indirect emissions through its supply chains by 2030.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, views and issues by phone or email.

Neil Gough

07919 990299, neilgoughcrw@gmail.com.

St Valentine's Day

I do like to find out how our traditions started so I decided to investigate the origins of St Valentine's Day and I found a lot of conflicting stories. Here's how this romantic day (may have) begun and how 14 February is celebrated.

Allegedly the first Valentine's Day was in the year 496. The Romans had a festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February which was the start of their Spring. It's thought that, as part of their celebrations, boys drew names of girls from a box. They would be boyfriend and girlfriend during this festival and sometimes they married. Later the church wanted to turn this festival into a Christian celebration and decided to remember St Valentine.

There are various stories about who St Valentine was. One legend states that he was a priest called Valentine during the third century in Rome. Emperor Claudius II decreed that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, so he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine defied Claudius and performed marriages for young couples in secret. On discovering this, Claudius ordered his execution. According to another legend, an imprisoned Valentine sent the first Valentine greeting after he fell in love with his jailer's daughter. Before his death on 14 February, he wrote her a letter signed 'from your Valentine'. There are a number of martyrdom stories

associated with various Valentines, including one who restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer.

It was a French man who is recorded as having sent the earliest surviving Valentine's poem to his sweetheart. Charles, the Duke of Orléans, was writing to her from his prison cell in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. This letter is now held in the British Library in London. Formal Valentine messages appeared in the 1500s and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being produced.

I also found some Valentine superstitions. On Valentine's Day in a leap year, it is the custom for women to ask their boyfriends to marry them. Some people used to believe that the first bird a single woman saw on 14 February would give her an indication of the kind of man she'd marry: a robin – a sailor, a sparrow – a poor man and a goldfinch – a millionaire.

There is a story about Charles II of Sweden who, in the 18th century, introduced the idea of flowers symbolising emotions. The red rose was singled out for love. The number of roses has significance too: a single rose for love, 12 roses for gratitude, 25 roses for congratulations and 50 roses for unconditional love.

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PARISH COUNCIL - the next Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on the 4th December, 1991 at 7.30 p.m. at the School.

NEWSLETTER. - as the Newsletter is free to you we have to keep costs down and are restricted to one sheet. Would contributors please keep their items short and also add the name, address or telephone number of the contributor when submitting the item.

RECYCLING/ENVIRONMENT GROUP - the next meeting to discuss a 'post-christmas recycling effort' is at Cottenham Village College, Monday November 11th at 7 p.m. This meeting is relevant to all Fen Edge Patch villages, including Willingham. Anyone interested is welcome.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS - the latest batch of stamps to be sent to R.S.P.B. from the Library collection, weighed over 4 lbs! R.S.P.B. welcome all stamps, even the very common ones. Please leave a border of $\frac{1}{2}$ " (6mm) round the stamps. Large expanses of envelope left on add to the weight of the parcel and push the postage costs up. If everyone could trim their own stamps it would save me a lot of work!

OLD CAMBRIDGESHIRE PAST & PRESENT - an illustrated talk by Mike Petty of particular relevance to Willingham and its surrounding villages. Friday November 22nd, 7.30 p.m. at Willingham School. Adults £1.50, children and senior citizens £1.

FEN EDGE PATCH - NEW... join Jonathan Gibson on Thursdays for an hour, for five creative writing sessions in the Library, 2-3 p.m. An interesting new activity which could be really satisfying. £8.25. (concessions £5.), starting Thursday November 7th.

A PEAL OF BELLS - Willingham Church bells will ring from approx. 9.30 a.m. to 12.30. on Saturday 2nd November. The peal will be in the memory of Francis & Henry Fielden former residents of Willingham.

FAMILY FIREWORK PARTY - come on Saturday 2nd November. Simple fireworks and food. Entrance by ticket only: Adults £2. Children £1.50. available from Sue West 60409, Kate Harding 60371 or Janette Mullet 61003. Organised by the Parish Church for charity.

COMMUNITY GROUP LUNCH - at Wilford Purlong, November 14th. Transport as usual.

SALE OF WORK - in the Salvation Army Hall from 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd November. Cakes, grocery, bric-a-brac, pickles, toilet articles, gifts for christmas and refreshments will all be on sale.

VARIETY CONCERT - in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 16th November. The Joy Bells are a very talented group of older people from Soham. Tickets, price £1. are available from Daphne Watts, 48 Church Street or any member of the Salvation Army. Refreshments will be on sale in the interval.

WOMENS INSTITUTE - monthly meeting in Church Hall, Mon. 11th November at 7.30 p.m. Topic this month "Flower arranging with a Christmas Theme". Competition: an Edible firework. New members most welcome.

CAROL EVENING - December 3rd, 8 p.m. in the Church Hall - with the Isle Singers. £1.50p. Proceeds to Milton Hospice. Tickets from Denise 60261, book early, very popular.

GRAND CHRISTMAS FAYRE - don't miss an opportunity to do your christmas shopping at a grand christmas fayre on Friday 22nd November at 7.30 p.m in the Church Hall. Christmas gifts, pottery, cards, candles, dried flowers, toys, stained glassware, books & lots more. Refreshments available. Organised by the Parish Church for charity.

SATURDAY LUNCH - the first ever Saturday lunch was held 20 years ago - in Nov. 1971. The organisers were Polly & Alan Fawcitt, Anne & Bill Kirkman, and a Cottenham family who are no longer in the area. The November lunch will be a twentieth anniversary celebration. It will take place on Sat. 23rd November, starting as usual at 1 p.m. It will be at 19 High Street, the home of Anne & Bill Kirkman, and the organisers will be the Kirmans and Polly & Alan Fawcitt - as in 1971. The Charge is £1.20 (non-earners 60p.) and the profits are going to Glebe House, the Friends Therapeutic Community Trust at Shudy Camps. Do come.

WIVES GROUP - at our next meeting on Monday 4th November Pauline Verrinder will be demonstrating how to make some christmas decorations. Please join us at Janette Redfern's, 49 Balland Field at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

MOTHERS' UNION - our meeting for the month is on Thursday 21st November in the Church Hall at 2 p.m. Our Speaker will be Mrs. Jean White talking about Social Concern. Mums & Toddlers also newcomers to the village will be welcome to join us. A contribution of a £1.000. for the Tower Appeal has been raised by Mrs. Rene Gould on behalf of the Mothers' Union since last September on her Bric-a-brac stall in Fen End. She wishes to thank all who have made it possible. Don't throw away any item take it to Rene.

This is the front page of *Willingham News* from 20 years ago - a fascinating look back!

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Wed 2 Feb	<i>The Ladybird Boat Trust</i> with Pat Cole	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 - 3 30 pm, see p7
Wed 2 Feb	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p8
Fri 4 Feb	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 - 4 pm, see p7
Sat 5 Feb	Second Hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am - 12 noon, see p7
Sun 6 Feb	The Dynamic Jazzband	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 - 3 30 pm See Jan's issue
Tue 8 Feb	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Tue 8 Feb	<i>Hearing Dogs</i> with Mike Coote	Engage Online	Zoom	2 - 3 pm, see p7
Mon 14 Feb	<i>The Cambridge You May Have Missed</i> with Honor Ridout	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Sat 19 Feb	Breakfast and Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Mon 21 Feb	Theme: <i>Using a Handmade Filter</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 - 10 pm, see p12
Tue 22 Feb	<i>Your Library Wherever You Are</i> with Rosie Veitch	Engage Online	Zoom	2 - 3 pm, see p7



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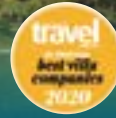


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