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*March Hare – photo by Andy Richards – see page 5*



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<b>25 March</b>	<b>Black</b>

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## Old Willingham

Here are nine lads ready in their make-shift boat to be part of the parade on 'Hospital Sunday', probably around 1920. In those days there was no NHS. What were everyday people to do if they needed a hospital? The answer is that each village raised as much money as possible to donate to Addenbrooke's, who would then provide help to people who became ill or injured. A large parade would tour the village on Hospital Sunday and people were expected to donate what they could afford towards the fund. The sign on the sail says 'LESS TALK MORE SHOVE' and the one on the side 'DOCTORS GIVE THEIR TIME. GIVE YOUR COPPERS' Most of the boys have pointy hats with feathers as shown in the inset – not sure who they are supposed to be. Any ideas?



See more photos at [www.oldwillingham.com](http://www.oldwillingham.com). If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or [oldwill@oldwillingham.com](mailto:oldwill@oldwillingham.com).

## Our March Hare

The photograph on the cover of this month's edition of *Willingham News* was taken by Andy Richards, while walking on the banks of the Great Ouse River, close to Queenholme Farm.

This is a Brown Hare and in the UK is most likely to be seen on the open grasslands of Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Norfolk. While it might look a bit like a rabbit, you can tell the difference by noting the big long ears with black tips and their longer legs. This means that they can run much faster than a rabbit. At full pelt they can reach up to 40 mph!

Hares are usually solitary creatures but come March time the females can be seen fighting off any unwanted visiting males, standing on their hind legs and 'boxing' with their front paws. They are so violent in their actions that people used to think that every March they 'had gone mad'!

Hence the saying that someone was 'as mad as March Hare'.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As our readers will know, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is being celebrated this year.

We expect several of our organisations and individuals will be planning events to celebrate the Jubilee, especially for the extended bank holiday weekend from **Thursday – Sunday 2 – 5 June**.

We understand that the Parish Council have several ideas under consideration and planning. We will have news of these in later issues of *Willingham News*.

If you are involved in planning an event or activity, be sure to let *Willingham News* know all about it so that we can keep the village informed as to what is likely to take place and whether any help or support is required.

There are several internet sites with ideas and advice to support the planning and preparation involved but [www.platinumjubilee.gov.uk](http://www.platinumjubilee.gov.uk) could be a good place to start – local events can be included on an interactive map, which shows all events planned locally as well as around the country. Information on local arrangements and contact points will be available on the Willingham Life website at [www.willinghamlife.org](http://www.willinghamlife.org).

In due course, it will be great to hear about your celebrations and perhaps we could have a page of photos of the events as they took place!

*The Editors*

## Willingham Combined Charity

### Appointment of Clerk/Treasurer

Applications are invited for the post of Clerk/Treasurer of the Charity.

The main duties are:

- Calling evening meetings (usually three or four a year).
- Preparing Agendas and taking Minutes.
- Dealing with correspondence and referring it to an appropriate trustee if necessary.
- Keeping accounts and arranging for the annual audit.

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Applications, which will be considered from all age groups, including retired persons, should be accompanied by the names and contact details of two referees and sent to:

Mrs Sue Ayling

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email: [sue.ayling1@ntlworld.com](mailto:sue.ayling1@ntlworld.com)

**The closing date for applications is 31 March**

Please do feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

*Sue Ayling*



## Willingham Guide Leaders

At the Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East Annual Awards afternoon in January four leaders from Willingham received awards.



*The photograph above shows – from left to right:*

Nat Bignell, a past leader of our Guides and Rangers and now an occasional helper with the Guides and Rangers, also received a Good Service award. The award recognised the work she does at the Jarman Centre, Cambridgeshire East's residential house and camping grounds, as well as that with our Guides even though she no longer lives in the area.

Becca Rodgers, a leader with the Guides and Rangers, also received a Long Service award. She has been a leader for 10 years. Originally a Guide here, Becca qualified as an adult leader during her time at university in Cardiff and became a Guide leader there. After university she moved back to Cambridge for work and returned to our Guides and Rangers to be a leader inspiring a new generation of girls.

Linda Cawley, Tawny Owl at our Brownies, received a Good Service award for excellent service to guiding. This was especially for her work with international guiding including inspiring and enabling young people in the county to have international experiences.

Claire Course, Cambridgeshire East County Commissioner, who presented the awards.

Lynn McGoff, Brown Owl with the Brownies and a leader of the Guides and Rangers, received her 40 year Long Service award. She started as a Young Leader in Sunderland and then became an adult leader when she moved first to Cambridge city and then to Willingham.

Congratulations to all the leaders. If this has inspired you to be a leader or your daughter would like to join Brownies (aged 7-10), Guides (aged 10-14) or Rangers (aged 14-18) get in touch with us at [willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk).

## 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 March is *A Single Subject*.

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 March**.

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.

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## Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 14 March** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and our speaker will be Jon Crisp from Cambridgeshire County Council's Waste Education Service with *Recycling Matters!* The talk will be an overview of the importance of waste recycling in protecting our environment including the processes involved in sorting and recycling waste, guidance on which household waste items you can recycle and advice on what we can all do to minimise our household waste.

In January we were joined by Kate Kirk, who gave us an inspiring talk about *My Amazing Aunt: Cicely Saunders and the Modern Hospice Movement*. Cicely was born in 1918 and, after attending Roedean School, went on to Oxford. When war was declared, she decided to train as a nurse at St Thomas' Hospital and found her vocation, but unfortunately her weak back prevented her from continuing to nurse. She became a Hospital Almoner, public administrator, writer, fund raiser and qualified as a doctor in 1965. Caring for and listening to terminally ill patients formulated her ideas on how the experience of dying urgently needed to be improved. Cicely envisaged a special comfortable place, with fewer rules than hospitals, expert pain management and supportive family care. Her ambition was fulfilled in 1967, when St Christopher's Hospice was purpose-built at Sydenham, the first of many. For the terminally ill, living at home under hospice care also became a popular option. Palliative Care and Research became a recognised medical speciality and career path. Cicely travelled the world, sharing her expertise and enthusiasm. She received honorary degrees and many awards, including the Order of Merit from the Queen and was nominated for a Nobel Prize twice. In 2005, Dame Cicely Saunders died in St Christopher's Hospice, aged 87.

The Mixed Craft Group has been discontinued due to low attendance.

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](mailto:willinghamwi28@gmail.com).

## Willingham Gardening Club

Our first meeting of the year is on **Monday 7 March** at the Social Club at 7 30 pm. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. This will give a chance to everyone interested in the future for the Club to come along and discuss how this could be managed in the short term and how the Club might continue and flourish in the longer term.

In our last report for *Willingham News*, we outlined the present difficulties that the Club is facing and the need to re-focus the activities to generate sufficient interest and participation to ensure a successful future.

We encourage everyone in the Village who is interested in gardening, horticulture and everything relating to these activities to come along to the Meeting for a general discussion on where we go from here with Club activities and Meetings.

Also, we will need to discuss whether we can continue to organise the Annual Horticultural Show. We can look at both the advance planning and the management of the day itself to identify whether a sufficient number of folk will step forward to ensure that this important event in the Village annual calendar can continue.

We do encourage as many as possible to come along on to have a good discussion on whether the Club can continue and what it might look like if it does. There is no commitment implied in attending – just an interest in a continuing Gardening Club in the Village.

A new committee is not only essential to the continued operation 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 is necessary to help them settle into the role.

Should you be interested, please come along to the meeting or contact me on 01954 260794 or at [bailey\\_carol16@sky.com](mailto:bailey_carol16@sky.com).

*Carol Bailey*

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## Engage in the Afternoon

### Wednesday 2 March, 2 – 3 30 pm

*Witches and Wise Women – A Short History of Witchcraft* with a member of the Telling History Group.

There is no need to register as numbers are no longer restricted. Refreshments will be available – donations are appreciated.

## Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

### Games Afternoon, Friday 4 March, 2 – 4 pm

We are no longer restricted for numbers so come along to the library and bring a board game of your choice to share or join us to play Scrabble or Rummikub. Refreshments will be available, donations welcome.

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

We have a good variety of books for adults and children for sale, so stock up for some Springtime reading. Books are 50p each, or for an even better bargain, three books for just £1. Please bring exact change if possible. If you have any donations of children's books, these would be very welcome.

### Children's Easter Activity, 29 March – 14 April

Collect a wooden Easter egg and a ribbon from the library, decorate it however you want and then return it to swap for a chocolate one. We will display them all in the

children's area of the library, hopefully hanging on some Springtime branches.

## Making a Welcome Return Next Month: Poetry and Prose Evening – Wednesday 20 April, 7 30 pm

Please see next month's magazine for details.

## Cambridgeshire Libraries News

Cambridgeshire Libraries are proud to announce that we have been successful in applying for the Carer Friendly Tick awarded by Caring Together. The award recognises the work that we do to support carers by providing activities and events they can enjoy, as well as information on where care and support can be found. Three in five of us are likely to become a Carer at some point in our lives, with many more of us likely to need the support of someone else. Caring therefore affects us all, but very often people are caring for someone they love, and do not realise that the support that they are giving is recognised and that support is available to them. To find out more please visit: [www.caringtogether.org](http://www.caringtogether.org).

## Cambridge Central Library - 24 February – 8 April

News has the power to make and break elections. We base our opinions, decisions and arguments on it. It shapes the world around us and the way we make sense of it. But what makes the news where you live? And how does a local story become a headline grabber? This new free display is shared with library services around the UK through the British Library's Living Knowledge Network. Drop in to view the display on the first floor, then move upstairs to the Cambridgeshire Collection to discover a local news-making story from the 19th century.

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# Young Readers' Page



## Part 2 – Early Computers

Did you know that 2022 is an EXCITING year for coding?

This is because, 200 years ago, Charles Babbage invented the Difference Engine, in 1822.

The Difference Engine was a simple kind of mechanical calculator, but it was one of the first signs of coding.

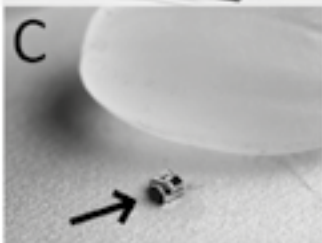
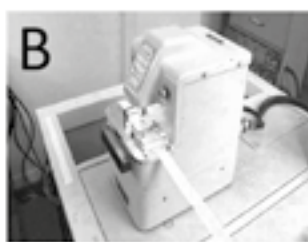
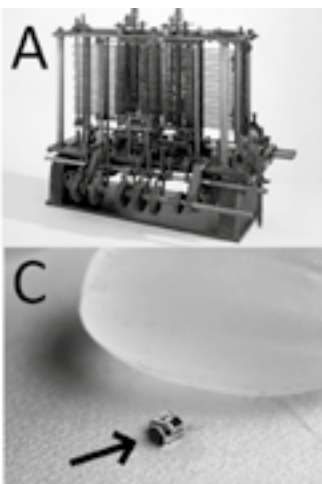
The earliest computers were SO big. Some were bigger than a room, and definitely bigger than your parents' work computer! But they got extremely hot and were not very environmentally friendly.

For my birthday last year, my parents took me to the National Museum of Computing in Milton Keynes. When I was there, I saw an old (about 50 years old) computer called an Elliott® computer. Instead of typing code into it, it used paper strips which had holes in (called ticker tape), and a light shone through the holes and told the computer what to do. The Elliott® computer had no screen, but it did have a ticker tape maker and it could even sing happy birthday to me!

A computer now can be as small as a full stop. (As small as the full stop I just wrote, in fact.) The computer that I am writing this on (a Raspberry Pi®) is about 5 x 8 cm – so it is a lot smaller than the Elliott®!

## Picture Puzzle

Here are 4 computers, but can you guess which is a ticker tape computer?



The Answer is on Page 21.

*Elliot Page*

Do you have a special interest like Elliot? If so, we are sure other young readers would like to hear about it. Please get in touch with us at [willinghamnews@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamnews@gmail.com).

*The Editors*

## The Story of the Hare and the Tortoise

There is a picture of a Hare on the cover of the magazine this month.

Probably the most famous Hare in the world is the one that had a race with a Tortoise!

Do you know the story?

The story was told many years ago by a man called Aesop.

The story is about a Hare, who made fun of a Tortoise for moving so very slowly.

So, the Hare, who could run very fast, challenged the Tortoise to a race!!

They started off together and, of course, the Hare soon left the Tortoise way behind.

The Hare thought that he was bound to win very easily and, halfway through the race, decided to have a snooze!!

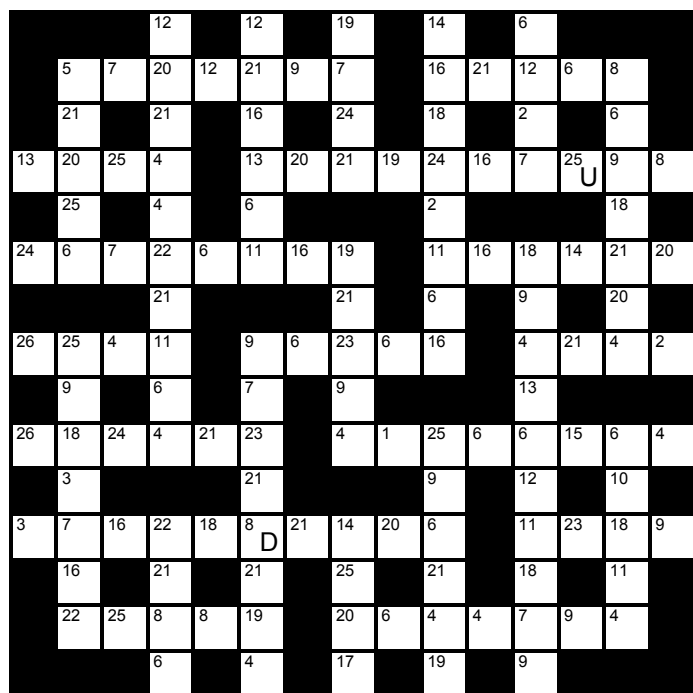
The Tortoise just kept crawling slowly and steadily along and never gave up.

When the Hare woke up, he was very shocked to find that the Tortoise had arrived at the finishing line before him and had won the race!!!



## Codeword by Willow

Answers on Page 21



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

## Book Quiz

Answers on Page 21.

As I read somewhere that March is National Bed Month, I thought it would be a good theme for books about dreams, sleeping, the night and the moon. Can you find the authors?

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. <i>Before I go to Sleep</i>                 | 6. <i>Treasury of Bedtime Stories</i> |
| 2. <i>The Night Manager</i>                    | 7. <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i> |
| 3. <i>The Woman who Went to Bed for a Year</i> | 8. <i>Dream Catcher</i>               |
| 4. <i>The Moon and Sixpence</i>                | 9. <i>Goodnight Mr Tom</i>            |
| 5. <i>Dreams from my Father</i>                | 10. <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>  |

Christine Lacey

### A Poem for March

March winds blow across the Fen  
and nature hides itself away,  
yet near me heralding the Spring  
two hares express their love of play.

They meet, rise up majestically,  
their long ears listening,  
and still all on the fields around them  
lie hints of white frost glistening.

Christine Lacey

## MAC Hair Studio

### Margaret's Story

Margaret was in her 30s, when she started working with Mary Silk (Bubbles) in the Maison Condor salon in the High Street. Many in the village will fondly remember Bubbles; in those days 'the only thing that was different about hairstyles was either you had a fringe or not!' When Bubbles died about 20 years ago she left Maison Condor to Margaret in her Will. 'I then started to take on apprentice hairdressers and my successful working relationship began with Cambridge Regional College, which still carries on today'.

Margaret moved to her current premises in Church Street about 12 years ago and changed the name of the salon to MAC Hair Studio. This name has two meanings; her name is Margaret Anne Coxall, also her maiden name was McAvoy. She was able to increase the number of stylists whilst continuing to train apprentices. Margaret says 'The apprentices have meant I've been able to keep up with new developments.' But her older clients are still catered for, not just their hair though. Margaret and her staff will collect and take home the less mobile clients, even stopping for a bit of shopping on the way.

One customer told me: 'You see real life in here, but it's professional too. You walk in and not know anybody, then within minutes you're included in a lively conversation. Margaret and her staff, Megan, Charlie, Danielle and Jacque, are genuinely interested in everyone and their families'.

More or less by accident, Margaret started doing wedding hair. 'I did a friend's wedding and realised I really enjoyed being part of someone's important, special day. I then went to wedding fairs and promoted this service. It's not just the wedding day, it's the preparation leading up to it. I couldn't believe how successful this became. I'm just a small village hairdresser!'

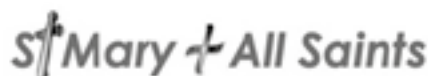
Before the pandemic, Margaret endured a lengthy stay in hospital followed by a long recuperation at home. Of course, her loyal staff and clients' kindness was a great support. Soon after her return to MAC Hair, all our lives changed with the arrival of COVID-19. So Margaret was at home again, 'I missed the company of others enormously. It was the worst time I've ever known in business, the paperwork it caused, well, I've never liked paperwork!'

Over a number of decades Margaret has become an integral part of our community. 'When new people come to the village, I tell them what there is here, word-of-mouth recommendations are invaluable. I make my living in this village, I think it's important to promote and support everyone else'.

**'How lucky am I to work here in Willingham every day making people happy. It's not work, it's fun!'**

Jane Dowle

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## Services in Church

**2 March** 10 30 am Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion and Ashing

**13 March** 11 00 am Morning Worship

**27 March** 11 00 am Mothering Sunday - Holy Communion

## Other Services

Throughout the month we continue to record and 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 do keep checking our Website, Noticeboards and Facebook page for news about all our Services and other Notices.

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is a Christian Holy Day and is the first day in the period of Lent which precedes Easter. This will be a reflective time for Christians and this service will help in the preparation for this.

## Mothering Sunday

The Sunday three weeks before Easter is known as Mothering Sunday – traditionally everyone was encouraged to return home to visit their Mother Church. This was particularly important for many people, often children or teenagers, who were living and working away from home – this was usually the one day in the year when they were, by custom, allowed home to see their mothers!

## Church Opening

We were pleased to have been able to re-open the Church for private prayer and reflection on a daily basis during February. These arrangements will now continue unless there is a significant change in the COVID-19 risk levels in the weeks and months to come.

## Contact Details

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## Services

### Sunday 6 March

10 00 am Morning Worship

6 00 pm Evening Worship

### Sunday 13 March

10 00 am Morning Worship

10 00 am Café Church on Zoom

6 00 pm Evening Worship

### Sunday 20 March

10 00 am Morning Worship

6 00 pm Evening Worship

### Sunday 27 March

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! The next one is on **Sunday 13 March** at 10 am. Please contact [secretary@willinghambaptist.org](mailto: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 toddlers aged 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 March:** 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](mailto:peetamin@gmail.com).

## Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives are at

[www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org).

For more information about the Diocese of East Anglia, please see [www.rcdea.org.uk](http://www.rcdea.org.uk).

**This month's 'Thought for the Month' can be found on page 13.**



# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

[www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk](http://www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk)

## Roads and Byways

Many of our residents are very aware of the floods and drainage problems we have periodically here, and some serious worries have been voiced. Much as the Parish Council would like to see roads and gutters cleared more frequently, we have to be guided by the central office's schedules which are these days much reduced due to cost cutting and staffing issues. We could do some things to help, for example try to stop fly tipping in the ditches, which our farmers work so hard to keep clear and free-flowing. Closer to home, if there is a neighbour who needs assistance clearing leaves to be sure they do not block drains – then that would be a helpful thing to do. Meanwhile, taking all our own litter home, or putting it in one of the many bins around should be a sensible and kind habit.

Also subject to centrally resourced operations are the Highways department repairs. Berrycroft and Over Road have been on a schedule for a long while now but the latest information is that both may be actioned this April.

## Amenities

As the village population has grown to around 5,000, so has the need for places to participate in essential recreational and social activities. The Parish Council is aware that there are not enough fields for regular sports which we are happy to know are very popular. Down West Fen, the seasonal Bowls Club will reopen as will the Cricket Club. Meanwhile there is a successful Under 6's Football Club and growing number of women playing to include in our 300 strong footballers registered here. Willingham has 12 teams that play in Cambridge leagues. The Parish Council would be very pleased if anyone knows of suitable land that could be bought and annexed to our facilities.

One building owned by Willingham is the Victorian built Public Hall on the High Street. The Scouts are the only group that now use the Hall, but they too are struggling to feel it is fit for purpose in its current condition. So discussions will be held soon as to how best to move forward with this property.

## Willingham In Bloom!

To date our fantastic WAG's funds have covered much of the expense of our six village flower tubs. The costs of replanting this year will need to be funded differently so any sponsorship ideas and offers will be welcome. Additional tubs would be a great addition to our village. Although visible from the street, they would need to be

placed on private or agreed areas of land. The theme for this summer's tub planting we intend to be red, white, and blue to celebrate our Queen's Jubilee, and if more village flower displays would like to follow that idea – It would look amazing!

## New Defibrillator Installed

The Council is pleased to confirm that it has installed a new Defibrillator at the Primary School to add to the existing machines outside the Library and Recreation Ground. The new machine is sited at the front of the school building and there is full public access. Although the machines 'talk you through' the procedures once they are being used, it is felt that some in the village would appreciate the opportunity of some training in advance and the Council is exploring how and when would be best to provide this.

## Parish Councillor Vacancies

Elections for Parish Councillors here this May are not needed, however there are vacancies on the Council. We welcome Deborah Ramsden, who was co-opted at the full Parish Council meeting in February. At the time of writing this Report, there are two more places to be filled. If you are interested in serving the community as a Councillor, then please contact the office. In our village, which has grown significantly in recent times, it would be good to have a full Council team working on behalf of everyone living here.

## Contact Details:

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

Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month in the Octagon, starting at 7 30 pm. Agendas are published on the website 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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*Parish Clerk*

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# Fen Drayton Lakes – Seasonal Report



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a home**

Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we wholeheartedly believe that one of life's simple pleasures is to go for a walk in the countryside.

Nothing else can quite beat the experience of being surrounded by tranquil scenes of water, trees, and fields whilst taking in the sights and sounds around you. With the arrival of spring, birds are singing all around, Ducks and other waterbirds are out on the lakes and migrant species are arriving back from their wintering grounds to set up a territory and, hopefully, breed.

With footpaths looping around the majority of our 11 lakes, there is always something to look at. However, we are aware that it can sometimes be difficult to get good views of some of these water bodies. As a nature reserve, our primary purpose is to provide spaces for wildlife which means that many areas are left to develop and provide nesting habitat, shelter, and protection to the inhabitants.

During the spring and summer nesting season, we minimise time spent off-track and don't go into or near the habitats unless we really need to. Birds and other wildlife are easily disturbed and can be put off from using areas where people regularly go, even to the extent of abandoning nests and eggs. This means that viewpoints in the reed or hedgerows can re-grow throughout the season, closing the views.

During the autumn and winter months we work our way around the reserve, re-cutting viewpoints through to each lake. In some areas this serves a dual purpose of not only

opening views for visitors, but also improving the habitat for wildlife.

The hedgerows around our entry road, various trails and on field boundaries are some of the best habitats on site for a whole variety of breeding bird species. The bulk of the hedges are Hawthorn, and they tend to be of a uniform age and size. Whilst making a good hedge, this uniformity can lead to it becoming tall and 'leggy' with lots of dense vegetation up high, but little lower down. This isn't ideal for either the health of the hedge or the nesting birds that use it. We therefore implement a regime of Rotational Viewpoint cutting whereby different areas of certain hedges are coppiced each year to encourage denser regrowth at a lower level. As a result of this, the hedgerows contain a patchwork of heights, densities, and growth stages to the benefit of all.

As you walk around the lakes on your next visit, keep a look out in the hedgerows for Thrushes, Robins, Blue Tits, Bullfinches, Blackcaps, and many other species.

## Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Informal volunteer-led guided walks take place on the second Wednesday of the month.

To see details and book, please visit: [www.events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](http://www.events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes).

Email: [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk)

Phone: 01954 233260

## Thought for the Month

As I write this the sun is shining and everything in the world seems wonderful. Spring is on its way and it's easy to forget the clouds of COVID-19 that have hung over us for the past two years and the dark shadows it still casts in the lives of those who have lost loved ones or suffer any long consequences. Life looks very different for every individual depending on personal circumstances; tomorrow will always be another day. It is good, therefore, to try and hold the big picture in view so that we see ourselves and our experience in a proper perspective and be sensitive to those around us.

We all like to share good news, to tell of our successes, things that have brought us delight; if we do this well, we can lift someone else's spirits and enable them to share with us in our joy. On the other hand, if we're thoughtless in the way we communicate, we can simply evoke feelings of envy or add to another's pain quite unintentionally.

As a Christian I believe that God has revealed good news for the world; news that offers life in all its fullness to everyone, hope and the assurance that we are all valued and loved. All our churches would love to share this news with you and invite you to share in our joy, as we move through the season of Lent towards Easter (next month). It's an open invitation, offered from a perspective that recognizes that the sun doesn't always seem to shine and that everyone sees the world differently. If you're not interested, that's fine, anyone can turn down an invitation, no questions asked; but perhaps it's worth thinking about first.

Whatever you decide I hope that your days will be filled with sunshine and whatever sounds like good news to you.

*The Revd Dr Janet E Tollington*

*A retired United Reformed Church Minister*

## County Councillor's Report Neil Gough

By the time this is published, winter will be over and spring will be here. This year marks the first budget of the new Council administration – until now we had to work within the budget of the previous administration. Here is my update of County Council matters.

### Civil Parking Enforcement

Subject to approval by the Department of Transport, there is a proposal for two full-time Civil Enforcement Officers, employed by the County Council, to enforce parking regulations in South Cambridgeshire, rather than the police. They will move between the villages, issuing parking fines to people who park where they should not. The agreement of the Greater Cambridge Partnership to underwrite the first five years' costs has made it possible. The process is long, however, and involves the Secretary of State for Transport and Parliament - we don't expect implementation until late 2023.

### Highways Committee

The Council is to establish a new process for the implementation of 20 mph schemes which would allow third parties – such as Parish Councils – to make an application for a 20 mph limit in their chosen area, with a number of schemes then progressing following a period of assessment and prioritisation.

### Just Transition Fund

Cambridgeshire County Council's Joint Administration proposes to set up and spend a £14 million fund over the next five years to tackle inequality, improve lives, and care for the environment via a 'Just Transition Fund'.

In its first year, if agreed, the 'Just Transition Fund' will support schemes that increase flood prevention in the county, continuing a recent rapid increase in gully clearing. It will also work towards tackling climate change, widening opportunities for children with special educational needs and disabilities, increasing independent living services and expanding direct payments and individual service funds (where adults assessed as needing support can choose and manage their own care services); and expanding the 'Care Together' programme, providing care services close to where people live.

### Cambridgeshire County Council Budget

The Joint Administration is to consider a 4.99% rise in order to close the authority's £16m budget gap this year. Next year's funding gap is likely to be even worse. The priority is to balance the budget – not just for the coming year but for the next four years - the incoming administration in May last year faced a potential budget gap of £86m by 2027, if no action were taken.

4.99% would mean an extra charge of £1.04 per week for a Band B, and £1.19 for a Band C household. More than half of all homes in Cambridgeshire are in these two bands. Local government experts, who visited in summer, highlighted that historic decisions not to raise council tax in previous years had led to significant ongoing lost income to support services.

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](mailto:neilgoughcrw@gmail.com).

## Update From The Repair Cafe

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the opening of Repair Cafe has been delayed.

However, we have now confirmed a new date and it will be happening on **8 May** at Ploughman Hall from 10 30 am to 4 pm.

If you would like to volunteer as a repairer, or you have something you would like booked in for fixing, please email us at [willinghamsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamsustainability@gmail.com).

*Alex Mueller*

*Here are some items that we plan to take along.  
The Editors*



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### Dispensary Update

Please allow **three working days** (this does **not** include weekends) for all repeat prescription requests. We understand patients have been having trouble getting through to the dispensary on the telephone lines. This is due to the volume of calls and measures are being implemented to address this. However, please help us by ordering your repeat prescriptions via System Online or via your NHS app where possible. Written repeat requests can be posted in the boxes at both Willingham and Longstanton Surgeries.

### Your GP Practice – Meet The Team

Your GP practice is here to ensure you get the right care from the right healthcare professional at the right time. The practice team is made up of a range of healthcare professionals with the expertise to help treat a range of conditions.

You might not always need to see a GP. Our nurses, pharmacists and healthcare assistants are all trained professionals who can diagnose and treat a range of conditions, helping you to get advice or treatment sooner.

**More details about our dedicated practice team are set out below:**

- **Reception Team and Care Navigators** are trained to know about the care and services available to you. They'll talk to you in confidence about your health problem and book you an appointment with the right healthcare professional or service at the right time.
- **Advanced Practitioners** (including nurses, paramedics and physiotherapists) are qualified professionals who have undergone additional specialist training and are able to assess, treat, diagnose, refer and prescribe medication.
- **Practice Nurses** support many long-term conditions, run clinics and health checks and can treat minor health problems and injuries.
- **Clinical Pharmacists** are experts in medicines and can help with prescription enquiries and carry out medication reviews.
- **Healthcare Assistants** can assist with a range of clinical duties, for example, taking blood samples, blood pressure checks and ECGs under the guidance of the wider healthcare professional team.
- **Social Prescribers** work in partnership with GP practices and can help connect you to local community services and support networks to help you have more control over your health and wellbeing. This might include introducing you to a community group, a new activity or local club. Or they might help you find legal advice or debt counselling. They can assist you with finding relevant information and guidance

### How do GP Practices Work?

When you contact us, you will be assessed (known as triaged) to ensure you receive the right care, from the right professional, at the right time. You might be offered a telephone or video consultation, or be seen in person by a nurse, pharmacist, GP, or another member of the GP practice team. Working in this way makes sure the people with the greatest need are seen first.

### What is Triage?

Triage is how we find out more about the support you need. This helps us decide which health professional you should see and

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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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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

when, including if you need to be seen in person, via a phone consultation, via a video consultation, or if you could get help from another service, such as a community pharmacy.

### Why are Receptionists asking me Personal Questions?

Our receptionists are trained to know about the care and services available to you. Their questions are to ensure that you are seen by the right person at the right time, and all answers are kept confidential.

### I Wanted to See My GP, Why am I Seeing Someone Else?

You might not always need to see a GP. Nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists and healthcare assistants are all trained professionals who can diagnose and treat a range of conditions, helping you to get advice or treatment sooner.

### What about When You are Closed?

If you need urgent medical support, you can contact the NHS 111 service online at [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk) or you can call 111. Your symptoms will be assessed, and you will be directed to the right service, this could include visiting a pharmacy, a telephone or video consultation or attending GP out-of-hours base for a face-to-face consultation.

### Where Else Can I get Help?

Visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or the NHS App for health advice and service info. You can also contact the NHS 111 service online at [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk) or you can call 111, at any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### Carers' Meetings

Due to the pandemic, the carer's meetings are still cancelled until further notice. They will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we would like to continue to support carers in our local community in any way possible. If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at [susan.lawson7@nhs.net](mailto:susan.lawson7@nhs.net) or 01954 260230.

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# District Councillors' Report

## Solar Together Cambridgeshire

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is, once again, participating in the Solar Together Cambridgeshire scheme in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council. The scheme operates as a group buying scheme for solar panels. Households can register their interest for solar panels – a company called iChoosr then run a reverse auction to get the most competitive price for households, who receive a recommendation for their house and can accept or decline the offer. Householders can find out more and register their interest here: [www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire/home](http://www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire/home).

## Community Engagement Forums

The dates for the community engagement forums have been set for this year. These take place in locations where major development is planned.

All of the forums will be held virtually on Zoom and the earlier events have links to Facebook posts. Joining details and agendas will be found on the SCDC website one week prior to the advertised date. The spring forums run from **2 March to 23 March**. The dates and full details can be found here: [www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-forums/](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/community-forums/). For information on forums, email the Communities Team or call 01954 713070.

## Biodiversity SPD – What Does It Mean?

A Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is a technical planning guidance document which carries weight in planning decisions. South Cambridgeshire has just approved a new SPD to better protect and enhance biodiversity when development takes place. Building on front-line experience from local government ecologists, the SPD has been created to guide developers on how to fulfil existing 'green' policies.

The new SPD outlines policies such as that all new homes will be required to have an integrated nest box and that 25% will need to include bat boxes. More details can be found at: [www.tinyurl.com/tmvdxy6](http://www.tinyurl.com/tmvdxy6).

## Village Watercourse Maintenance

SCDC has the responsibility for the maintenance of some of the watercourses in the village. The ditch that runs along Station Road has recently been substantially cleared. The watercourse running along the side of Schole Road from Long Pond has also been cleared, together with culverts, to ensure it is free flowing.

Not all ditches in the village are the responsibility of the Council, known as Riparian ditches, they are the responsibility of private landowners. Residents on whose land these are located are asked to check that they are clear because any obstructions that impede the flow of water can lead to problems with flooding and waterlogging upstream.

## May Elections – Early Notice

Local Authority elections, including those for South Cambridgeshire District Council, are taking place on **5 May** and Bill Handley is pleased to confirm that he is standing for re-election. Dawn Percival has decided not to stand again but we are pleased to announce that village resident, Dan Lentell, has agreed to stand in her place.

## Contacting us

We are always willing to speak with residents on the phone or Zoom call. If you wish to speak with us, please get in contact using the details below.

We refresh our Willingham and Over Facebook page frequently with local content and amplify relevant posts from SCDC. Other local authorities and our Liberal Democrat County Council colleagues also contribute. Each Monday we post a summary list of outstanding planning applications for the village. Go to [www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18](http://www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18).

*Bill Handley and Dawn Percival*

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## Friends of the Rosie

The Friends of the Rosie wish all our new mums a happy Mothering Sunday (on 27 March).

The Friends of the Rosie are enthusiastic volunteers whose aim is to improve the services the hospital provides by raising money for items that the NHS does not buy. Our next Community Market at Bar Hill is on **Saturday 5 March** from 10 30 am to 2 pm, where we will be selling gifts for all ages.

We are featuring online Markets via Facebook and we are selling second hand items in our Friends of the Rosie Maternity Hospital charity store on eBay. Please email [avril@rosiestitches.org.uk](mailto:avril@rosiestitches.org.uk) to make an appointment to view a selection in person.

We are still welcoming donations of craft materials. However, we do 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?

We are still unable to run our Friends of the Rosie tea bar in Clinic 21 due to COVID-19. We are unable to say when our tea bar will be able to open again, as most of our volunteers are of retirement age or older. We do need more volunteers and would be able to open sooner if our volunteers were younger. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact Ann Laskey ([annlaskey@icloud.com](mailto:annlaskey@icloud.com)) for more details of what would be involved.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of knitters, provide transport for our volunteers, display a small selection of our wares or to help on the Rosie tea bar. Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615 or see our website at [www.rosiestitches.org.uk](http://www.rosiestitches.org.uk).

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Our Boat is *The Ladybird*. It was built in 2006/7 for St John Ambulance. In 2013 The Ladybird Boat Trust was formed to take over the ownership and running of the boat. 'The Ladybird' can accommodate groups of up to 20 people and is fully accessible to wheelchair users. However, to ensure everyone can move round easily, each wheelchair is counted as an extra person. The heated cabin is fully enclosed with large viewing windows; there is also a wheelchair accessible toilet and small galley for tea and coffee. Passengers can also sit out on the front deck.

The boat is licensed to carry passengers by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and there has to be a licenced Boat Master on every trip. The crew, who are all volunteers, spend

the winter training and carrying out ongoing maintenance, repairs, and painting.

The core client groups are from care homes, day centres, special schools and clubs. We also run trips for individuals and small groups. We realise that COVID-19 has left many people feeling isolated and lonely, so this year we are hoping that we can attract more individuals to enjoy friendship onboard *The Ladybird*.

All trips, which normally run from May to mid-October, start out from Hartford Marina and either go downstream to St Ives or upstream to Godmanchester or Brampton.

Passengers can choose to have a picnic in the cabin or crew will take tables and chairs out onto a bankside meadow. Alternatively, fish and chips can be ordered and delivered to the boat, or a stop made near a local pub.

Normal starting time for a trip is 10 am and returning at 3 pm but we also run a number of shorter trips, starting at 10 am and returning at 1 pm or leaving at 1 30 pm and returning at 4 pm. Trips operate from Monday to Friday.

The Trust makes no fixed charge for groups or individuals using the boat but does request donations, the amount we get usually depends on the size of the organisation and the funds it has available. For friendship groups like WI or Gardening Clubs we recommend £12.50 per person, which is not a lot for five hours on the river. It costs around £17,000 a year to run *The Ladybird* and about 70% of that comes from donations from its users, with the balance coming from our Patrons and fundraising.

All crew have had double vaccinations and boosters and will follow the current COVID-19 Guidance as we would expect our passengers to also follow.

In 2019, before the Pandemic restrictions, we did over 150 trips. We are all hoping that we will see that number of trips return this year, after managing just 27 trips in 2021. We know that COVID-19 infections, staff shortages and rising costs have hit our core group of passengers really hard and we are looking forward to welcoming regular and new passengers. Bookings now are being taken for the current year.

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Wed 2 March	Community Engagement Spring Forums Begin	South Cambs Communities Team	Via Zoom	See p17
Wed 2 March	<i>Witches &amp; Wise Women</i> with a member of the Telling History Group	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p8
Wed 2 March	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p12
Thu 3 March	20th Century American Short Story Course Begins	Cambridge Central Library	<a href="http://www.tinyurl.com/2p886sth">www.tinyurl.com/2p886sth</a>	See p8
Fri 4 March	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Sat 5 March	Second Hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Sun 6 March	Peter Rudeforth Jazzband	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 - 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 7 March	Annual General Meeting	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Tue 8 March	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 14 March	<i>Recycling Matters!</i> with Jon Crisp, Waste Education Services	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Sat 19 March	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Mon 21 March	Theme: <i>A Single Subject</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p6
Tue 29 March	Children's Easter Activity Begins	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	See p8



*A Mountain Hare! Photo by Colin Brown*

## Answers

### Book Quiz Answers:

1. S J Watson, 2. John Le Carre,
3. Sue Townsend, 4. Somerset Maugham,
5. Barack Obama, 6. Enid Blyton,
7. Washington Irvine, 8. Stephen King,
9. Michelle Magorian,
10. William Shakespeare.

### Codeword Solution

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

### Young Readers' Corner Picture Quiz

#### Answers

B is the ticker tape computer – (A is the Difference Engine, C is a tiny computer next to a grain of rice!! and D is a Raspberry Pi®)

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