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Old Willingham

This splendid new building is Berrycroft Stores in the 1930s, very different from the building we know today. Sadly, the building was short lived as it caught fire and was completely gutted a few years later. The building we see today was put up in its place and its slightly odd box-like shape is due to war-time restrictions which made building materials scarce. The smaller building on the left escaped the fire and is still there today – although completely boarded up.



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.

See page seven for article about early years of Berrycroft Stores.

The Willingham British School Trust

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held at 7 30 pm on **29 April**. This will be the Trust's Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Youth Trust premises at Ploughman Hall.

In addition to receiving annual reports from the Trust's officers and the Trust's audited accounts for the 2021 – 2022 financial year the Trustees will also consider applications for financial support. The Trustees will be pleased to consider and would encourage applications for funding if:

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

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

At its meeting in January, funding was awarded to support an applicant's costs of attending the World Scout Jamboree being held in South Korea in 2023.

Initial enquiries about eligibility for funding and applications should be made to the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher (telephone: 01954 261113/e-mail: raycroucher47@gmail.com).

Willingham Bowls Club

est. 1937

The new season is almost here and we have been preparing as best we can during the winter months. The true bonus is the relaxing of COVID-19 rules which will allow us to play in the leagues this year with relevant safety. League play is important for our members and members of all bowls clubs, the interaction and social mixing being even more important after the last two years and we look forward to a fun, competitive season.

We are in the Ely and District League which is played on Monday and Friday afternoons, a really friendly league, ideal for reasonably new bowlers as well as experienced players. We are also in the Mixed Business House League which is played in the evenings, a great league if you include visit to a local pub as well.

I am also very pleased to say that our Bowls Club Community Scheme will be able to go ahead. This will be on Wednesday mornings, 11 am – 12 45 pm. The scheme is to encourage anyone to try playing bowls or just come and watch and have a cup of tea and biscuits. This is free to all who attend, thanks to our sponsors. We have all the equipment, all you need are flat soled shoes, no heels and that's it. We will offer advice to those who want it. The scheme will also be offered to local surgeries who

can advise patients needing some light exercise to attend. Bowls is a very light exercise but still is exercise and is good for joint movement and social mixing. Please come if you fancy trying bowls or just fancy some company, a cup of tea and a chat.

We always welcome new members. We are a friendly club with a range of very mixed abilities, who play for the fun of it, no one will ever be criticised for their ability. Our membership fees for this year have not been finalised yet but will be between £25 – £30, 16 years and younger are free.

We are a small active club and we have two teams playing during the winter at Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club. This current season has been very successful and we should finish in the top half of one league and with a small squad everyone gets to play. A really super way to spend an evening.

Every year we have to thank some organisations for their help, our Parish Council and in the past FECA.

If you want any further information about the Club or Scheme please contact Mark Chapman (secretary).

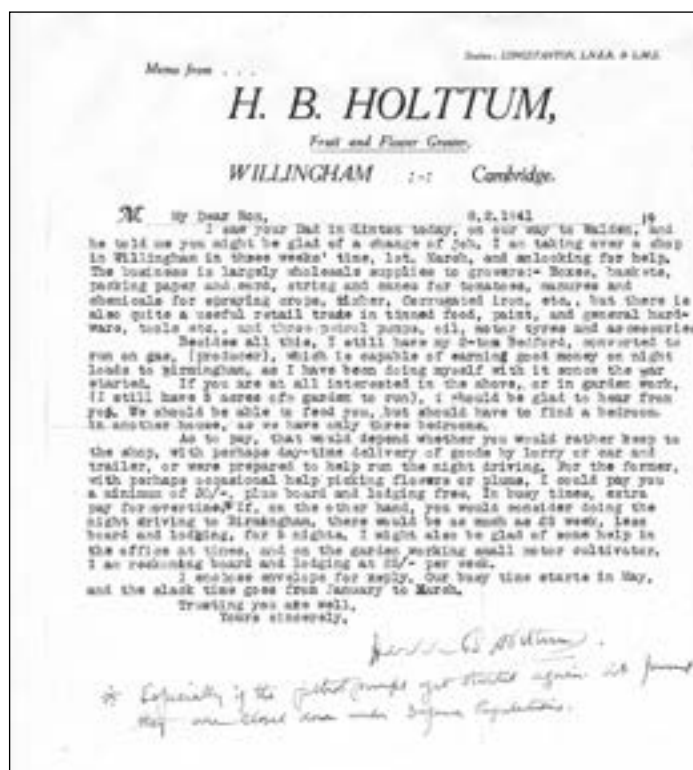
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Berrycroft Stores The Early Years

It's great how a photo can evoke so many memories. Jon Edney's *Old Willingham* did just this in January with the Ice Skating photo. A brief chat with Geoff Rule about his ice skating days then encouraged me to find out more about Berrycroft Stores, which was at one time owned by Geoff's father Frank, and his uncle, Ron Rule. Berrycroft Stores is, I believe, the oldest shop in the village. Geoff kindly invited me to meet his brother Tony, cousins Jane and Chris and Wally Ambrose to reminisce about those early years in the life of the shop.

Berrycroft Stores first opened its doors in 1903 and was then owned by the Jeeps family. Harold B Holttum, affectionately known as HB, was cousin to the grandmother of Chris and Jane and Geoff and Tony Rule. He bought the shop from the Jeeps in 1941. Brothers Frank and Ron Rule then took over the stores around 1946.



Harold's letter to Ron offering him a job at Berrycroft Stores

As Harold's letter shows, the store sold a diverse variety of goods. Under the Rule's ownership it continued to mainly support market gardeners selling everything from 'a tin tack, Osmiroad pen, stone hot water bottle to a small tractor'. In fact, everything needed for a fruit and flower growing village. The growers bought their flower dye, baskets for the collection of flowers, fruit ladders and labels all from Berrycroft Stores. In those days there were lots of growers who dyed their flowers, sometimes deliberately growing white flowers so that they could dye them in whatever colour was fashionable at the time. Cut flowers were then left outside for collection to Longstanton Station and then on for sale in Covent Garden, London and Smithfield Produce Market, Birmingham. This practice continued into the 1980s. 'Everyone grew flowers even if

their main job was in Cambridge, because we all had land at the back of our houses – it was a way of life. As children we were always told to "be polite, and go round the back" –that's where it all happened and most people's front doors wouldn't open!' recalls Jane.

Standard flowers for market were:

Pyrethrums, Gladiolus, Sweet William, Scabious, Gypsophilla, Chrysanthemum, Dahlias and Statice.

The shop used to open at 7 am and the growers would come in, having already spent a couple of hours on their land, for cigarettes and chocolate before going back out to work.

The original Berrycroft Stores was to the left of the current shop while Berrycroft Stores as we now know it, was used for storage. As the stores expanded, the shop moved to the current building and looked like the photo on page five under 'Old Willingham'. The building had a pitched gable roof which caught fire during the war and the front part was rebuilt with its flat roof of concrete and tar as there was a shortage of wood. During the war there was an air raid siren on the roof of the shop.

Berrycroft Stores was very much a family business. As the store expanded Ron ran the machinery side while Frank focussed on the horticultural and hardware side. Chris and Jane were born in Berry Cottage (it has the date 1858 above the building) which still stands next to the storage building and their parents worked in the Stores. There used to be lots of storage sheds behind the Stores and Jane remembers playing in the 'Poison Shed', sitting on boxes of DDT and Cyanide for poisoning wasps. Asbestos sheets were stored in the yard and Jane also remembers getting into trouble playing on them, not because they were dangerous but because they were expensive and being brittle could easily be broken. No strict health and safety rules and regulations then!



Some of the sheds at the back of Berrycroft Stores



HB, Ron Rule and Peter Ling outside the shop, taken after Frank Rule moved to Cornwall

The shop had a catalogue of the items which they sold and without access to the internet and social media, its reputation spread widely by word of mouth, supplying horticultural goods and spare parts for machinery to Fisons in Ipswich, to places in Lincoln, London, Kent and Luton. There were two drivers for the delivery lorries, one large vehicle and a smaller one fondly referred to as the Sputnik because its existence revolved around Berrycroft Stores! Wally Ambrose was one of the drivers. He joined the store aged 15½, working in the shop initially and when he was old enough, as a driver and loved working there. 'They were a good team and there was lots of laughter'. When he began driving for them he recalls some customers getting money out from under the floorboards and used to time some of his deliveries to coincide with customer's mealtimes!

Berrycroft Stores was quite a big employer in the village. In addition to two drivers, there were two engineers who worked in the workshops behind the stores, carrying out machinery repairs for customers. There was a yardman

and four members of staff in the shop and accounts office. In those days they also sold cement and without forklift vehicles had to unload very hot, heavy bags on to their shoulders.

There used to be petrol pumps at the front and both Tony and Geoff helped man these on Saturday mornings. There was a paraffin pump in the yard as many of the homes and greenhouses in the village were heated with paraffin heaters. Back then Berrycroft Stores also used to supply painting and decorating materials, carpets (and even provided a carpet fitting service), bicycles, nails and screws as well as lawn mowers. Back in the day they also supplied fertilizer to Cambridge United.

The sale of lawn mowers and the like continued to be sold in spite of the arrival of the first Tesco at Bar Hill and outlasted Tesco's Garden Centre! The family can remember a

customer wanting the Stores to price match a mower from Tesco but was told that wouldn't be possible as they would want to unpack the item and check it over thoroughly to ensure everything was working properly before selling it. Real customer service!

During a long drought period, Frank and Ron Rule thought there must be a lot of water under ground in the village and using diviner rods found a source on their land, dug a well and installed a pump. This enabled them to demonstrate an irrigation system, Even Shower, which they supplied and which worked in low water pressure conditions.

The Rule family sold Berrycroft Stores to Peter Ling in 1978.

Liz Cosford

Thank you to the Rule family for sharing their memories and to Jon Edney for submitting his Old Willingham photos each month.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic Sunday 5 June 12 noon – 4 pm

Coinciding with the Jubilee Picnic at Windsor Castle on **Sunday 5 June**, a similar (but perhaps not quite so grand!) event will be held on the Recreation Ground in the form of a '**bring-your-own**' picnic. So cart down everything you need – blanket/chairs/table, thermos flasks, cucumber sandwiches, Victoria sponge and so on plus, of course, friends and family, to enjoy a free Thank You Festival. Optional fancy dress is suggested along the theme of British nostalgia / 1950s and 60s with parasols or umbrellas to celebrate our ever-unreliable weather (we are keeping our fingers crossed!) and bring a flag or two for Land of Hope and Glory (we'll supply a song sheet).

We will be providing live music (not yet booked, but we are hopeful), and a mobile bar will be there courtesy of Willingham-based Krome Bar – see www.kromebar.com/.

Stallholders are likewise invited to set up on the Recreation Ground to add a bit more to the atmosphere. Pre-booking of stalls is required for safety/management purposes – see contact details below. There is no charge but we might ask for a contribution to our chosen charity if you have a good day!

We thank the Parish Council for kindly allowing us to use the Recreation Ground and Pavilion, and also for their generous funding of the event.

Anyone with additional ideas, please let us know – there is plenty of time to add more! We could also do with a few marshals for maximum of one-hour shifts.

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Engage in the Afternoon, Wednesday 6 April, 2 – 3 30 pm

Our speaker to be confirmed. These talks are free but we request a donation of £1 for refreshments.

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Games Afternoon, Friday 1 April, 2 – 4 pm

Come and join us for a fun afternoon of board games. Bring one of your own to share, play Scrabble or choose from the games we have on site. Refreshments will be available, donations welcome.

Second Hand Book Sale, Saturday 2 April, 10 30 am – 12 noon

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Children's Easter Activity, 29 March – 14 April

There is still time to collect a blank wooden egg, decorate it at home and then return it to us to be displayed in the children's area of the library. Each child will get a chocolate egg in exchange.

Poetry and Prose evening, Wednesday 20 April, 7 30 pm

We are getting together to share poems or extracts from books based around the theme of Earth Day (22 April) and related topics. For example the environment, gardening, the soil and what lies beneath it, natural or man-made

relics. We will serve wine and nibbles for a donation of 50p. Please pop along and join us at this friendly, fun evening. You don't have to share or read aloud; if you prefer to, you can just sit and listen to others.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

Stolen Lives: Modern Slavery in Britain

Saturday 2 April, 2 pm

Journalist and popular BBC Radio Cambridgeshire presenter, Louise Hulland discusses her book *Stolen Lives, Uncovering the Truth about Slavery and Human Trafficking in Modern Day Britain*. She tackles the hard-hitting topic of modern day slavery whose victims are so often hidden in plain sight in Britain today. The talk draws on extensive research and interviews with survivors that form the basis of Louise's compelling book. Please book your free tickets on Eventbrite at tinyurl.com/3r6wt96d.

What's On Brochure

From craft groups to Shakespeare on a Saturday, from Lego clubs to LGBTQ+ talks, there is something for everyone at Cambridgeshire Libraries this spring. Our handy What's On guide lists events taking place at our 33 libraries across the county until the end of April. It also includes information about other services including mobile libraries, Business and IP Centres and the range of meeting facilities. You can pick up your copy from your local library now.

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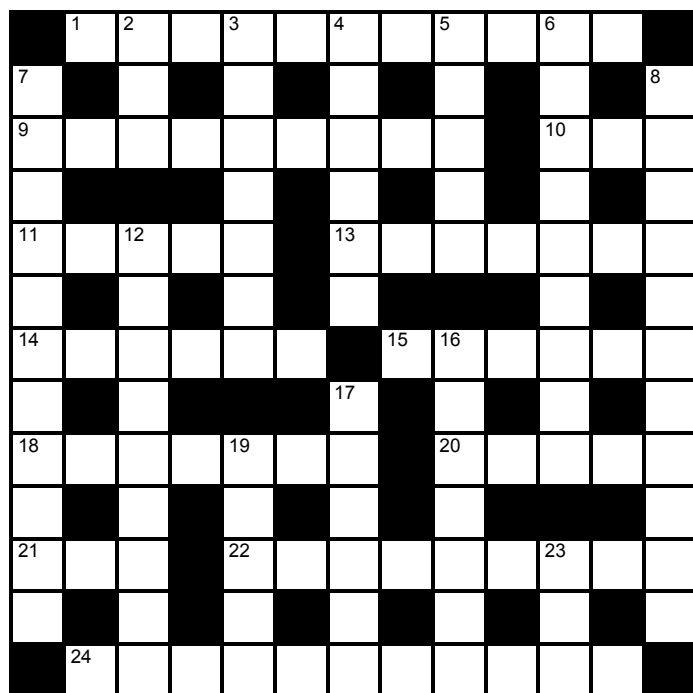
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General Knowledge Quiz by Willow

Solution on page 21.



Across

- 1 Character in *Alice in Wonderland* (8,3)
- 9 Queen of Egypt 51-30 BC (9)
- 10 Broadcaster sometimes known as 'Auntie' (3)
- 11 1996 film directed by the Coen brothers (5)
- 13 European country, capital Zagreb (7)
- 14 Annie, Eurythmics singer (6)
- 15 1977 David Bowie album (6)
- 18 Flower and cream cheese (7)
- 20 Seaside region in Spain (5)
- 21 Set of equipment (3)
- 22 Dish of thinly sliced raw meat (9)
- 24 Conductor in a famous Morecambe and Wise sketch (5,6)

Down

- 2 Garden implement (3)
- 3 Japanese venue for the 1972 Winter Olympics (7)
- 4 Not broken or damaged (6)
- 5 Muse of lyric poetry (5)
- 6 Seabird killed in *The Ancient Mariner* (9)
- 7 Highest mountain in England (7,4)
- 8 Principle stating that the simplest explanation is usually the right one (6,5)
- 12 Hollywood film star dog from the 1930s (3,3,3)
- 16 Small country surrounded by foreign territory (7)
- 17 Governor in Ancient Persia (6)
- 19 Persistent open sore (5)
- 23 Greek letter (3)

Book Quiz

Answers on page 21.

April is National Pet Month in the UK so see if you know the authors of these books, mostly cats and dogs, but a rabbit and a hawk as well.

1. *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats*
2. *The Cat in the Hat*
3. *A Street Cat Named Bob*
4. *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*
5. *Started Early, Took My Dog*
6. *The Tale of Tom Kitten*
7. *The Owl and the Pussycat*
8. *H is for Hawk*
9. *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*
10. *The Cat who came in from the Cold*

Christine Lacey

Tylers Pass 10 Years of Successful Business at Stocks Corner

Although Tylers have had strong links with the village since 1988, they have now been in their current office at Stocks Corner for more than 10 years. Sat in the very heart of the village, Tylers work as part of the community, selling and letting properties with residents Christine Few, Charley Mcmillan and Marcus Stamp. Following two turbulent years we are pleased to report that there has been a remarkable recovery in the local property market since the reopening in full last summer with the strength and longevity surpassing all expectations. Willingham has benefitted from a change in buyer and tenant priority as more work from home, look for the garden space with a house over that of a flat and consider value for money compared to city centre figures. Generally, people move within a confined area dictated by travel times to work and schools, however this change in priority has seen Willingham take full advantage of the guided busway and access to the Cambridge North Station. The good news is we have seen a rebalancing of property prices following this demand for village life.

Committed to promoting the village and keen to push all things Willingham, you can keep up to date with the market and village events through our new website at www.tylers.net or through our social media. Alternatively catch Christine out on her horse and she'll tell you there is no better place to live! Always pop in for a coffee and a chat with any property enquiries or email us at hello@tylers.net. Here's looking forward to another 10 years, thanking the village for their support in business and the various charitable events held by Tylers.

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Willingham Photography Club

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

There is a monthly assignment and photos are submitted at the meeting for consideration and feedback from our resident professional photographer. The theme for April is a *practical session, using table lamps, torches and other light sources in order to produce shadow images. Cameras, tripods and torches needed for this session.*

The meeting is on the **25 April**.

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.

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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.

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 11 April** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and will be our Easter Social with seasonal crafts and a quiz.

WI News

In February, our speaker Honor Ridout gave a really interesting talk about *The Cambridge You May Have Missed*. We all learned something new about Cambridge and the importance of looking above the shops and restaurants to the building fronts above which are often very old. We saw some great pictures too, for example of what the fountain in the market square used to look like and the horse-drawn tram which used to act as a shuttle between the centre of town and the railway station.

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.

Cover Photo

Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly

This butterfly has recently emerged from hibernation. It is commonly found throughout most of Europe and has two, sometimes three broods. The beautiful colours are augmented by the small wallflower it's feeding from and of the wall behind it. This is my first sighting of the year and a welcome hint of Spring.

Colin Brown

Stop Suicide – Asking Saves Lives

Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and South Lincolnshire (CPSL) Mind is currently running the STOP Suicide – Asking Saves Lives campaign. Anyone can experience suicidal thoughts, especially when facing financial or social hardships. It is important to recognize the warning signs in others and ask directly about suicide if you are concerned about someone. CPSL Mind is offering free online training workshops throughout the year, so that more people can have the skills and confidence in helping others. Please visit www.stopsuicidepledge.org for information and resources. If you are experiencing difficulties and have suicidal thoughts, there are things you can do to keep yourself safe. Visit the same website to find out.

More News from Cambridgeshire Libraries

The Fall of Singapore

In the Spring of 1942, the Battle of Singapore and its consequences had a great impact on many local people. Cambridgeshire soldiers were sent to Singapore to try and save the island from a Japanese invasion. However, the capture of Singapore resulted in the largest British surrender in history. From the Cambridgeshire Regiment, 784 members died in the Far East between January 1942 and August 1945, alongside hundreds of other soldiers from Cambridgeshire who served in other parts of the British Armed Forces. The forced slave labour on the Burma Railway is recalled in many books.

If you have a family or local connection to these events, there are many resources in the Cambridgeshire Local Studies collections to find out more. You can read newspaper reports of the time, including lists of missing and killed. There are also books containing eye-witness accounts of what happened, how they survived the terrors of the subsequent prisoner of war camps and the infamous 'Death Railway'. Some useful sources are listed below but others are available – check the catalogue or email cambridgeshire.collection@cambridgeshire.gov.uk:

- *When You Go Home* by Arthur Lane.
- *The Thailand to Burma Railway Built by POWs in the Second World War: An Illustrated History* by Geoffrey Pharoah Adams.
- *To the Kwai – And Back: War Drawings, 1939 – 1945* by Ronald Searle.
- *With the Cambridgeshires at Singapore* by William Taylor, Foreword by Reverend Canon Noel Duckworth.

Willingham Gardening Club

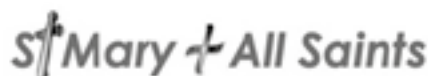
At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Gardening Club held at the Social Club on 7 March, the members discussed the future of the Club and it was agreed that:

1. The Club could no longer continue to provide the range of activities it offered in the year preceding the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, the present Committee decided to retire to allow a new Committee to be formed from younger gardening enthusiasts in the village.
2. A meeting of members and gardening enthusiasts will be called to discuss the continuance of the Gardening Club in a re-structured form, albeit with the curtailment of some of its past activities. The retiring Committee will offer support to a new Committee for as long as is necessary to help them settle into the role.

Should you be interested in supporting the continuation of the Gardening Club in any way, please contact Carol Bailey on 01954 260794, or email carol_bailey16@sky.com.

There will be no meeting of the Gardening Club in April. **Further meetings are subject to discussions on re-structuring the Gardening Club.**

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3 April	11 00 am	Morning Worship
3 April	7 00 pm	Worship Together
10 April	11 00 am	Morning Worship
15 April	11 00 am	Good Friday – Morning Service
17 April	11 00 am	Easter Sunday – Holy Communion
24 April		No Service

Worship Together – Informal Evening Services

We have started meeting in Church on the first Sunday evening of each month at 7 pm, for a very relaxed and informal service of singing, prayer and listening to Bible readings. On **Sunday 3 April** the theme will be *Hope for the Future*.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at 7 pm for a more contemporary style of service.

Other Services

During March we started a review of our regular Sunday Morning Services to ensure that they are as relaxed and involving as possible for all ages. Please keep an eye on future editions of *Willingham News*, our Notice Boards and Facebook page for more details as they are announced.

Church Opening

We are pleased that we are now able to keep the Church open throughout the week for private prayer and reflection. These arrangements will now continue unless there is a significant change in the COVID risk levels in the weeks and months to come.

The Octagon

The Octagon is now open again for private bookings. If you are interested in availability and current hiring arrangements, then please contact Colin Smith in the office (see below for contact details).

Contact Details

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Colin Smith 01954 203459 or admin@5folds.org.uk.



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6 00 pm	Evening Worship

Sunday 10 April

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10 00 am	Café Church
6 00 pm	Evening Worship

Sunday 17 April

10 00 am	Morning Worship
6 00 pm	Evening Worship

Sunday 24 April

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 at 10 am 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 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 16 April at 7 45 am for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Contact Pete Sacre for more information 01954 261655 or petamin@gmail.com.

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.

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

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

The Surgery

Disappointment was expressed at the Parish Council meeting in March that another new phase of development had been announced for Northstowe with still no plans for a medical centre. Concerns were raised that the surgery in Willingham was struggling to cope with more than 10,000 patients now registered at a facility built over 20 years ago for a village, at that time, of 3,000.

District Councillor, Bill Handley, said that the problems were county wide and caused by COVID-19 and not Northstowe and that he had been assured by the surgery that they could handle the additional numbers. This statement was questioned by several Parish Councillors, one of whom cited their own experience in being unable to get a doctor's appointment in under five weeks and having to wait over an hour and a half on the telephone to get a reply.

Councillor Handley agreed to make further enquiries and report back.

Cycle Ways

Plans are underway for expansion of the cycle network in Cambridgeshire. Sadly, they will not help Willingham as the focus will be on direct links (spokes) into Cambridge. The need for cross links was emphasised to County Councillor, Neil Gough. In particular Willingham lacked direct routes to Cottenham and Over. Cycle use in Willingham was not great mainly due to the volume of traffic and the lack of safe routes.

Councillor Gough noted the concerns but said it was unlikely that anything would happen before at least 2024. In answer to a separate question, he said that he would check on whether the planned upgrade to the B1050 would provide a cycle route to the north of the village.

Jubilee Arrangements

The Parish Council was delighted to hear of plans for a Jubilee family picnic on the QE2 field on **Sunday, 5 June** and agreed to help with some funding. They also agreed to help with proposals from the WI for a new bench on the Village Green and provide a second bench on the QE2 field.

Environment and Sustainability

The Parish Council continues to look at ways of improving their carbon footprint. Two schemes are being considered. The first, which is well advanced, is replacement of the Pavilion lighting with LEDs. The second, which is still at an exploratory stage, is provision of an electric vehicle charging point near to the Ploughman Hall. It would be interesting to know if residents have any views on this second proposal. If you do, please send a brief email to the clerk at the address shown below.

Vacancy for Deputy Clerk

The Council have a part time vacancy for a Deputy Clerk. Further details can be obtained from the Parish Council office. Closing date is **Monday 4 April**.

Meetings

Meeting arrangements are now more or less back to normal with a little extra spacing. The next full Council Meeting will be in the Octagon at 7 30 pm on **Wednesday 6 April**.

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

Council Office Contact Details:

Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP

Tel: 01954 261027.

Email: clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Mrs Mandy Powell

Parish Clerk

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Reader's Letter

Dear Editors

Re: Driveway into The Orchard

I drive a small Corsa and walk my dog in the Community Orchard. The recent rains have wreaked further havoc on the only access to this amenity, making the former formidable ditches into dangerous dark lakes, not only for one's car, but more importantly, for able and disabled walkers, leading or not leading a dog, and for anyone coming off and departing onto the main road, where speeds often surpass the limit.

Can we please urgently have this ongoing problem rectified with pounded gravel or any other material that will permanently level this area? I know paving here has been under discussion, but it is time for the Parish Council or other affiliate to be directed to take immediate action as this lovely amenity to the village and dog walking community is presently very dangerous.

I look forward to knowing action has been taken for a safe resolution.

Kind regards,
Martha Nunn

Response to Letter from Martha Nunn from the Parish Council.

The Council would like to thank Martha for raising her concerns regarding the entrance to the Bridleway neighbouring the Orchard. I have requested the works to the entrance be looked at and actioned by Cambridgeshire County Council Rights of Way team as quickly as possible. I can also confirm that the order for the works has been placed by Cambridgeshire County Council for the footpath and they are waiting for confirmation of a start date from the contractors.

The concerns raised will also be passed to the Parish Council at their next meeting which is due to be held on **6 April**.

Mandy Powell
Parish Council Clerk

Thought for the Month

The Great 50 Days

A lot can happen in 50 days. If you are reading this article on 1 April, I wonder what you have experienced since 10 February. The snowdrops in my garden will have gone, replaced by daffodils which may still be there at the start of April, weather permitting. The COVID-19 landscape may also have evolved, hopefully positively.

Have you come across the concept of 'The Great 50 Days'? My web search friend Google suggests: 1. Super endurance runner Dean Karnazes who ran 50 marathons in 50 US states in 50 days'; 2. Ivan van Driessche who completed a 50 day sponsored walk around Crete in aid of Animal Welfare; 3. British internet users spend 50 days a year surfing the web. These examples are in addition to 'The Great 50 Days' from Easter to Pentecost. This year 'The Great 50 Days' begin on 17 April with the worldwide shout of praise: 'Alleluia! Christ is Risen.' They take us through to 5 June and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In the Bible, the end of the gospels and the start of Acts tell of many amazing events in this period. Numerous people met the resurrected Jesus and some witnessed him ascend to the heavens.

Who knows what will happen in the next 50 days? I certainly won't be running 50 marathons but I will venture out for a few brief runs each week. There are birthdays to celebrate in my extended family and perhaps a couple of special dates for you as well? I hope there will also be pleasant surprises along the way.

I offer you my prayers and good wishes for a Happy Easter. May we each enjoy a great 50 days until the next edition of *Willingham News* comes through the letterbox.

Rev'd Lucy Cleland, Team Vicar in the 5folds Group

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Community Catalysts

Would you like to work for yourself offering care and support to older or disabled people near you? You might offer cleaning, help with cooking, washing, dressing or sitting and chatting.

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The local Catalyst works with providers, helping them to help their neighbours and understand how to run their own enterprise whilst providing the best care and support. Advice is also available to small groups and organisations already established with developing or diversifying their business.

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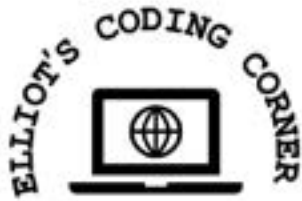
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Young Readers' Page



Part 3 – Python

This month I am writing about Python. No, not the snake! Python is a text-based coding language. It was invented by Guido van Rossum from

the Netherlands in the 1980s, and the first version was published in February 1991. It is nothing to do with snakes, but is named after a BBC TV show called Monty Python!

Python is good for simple data storing and maths programmes. It's not the programming language you would want when creating a webpage, but it is great for making your first games!

You can do lots and lots with Python. Some of the programmes I have made are a calendar, a password login, a calculator programme, and games. The favourite programme I've made was a game where you are a plane and you have to collect stars and dodge missiles. You can see a picture of it below, and you can even download the code and play it yourself using the web link!

Python is a good coding language for beginners because it is very readable – commands do what they say! Here's some 'so so simple' Python commands:

- `print("___")` – writes your message to the console
- `___=input("___")` – asks the user a question through the console, and records their input
- `def ___(___):` – defines a new function
- `while True:` – keeps a command running as long as 'True' is true – which is forever!

However, I wouldn't recommend Python for total beginners because it can be confusing. Instead, I would recommend something like Scratch or Scratch Jr, because they have less commands, and you can't spell them wrong! Next month I will tell lots more about Scratch – tune in then!

Elliot's Coding Dictionary

Console This is the screen where the computer writes its output from your code.

IDE (integrated development environment) – this is a programme used to write and run code, like Visual Studio Code, Mu, Thonny, or IDLE.

Here is a picture of my plane game. If you have a copy of Python and want to play it, you can download the code here: tinyurl.com/ElliotsPlaneGame.



Activities for April

April only has five letters but see if you can make at least 15 words using just the letters in April.

Animal Anagrams

Can you solve these animal anagrams? All the answers begin with the letter A. Answers on page 21.

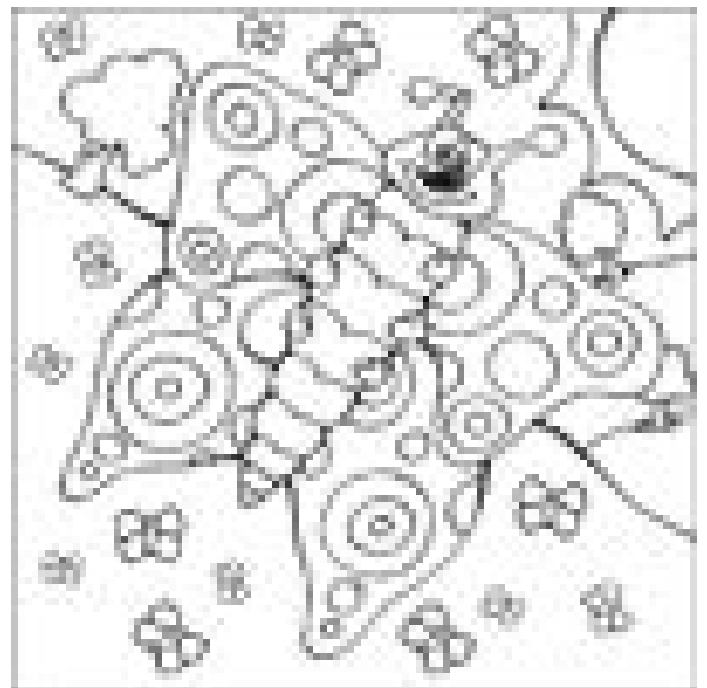
1. Gall ratio
2. Area tent
3. Leta open
4. Pea
5. Modal rail
6. Ea al pa
7. Car fix to
8. Ark da var
9. Boar salts
10. Dread

April Quiz

1. Which bird's arrival in mid-April is said to signify the start of Spring?
2. What date in April is the Queen's birthday?
3. Easter is always in April. True or False?
4. What day does 23 April signify?

Answers on page 21.

Try colouring in this happy butterfly. You could choose the same colours as the butterfly on the front cover.



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Easter – Opening Hours

Please note the Surgery will be **closed** on **Good Friday 15 April** and **Easter Monday 18 April**. Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication. The last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for the Easter Weekend is **Monday 11 April**.

Busy Service

We are currently experiencing a high volume of calls to the Surgery and are aware that it takes some time to get through to our team. We kindly request that you do not phone during peak times unless it is absolutely necessary and you require medical advice for a new and acute problem. Routine face to face and telephone appointments are available for medication reviews and non-urgent problems. The wait is currently three weeks. If you are unsure whether your medical need is urgent, our receptionists are trained to direct you to the most appropriate appointment. They will liaise with the GP on your behalf if there are concerns regarding the urgency of your problem.

We do not make appointments via email, but you can register for System Online to make routine appointments with the GP, in order to avoid the phone queue. We have several telephone lines and multiple members of staff answering phones at all times. They will get to you as soon as they can. Please try and keep your call as brief as possible in order to free up our staff quickly so they can help the next caller. Please be kind to our staff who are doing their very best to help you. Any abusive behaviour will result in your call being terminated. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Parking

Please **do not park** in the Surgery car park when you are dropping your children to school.

This is causing serious problems with our patients having adequate parking. Visibility on our access road can be very restricted, and as this is a main pedestrian route to the school, there is an increased risk to children if the road becomes heavy with traffic during school drop off. We will monitor the situation and will ask you to move if you are seen doing this. This is also being reported to the school.

Updating your Contact Details

Please ensure we have your most up to date mobile number. We are using mobile numbers to send out information via SMS regarding any unforeseen changes to your appointment. It is very important that we have the correct details. As the phone lines are very busy at the moment, it might be easier to email this request through to us on willinghammedicalpractice@nhs.net or use the form

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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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Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

on the practice website www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk.

Cambridge Hearing Help

Unfortunately, we have been informed that the Cambridgeshire Hearing Help mobile unit (formerly CAMTAD) will not be returning to the Surgery following the pandemic.

However, Hearing Aid Maintenance Centres are open locally, where you can get your NHS hearing aids cleaned and retubed. This is a drop-off and wait service, by appointment only.

To book an appointment or to request batteries by post please use our online service at: www.cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or telephone the office: 01223 416141 or Text: 07852 699196.

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. 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 or 01954 260230.

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Willingham Community Plan

Group Update



'What is happening with the Community Plan after so much noise in 2021? You haven't heard from us since December's *Willingham News*, so it is time for an update!

The answer is that we have just finished the paper copy data entry and we are very busy analysing the responses we received. You can expect that it will take some time, thanks to the very many that responded online and by paper copies. If you remember you did not have to answer every section. To give you some idea of the response here is a breakdown of people that answered each section.

- Section 01 (Let's start here!) = 864
- Section 02 (Traffic, Roads & Transport) = 76%
- Section 03 (Your Children & Young People) = 50%
- Section 04 (Housing, Development and the Environment) = 68%
- Section 05 (Leisure, Amenities and Communications) = 65%
- Section 06 (Medical Services, Health and Wellbeing) = 64%
- Section 07 (Employment and Business) = 59%
- Section 08 (Community, Governance, Crime & Antisocial Behaviour) = 63%

In addition to the Household Survey the Youth Survey had 114 more responses. We'd like to thank the schools and organisations that facilitated Willingham's children and young adults taking part.

The WCP team would like to give a massive vote of thanks to the team that supported us by delivering and collecting paper copies, knocking on doors and entering the data manually. It really has been a massive project and we could not have got such a good response without you generously donating your time.

Lastly thanks to everyone that filled in the survey. As well as analysing the numbers, we are also analysing your many very helpful comments and remarks. Excuse us while we go quiet again, there is a massive report to write!



Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Spring birds are returning and, once back, they waste no time filling the airwaves with their lovely, lyrical melodies. Each year millions of birds pour into the UK to take advantage of the warmer weather for breeding. Indeed, temperate areas are more productive at this time of year for nature than rainforests. This energetic boom of growth fuels an emergence of insects which in turn gives birds a lot of food to eat.

Migration is a treacherous business, but for the birds that make it back there are big gains to be had. The glut of food in the spring allows them to have large broods and produce lots of young. Some species can have up to 15 chicks in a nest, which is a lot of mouths to feed!

At Fen Drayton Lakes we are lucky enough to receive lots of migrant birds which are dominated by the warblers. These small birds have mostly travelled from Africa with some having spent the winter as far away as South Africa. One such species is the willow warbler which migrates up to 8,000km to reach here. It crosses mountain chains, seas, rainforests and the largest desert on earth, all to breed in a particular patch of trees on the nature reserve. We have managed the habitats to ensure areas of scrub such as hawthorn and bramble, reedbeds and woodlands are in good condition, which warblers adore. Many of these birds prefer the edge of the habitat, where scrub meets grassland or reeds meet scrub. This is where biodiversity is highest and provides the most food. On a calm morning it is possible to hear ten different species of warbler at the reserve but seeing them all can take a number of visits.

Come down to the reserve to look for these charismatic birds around the trails. This is the best time of year to see them as many will sit out to sing, putting aside all risks from predators to attract a mate. If you are lucky, you may also hear the fluty melody of a nightingale or the classic two-note call of the cuckoo, both of which can be found with luck.

Watch Your Step

Did you know...? Over half of England's threatened bird species nest on the ground. We can all contribute to improving the fortunes of declining birds such as corn buntings and lapwings by sticking to paths and keeping dogs on leads in the spring and summer months. This will boost the odds that these threatened species can breed.

The #WatchYourStep hashtag is our campaign to raise awareness of the impact on nesting birds and to share how people are helping. Search for the hashtag if you are on social media to get live updates or get involved.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday. To see details and book, please visit: events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes.

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South Cambridgeshire District Councillors' (SCDC) Report

Wild Minds

Our Wild Minds programme has opened for registration with an expanded programme. The age range has been widened to invite 12–17 year olds to register (sessions will be run in separate groups of 12–14 year olds, and 15–17 year olds). The courses, which are free, will also now run in two locations, continuing at Milton Country Park and a new scheme being run at Wandlebury Country Park.

Overseen by a clinical psychologist the courses provide support for young people with mild anxiety, low mood and depression and aim to improve self-confidence and self-esteem; the courses are aimed at young people who may otherwise go without help because they do not meet the NHS threshold for mental health care.

The sessions run for an hour and a half, for eight weeks, with different activities on offer each week, spending time in small groups in a therapeutic outdoor environment with qualified activity instructors and trained youth workers. Young people who would like to attend, or parents or carers who think the course may be suitable for a young person in their care, can register now online.

Further information and a link to apply can be found at tinyurl.com/ydrpbhfk.

Focus on Nature

SCDC has just published a Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document which you can see at tinyurl.com/2p9ewzf4 and which supports the Doubling Nature Strategy published last year. It details how all new development must protect, preserve and enhance nature and encourages Parish Councils to develop their own nature recovery plans.

Anglian Water Third Consultation – Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Works

Anglian Water has launched its third consultation on the relocated Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Works – the last consultation before the plan is fixed in this month. There is an updated design, reducing the height of the tallest elements with a smaller site, trees planted to screen the site and a mix of habitats that complement those in proximity to the site. Following lobbying by SCDC, they now promise a biodiversity net gain minimum of 20% across the entire site.

They are aiming for 'negligible' odour through an improved design. Storm capacity will be handled by both internal and external storage and the quality of the treated water going into the River Cam will be much improved.

It's proposed that access to the site will be via junction 34 off the A14 and there will be enhancements to walking and cycling routes. Further details of the consultation can be found at: tinyurl.com/3npxbn69.

Water Supplies

You may have read or heard recently about a drinking water pollution incident concerning Cambridge Water. SCDC heard, via a journalist, that there may have been a pollution incident in South Cambridgeshire around Duxford, Shelford and Stapleford. SCDC immediately contacted Cambridge Water who are responsible for the delivery of clean drinking water to this area. SCDC's responsibility for drinking water extends to a small number of private water supplies - private wells and bore holes – and all of these were immediately tested and confirmed to have water that is deemed to be 'wholesome.'

Bill Handley and Dawn Percival

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Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report

Spring is well and truly with us – I hope that you're enjoying the lighter evenings. Please continue to take care when travelling around as icy roads can persist at this time of year.

Here is my update of County Council matters based upon the full report given to the Parish Council.

The Primary School – Flood Risk Scheme

The Primary School has been identified as one of five schools in Cambridgeshire that are at risk of surface water flooding and that experience some degree of flooding on a regular basis. These schools could benefit from a Sustainable Urban Drainage Solution (SuDS) scheme to reduce risk on their own site as well as in the surrounding area. The Environment Committee will be asked to approve funding through the Environment Fund of £75,000 for a SuDS in Schools project covering five schools across Cambridgeshire. This scheme could unlock partnership further funding of £300,000 from the Department of Education and Anglian Water. We expect to have heard the outcome of the application by the end of March. The schemes would commence in financial year 2022/23.

Greater Cambridge Partnership – Greenways

At its meeting on 17 February, the Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly was advised that work on the Greenways is continuing. Officers are continuing to work with landowners to acquire land. Ultimately, compulsory purchase could be used.

The St Ives Greenway will include a shared cycle and pedestrian route between Cottenham and Oakington leading on to the Guided Busway. The works will include a solution to the intermittent flooding at Swavesey Lakes that sometimes makes the access path impassable.

Civil Parking Enforcement

South Cambridgeshire District Council's Cabinet confirmed formally they will support the County Council's application to the Department for Transport for civil parking enforcement in the district. Introducing civil parking enforcement in South Cambridgeshire will see responsibilities for dealing with illegal parking shift from Cambridgeshire Police to Cambridgeshire County Council. This will mean drivers parking illegally, such as on double yellow lines, could be issued a ticket by Civil Enforcement Officers and ordered to pay a penalty charge. This arrangement is in place in Cambridge City and many other areas.

The County Council will now prepare an application to the Secretary of State for a Special Enforcement Area, via the Department for Transport, to introduce the scheme. Subject to the approval of this application, it is expected that civil parking enforcement could begin in South Cambridgeshire in the autumn of next year. In South Cambridgeshire, the upfront costs of introducing civil parking enforcement will be funded by the GCP, including a full review of road lines and signs. They will also cover any financial deficit of the scheme for the first five years.

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

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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
29 March – 14 April	Children's Easter Activity	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	See p8
Fri 1 April	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Sat 2 April	Second Hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Sat 2 April	Rosie in Stitches Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 2 pm
Sun 3 April	The Riverside Jazzband	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Wed 6 April	Speaker To Be Confirmed	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p8
Wed 6 April	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p12
Fri 8 April	Willingham News Deadline	Willingham News		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 11 April	Easter Social	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p10
Sat 16 April	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Wed 20 April	Poetry & Prose Evening	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p8
Mon 25 April	Theme: <i>Use of Light Sources to Produce Shadow Images</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 - 10 pm, see p9
Fri 29 April	Annual General Meeting	Willingham British School Trust	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm, see p5

Answers to General Knowledge Quiz

Across: 1 Cheshire Cat, 9 Cleopatra, 10 BBC, 11 Fargo, 13 Croatia, 14 Lennox, 15 Heroes, 18 Primula, 20 Costa, 21 Kit, 22 Carpaccio, 24 Andre Previn.

Down: 2 Hoe, 3 Sapporo, 4 Intact, 5 Erato, 6 Albatross, 7 Scafell Pike, 8 Occam's razor, 12 Rin Tin Tin, 16 Enclave, 17 Satrap, 19 Ulcer, 23 Chi.

Answers to April Quiz

1 Cuckoo 2 21st 3 False 4 World Book Day

Answers to Animal Anagrams

1 Alligator 2 Ant eater 3 Antelope 4 Ape 5 Armadillo 6 Alpaca 7 Artic fox 8 Aardvark 9 Albatross 10 Adder

Answers to Book Quiz

1 T S Eliot 2 Dr Seuss 3 James Bowen 4 Mark Haddon 5 Kate Atkinson 6 Beatrix Potter 7 Edward Lear 8 Helen Macdonald 9 Judith Kerr 10 Deric Longden

A Poem for April

Light showers were falling
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