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Full Steam Ahead for Scouting Adventures in 2022

After a two-year wait, 1st Willingham Scouts were finally able to return to overnight adventures for their young people last month. Camps, and other nights away from home, are a core part of the experiences we provide for our young people as they are a huge catalyst for developing independent skills and new friendships.

Our Beaver section (age 6 – 8) start collecting their 'nights away' badges with a simple, local overnight camp and progress on this journey through Cubs (age 8 – 10) and Scouts (age 10 – 14). By the time they move on to Explorers (age 14 – 17) they will already be completing expeditions carrying all their kit or spending a whole week away on camp.

For our Scout section, the expedition challenge is a key part of their programme where they are required to plan and carry out a two-day expedition to explore somewhere new. Last month they undertook a trip by train from Cambridge to Sheringham on the North Norfolk coast to complete this award.

Given some broad parameters for the expedition, our Scouts spent an evening meeting getting to grips with the East Anglian rail network, using train timetables to work out how to get from Cambridge to Sheringham (and back), along with a hike route plan to take them along the scenic North Norfolk coast.

Our trip included:

- A two-stage train journey on the way out, followed by a 7 km hike.
- A trip on the North Norfolk Railway steam train and an overnight stay at Sheringham Youth Hostel, with the Scouts planning, purchasing and cooking their meals.
- A visit to Sheringham lifeboat station and a town treasure trail, followed by a three-stage train journey on the way home.

We were very fortunate to have the company of four Young Leaders from our local Explorer Scout Unit who made a massive contribution to the success of the weekend.

We had a fantastic weekend away with all the Scouts achieving their expedition challenge award and are looking forward to more adventures in 2022.

If you are interested in supporting our opportunities for young people, then please get in touch: adventure@1stwillinghamscoutgroup.org.uk.

Matt Haigh

Group Scout Leader, 1st Willingham Scout Group



Expedition planning

Old Willingham

Willingham is rightly proud of its Parish Church which is a Grade 1 listed building and contains an amazing amount of history going back to the 1200s. The current church was built on top of an older church probably dating back another 300 years. Some fragments of this can be seen in the porch. What is



less well known is that the building had been allowed to descend into serious disrepair due to a series of 'absent' rectors in Victorian times. These men just took the tithes and money but spent little or no time in the village. This fuelled the rise in non-conformist churches such as the Baptists and Methodists.

The arrival of Reverend Watkins in the 1890s changed all this. He lived in the village and invested his own money in restoring the church to what we see today. The entire east end had to be re-built and this month's photo, taken during this work, shows how bad the old building had become. The maintenance of the building is still the responsibility of the local village and not the Church of England and it is an expensive task.

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.

The Willingham History & Education Group (WHIGs)

The WHIGs are the new village history group open to everyone. Our regular meetings will feature three talks of 5 minutes, 15 minutes and 30 minutes duration on a wide range of local, regional and further afield bygone topics.

Our *Summer 2022 Season* will feature topics such as the *Nazi Spy of Willingham*, William the Conqueror's time here, as well as the village's celebrated *History of Orchards*.

Do you have an idea for a talk? Is there someone you would like to hear from? If so, please answer this call for ideas and topic suggestions by contacting whigsinquire@gmail.com.

Steve Moore

Memories of Willingham 50 Years Ago – Part One

This article is an attempt to describe our village as it used to be. As my memory is not perfect I'm sure to have missed some things out and I apologise for this.

When our family moved to Willingham in 1968 it was a very different village from the one we live in today. To begin with it was much smaller then. No Saxon Way, no Balland Field, no Pyrethrum Way, and hardly any of the smaller developments we know today. When we arrived, Wilford Furlong and Brickhills were very recent additions to the area, and at that time had a resident warden.

The general appearance of the village centre was rural. Our house in High Street had a working farmyard on one side and a cold store for fruit on the other. Opposite to us there was a large flower grower, and the bottom of our long garden adjoined a pig farm. As well as its farms and small holdings, Willingham was famous for its many orchards of which sadly only Ray Manning's remains today.

Most of the inhabitants or their spouses had lived in the village all their lives, and although there was a sprinkling of people from neighbouring villages, I think we were only the second family with university connections. Some people were a little suspicious of us, but our immediate neighbours were friendly and welcoming and as I had grown up in a much smaller and more remote place I soon felt at home.

The younger women and girls might have jobs in Cambridge, but few of the men worked outside the village, and even those that did tended to work some land in their spare time. The majority of people had large gardens which they put to good use. One gentleman, who was a recipient of meals on wheels, always provided his own vegetables, mainly asparagus when it was in season.

The other use of gardens was the growing of flowers. This employed many women and very hard work it was too. In the 1970s some newcomers to the village found flowers growing in their new gardens and attempted to carry on with the trade, but the two I knew gave up after their first season. I reckon you had to be bred to it. A great feature of the village then were the towers of flower boxes on the pavements waiting for the carrier to take them to Longstanton station to be sent away to market.

Next time, I'll talk more about the village amenities at that time.

Anne Kirkman

Do write in with your memories of past Willingham to add to Anne's. Send your memories to the usual address: willinghamnews@gmail.com.



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Bebe and Ju Crafts



This month, in our 'Spotlight on Local Business' feature, we talk to Mel Pinter about her craft business which is a mix of selling online through Facebook and Etsy, face-to-face through craft markets and running craft workshops.

Q What is your business all about?

I make and sell macramé items. Macramé is a form of textile produced using knotting techniques and can be used to make everything from wall hangings and plant hangers to jewellery and accessories. As well as macramé, I also make a few decorative origami items such as greetings cards and garlands.

Q How did you decide on this?

I discovered macramé back in the summer of 2020 and instantly fell in love with its versatility. By the autumn, I had made so many pieces I had two choices: stop or start selling it to make room for more! Positive encouragement from friends and a chance Tarot card reading was also a big push factor.

Unfortunately, more lockdowns and home-schooling put the brakes on things a bit, and with little in the way of craft fairs and events taking place last year, I didn't have much in the way of outlets. Thankfully, this year, with things returning to normal, there are lots of craft markets popping up, which will give me the chance to showcase my wares.

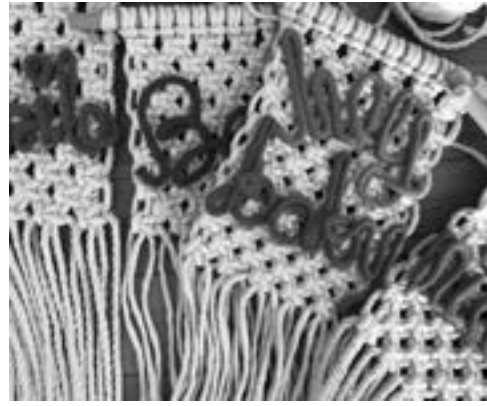
It's a daunting prospect to take the plunge and launch into something like this, particularly if you've already got a stable job and you're thinking of making the switch. But lockdown for me, like for many people, forced my hand and I have no regrets.

Q What difficulties have you encountered?

Although social media has the potential to be a great tool for promoting and selling products, I won't pretend that it comes easily to me. Navigating the different platforms and trying to figure out how they work for business has been a frustrating process. Also, putting myself out there and having a constant presence is often very time-consuming and something I admit I still don't do very successfully.

Q What is the scope for future development of the business?

I have just started advertising macramé workshops; the next ones will take place on **7 and 21 May** – one in Oakington and the other at Queenholme Farm, Willingham. With my



background in teaching and a love for macramé, it seemed combining the two was the obvious next step. These are for beginners who get to make their own

plant hangers.

Q How much time do you devote to your business each day?

I often get asked how long it takes me to make one thing or another, and the honest answer usually is: 'I don't know'. I find myself in such a mindful and meditative state when I'm doing crafts that I completely lose track of time. I make the most of the hours that the children are at school to do most of my work, but like any working parent, there are times when I find myself staying up late or getting up early to fit things in.

Q How difficult is it to balance running a business and running a young family?

It's not always easy trying to respond to emails when I'm at the park or make up items and get them posted when the kids are at home and need my attention.

Q What tips would you give someone starting up a similar venture?

I thoroughly recommend joining online communities of people that share your interests; I have found them particularly helpful. These days, there are forums and groups for every hobby and pastime imaginable. Macramé groups on Facebook have been invaluable in offering me advice on the craft itself but also input on selling products, displaying products, packaging and much more. I also spend a long time on Pinterest and Instagram searching for inspiration.

In terms of materials, it has taken me some time to find the best products and suppliers. This is something that's ongoing. Buying materials mainly online means you don't always get it right. So be prepared for that. It takes time and money to find out exactly what works for you.

If you want to sign up for one of Mel's macramé workshops you can contact her on Facebook or Instagram (see below) or email her on: bebeandjucrafts@yahoo.com. You can see more examples of Mel's work in the Extras section of *Willingham News* online at: www.willinghamlife.org.

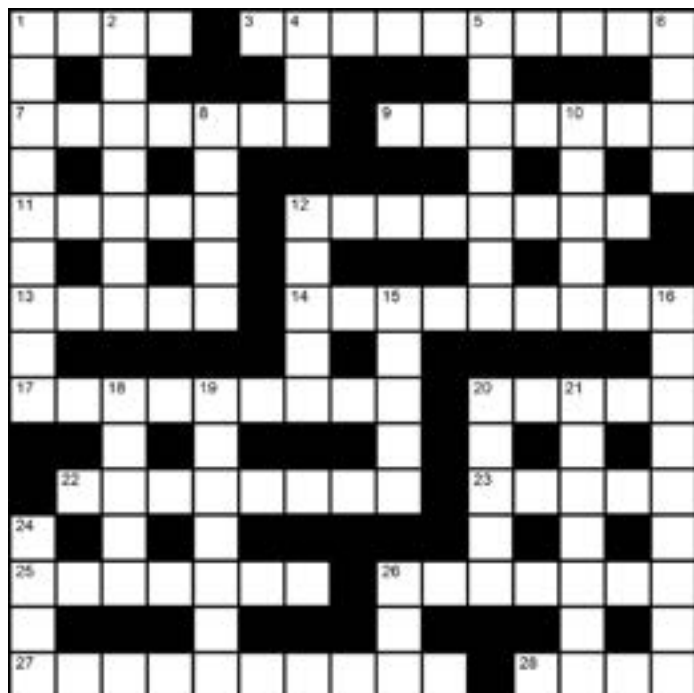
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Cryptic Crossword by Naxos

Answers on page 21

The Stones

You should be able to find 10 answers here that are linked to the theme.



Across

- 1 Ring circuit up in October (4)
- 3 Explore lake in US state ... also in October! (10)
- 7 Chamber version contains terrible backing in August (7)
- 9 Cleric grasps I am running in April (7)
- 11 Make enquiries about small perch (5)
- 12 They get in a muddle with mats tossed about in February (8)
- 13 Animal described by cockney getting more excited (5)
- 14 Breeze by the river to find way to pay? (4, 5)
- 17 Steps taken by opera house to get involved in learning method making a comeback (7)
- 20 Mail, say, on first anniversary (5)
- 22 A very quiet recruit after scary start in September (8)
- 23 European Union supports mix of aid on exit (5)
- 25 Mere lad getting into trouble in May (7)
- 26 Course programmes devised as one dances about keeping close to mummy (7)
- 27 Serviceman found under water in March (10)
- 28 Show honour (4)

Down

- 1 Sorry, no supper, nothing in there. I mean it! (2, 7)
- 2 Open wine at getaway gateway? (7)
- 4 Frequent opportunities for training beginners (3)
- 5 Embarrassed woman in a poorly state (7)
- 6 Losing head, bear is in a whirl (4)
- 8 Does time inside put one off? (5)
- 10 Not getting started, season is ruined at Southend or Westcliff, for example (2, 3)
- 12 Measure of a masterpiece? (5)
- 15 Mandibular as in cheek? (5)
- 16 Unexpectedly quite sour in December (9)
- 18 Stick around Romeo if you want to get the bird (5)
- 19 Mill about outside a petrol company in recession getting soothing treatment (3, 4)
- 20 Fruit left in June (5)
- 21 Rank investigator by eye (7)
- 24 Testing program means probe taken apart inside (4)
- 26 Crime is rising fifty per cent (3)

Sudoku

Solution on page 21

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A New Spring for Willingham Gardening Club

Circumstances over the last few years have allowed many of us to discover a new appreciation for spending time in our gardens. Whilst our gardening interests may be varied, from pruning roses to growing pumpkins, we all share a passion for making the most of what outdoor space we have. Some changes are being planned for the future of our Gardening Club. We hope the club will provide a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for gardening enthusiasts of any skill level to come together as a local community to learn from each other.



Photo by John Brackenbury

Please join us for our next meeting on **Monday 6 June** at 7 30 pm at the Social Club where it is anticipated that a new committee will be formed. This meeting will also be an opportunity to discuss future ideas for our Gardening Club and swap plants or seeds – so feel free to bring any surplus produce you have!

Everyone is welcome to this meeting, there will be free entry to all and free refreshments.

Your input is needed on the future direction of the Gardening Club, so please get in touch with Jack (willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com) and complete our short survey online at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/VDMHE7.



Young Readers' Page

4 Scratch

Scratch is a programming language that children can use to make programs and learn about code. Scratch was invented in 2003, by two

people called Mitchel Resnick and Yasmin Kafai in the USA. They invented it for children to learn about coding. It is now a really famous language – at the start of 2022 there were more than 92 million Scratch projects that had been created by 'Scratchers'. Some of these are mine!



A Scratch program designed to make the Scratch Cat walk and say hello

In Scratch you use things called blocks (little jigsaw pieces) and you put them together. Blocks are basically commands. Blocks include 'Say' (which is *print* in Python), 'Ask' (which is *input* in Python), and 'Wait' (which is *sleep* in Python).

You can share your code by using a studio, which is a gallery of some of your projects. You can also change other people's code, which is called 'Remixing'. This can be useful for learners.

Scratch is definitely easier to use than Python. This is because in Scratch it's hard to get your code wrong, because the blocks have a special shape, which means only the right blocks go in the right places. In Python you have to spell everything correctly, and you have to type it all in perfectly or you get an error message.

My favourite project I ever made in Scratch was a secret spy program which sang the folk song *The Lincolnshire Poacher* then produced a secret code. It was based on a real secret radio program called a 'numbers station' but that is a story for another time!

Review of *Sonic Forces*

By Tommy Barrett

Hello there, my name is Tommy and I have loved video games since I was three or four. As fellow Sonic fans know, *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* has just been released, so I am doing this to celebrate the second Sonic movie. With all that out of the way let's get to it!

OK, so first thing I want to say about this great game is



my favourite feature: the main character is designed by the player.

Let's review the story....

The beginning is, Dr Robotnic creates a character, Infinite. Then you enter Level 1 in Green Hill Zone.

Complaint number 1: the gameplay is, you're running or running in old Sonic style. After that level the game gives you a cutscene that is a bit too long, where Robotnic defeats Sonic.

Stuff happens like Classic Sonic rescues Tails, but the big thing happens with the first boss battle of the game and each boss battle has completely different gameplay – big smile to the boss battle on a snake!

Then, did I mention that Level 4 – 6 is in the death egg and in Level 6 you basically get to play as if Sonic was blowing up the Death Star.

Overall, I think *Sonic Forces* is a great game and I would definitely recommend it to Sonic fans.

I am sorry to say that I have to wrap it up – bye!

Those Ninja Characters!

Like many primary school children this spring term, my grandson caught COVID-19. He was pretty poorly to start but soon got his crazy energy back, and, as a former teacher, I was given the task of Zoom teaching while he was recovering. It was then Science Week, which suited me. However, that Friday was World Book Day. For this he was keen to dress up to represent his Ninjago books and characters.

Knowing nothing about these Lego figures, and even less about Ninjas, meant I had to do a bit of research, and what a fun and interesting task that turned out to be!

Historically this set of people had very ordinary, everyday lives, practised meditation and self-control and wore clothes of their humble work. However, their underlying motivation and drive was to support their family and clan. If that meant espionage or fighting to ensure their support, safety and well-being, then they would do this. It amounted at times to civil war between clans. Therefore, their weapons traditionally were not really the great samurai swords but shorter easily concealed kattana swords, chains, a sai (a three bladed knife), or similar readily hidden weapons linked with their trades. Women too were equally involved and carried similar weapons for fighting. I did discover in my research that women had an extra weapon they could use to their advantage: they could poison a very long fingernail or two ready for injecting venom into an enemy. That would work as a snake bite or frog poison does. Amazing but scary stuff!

Cricket insects were regular pets which could chirrup or make their scraping noise very loudly when encouraged. This would be very useful, for example when disguising cracking twigs or rustling leaves as a Ninja crept through a forest.

Valerie McKee and Samson Garbutt

Editors' Note: if any other children (or parents) would like to tell us about their World Book Day experience with a bit of background behind their choice, we would be delighted to receive it. Email all contributions to the usual address: willinghamnews@gmail.com.

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The Library is proud to present an audience with crime writer Alison Bruce, **Monday 27 June 7 pm** at the Social Club. To book a free ticket, please email willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com or ask in the library. FREE event, refreshments will be available.

Engage in the Afternoon, Wednesday 4 May, 2 – 3 30 pm

Caring Together – raising awareness for those caring for others.

Engage in the Afternoon, Wednesday, 1 June 2 – 3 30 pm

Alternative Mechanics for Flower Arranging – Carol Bailey.

Friends of Willingham Library

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 17 May, 7 30 pm

Everyone's welcome to join us for our AGM at the library. Refreshments available.

The aims of the Friends Group are to promote the use of the library within the community and to organise events. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for making the maximum use of the library as an important facility in the heart

of the community.

Games Afternoons, Friday 6 and 20 May, 2 – 4 pm

Two opportunities this month to come along to one of our fun Games Afternoons. Bring a game of your own to share, play Scrabble or choose from the games we have on site. Refreshments available, donations welcome.

Second Hand Book Sale, Saturday 7 May, 10 30 am – 12 noon

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Book Sales over the last few months. The sales are very popular we're glad to report.

Books are 50p each or 3 for £1 and we have a great selection for adults and children available. Exact change always welcome if possible.

Next month on **Sunday June 5, 12 noon – 4 pm** we intend to have a stall at the **Platinum Jubilee Picnic** where there will be an opportunity to purchase some of our second-hand books. This will be instead of the usual Saturday morning sale.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

Bag Books and Pinpoint

Do you have children with additional needs? Did you know you can borrow Bag Books from your library?

Bag Books are multi-sensory storytelling kits for children with severe learning disabilities. Stories are told through different senses without the need for words. They can be borrowed for free and requested either at your local library or online.

Do you know about Pinpoint Cambridgeshire?

Pinpoint is a parent/carer forum supporting parents of children with an additional need to get information, advice and support. They run a range of FREE professionally supported workshops for Cambridgeshire parents/carers every week during term time. The workshops aim to give parents the skills to manage the challenges they are facing and include sessions on autism, ADHD, managing behaviour, anxiety and mental health. Contact Events-Pinpoint at: pinpoint-cams.org.uk.

Good Mood Café at Cambridge Central Library

We're proud to be partnering with CPSL Mind to bring a weekly Good Mood Café to Central Library. These cafes provide an opportunity to meet new people to share interests, skills and wellbeing tips in an informal space to help boost your mood.

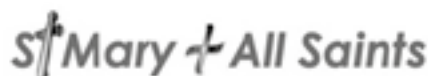
The sessions are every Tuesday from 10 to 11 30 am and take place in the former café space on the third floor at Central Library. No booking required; just come along for tea/coffee and a chat.

If you want to get in touch with CPSL Mind to find out more, you can call them on 0300 303 4363 or email on goodlife@cpslmind.org.uk.

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. You can pick up your copy in your local library now.

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Services in Church

1 May	7 00 pm	Worship Together
8 May	11 00 am	Morning Worship
15 May		No Service
22 May	11 00 am	Morning Worship and Parish Forum
29 May	11 00 am	Holy Communion

Prayers for Ukraine

Thinking of those suffering currently, there is a prayer station in the Church available for anyone who wishes to spend quiet time or pray in the Church for Ukraine and its people. Also, we offer a Ukraine Prayer Time on Thursday evenings, 6 – 6 30 pm with psalms and prayers, everyone is welcome.

Parish Forum

As part of our Service on **22 May**, we will take some time to discuss and plan future services and activities in the village. Everyone is welcome to join us in this important part of our planning for the future.

The Church Bells

The Church will have visiting Bell Ringers on **Wednesday 18 May**, who will be ringing from 11 30 am for one hour.

The Octagon

The Octagon Hall is available to hire at £10 per hour. For booking enquiries, please contact Colin Smith at the Office – see below for contact details.

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

Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

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

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



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Services

Sunday 1 May

10 00 am	Morning Worship
6 00 pm	Evening Worship

Sunday 8 May

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

Sunday 15 May

10 00 am	Morning Worship
6 00 pm	Evening Worship

Sunday 22 May

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

Sunday 29 May

10 00 am	Morning Worship
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 Baby and 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 21 May at 7 45 am for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Contact Pete Sacre for more information 01954 261655 or peetamin@gmail.com.

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

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

The Surgery

Representatives of Willingham Surgery (and the Longstanton branch) gave a short presentation to the Parish Council at the April meeting, also attended by several parishioners. It was well received. The Parish Council had received many comments regarding the perceived poor service from the practice following the pandemic and recent lifting of restrictions. Much of this was felt to be due to the impact of Northstowe. However, figures presented at the meeting showed that while the proportion of Northstowe patients had increased over the past few years, this was compensated by removal of patients in other areas such as Bar Hill and Cottenham. Overall patient numbers had increased by 22% and staff by 24%.

The presentation explained that the Surgery, in common with most in the country, continues to be affected by the pandemic, particularly in relation to isolation requirements. Due to the nature of the business, infection of a member of staff or their family prevents them attending the Surgery. Also, they are restricting numbers attending the Surgery to reduce potential spread of the virus. Other challenges include dealing with the COVID-19 backlog and increased transfer of work from secondary care. They are aware of long waits to answer phone calls, but little can be done as all calls need to be answered by the receptionists and their complexity varies greatly.

Waiting times to get appointments was raised as a major concern and the practice was focusing on reducing them, trialling new formats. For urgent cases, there are some appointments available on each day with others within 48 hours once the initial allocations have been filled. The current wait for a regular appointment is 14 days or so.

See the Surgery page in this magazine for details of an open meeting in the Octagon on **17 May**. Hopefully many residents with issues will be able to attend to make their comments. We will invite the practice to come to a future meeting to outline progress on these issues.

Roads and Traffic

It has been proposed that the temporary road closure of Thoday's Close at the school arrival and closing times be made permanent. This will pedestrianise the road with non-residents' vehicles prohibited between 8 30 – 9 30 am and 2 45 – 3 30 pm Monday to Friday, term time only. The proposed privatisation of parking offences will help to enforce this.

The footpath to the Community Orchard should proceed soon. This will include the 40 mph buffer zone extending some 400 metres beyond the bridleway. Hopefully this will also include repairs to the potholes at the start of the bridleway, though it has been noted that this isn't really a parking area so there is no requirement for this to be done.

Road marking repairs, such as at the traffic lights and along

Berrycroft, are probably going to be carried out this summer. Yellow lines are under review and are unlikely to be repaired or extended until the result of the application to privatise yellow lining, which is unlikely to be before the end of next year.

As roadside bushes and hedges are starting to grow, can residents please ensure the footpaths are accessible to all by cutting back where needed so as not to block pedestrian and wheelchair passage.

We continue to monitor traffic using the SIDs (Speed Indicating Devices) currently on Station Road and Earith Road. These give warnings when traffic is speeding and log dates and times of traffic flows. Results from these devices since 2018 can be found at: roadwatch.org.uk/Cambs/Willingham/index.html.

Cemetery

The removal of the footpath on the northern side of the cemetery has resulted in an additional 20 burial places. While this will help most immediate needs, we still require an additional location to meet future demand. We are examining potential locations but will be interested if we could be told of any suitable and available sites.

Barton Field

Walkers are reminded that access to and from Barton Field is from Black Pit Drove only, and all other land around is private and not to be used.

Meetings

The next meeting of the council on **4 May** is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at which the chairman, committee members and lead councillors are elected and various procedures are agreed. This is followed on **18 May** by the Annual Parish Meeting at which various organisations give presentations and accounts of their activities.

Contact Details

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

Council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 7 30 pm. Agendas are published on the website and the notice board outside the Public Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details).

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J Watson	Green & Boundary – Lead Cllr	cllr.watson@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk	01954 200245

Fen Gallop – Sunday 3 July



The Fen Gallop Team

The first Sunday in July heralds the return of the Fen Gallop, coming back even bigger and better than ever before, with a new 650-runner capacity. Do we also dare to whisper it that it's looking like a very normal event too?! After our virtual event of 2020, and the COVID-19 restrictions to navigate in 2021, the 2022 event is looking like it will be gloriously normal ... normal has never felt so good!

If you've never 'Galloped' before, then you're in for a treat: a 10 km and 4 mile chipped timed run through beautiful fen edge countryside, cheered on by a jolly crowd and possibly the most enthusiastic marshals you'll ever meet, and post-run goodies that'll have your non-running friends turning green with envy. Despite the run taking place in Fenland countryside, there are still some surprises along the route which will provide some challenges – look out for the infamous 'Rollercoaster of Doom' at the midway point!

The Fen Gallop is not only a fabulous running event with a great community spirit at the heart, but it's also an amazing fundraiser, raising several thousand pounds every year which gets donated to the local primary school and other youth groups, helping provide funds for vital equipment and experiences for our local children. Our committee members are all volunteers, and have a huge passion for raising money and watching how it benefits such worthy local causes. You may even see a few of the Committee out on the course!

Committee member, Neil Marsh, will again be offering a 'Couch to Fen Gallop' course, to get you all set for completing your first ever 10k! Started in April, the 13-week programme (which can be joined at any point up to seven weeks before the event), will take you from running rookie to a potential race winner! Even if you've run before, the course could help you improve on your race goals and times.

This year will also see the return of our Primary School Fete, which kicks off straight after the Fen Gallop finishes. With stalls, games, food and a bar, what better way to spend a summer's day in our beautiful village?

To sign up for either the 10 km or 4 mile run, head over to fengallop.co.uk. For more information about the Couch to Fen Gallop (including fees and how to sign up), see nmhf.co.uk or find them on Facebook and Instagram.

Katy Gilbert
Fen Gallop Committee

Thought for the Month

Spring is such a lovely time in this part of the world. We are surrounded by sheep with lambs in the fields around our villages, and in our gardens and hedgerows we can see lots of spring flowers, new green leaves breaking and new crops of all kinds growing enthusiastically. Easter cards, cakes and decorations everywhere are festooned with chicks and bunnies, and of course, most of us still love tucking into a chocolate Easter Egg! Spring and especially Eastertime, which actually takes in the six weeks following Easter Day, really is a season where we can celebrate both new life and new beginnings.

This is especially true in our churches where the new beginnings and new life take on the added dimension as we remember the events surrounding Jesus of Nazareth nearly 2,000 years ago. The way Jesus spoke about loving God and loving your neighbour as yourself and the implications of that, challenged the religious authorities of the time and this ended in them engineering his death on a rough Roman cross. What these people didn't bargain for was the special new life which was given to Jesus three days later when in a recognisable but essentially different body he was seen by many of his friends, was able to talk to them and eat with them but was also not restricted to human time and place! From the vantage point of this new life, Jesus was able to fill his followers with his Spirit and so empower them to also go out and share the good news they had learnt from him.

So, this lovely season with the evidence of new life and new beginnings all around us is especially important to Christians as a practical reminder of the great gift we have in knowing and trusting in Jesus. As we get to know him better we too are touched by his new life and in simple trust can make yet another new beginning in his love, acceptance and forgiveness.

May the joy of new life and new beginnings be yours this Eastertide!

Reverend Jenny Hill
Parish Church

The Willingham Barn Owl

You may have seen this Willingham resident on your travels. Christened 'Barney', he was photographed on the outskirts of the village by Tim Scarlett.



Village Hero Retires



In April we said goodbye to Mike Tidball and Amanda Radford who have relocated to Needingworth. Mike and Amanda moved into Willingham in October 2004, for Mike a cultural shift for a northern lad whose spare time was dominated by football and beer, to set up home with Amanda on her 'home turf'.

Living next to The Duke of Wellington pub, not unsurprisingly Mike's initial introduction to the village and its inhabitants was by the way of spending many hours at the bar. The first involvement in village affairs came after Mike responded to the call for volunteers to undertake the Parish Plan for Willingham early in 2006, becoming part of the core group. Following the publication of the Parish Plan, Mike was one of the founder members of the Willingham Action Group (WAG) set up to promote and realise the objectives of the Action Plan. As a result, Mike became more involved in village life taking on the lion's share of the work that WAG projects and initiatives involved. Those of us also involved were aware of the many hours Mike dedicated to the work of WAG. Other non-WAG activities included acting as a community car driver, a *Willingham News* distributor and more recently co-ordinator of the Food Bank operations during the two COVID-19 lockdowns. Amanda was also involved taking on the role of WAG Treasurer.

Asked what Mike felt were notable achievements, he replied: 'the QEII redevelopment, establishment of the Willingham Youth Trust and subsequently the Youth Club itself, the Community Orchard and the many social activities promoted by WAG'. As to any regrets: 'volunteering to lead the Feast Pilgrimage walk to Ely three times, despite being blessed three times'.

His considerable effort was recognised in 2012/13 by receiving the District Council Village Hero Award, having been nominated by the Parish Council. Although never a Parish Councillor, Mike worked closely with the Parish Council and with their support and collaboration much has been achieved. Parish Council Chair Derek Law adds: 'Mike was a regular attendee at council meetings and was often the only parishioner present. His contributions, knowledge and support, always presented with the calm voice of reason even in stormy times, will be greatly missed.'

What would Mike like to say about his time in Willingham? 'I have a very warm and positive feeling, especially in respect of friendships made through being involved with village life and around many a dinner table.' Anything negative? 'Perhaps a feeling that Willingham has missed out in the past on community facilities and improvements compared to other villages.'

So, in conclusion one might say that Willingham's loss will be Needingworth's gain but Mike intends adopting a low profile concentrating on his overlooked interests of reading, films and music, continuing sporting activity and taking more holidays, thereby ensuring a year-round sun tan is maintained.

Members of WAG, and I am sure other friends, wish Mike and Amanda well in their new home and we look forward to reciprocal visits to local watering holes.

Graham Mumby

On behalf of Willingham Action Group



Repair Café Comes to Willingham this Month

Sustainable Willingham (part of WAG) is organising Willingham's first Repair Café and we can't wait to bring this to the community. The event will be taking place on **8 May** at the Ploughman Hall. Doors open at 10 30 am with our last slots at 3 pm.

We have some amazing repairers who will be joining us and have skills in the following:

- Sewing • Jewellery • Bicycle • Electrical • Computer
- Mechanical • and more!

If you have an item which needs repairing, instead of taking it to the recycling centre, why not come along to the Repair Café and see if it can be fixed? You may even learn a tip or two which will help you repair you own items in the future. Refreshments (including cake!) will be available. We also hope to run a clothes and toy swap.

This event is run by volunteers and while our aim is to work hard to fix your item it is not guaranteed.

Due to COVID-19, we have put a booking system in place. To book a slot please email willinghamsustainability@gmail.com. Drop-in slots will be available but on a first-come first-served basis.

Isn't Recycling Just as Good as Repairing?

The quick answer is no. The waste hierarchy which rates waste management options from best to worst for the environment puts both prevention and re-use before recycling. Saving your item rather than recycling and buying a new one is better for the planet. However, if you can't fix it, recycling is the next best option!



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Face-to-Face Appointments

Patients are welcome to book face-to-face appointments as a choice, and no longer require telephone triage. Please state your preference to the receptionists when booking.

Online Booking

If you want to book a routine appointment with the GP, you can avoid the queues by booking your GP appointment online. If you have not already done so, please contact reception to register for System Online.

Urgent on-the-day appointments are only available via reception.

PPG Meeting

The next Patient Participation Group (PPG) is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 17 May** at 1 pm. The meeting will take place in the Octagon at the Parish Church.

All patients are invited to join the PPG which will be attended by the management team and chaired by Tom Cowley, our patient representative. For further information please contact Sue.ayling1@ntlworld.com.

Patient Helpdesk For Those Awaiting Hospital Appointments

From April, patients are now encouraged to use the new NHS My Planned Care platform that is available online and will provide direct access to the latest average wait time for appointments and operations for local hospitals, as well as helpful advice and support for patients while they wait.

NHS My Planned Care is updated weekly, is easy to use and has 'open access' which enables carers, friends and relatives to access information on someone else's behalf. Please visit www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk.

Alternatively, patients who have already been in correspondence with hospitals regarding their planned care can also contact the relevant department or service. Details of these can be found on previous letters patients will have received or by contacting the hospital's Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS).

Addenbrooke's:

9 am – 4 pm, Monday to Friday · Email pals@addenbrookes.nhs.uk · Phone: 01223 216756

Hinchingbrooke Hospital:

9 am – 4 30 pm, Monday to Friday · Email: Hch-tr.pals@nhs.net · Phone: 01480 428964

Royal Papworth Hospital:

8 30 – 4 30 pm, Monday to Friday · Email: papworth.pals@nhs.net
Phone: 01223 638896 or 01223 638963

WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	4 30 – 7 00
Ante Natal Baby Clinic		2 00 – 4 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Emergencies		4 00 – 6 00

WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787 NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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

Patients are asked that they only call the GP practice if their condition has genuinely deteriorated, when you will be reviewed by one of the clinical team and appropriate action can be taken in regard to your care.

Carers' Meeting

The Carers' Meetings are still not taking place within the surgery, due to the vulnerability of those who are likely to attend. 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.

Lisa Smith

Assistant Practice Manager

Singing and Drumming Group

Besides our Concert in Aid of Ukraine, rehearsal sessions are held during term time in the Baptist Church Hall starting with djembe drumming at 7 pm and singing at 7 45 pm. New members warmly welcomed.

Contact Melvyn Smith at mel_brensmith@hotmail.co.uk for details.

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Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9 May** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and our speaker will be Dr Bill Block talking about his *Antarctic Odyssey*.

WI News

In March, we had a good turnout for our speaker Jon Crisp from Cambridgeshire County Council talking about recycling and waste. It was a really interesting talk and during the activity, 'what goes in which bin', we all learned something surprising. Basically if it's plastic, glass, metal or paper it can go in the blue bin but items need to be clean. Even clingfilm can go in! Jon answered lots of questions from the group about recycling and we all went home much better informed. For more information about recycling, have a look at the comprehensive list on the South Cambridgeshire District Council website at www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/what-goes-in-which-bin. Although Cambridgeshire is one of the best counties in the country for recycling, we still only recycle 56% of our waste which is a sad statistic.

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.

Willingham Photography Club

We are now meeting again in person at the Baptist Church, where we 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 next meeting is on **16 May**.

There will be a photo assignment, *Little Things*, and then the main part of the evening will be a demonstration of drone photography. There will be an explanation of the different types of drones available to the photographer, as well as a brief introduction to modes and capabilities. The final part of the evening will be an image capturing flight, with a viewing of the images back at the Church Hall afterwards. If the weather is inclement, there will be a different plan in place.

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.

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.

Over Players Present *Me and My Girl*

Thursday 9 June –
Saturday 11 June
at the Over Community Centre



Box office opens 29 April

It's been a while since we've been on the stage but now the time has come and we couldn't be more excited. The production has some fabulous songs and a great love story to accompany it. Recently updated by Stephen Fry, it's also very funny. Tickets go on sale soon so reserve your seats and we will see you in June.

The Over Players' amateur production of *Me and My Girl* is presented by kind permission of Concord Theatricals.

Book and lyrics by L Arthur Rose and Douglas Furber, music by Noel Gay
Book revised by Stephen Fry.

Contributions to revisions by Mike Ockrent.

For full details go to: overplayers.uk.

Willingham Combined Charities Allotments

A few years ago we created five small allotments of five metres square for those who might like to try growing vegetables/flowers but are slightly tentative or short on time. These have proved very successful: we now have 17 plots! Some of the original plot holders have moved to the larger allotments and we have a few vacancies. The allotments are in Westmeadow Close, Over Road.

If you think that you would like to 'have a go at growing the stuff you want to eat' please do contact me:

Sue Ayling: 01954 260718 or email: sue.ayling1@ntlworld.com.

Also if you would like to get involved but don't feel you can take on the responsibility of a plot, please do get in touch as we might be able to help.

Platinum Jubilee at the Parish Church

The Flower Arrangers are planning a Flower Event for the Platinum Jubilee celebrating the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

It will feature an arrangement for every ten years of her life, from the 1940s to the current day.

Arrangements will be in place between
2 and 5 June.

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'Willingham Life' website.

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District Councillors' Report

Waiting Times at the Surgery

Responding to concerns in the village about long waiting times for GP appointments and telephone responses, a recent meeting of the Parish Council was addressed by staff of the village's GP Practice. In an excellent presentation they explained that these problems are not unique to Willingham and are being faced by medical practices all over the UK as they deal with a backlog of problems related to the COVID-19 pandemic. They stressed that the issues are unconnected to the increase in the number of Northstowe patients which is already expected and planned for by both the Willingham and Longstanton practices. To cope with the extra demand, surgeries are operating a triage system to prioritise patients based upon medical need. There's a fuller account of the meeting in our online version of this article.

Ukrainian Refugees

The District Council is incredibly busy responding to the Ukraine crisis, putting systems in place to undertake large numbers of DBS, home and welfare checks, make payments to Ukrainian individuals and their hosts, and to deal with many related issues. The picture changes on a daily basis and the council's webpage, which is frequently updated is here: www.scambs.gov.uk/community-safety-and-health/support-for-ukraine.

COVID-19 Update

From recent national news stories, residents will know that COVID-19 is still very much with us so we should continue to be cautious when in confined, indoor settings. The growth rate of new infections has been somewhere between 3% and 6% every day and, on 22 March, around 220 people were acutely ill with the disease across all Cambridgeshire hospitals. There is increased uncertainty in both national and regional estimates now, due to changes in testing policy, which make trends less clear and predictions less accurate and reliable. Further guidance is here: www.gov.uk/guidance/the-r-value-and-growth-rate.

Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme

The Zero Carbon Communities Grant Scheme, which is now in its fourth year, has so far provided £310,000 to 51 grassroots projects working to tackle climate change in South Cambridgeshire. A new round of grants has just opened and closes on Wednesday 1 June. This year, groups in South Cambridgeshire can apply for between £1,000 and to £15,000 from a pot of over £120,000 which comes out of business rates from renewable energy sites, like solar farms.

Full information, eligibility criteria, ideas for projects and the submission of applications can all be made here: www.scambs.gov.uk/zerocarbongrant.

Bill Handley and Dawn Percival

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18.

Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report

Dear Residents

May marks the first anniversary of my election as your County Councillor. It's been a very great privilege serving you and I am proud of what we are achieving. Here is my update of County Council matters.

County Highways

The latest quarterly meeting with the Local Highways Officer took place on 25 March. A large number of issues were raised with him, including the need to re-survey the effectiveness of the recent gully clearance in certain places in Willingham. He pointed out that the season for line-painting is coming and we ran through a number of areas where there were problems particularly at junctions. He also mentioned that there will be a major programme of parking enforcement (lines and advisory signage) to be undertaken with the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement.

A number of other Highways issues were raised and the officer committed to respond. The condition of the bridleway adjacent to the Community Orchard was discussed but it was concluded that this was not a Highways matter. So I will raise this with the team responsible for the bridleways to see what can be done to address the maintenance and root causes.

A14 Trees

I was very pleased to support the motion at the County Council, brought by my Liberal Democrat colleague Councillor Edna Murphy from Bar Hill, relating to the lack of maintenance and care over the thousands of trees planted alongside the A14; many of those trees are now dead. Councillor Murphy's motion called on the County Council to ask National Highways to publish facts and figures on a regular basis about the tree planting work – including how many are alive and how many have been replanted – as well as report regularly on the progress of the initiative to councillors. One of the legacies of the major A14 project was for tens of thousands of trees to be planted, but that risks being spoiled unless National Highways makes sure the trees are maintained and replaced when necessary. It was hoped the tree planting would create noise barriers for people who live by the busy road and would also make a positive environmental contribution. However, the Council has said the initiative is failing in both these areas.

National Highways is responsible for the A14 and agreed the tree planting programme with the County Council. Following the motion's success, it is gratifying to note that National Highways has reacted positively to address the issues.

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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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sun 1 May	The Gambit Jazz Band	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Wed 4 May	<i>Caring Together</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p10
Wed 4 May	Annual Meeting of the Parish Council	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p12
Fri 6 May	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Sat 7 May	Second Hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Sun 8 May	Repair Café	Sustainable Willingham	Ploughman Hall	10 30 am – 3 pm, see p14
Sun 8 May	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 9 May	<i>Antarctic Odyssey</i> with Dr Bill Block	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p17
Mon 16 May	Theme: <i>Little Things</i> Demonstration: <i>Drone Photography</i>	Photography Cub	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p17
Tue 17 May	Patient Participation Group Meeting	Surgery	Octagon	1 pm, see p15
Tue 17 May	Annual General Meeting	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p10
Wed 18 May	Church Bell Ringing	Parish Church	Parish Church	11 30 am - 12 30 pm, see p11
Wed 18 May	Annual Parish Meeting	Parish Church	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p12
Fri 20 May	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Sat 21 May	Men's Breakfast	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Sat 21 May	A Big Sing with Drums Concert in Aid of Ukraine	Singing and Drumming Group	Over Community Centre	See p15

Cryptic Crossword Answers



Sudoku Solution

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