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Having just had Remembrance Day in November, I thought I'd include this photo from the collection during World War I. This is a very young man resplendent in his new uniform, his cap having the silver emblem of the Cambridgeshire Regiment. Most of the men who enlisted in the army from the village would have been in this regiment. Presumably his parents wanted this photo, hoping it would not be his last. The apprehension on his face says much. Sadly, he would soon be in the thick of it as the regiment fought in the battles of the Somme and Passchendaele where casualties were high. Unless someone can tell us, we don't know his name but, if he did survive, he would have returned much changed - a man not a boy.

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



## Gardening Club

In November, we were delighted to host Rosemary Buisseret who shared with us the why, what and how of creating a night-scented garden. She explained how pleasant and enjoyable it can be to sit amongst balmy plants on a summer evening and the significant role fragrant nocturnal plants play in attracting night-time pollinators, vitally moths (which are in decline) to the garden. An enjoyable evening was had by all, and the event culminated with an opportunity to purchase some plants that Rosemary had brought along with her.

Our final meeting of the year will be held on **Monday 5 December** at the Social Club. With the festive period almost upon us, we look forward to welcoming Carol Bailey to demonstrate how to make a Christmas wreath. We will also be holding a Christmas raffle and welcome donations of any gardening-related raffle prizes. Doors open from 7 pm for a 7 30 pm start. The entrance fee is £3 per person for non-members. For general enquiries about the club, please get in touch with us via email at [willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com).

## Photography Club

Our next meeting will be the Christmas Quiz on **Monday 19 December** at 8 pm at the Baptist Church. All welcome! Please bring your own refreshments. For more details about the club, please visit our website at [www.willinghamphotoclub.org.uk](http://www.willinghamphotoclub.org.uk).

## History and Education Group

In December, our guests will be Fen Shanty Folk, a village shanty group based in the former port of Fenstanton. They are coming to our village to welcome Christmas with some historic and occasionally humorous sea shanties on **Tuesday 13 December** at 7 30 pm in the Octagon. Admission is £3 to cover the cost of the room.

## Advent Adventure

**24 Windows, 24 Days, The A-Z of Christmas**

VOTE for your favourite carols by 12 noon on **1 December** at: [tinyurl.com/jukeboxcarols2022](http://tinyurl.com/jukeboxcarols2022).

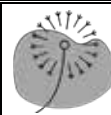
**Big Light Switch On and Parade:** This year on **Thursday 1 December** at 6 30 pm, we will gather at 41 High Street for the Big Light Switch On and plan to show this live on Facebook! We will then parade to the Baptist Church. You can make your own lantern or bring along LED candles/lights or torches. Please bring drums, bells and whistles to make a loud noise!

**Window Unveiling and Juke Box Carols:** At around 6 45 pm we will gather at the Baptist Church and live stream on Facebook the unveiling of the first Advent window. Mulled wine and refreshments will be served, and we will sing the top five carols chosen by you.

### Create It Live!

This year we plan to create the final window live, 10 30 – 11 30 am, on **Christmas Eve**. Come and join in the fun! Refreshments provided.

You will be able to pick up a list of all the Advent Windows from the usual places: the Post Office, the library, Boswells Bakers and at [www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org).



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## Update from RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes

Work is underway on a new family trail to open in the spring. The route will take in several different habitats whilst being less than a mile long; perfect for seeing a little bit of what the reserve as a whole has to offer. Leaving the car park through the gate at the end, the trail will go north through our sandy area of 'early successional grassland', through the small wood and out into the flood plain meadow along the river before looping back with views over Drayton Lake and Holywell reedbed.

You may have heard that we are looking to improve our visitor facilities over the next few years. These improvements, of which the new trail is a part, have been in the planning stages for a long time, so we are pleased to say that real progress is now being made.

The first stages of this project involve providing more visitor facilities to enhance your experience, such as repairing and improving tracks and surfaces, creating wild play features for children and families, opening new trails and providing much needed permanent toilet facilities, helping everyone to enjoy their visit even more. We hope these improvements will benefit all our visitors and that you will support us in this next important step for the reserve.

To help fund these improvements, we will shortly be introducing a £2 car park fee for non-members of RSPB visiting Fen Drayton Lakes. Further details will be posted on our reserve blog post in due course at [www.rspb.org.uk/fen-drayton-lakes](http://www.rspb.org.uk/fen-drayton-lakes). RSPB members and Blue Badge holders will not need to pay. This small car parking fee will help us ensure we are maintaining facilities to a high standard for our visitors' comfort and safety. As a charity, we need to maximise opportunities to raise income wherever possible, to financially support our charitable purpose of conserving wildlife and habitats.

Winter is always busy on the reserve with many birds from northern Europe spending the winter with us. At this time of year, you may be able to spot fieldfares, bullfinches, woodpeckers, herons, great crested grebes and hundreds of over-wintering waterbirds such as goldeneyes and teal. We hope you'll come and see us soon.

If you would like to join the 1.2 million RSPB members protecting wildlife and its habitats, or would like to find out more about membership, please take a look on our website at [www.rspb.org.uk/join-and-donate/join-us](http://www.rspb.org.uk/join-and-donate/join-us).

## Wednesday Wander

If you are interested in finding out more about the wildlife you can find at Fen Drayton Lakes, as well as the work we are doing to create and maintain valuable habitats, why not join one of our monthly 'Wednesday Wander' guided walks? These volunteer-led walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday, stopping to take in the seasonal highlights. To see details and book, please visit: [events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](http://events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes).

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## Rosie in Stitches

We wish all our customers and supporters a very merry Christmas and all the very best of health going into 2023. Rosie in Stitches has raised £1,455 so far this year. Thank you for your kind support of our stall at the Bar Hill Community Market and tree lighting event last month.

We have joined marketplaces on Facebook, Virtual Shop Local where the East Anglia online Christmas market is on until **24 December**. Please request to join this Facebook group [www.facebook.com/groups/778630486315024/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/778630486315024/?ref=share) for locally sourced, unique and beautifully crafted gifts. Other marketplaces where we can be found are advertised are on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/RosieinStitches](https://www.facebook.com/RosieinStitches).

We are still accepting donations of crafting materials for our crafters to use or for us to sell on eBay and are still recruiting new crafters to our team. We have received some lovely brightly coloured baby hats recently.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, join our team of crafters or display a small selection of our wares. Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615. Further details on our website at [www.rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://www.rosieinstitches.org.uk).

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Chris wants to commemorate Becky's life by installing a bench and adopting a tree in the Community Orchard. The Orchard is a place that Becky, Chris and Autumn always enjoyed visiting and Chris feels this is a fitting way to remember Becky. They and others can enjoy sitting in the Orchard and reflect on Becky's life. It will give Autumn the chance to be close to her mummy as she grows up.

With the support of *Willingham News*, Chris has set up a 'Go Fund Me' page for village residents who feel they would like to send a message of sympathy to Autumn and Becky's family by helping to fund the bench. At Chris's request, any proceeds beyond the cost of the bench will go to East Anglian Air Ambulance, who airlifted Becky to Addenbrooke's Hospital and to the Neuro ICU there who treated Becky, in Chris's words, 'with such respect and dignity, and helped us throughout the whole ordeal'.

Chris and Becky moved to Willingham relatively recently



but quickly felt at home here and Chris said how touched he has been by the support he has received already from local people. Special thanks go to the Koala Kidz Nursery team who have helped look after Autumn through this traumatic time.

If you would like to donate to the Go Fund Me page for Becky and offer a message of support for Chris and Autumn, search for: [www.gofund.me/81b9d960](https://www.gofund.me/81b9d960), 'Honouring a superhero NHS mummy & her daughter'.



## Do You Like Singing Traditional Christmas Carols or Play an Instrument?

If so, would you like to get involved in helping to provide music for the annual carol service in St Mary & All Saints Church on **Saturday 17 December** at 6 pm? The service will consist of carols and readings as we again hear the Christmas story. We are looking for singers and musicians (who can read music) to join us. There will be a rehearsal, most likely on the same afternoon. At the moment we do not need pianists or keyboard players for the Christmas services but if you'd be interested in getting involved next year, please get in touch.

If you would like to take part, please email [jan.payne@northstowe.church](mailto:jan.payne@northstowe.church) giving contact details, whether you are an adult or under 18 and, if playing an instrument, what do you play? Please note anyone under 18 will need written permission from the adult who cares for them to take part. Full details of arrangements will be sent to anyone who responds to this notice. Thank you!

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## Willingham Women's Institute

Our next meeting is on **Monday 12 December** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and will be our Christmas Party for members only.



### WI News

At our October meeting we had a really interesting talk by Dr Maureen James, local historian, about the Pankhurst family and the connections of the Suffragists (rather than the Suffragettes) with the beginnings of the WI. Most of the ladies who started WI had been Suffragists, such as Baroness Gertrude Denman who became the first President of the National Federation of Women's Institutes. She had an amazing life, being also the first Chairman of the Family Planning Association, President of the Ladies Golf Union and a Director of the Women's Land Army, amongst many other things.

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# Willingham



## Community Plan

The survey has been completed. It involved an online questionnaire supplemented by a printed version and a youth survey of those aged 11 - 18. A huge amount of work went into preparing the survey: meetings, social media, and an army of volunteers ensuring that every door in the village was knocked on and every resident was encouraged to participate. The coronavirus pandemic was still in full flow for much of this period and has certainly slowed us down. However, there is a silver lining in being a little slow, as the results of the 2021 Census are now starting to be reported.

We would like to thank every person and organisation that helped us, especially everyone who filled in the survey. We are deeply grateful for their trust and honesty, sharing details of their lives and what they care about. We have read every comment and they are constructive, passionate and, sometimes, deeply moving.

The Community Led Plan Group, made up of unpaid volunteers, intends to deliver a comprehensive survey report on the current situation in the village, in relation to all individual circumstances and aspects of community life. The report will be a fair reflection, free of bias (or politics), of the views of the village residents at the time. From this information we will make evidence-based recommendations for action to local, regional and national authorities. Here is a reminder of what the report will cover:

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- 9 Youth 11 - 18. A stand-alone survey and report

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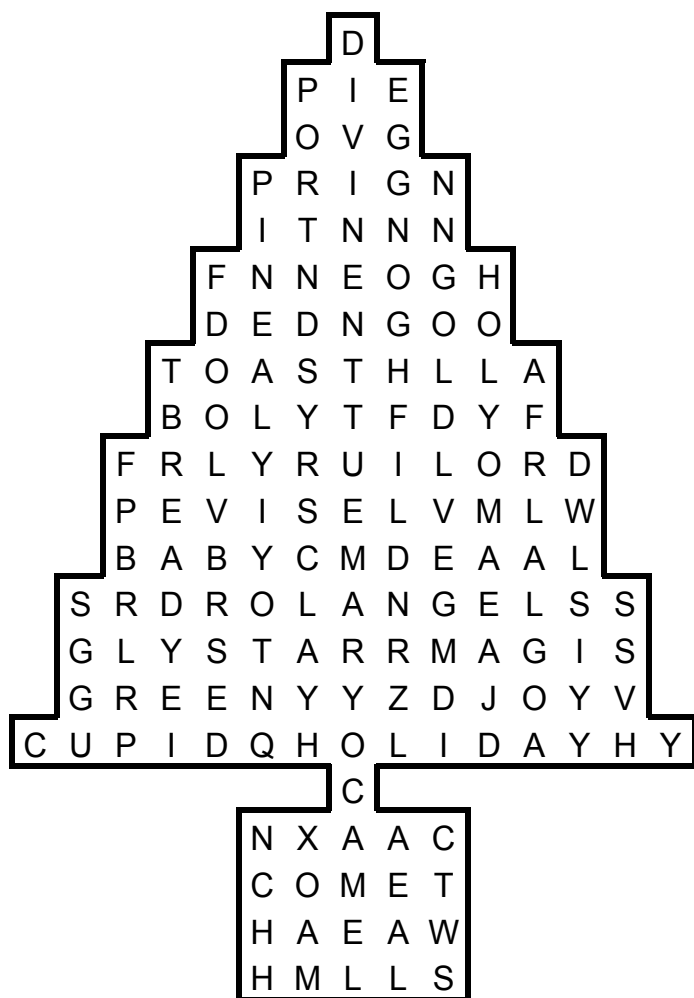
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## Book Quiz

Answers on page 19

Christmas, snow, cold and Winter are all in this December book quiz. Can you name the authors? And have a very Merry Christmas!

1. *A Christmas Carol*
2. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*
3. *The Snowman*
4. *The Snow Goose*
5. *The Jolly Christmas Postman*
6. *Mog's Christmas*
7. *The Adventure of the Christmas Pudding*
8. *Light on Snow*
9. *The Winter Ghosts*
10. *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*

Christine Lacey



# Young Readers' Corner

## Christmas Word Scramble

Answers on page 19

Here are some Christmas anagrams to solve. Why not colour in the pictures while you are puzzling?

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| ERET      | _____ |
| LENGA     | _____ |
| NASAT     | _____ |
| HYOLL     | _____ |
| KOGISCTN  | _____ |
| KUTERY    | _____ |
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Please note the surgery will be closed at weekends and all bank holidays over Christmas, including **Monday 26 December, Tuesday 27 December and Monday 2 January**. Opening hours will be as usual on all other days during the holiday period.

Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication. The last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for the Christmas holidays is **Tuesday 20 December**. The last date for collection before Christmas is **Friday 23 December**, by 4 pm at Longstanton Surgery and 6 pm at Willingham.

The last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for New Year is **Friday 23 December**. The last date for collection is **Friday 30 December**, by 4 pm at Longstanton Surgery and 6 pm at Willingham.

**When the surgery is closed, please call 111 for medical assistance, or 999 for a life-threatening emergency. For urgent mental health support, please call 111 and select option 2.**

Details of local pharmacies open over the bank holidays will be posted on the surgery doors, social media and our website.

### Flu Vaccinations

Appointments are still available. Please support your surgery by contacting our receptionists to book.

### Winter Illness

A lot of winter bugs are already circulating in our communities. It might feel like you've been ill forever, but some things do take a while to clear. For example, an ear infection takes at least four days, a blocked nose two to three weeks, a cold one to two weeks, a sore throat one week and flu two weeks. You can get medication from the pharmacy to help relieve the symptoms whilst you recover.

### Help Your Local NHS This Winter

Here are some small things you can do that will make a big difference to help the NHS this winter:

- Get your flu vaccine. Whether you have one for free or need to buy one from a pharmacy, it's really important for you and your family to be protected this winter.
- Get your COVID-19 vaccine.
- Download the NHS app for access to your NHS COVID pass, to book appointments, order repeat prescriptions and more.
- Use your local pharmacy. They are experts in medication and can provide lots of self-care advice and medicines for winter bugs.

### WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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

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

- Keep a well stocked medicine cabinet. You never know which bugs you and your family might catch this winter, so it's worth having a supply of basic medications at home.

### Carers' Meeting

If you are a carer and need advice or financial/emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 7 December** at the surgery, where we will be holding a drop-in meeting, 2 – 4 pm. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE!

**All staff at Willingham and Longstanton Surgeries wish our patients a happy and healthy Christmas!**

*Lisa Smith*

*Assistant Practice Manager*

## December

Will snow fall this year on Christmas Day?

Soft as it used to be in years gone by.

Wet snow melting and slippery paths,

Crystal leaves and berries bright red.

The excitement of Christmas morning still,

Breakfast forgotten, church bells ringing.

Who will fetch grandma, find the Monopoly?

Love one another more than ever before.

*Christine Lacey*

## Library News

### Opening hours:

**Tuesday: 10 am – 1 pm and 2 – 5 pm**

**Thursday: 4 – 7 pm**

**Friday: 10 am – 1 pm**

**Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm**

### Your Online Account

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

### Engage in the Afternoon

#### **Wednesday 7 December, 2 – 3 30 pm - Read Aloud Session, Christmas Crackers**

Join us at our library for a festive selection of prose and poetry to be read aloud by library staff and volunteers. Request your favourite Christmas cracker for us to read or bring your own from home.

### Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

#### **Games Afternoon, Friday 2 December, 2 – 4 pm**

Come and enjoy a game of Scrabble or one of the other games we have at the library. If you have a favourite game at home, why not bring it along to share with the group? Refreshments available, donations welcome.

### Second-hand Book Sale,

#### **Saturday 3 December, 10 30 am – 12 noon**

We have a good selection of donated second hand books and library books that have been withdrawn from stock for sale, for both adults and children. At 50p each or three for £1 they are excellent value. Pop along and stock up for some excellent Christmas reading or gifts for family and friends. We would appreciate donations of good quality books for children please.

### Attention Children!

Have you joined in with our Christmas activity yet? There's still time to come to the library and collect a wooden Christmas ornament, take it home to colour or decorate, and return to us by the **6 December** for a glo-stick or two and/or a small sweet treat as a thank you. The ornaments will be part of the Christmas display for everyone to see and enjoy.

### FOWL Activities

Here are the answers to the quizzes that we ran over the Feast weekend:

How many books are in our library? 7,709.

How many sweets were in the jar? 64.

Thank you to everyone who supported us over that weekend.

Our Poetry and Prose evening in October was well attended and enjoyed by all. We will organise another one for early next year so watch this space! *The Legend of Fisher's Ghost* is a spooky story from that evening (above right).

## *The Legend of Fisher's Ghost*

Every year in November there is the festival of Fisher's Ghost in the town of Campbelltown, Australia, near where my family and I lived.

On 17 June 1826, an English-born farmer from Campbelltown named Frederick Fisher suddenly disappeared. His friend and neighbour George Worrall claimed that Fisher had returned to England, giving Worrall power of attorney over his affairs and saying that he would not be returning to Australia.

Four months after his disappearance, a local man named James Farley ran into a local hotel in an agitated state saying he had seen the ghost of Fisher sitting on the rail of a nearby bridge pointing to a paddock beyond the creek. After some disbelief, a police search of the paddock revealed the remains of Fisher and Worrall was arrested for the crime, confessed, and was hanged.

The ten-day Festival of Fisher's Ghost dates back to 1956, with a parade, fun run, art award, music, children's events and fireworks. Every year people gather at the creek near where the ghost is supposed to appear, my family included, but we did not see him! In November, it is supposed to be warm, but it always seems to be cold by the creek. Although still known as Fisher's Ghost Creek, it has now sadly mostly been converted into a storm water drain.

*Christine Lacey*

*Sundays @ 11am. Just come along!*

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## Services

<b>4 December</b>	11 00 am	Holy Communion
<b>11 December</b>	11 00 am	Holy Communion
<b>17 December</b>	6 00 pm	Carol Service (Saturday)
<b>18 December</b>	11 00 am	Christingle Service
<b>24 December</b>	11 30 pm	<b>Christmas Eve</b> - Midnight Communion Service (Saturday)
<b>25 December</b>	10 30 am	<b>Christmas Day</b> - All Age Worship followed by Holy Communion

## Christingle Service on Sunday 18 December at 11 am

The tradition of Christingle services started as long ago as 1747 and they take their name from the Christingles lit during the service. Christingles are oranges wrapped in red tape and decorated with dried fruit or sweets, with a candle on top. During the service, each child receives a Christingle and the candles are lit, symbolising the light of Christ bringing hope to people living in darkness. This service is for everyone, but families and children are especially welcome, whether or not you regularly attend a church, here or elsewhere.

## Acorns, Oaks and Owls Club

Every Sunday at 11 am, in the Octagon, we hold our Acorns, Oaks and Owls Club. It's a fun, activity packed hour for children of all ages, from toddlers through to teenagers. No need to book, just come along and join in the fun! See page 11.

## Memory Box Café

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday 10 December** from 10 am in the Octagon with music, refreshments, laughter and fun for dementia sufferers and their carers. Everyone suffering from memory loss or similar conditions is welcome. See page 8.

## Prayers for Ukraine

We continue to keep an area set aside in church for those who wish to spend some quiet reflective time to pray for Ukraine and its people during daytime church opening hours. Also, every Thursday evening from 6 30 to 7 pm, we offer a time to gather to pray for peace and an end to the conflict. Everyone is welcome.

## Octagon Hall

The Octagon is available for private bookings. Please contact Colin Smith at the administration office (Tuesday to Friday, 9 30 – 12 noon) using the contact details below for enquiries and bookings.

## Contact Details

### Clergy:

Rev Dr Simon Gill 01954 230434 or [simon@5folds.org.uk](mailto:simon@5folds.org.uk)

Rev Lucy Cleland 01954 277758 or [lucy@5folds.org.uk](mailto:lucy@5folds.org.uk)

### Lay Minister:

Canon Jan Payne 07780 674563 or [jan.payne@northstowe.church](mailto:jan.payne@northstowe.church)

### 5folds Office:

Colin Smith 01954 203459 or [admin@5folds.org.uk](mailto:admin@5folds.org.uk).

## Activities for December

<b>Thursday 1 December</b>	6 30 pm	Advent Adventure Starts at 41 High Street by the traffic lights
<b>Sunday 4 December</b>	10 00 am	Contemporary Morning Service
	10 00 am	Café Church
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b>	10 00 am	Open Door for Coffee
<b>Sunday 11 December</b>	10 00 am	Contemporary Morning Service
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b>	10 00 am	Open Door for Coffee with Carols
<b>Sunday 18 December</b>	10 00 am	Contemporary Morning Service
	6 00 pm	Christmas Carols
<b>Wednesday 21 December</b>	10 00 am	Open Door for Coffee
<b>Sunday 25 December</b>	10 am	Christmas Celebration Service

## Wednesdays 7, 14, 21 and 28 December, 10 am – 4 pm, Warm Hub

A friendly space for all to keep warm and enjoy a hot drink with good company. See page 13.

## Events

**Café Church:** Informal online style of church with games, chat, quizzes, film and crafts. Contact Emma via [emmalaunchbury@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:emmalaunchbury@hotmail.co.uk).

**Open Door for Coffee:** A friendly get-together at the church for chat and refreshments. All welcome.

**Community Lunch Club:** Thursdays, bi-weekly. Booking essential. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, once a month. Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and an interesting talk. Contact Pete Sacre on 01954 261655 or [peetamin@gmail.com](mailto:peetamin@gmail.com). See page 13.

**TOPS Baby and Toddler Group:** Tuesdays at 9 45 am. Meet other families while the children play. Ages 0 - 5. Contact Debbie Allen on 01954 261581.

**Nimble Figures Craft Club:** Mondays 2 – 4 pm. Bring your crafts and join with others, learn a new skill or just chat. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

## Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org). Mass is also held at 6 pm on Saturdays in the Octagon at Bar Hill, next to the church at Hanover Close, CB23 8EH.

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

## Maintenance of St Mary & All Saints' Closed Churchyard

Parishioners may not be aware that the churchyard immediately surrounding the church building is a 'Closed Churchyard' (ie no longer used for burials) and is separate from the Parish Council's maintained cemetery.

Some years ago, the responsibility for the continuing maintenance of the existing grass, trees, monuments, paths, walls and gates in the Closed Churchyard was passed to South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC).

You may have noticed that the grass is regularly cut by contractors. Other jobs are tackled on a 'needs must' basis. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown stalled a schedule of proposed tree and monument maintenance. This was then exacerbated by a complete change of the staff at SCDC who were responsible for overseeing Closed Churchyards. Earlier this year, representatives from SCDC, Ely Diocese, the Parish Council and St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) met in the Churchyard on a number of occasions to try to move things forward. Each of these four bodies have to agree to any proposals, and this takes time.

The good news is that last month the 'trip hazard' of the old churchyard boundary wall was removed and the ground levelled in such a way that the old boundary can still be identified. The lower limbs of several trees within the Closed Churchyard have now been raised and, by the time you read this, it is anticipated that the pathway from the front of the church to the Octagon will have been cleaned. This should mean that folk can access the Octagon without fear of being caught by low branches or slipping on the path.

In the longer term, it is anticipated that discussions between SCDC, the Parish Council and Ely Diocese will result in the restoration of the main gate off Church Street, which is currently unusable as well as the reconstruction of parts of the old boundary wall between the churchyard and cemetery. Such works require the submission of Faculties to Ely Diocese, and these can take some time to work through the system. But watch this space!

It is hoped that next year a new path from the Octagon door to the cemetery will be approved by Ely Diocese and laid. A generous bequest from the family of late church members will make this a possibility.

*Sue West*

*Willingham PCC Representative*

## 'Warm Hub' at St Mary & All Saints and the Baptist Church



Working with Cambridgeshire Acre and South Cambridgeshire District Council, we are opening 'Warm Hubs' in St Mary & All Saints Church and the Baptist Church.

These will be places where those finding it difficult to keep warm at home can come for a few hours to save on their heating bills and have a warm drink in good company. They will be open to residents of the village, on Mondays at St Mary and All Saints, 10 am – 1 pm and on Wednesdays at the Baptist Church, 10 am – 4 pm. They will be open each week for the rest of the winter. All welcome.

## Over Day Centre General Meeting

Wednesday 7 December at 7 pm at Over Day Centre



The Centre is holding a general meeting to change its constitution and invites residents of Willingham to come to the meeting and become members of its charity. Please contact Minutes Secretary/Administrator, Halina Szulakowska, 01954 231807 or [minutes@overdaycentre.co.uk](mailto:minutes@overdaycentre.co.uk) for further information.

### About Over Day Centre

The Centre was established in 1989 to provide care, friendship, and the opportunity to socialise, for older people living in Cambridgeshire. Qualified staff attend to medical and personal client needs, whilst providing recreation and entertainment Monday to Friday. A two-course, freshly cooked lunch is served daily, and residents of Willingham are entitled to use our free minibus service. Our charity also provides respite for the family/carers of the loved ones who attend. A client from Willingham says: 'I live on my own. The Centre gets me out of the house. But I wouldn't be able to attend at all if it wasn't for the free minibus. I find it hard to walk now, so this is the only time that I get to go out on my own, without being reliant on family or neighbours. I've been going to the Centre for nine years and it has helped me make new friends. The staff are lovely.'

*Over Day Centre*

01954 231807, [care@overdaycentre.co.uk](mailto:care@overdaycentre.co.uk),

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## Willingham Men's Breakfast

We have come to the end of our 16th year. With an international theme, we have had speakers sharing experiences from living with Maasai in mountainous Northern Kenya, to sailing the seas on a three-masted schooner in the Tall Ships Race, to landing on remote airstrips in Uganda and with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF).

Later in the year we 'flew' by video and photos to Indonesia, where a local Cambridge family lived as 'tentmakers' for several years, using their skills teaching bible studies and English in and around Jakarta. We 'climbed' Kilimanjaro in four and a half days, through five climatic zones - desert to glaciers at almost 20,000 feet, albeit ten years ago with a local guide and six other men, three of whom were from our Baptist Church.

In November, we welcomed a local speaker who spent several months in India with the Tamil Nadu peoples. This month we meet at 8 am on **Saturday 17 December** for a Christmas Special Breakfast, full cooked breakfast or lighter option. Tickets £3.50 on the door or £2.50 in advance from [whammensbrek65@gmail.com](mailto:whammensbrek65@gmail.com).

All men welcome.

Proceeds to [www.directsupportforukraine.com](http://www.directsupportforukraine.com)  
a local charity based in Swavesey.

*Pete Sacre*

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# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Public Hall Update – Joint Statement with Willingham Scouts

During the first public meeting it became clear that the hall users and Parish Council were working to very different timescales for the required investment in the Public Hall. The consultation had been arranged by the Parish Council on the premise that the hall users needed urgent investment, which is not the case.

The public consultation to date has been very beneficial. It has elicited a great deal of historical detail regarding past uses, identified a few misconceptions about the current use and management of the hall and identified a number of positive suggestions on how the community can make future use of the facility or the proceeds of its sale.

As a result of the less urgent timelines, we have paused the current consultation until next year when we will propose a longer-term plan to review the future of the building.

## Highgate Farm Footpath

A resident expressed his concern at the lack of a footpath from the village to Highgate Farm and how dangerous it can be, especially in winter when the verge is muddy and slippery. His concerns are shared by the Council, but the cost of a footpath is greater than the limit for Minor Highways Improvement Schemes and we can only continue to lobby the District and County Councils for this much needed safety measure.

## Flower Tubs

The Gardening Club has now taken over managing the six flower tubs and we are delighted to see a village group involved. All the winter pansies in the tubs have been donated by Sue Hayden in memory of her husband Rodney, who sadly died in October.

## Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) City Access Consultation – Closing Date 23 December

Please comment on the GCP proposals for ‘faster, cheaper, more reliable bus services and safer cycling through the introduction of a Sustainable Travel Zone’, that is, a road user charge. The consultation can be accessed at: [www.consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022](http://www.consultcambs.uk/engagementhq.com/making-connections-2022) and there are hard copies at the library. Our village’s residents could end up paying the road user charge without the benefit of a better bus service. We will be on an hourly rural loop taking in Longstanton, Bar Hill, Papworth Everard, Swavesey, and Over, so will have

no direct bus to any major town or to Cottenham, and no busway buses passing through Willingham, as requested by the Parish Council. No timetables are included so we don’t know whether we would at least have Sunday and evening services. The proposed lower fares are welcome.

## New Route 5A – Use It or Lose It

Back to the present, and Stagecoach’s withdrawal of the 5 service through the village has been temporarily covered by a subsidised 5A route through Longstanton, Swavesey, and Over. If we are to retain this service beyond March, it is essential that it is well used. Loss of it would also mean that the hourly route in the City Access consultation will be an improvement after all.

## New Councillor

At our October meeting we co-opted Mick Gibbs as a new councillor. Please join us in welcoming him to the Council, which is now at full strength.

## Age UK Community Warden Scheme

Sarah Thompson from Age UK and the Community Warden, Joanne Twinn, gave a presentation on the scheme. There are currently 17 people being supported, 11 from Willingham and six from Over. The initial two years full funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council will end next year, and so a contribution from the Parish Council has been requested. This was considered along with the many other demands on Council funding at the Finance and General Purpose committee meeting in November.

## Council Office Details:

Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham, CB24 5LP

Email: [clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Tel: 01954 261027

Opening hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 1 pm  
(closed bank holidays)

Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell.

Meeting dates are published on the website, the notice board outside the Public Hall, at the library and are listed below. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions. The meetings are held in the Octagon and start at 7 30 pm.

Next meeting: **Wednesday 7 December.**

D Law	Parish Council Chairman	<a href="mailto:cllr.law@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk">cllr.law@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk</a>	01954 202188
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## Reader's Letter

*Dear Editors*

By the time this letter is published and, if all goes to plan, we shall have moved across the divide to Cottenham. At this stage in our lives, there are compelling reasons for us to do so. Nonetheless, we leave the village not without real regrets. It has been our home for over 20 years; hard to imagine.

We would like to thank all the individuals and organisations who have helped to make our life in the village so enjoyable and rewarding.

Very best wishes

*Val and Colin Brown*

## Willingham Brownies Sleep Under Concorde

In October, Willingham Brownies joined over 500 others from Cambridgeshire East for a unique opportunity to spend the night at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford. It was the first time anyone had spent the night at the museum.

The girls arrived on the Saturday evening and took part in an evening of activities provided by the museum. They listened to fascinating stories of early female aviators from around the world, had personal tours of many of the iconic aircraft in the Airspace hangar and painted mugs as souvenirs of their visit. They were also able to try on uniforms and flying gear of women from World War II, learning about the vital role these women played in delivering the aeroplanes to the front-line squadrons. Needless to say the uniforms were a little on the large side!

The evening ended with hot chocolate and laying out our beds in our designated area, which for us was between the wheels of Concorde!

After some sporadic sleep we were all woken when the lights came on at 6 30 am to start our second day, packed full of activities. All the beds and luggage were put away and after breakfast the fun began again. As part of the sleepover, the girls worked towards their aviation and space badges. Wooden peg aeroplanes were constructed, aeronautical designs were tested (paper planes), space suits were designed, and space jars made. There was also a trail-cum-quiz around the hangar.

At 10 am the public arrived, and we were able to visit the rest of the museum. We looked round the Battle of Britain exhibition and the American aircraft hangar but the gift shop and play park were the most



popular. At 2 pm a lot of very tired Brownies were collected by their parents and equally tired leaders went home for a well-earned rest.

The girls had a fantastic time, the most popular activities being hearing about the early women aviators, being able to go into all the planes and the hot chocolate!

## Lucy Frazer – End of Year Update

As Christmas approaches, I wanted to reflect on the past year and let you know a few of the matters I have been working on, on your behalf.

This year has not, so far, been without its challenges - whether the spiralling energy costs or the war in Ukraine. We have also recently sadly mourned the death of our late Queen, who served us with grace and dignity throughout her reign. I was pleased to attend the proclamation both in Westminster and in Cambridgeshire to welcome King Charles III as our new monarch.

I know constituents are concerned about the war in Ukraine and I have been humbled by the response of so many families who have supported refugees. Many families across our area have opened their homes to those fleeing conflict, and I was pleased to hold an event in the summer to bring together some of the volunteers, organisations and families involved.

I know that cost of living is a real concern, and I am committed to helping constituents find the support and advice they need. In my previous role as Financial Secretary to the Treasury, I was proud to work with ministerial colleagues to introduce a package of measures to help tackle the cost-of-living crisis. These included a £400 discount off energy bills. Since then the Government has gone further with the introduction of the Energy Price Guarantee which caps the price per unit of electricity and gas from 1 October for at least six months. This price guarantee will save the average household £1,000 per year, compared with the previous energy price cap announced by Ofgem in August. In the coming months, the Government will consider how it supports households with energy bills beyond April 2023.

I continue to campaign for better infrastructure and connectivity in our area. I have pressed the case for dualling the A10 where up to £6 million worth of funding has now been made available for a feasibility study to examine significant upgrades to this major road (including dualling), improvements to Junctions 37 and 38 on the A14 and better rail links and bus services.

Speeding and traffic has been a concern, and I have worked closely with the Parish Council, the police and the County Council on this issue. The village was successful with a bid for a minor highways improvement scheme for improvements on Earith Road to try and encourage slower driving speeds entering and leaving the village. I am pleased that this has taken place and will continue to work with local stakeholders to ensure that the village is a safe place to live.

I wish you all the best for the rest of the year. And, as always, if I can be of help or assistance, please email me at [lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk).

*Laura Emily Dunn*

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# Cambridgeshire County Councillor Neil Gough

Dear Residents,

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Here is my update of County Council matters:-

## Cultivate Cambs Grants

The County Council has announced that the next deadline for Cultivate Cambs grant applications will be **16 December**, with pre-application advice appointments beginning the month before.

Cultivate Cambs awards grants of £2,000 to £15,000 for new initiatives, supporting adults and older people with care and support needs, and children, young people and families, to live independently and be safe and well in thriving and inclusive communities. The fund is open to voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises based inside and outside Cambridgeshire, as well as public sector organisations within Cambridgeshire. Project proposals must benefit Cambridgeshire residents and also reduce pressure on council services. See: [www.cambscf.org.uk/cultivate-cambs](http://www.cambscf.org.uk/cultivate-cambs).

## Bus Services

A stay of execution has been approved for the routes which Stagecoach East announced would be withdrawn from 30 October. The Combined Authority went out to urgent tender with potential operators the following day, with the aim of continuing those services. This process was successful and the new contracts with bus operators will run until the end of March 2023 for the 5A (Citi 5 beyond Northstowe), and the 8A (Citi 8 beyond Cottenham).

I am pleased that the 5A service has been restored and will be very interested to hear how the service is working for residents.

The current position is that the total cost is expected to be about £1.25 million, funded by the Combined Authority. Nevertheless, this stop gap only operates until March 2023 and highlights the precarious nature of commercially operated bus services in our community.

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

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## South Cambridgeshire District Councillor, Bill Handley

### Cost of Living Crisis

South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is responding to the cost-of-living crisis in a number of ways. The following highlights what the council is doing to help:

### Warm Hubs

These are community spaces where residents can enjoy a safe, warm, and friendly environment this winter. The first of these was opened last week and more are to follow - up to 25 of them. The Octagon and Baptist Church have both registered and been given the 'green light'. The hubs are being funded by the NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System and delivered by the charity Cambridgeshire ACRE in partnership with SCDC. [www.cambsacre.org.uk/introducing-warm-hubs](http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/introducing-warm-hubs).

### Discretionary Housing Payments

This is an SCDC fund which supports residents on Universal Credit or Housing Benefit with housing costs. The Council is planning to add an extra £100,000 to this fund to support more people. Residents can read the full eligibility criteria and find out how to apply at [www.scambs.gov.uk/dhp](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/dhp). For enquiries, email [benefits@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@scambs.gov.uk) or call 01954 713000.

### Discretionary Council Tax Discounts

This is an SCDC fund to support people who are not eligible for the Local Council Tax Support scheme but are in extreme hardship. For those who qualify, the Council may be able to offer a discount to help make Council Tax instalments more affordable. Residents can read the full eligibility criteria and find out how to apply at [www.scambs.gov.uk/reductions-discounts](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/reductions-discounts), email [revenues@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@scambs.gov.uk) or call 01954 713000.

### Charitable Giving

SCDC is proposing to establish a grant fund which will be used to provide lower cost options for cooking and staying warm to those in need, such as slow cookers and electric blankets. Residents and businesses who are financially able will be welcome to contribute towards this charitable fund. The Council will allocate £15,000 to get it up and running. In the coming weeks, more information will be available at [www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support).

### Community Chest Criteria Amended

SCDC's popular Community Chest provides grants to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life locally. Recently, the criteria were amended to allow bids that include contributions for any project that has a positive impact for communities related to the cost-of-living crisis. Parish councils can also now bid for these grants. See [www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest) or email Community.Chest@scambs.gov.uk.

### Making Connections Consultation

The Greater Cambridge Partnership's (GCP's) 'Making Connections' consultation is open and runs until **23 December**. See the Parish Council report on page 16 or visit [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/mc-2022) for more details. **I would urge you to learn more about the proposals and take part in the consultation.**

*I wish you a very happy Christmas.*

Bill Handley

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### Book Quiz Answers

1 Charles Dickens, 2 Dr Seuss, 3 Raymond Briggs, 4 Paul Gallico, 5 Janet Ahlberg, 6 Judith Kerr, 7 Agatha Christie, 8 Anita Shreve, 9 Kate Mosse, 10 John Le Carré.

### Christmas Word Scramble Answers

Tree, Angel, Santa, Holly, Stocking, Turkey, Presents, Sleigh, Elves, Carols.

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Fri 2 Dec	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p11
Fri 2 Dec	Cricket Club Quiz	Cricket Club	Social Club	See Sept's issue <a href="http://willinghamsocialclub.com">willinghamsocialclub.com</a>
Sat 3 Dec	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am - 12 noon, see p11
Sun 4 Dec	Jazz Club	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 - 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 5 Dec	<i>How to Make a Christmas Wreath</i> with Carol Bailey	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p5
Tue - Sun 6 - 10 Dec	<i>The Little Mermaid</i>	Over Players	Over Community Centre	See p8
Wed 7 Dec	<i>Read Aloud - Prose &amp; Poetry</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 - 3 30 pm, see p11
Wed 7 Dec	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgey	Surgey	2 - 4 pm, see p10
Wed 7 Dec	General Meeting	Over Day Centre	Over Day Centre	7 pm, see p13
Wed 7 Dec	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p16
Thu 8 Dec	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: <a href="mailto:willinghamnews@gmail.com">willinghamnews@gmail.com</a>
Sat 10 Dec	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am - 12 noon, see p8
Sat 10 Dec	Come and Carol	Swavesey Community Choir	St Andrew's Church, Swavesey	7 30 pm, see p7
Mon 12 Dec	Christmas Party	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Tue 13 Dec	Historic Sea Shanties with the Fen Shanty Folk	WHIGs	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p5
Fri 16 Dec	Blue Thunder - Rock Covers Band	Social Club	Social Club	See Sept's issue <a href="http://willinghamsocialclub.com">willinghamsocialclub.com</a>
Sat 17 Dec	Christmas Special Breakfast	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	8 am, see p12 & p13
Sat 17 Dec	Carol Service	Parish Church	Parish Church	6 pm, see p7
Sun 18 Dec	Christingle Service	Parish Church	Parish Church	11 am, see p12
Sun 18 Dec	Christmas Carols	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	6 pm, see p12
Mon 19 Dec	Christmas Quiz	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p5
Sat 31 Dec	New Year's Eve Party with Submarine Racers - Live Band	Social Club	Social Club	See Sept's issue <a href="http://willinghamsocialclub.com">willinghamsocialclub.com</a>

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