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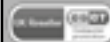
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Old Willingham



This splendid house was on the High Street. Its site is now occupied by Osbourne Close next to The Bank pub. The identity of the gentleman on horseback with a big white beard and top hat is unknown – but is likely the house owner. A number of these larger houses or ‘villas’ were built on the High Street in the early Victorian period around about the time the railway came to Longstanton (1840s). The arrival of the railway transformed the status of Willingham and enabled expansion. Fortunately, all these villas on the High Street have survived with this one exception.

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.

Book Review

Riccardino, by Andrea Camilleri

This is the 28th and last of the detective stories featuring Inspector Montalbano. It was written early in the series, with instructions that it was not to be published until after the author's death.

Montalbano is woken one morning by a telephone call from a stranger, Riccardino, who has dialled a wrong number and tells him to hurry up to the meeting. Montalbano says he'll be there in ten minutes, and goes back to bed. When Riccardino turns up dead later in the morning, Montalbano investigates a crime with widening ramifications involving the church hierarchy and the Mafia, while enjoying superb Sicilian food and arguing with his superiors.

Unusually for a crime novel, the detective also gets into extensive arguments with his author. The author feels readers are becoming bored with politics and the Mafia, Montalbano is determined to uncover the truth, and they have very different views on how the book should end.

The nearly unanimous opinion in the Reading Group was that this venture into metafiction is unfortunate, it creates confusion and makes this last Montalbano novel difficult to read. All of the scores, apart from a six, were four or five out of ten, in spite of a good plot and some wonderful Sicilian characters.

Janet Huxley

The Octagon Warm Hub

The Octagon Warm Hub welcomes you on **Monday mornings** in March from **10 am – 1 pm**.

Come and join us for company and free tea, coffee and biscuits. There are books and magazines available to read and borrow, jigsaw puzzles to do, board games and card games to play or you can 'knit and natter' or just chat to others in a comfortable environment.

This is a free activity sponsored by Cambridgeshire ACRE.

The Octagon is behind the Parish Church (just follow the path to the left of the Church) and there is wheelchair access and no steps.

Everyone is welcome so do drop in and find out more about the Octagon Warm Hub and how it can support you.

We hope to see you there on Monday mornings.

Gardening Club

As the days grow longer and the daffodils begin to bloom, the first tentative signs of Spring can be seen all around our gardens. March is the ideal time to plan your year ahead in the garden or allotment. At the February meeting, the Gardening Club welcomed Dr Gwenda Kyd, who gave a fabulous talk about how trees can provide us with a plethora of pharmaceutical benefits. The committee wishes to say thank you to Dr Kyd for sharing her time with the club.

On **Saturday 20 May**, the club has planned a coach trip to RHS Gardens Wisley. The cost is £22 for members and £24 for non-members. There will be a booking form available at the monthly meetings leading up to this outing. Please do sign up early as spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis!

The next Gardening Club meeting will be on **Monday 6 March** at the Social Club. Doors open at 7 for a 7 30 pm start. This meeting will be the Annual General Meeting where summaries of the previous year's activities will be discussed, interwoven with a springtime question and answer session. As with previous meetings, there is an entrance fee of £3 for non-members.

For any general inquiries about the club, please get in touch with the committee via email at: willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com.

Ceilidh for Ukraine

Saturday 4 March, 7 30 – 10 30 pm Ploughman Hall

To purchase tickets online, just Google:

Ceilidh for Ukraine 4th March 23 – Eventbrite and follow the link.

For those coming from further afield: Ploughman Hall, Willingham CB24 5LP

Tickets are £8 per person and include a generous Cheese Ploughman's supper.

Our dance caller will be giving instructions to great Ceilidh music on the night.

There will not be a bar, but you can bring your own drinks and (plastic) glasses for the event. Only water will be available on the night.

There are only 80 places available – this is to ensure we have plenty of space to dance, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Due to space restrictions, we request that all attendees are able to join in with the dancing. We advise that the event is probably not suitable for under 10s.

If you have allergy concerns please contact the organisers.

We are also planning to have a raffle, again to raise funds for Ukraine during the interval.

Doors will open at 7 15 pm with dancing to start around 7 30 pm.

There will be a break mid-evening for food and the raffle.

Event will draw to a close by 10 30 pm.

If you have any queries, contact Sue on 07800 616374 or sue.berry3@ntlworld.com.

The last Ceilidh at the Ploughman in October raised £250 for the same cause – here is how it was used:

We were able to transfer £250 to Yuliya (in Kyiv) in January. These funds helped six families with children/young people with severe disabilities to receive basic food

parcels and some hygiene items – all this happened

- within a week of our money transfer
- with zero admin costs here or in Ukraine (all your donations are used to help the most vulnerable).

Yuliya adds:

This month I managed to stretch out the money you sent to help six families. This happened because I was offered help to order through a wholesale outlet (the prices are cheaper but I normally cannot buy there as quantities I order do not qualify for wholesale) and also because someone offered to drive me (I don't own a car) so I could personally deliver all the goods to all six families in Kyiv.

The only problem was delivering the packages. Many families live in high rising buildings and power cuts mean carrying shopping all the way without elevators!

Every parcel contained the following:

- 2.5 kg of rice
- 5 kg of dry pasta
- 1 kg of raisins (mums blend raisins with honey to make vitamin rich treat to boost children's nutrition in these winter months)
- Several packs of baby soap
- 2-3 packs of wet baby wipes – very handy for mums looking after disabled children
- Soft cakes.

I also added some presents that were given to me by one of the local monasteries: children's books (for those families where children will be able to understand them) and sweets (these sweets will be probably eaten by the mothers – it is good to have something for the mums to give them energy).

Singing for Breathing

Do you have breathing difficulties? Did you know singing can help?

Singing is a great way to improve the way you breathe and get the best from your lung capacity.

The *Cambridge Singing for Breathing Group* is meeting online, using Zoom, on Thursday afternoons 2 30 – 4 pm and we're looking for new members!

Kay Barrett, founder of the group, says:

You don't need any singing experience to take part – it's all about what it feels like, not what it sounds like. The camaraderie of the group, the guided relaxation, the breathing exercises and the singing are so much appreciated by everyone and the health benefits transfer over into daily life. Being online, singers can join from the comfort of home, even when they are feeling unwell. We sing with microphones turned off, which can actually be very liberating! You simply sing along with the leader, learning uplifting songs often in call and response style. We also use multi-track recordings so we can enjoy singing rounds and harmonies.

Do I have to pay?

Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential - we want everyone to be able to come.

Do I have to come along every week?

We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and such can get in the way! Just come along when you can.

I have Long Covid, can I join?

The gentle pace, breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe.

How do I join?

Simply email singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com or call Mary on 07972 645473 for more information and to receive the Zoom link each week.

You can find out more at www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge.

Mary Denn

Willingham Combined Charity

Willingham Combined Charity provides housing for those in need, with accommodation in the Josiah Smith Memorial Homes and a bungalow in Haden Way. We also have two sites which provide allotments, one in Westmeadow Close and the other in Church Street behind the property which used to be the Almshouses.

The six bungalows in Over Road, built in 1967, take their name from Josiah Smith. In 1952 his daughter, Hilda Smith left 11 acres, stock and money, and land at Houghton to build the Josiah Smith Homes in memory of her father.

Since 1505 there have been several charities in the village. The first charity, known as a Pauper Charity, was set up by Henry Greaves. In 1615 the second charity was formed by the rector Dr William Smith, Provost of King's College, Cambridge. In 1693 Robert Osborne gave a rent charge of 3/4d for the poor. Not much is known about this charity which was lost by 1938. The fourth charity was set up by Samuel Saywell by will in 1709. In June 2000, Willingham Combined Charity and Josiah Smith Homes Trust were amalgamated into the Willingham Combined Charity.

In 1874 the criteria for the almswomen was as follows:

Poor women of good character who have resided in the village for three years and who from age, ill-health, accident or infirmity shall be unable to maintain themselves by their own exertions.

If any almswoman be guilty of insobriety, insubordination, breach of rules, or immoral or unbecoming conduct, the trustees may remove that woman.

Today the objects of the charity are:

1. The provision of housing accommodation for persons (of whom two must be women) who are in need, hardship, or distress and have resided in the area of benefit (the Parish of Willingham in the County of Cambridgeshire) for not less than two years prior to their appointment.
2. The provision of housing accommodation for women over the age of 60 who are in need, hardship and distress who were born in the area of benefit.
3. Such charitable purposes for the benefit of the residents as the trustees decide.

There are 12 trustees: one ex-officio trustee, two nominated trustees and nine co-opted trustees.

The ex-officio trustee is the Rector of the ecclesiastical parish of St Mary and All Saints.

The nominated trustees are appointed by our Parish Council.

If you would like to know more about the charity go to charity.ballandia.co.uk or if you know of someone who might meet the criteria and be in need of one of the bungalows please get in touch with Lynn McGoff, clerk@willinghamcombinedcharity.org.uk.

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 13 March** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and our speaker will be Brian Brignell on *My Life as a Professional Pop Photographer in the 1960s*.

On Friday 3 February we had the return of our annual WI Quiz for the first time since 2020. It was good to be back again for an evening of questions covering a range of subjects including traditional rounds such as Sport, Geography, and Food and Drink, along with less traditional rounds such as the 'Slightly Bonkers' round. Do you know if it is true or false that a donkey can see all its feet at the same time? The answer is **true** because its eyes are spaced widely apart on its head, enabling it to view all its feet at once! Ten teams took part with a mixture of WI members, friends, family, and neighbours. It was a very enjoyable evening.

This year our April and May meetings both fall on Bank Holidays – Easter Monday and the Coronation Bank Holiday. After consultation with members, the Committee has decided to go ahead with the meeting on Easter Monday, **Monday 10 April** but to move the May date to **Monday 15 May**.

Why not join us? Our friendly group is open to all women, young and old. As well as our meetings, all members receive a copy of the monthly *WI News*, the national magazine, and can also join outings and activities organised by the Cambridgeshire Federation. You will be warmly welcomed for a taster session free of charge. To find out more, please contact willinghamwi28@gmail.com.

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Auditions are now complete and the show has now been cast, but we are still keen to hear from any potential backstage crew for costume, hair, make-up, technical and so on. We are your local AmDram group and a warm welcome to anyone interested is guaranteed.

For further information, or to express an interest in participating backstage, please go to our website www.overplayers.uk.

Sudoku

Solution on page 19.

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Book Quiz

These are novels with catchy first lines. See if you know the authors and maybe find out what they are.

Answers on page 19.

- 1 *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- 2 *Nineteen Eighty Four*
- 3 *A Tale of Two Cities*
- 4 *Moby Dick*
- 5 *The Hobbit*
- 6 *The Crow Road*
- 7 *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*
- 8 *Pride and Prejudice*
- 9 *Ulysses*
- 10 *The Great Gatsby*

Christine Lacey



Young Readers' Corner

Word Search by Harrison Passmore age 9

All Harrison's words relate to Willingham.

Solution on page 19.

!Willingham WORD!

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Daffodil



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The daffodil is a flower associated with Spring which this year officially starts on **Monday 20 March**. The daffodil is also the national flower of Wales and is traditionally worn on St David's Day (St David is the patron saint of Wales) on **1 March**. Do you know which vegetable is a symbol of Wales?



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Green Spaces and Environmental

Every gardener will appreciate it takes time to develop an open space and such work is never-ending. However, we can report that following a lot of input by the Greens and Boundaries Councillors, the Meadow Road site has been recognised by both the Wildlife Trust and the Cambridge ACRE team as an area of importance and which will benefit from support and improvement. Around 400 whips are to be donated for hedging which will need planting, and help would be much appreciated with this work. Also, a large wildlife pond, funded largely by National Lottery monies and Heritage aid is to be put in place at the far end of that field, supervised by the ACRE group of experts. Villagers already benefit from this field as an additional place where they can engage with nature, and it is good to know this hard work will make it an even better outdoor, natural space to be appreciated by all.

Meanwhile, Barton Field (off Black Pit Drove, Rampton Road), is becoming more established. The weather does not seem to have damaged the remaining hedging along its length – which will be in-filled shortly – and we can report that the field is well used by local walkers. With the help of our Willingham Action Group, we have reached the point where we can celebrate the field with unveiling its large information board. All being well, on **2 April** at 11 am, we should be able to meet and enjoy a community gathering there; everyone is welcome!

Spring and nesting time is fast approaching, so this is a gentle reminder that March sees the end of serious machine-driven hedge-cutting and tree works, and if hedges are encroaching on our footpaths, correcting that now would be helpful since after that date only smaller hand-tools may be used.

Buses: The Latest

The serious shortcomings of the new 5A bus service have been highlighted in recent editions of *Willingham News*. The Parish Council have written in strong terms to the Combined Authority, who subsidise the service until March, pointing out that the timetabling problems and cancellations have deterred passengers. We hope that they listen and the subsidy will continue beyond March to give a proper assessment of passenger numbers. A revised timetable was created in February.

However, even if the service were run perfectly, it still might not attract sufficient numbers to make it viable. Obvious deterrents are that it only runs in one direction round the loop, is only hourly, and it means taking two buses to get to any local centres such as Cambridge or St Ives.

Stopping this bus route would be a disaster for those with no other way of travelling the 1½ miles to the Busway, so we must

find a way to continue it. Also, some sort of congestion charge for Cambridge is inevitable, so in the longer term we need a fast convenient link direct to Cambridge. The Parish Council repeatedly makes these points in responding to all the recent transport surveys. If you agree, please give us your support, and continue to send us your thoughts on this important issue.

Highways Matters in Brief

The Parish Council and Clerk have regular meetings with the Cambridge County Council Highways department, who are aware of issues troubling parishes such as ours. Our village boundary has been extended and the signage has yet to be moved to recognise this. Repainting badly worn road markings – particularly on the busiest road junctions – continue to be on their list. Since the B1050 is now on ‘hold’ for at least another financial year, potholes on Shelford Road have been patched and from April there should be some levelling and maintenance work carried out. The Newington footway is scheduled to be slurry-sealed this spring.

Willingham And Over Community Warden Scheme

Just a reminder plus an appreciation of this scheme, supported by Cambridge and Peterborough Age UK. This Warden scheme offers a range of support from basic comfort – such as a visit for a chat and cup of tea, to help with day-to-day matters like shopping or facilitating phone calls, and to assistance with accessing professional services. We are lucky to have a dedicated Community Warden, Joanne, who can be contacted to discuss a trial period or a more permanent regular service.

Call her on: 07812 496002.

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

Council Office Contact Details:

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

Tel: 01954 261027.

Email clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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

Mrs Mandy Powell

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WILLINGHAM SURGERY & LONGSTANTON BRANCH SURGERY

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Out of hours cover: Ring 111 Website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

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

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG brings together patients, GPs and staff from a GP Practice. They meet quarterly to discuss issues relating to their surgery and the services provided to patients. This allows GPs and staff to work with patients to plan services which best meet the needs of the people who use those services.

Our PPG is looking for new members from across the patient demographic, particularly volunteers to act as secretary and minute these meetings. If you are interested please contact the chair Chris Thornhill, crthornhill@gmail.com or sign up at Willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk/practice-information/patient-information-group.

The next meeting will be **4 April** at 7 pm, venue to be confirmed.

Zero Tolerance

The Practice takes it very seriously if a member of staff or one of the doctors or nursing team is treated in an abusive or violent way.

All our staff aim to be polite, helpful, and sensitive to all patients' individual needs and circumstances. We respectfully remind patients that very often staff could be confronted with a multitude of varying and sometimes difficult tasks and situations, all at the same time.

Aggressive behaviour, be it violent or abusive, will not be tolerated and may result in you being removed from the Practice list and, in extreme cases, the police being contacted.

The following behaviour will be found unacceptable:

- Using bad language or swearing at practice staff
- Any physical violence towards any member of staff or other patients
- Verbal abuse towards the staff in any form including verbally insulting the staff
- Racial abuse and sexual harassment will not be tolerated within this Practice
- Persistent or unrealistic demands that cause stress to staff will not be accepted. Requests will be met wherever possible and explanations given when they cannot
- Threats and intimidation of any kind
- Causing damage/stealing from the Practice's premises, staff or patients
- Obtaining drugs and/or medical services fraudulently

We ask you to treat your GPs and our staff courteously at all times.

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 – 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

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

Missed Appointments

In January, 86 patients did not attend their appointment at Willingham and 31 did not attend appointments at our Longstanton Branch Surgery.

This equates to over 32 hours of clinical time lost, which could have been used helping other patients who struggled to get an appointment.

Please cancel your appointment if it is no longer needed. This can be done either online, via the NHS app or by calling the surgery and selecting option three to leave an answerphone message.

Test Results

If you have not heard from the Practice via SMS within two weeks of your blood test, please contact reception for your results. Please be aware some swabs and cultures may take longer to process.

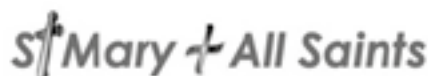
Carers' Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 1 March** at the surgery, where we will be holding a drop-in meeting between **2 and 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!

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at the surgery. Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Lisa Smith
Assistant Practice Manager

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Services in Church

- 5 March** 11 00 am Holy Communion
12 March 11 00 am Morning Praise
19 March 11 00 am Morning Praise for
 Mothering Sunday
26 March 11 00 am Holy Communion

Acorns, Oaks and Owls Club

Every Sunday at 11 am in the Octagon. 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!

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 11 March** from 10 am in the Octagon Hall behind the Church with music, refreshments, laughter and fun for people living with memory loss and their carers or family. (See opposite page.)

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. For further information and bookings, please contact Colin Smith at the administration office, Tuesday to Friday from 9 30 am to 12 noon, using the contact details shown below.

Contact Details

Rev Simon Gill is currently on sick leave. In his absence, please contact one of those listed below:

Clergy:

Lucy Cleland 01954 277758 or lucy@5folds.org.uk
 Rev Jenny Hill 07970 949331 or jenny@5folds.org.uk

Licensed Lay Minister:

Canon Jan Payne 07780 674563 or jan.payne@northstowe.church

5folds Administration Office:

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



George Street, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LJ
www.willinghambaptist.org and

Activities for March

Sunday Services, 10 am

Relaxed and informal service with songs, prayers and teaching. All welcome at any stage of faith.

- 5 March** Facing Injustice – Jesus and the Roman Boss, Pontius Pilate.
12 March The Ancient Israelite Nation Living in the Desert.
19 March Facing Humiliation – Jesus Mocked by the Roman Soldiers.
26 March Facing Adversity – Jesus on the Cross.

Wednesday Fellowship – Every Week

- 10 am Open Door for Coffee and Chat
 10 am – 4 pm 'Warm Hub' – Friendly Space for All

EVENTS

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

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays, bi-weekly **9 and 23 March**. Booking essential. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 18 March, once a month. Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and an interesting talk on *Islands Around Britain*.

TOPS Baby and Toddler Group: Tuesdays at 9 45 am. Meet other families while the children play. For children up to the age of five. Contact Debbie Allen on 01954 261581.

Nimble Fingers 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.

For all events contact: secretary@willinghambaptist.org

Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at 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.

Thought for the Month

I wonder, what does Mothering Sunday make you think of? My mind turns to the image of a mother hen and her chicks. This picture prompts many family memories for me ...

The mother hen reminds me of celebrations at my grandmother's large house in Somerset. Every Christmas and summer holiday she would gather the whole family 'brood' for a party. When I was a youngster, there would be some 25 of her 'chicks' or 'grand-chicks' there. The extended family is even larger in number now.

I also think of my mum who is a great lover of animals. She is a lady who merrily nursed lambs, piglets and pug puppies in our home and garden alongside raising my brother and me. She offered tender, loving, motherly care to us all.

These days my mum lives in a nursing home on account of her dementia. She is part of another family there – a warm and wonderful community. My mum finds herself nestled safely under the wings of the care staff. It is a safe refuge for her in this last phase of life. Such security is something not everyone knows today. I am mindful of the many refugees and asylum seekers in our world plus the turmoil of a deepening cost of living crisis.

The hen and her chicks perhaps paint a helpful picture in an age when family life takes diverse forms. Single and in my late 40s, I am unlikely to ever be a mother. Yet I cherish my nieces and godsons. Since childhood, I have appreciated being part of a church family wherever I have worshipped.

As we approach Mothering Sunday on **19 March**, may the mother hen caring for her chicks be of comfort to you, whatever your family story.

*Rev Lucy Cleland, Team Vicar in the 5folds Group
Willingham, Longstanton, Northstowe, Over &
Swavesey.
01954 277758 lucy@5folds.org.uk*

Coronation Celebration Sunday 7 May

The Parish Council has put aside a small budget to assist in the arrangement of a village celebration day to mark the coronation of King Charles and Queen Consort Camilla, and Willingham Action Group (WAG) has offered assistance in its organization. A picnic with some live music and an array of craft and food stalls, similar to the Jubilee Picnic last year (but hopefully with better weather), would be possible subject to enough interest. So, if you are a provider of live music, food, drink, crafts and the like, or if you would like to add an event, such as your own street party (see www.cambridge.gov.uk/street-parties), please make contact with WAG on 07529 221954 or email willsus21@gmail.com.

Willingham Action Group

Rosie In Stitches

We wish all our customers, supporters and especially all the new Mums a Happy Mothering Sunday.

We are sharing our extensive catalogue on our facebook page www.facebook.com/RosieInStitches so you can grab yourself locally sourced, unique, beautifully crafted gifts for special friends and family.

Come and see us in person at

Bar Hill Community Market

10 30 am to 2 pm on Saturday 4 March and Saturday 1 April

We have links to other stores on our www.rosieinstitches.org.uk website, Aurelia London are offering a complimentary Miracle Cleanser 50ml when you spend £40! Worth £22.

We are continuing to accept donations of unwanted crafting materials for our crafters to use or for us to sell on eBay. We are still recruiting new crafters to our team. New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of crafters or display a small selection of our wares.

Contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615. Further details are given on our website www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.

Willingham Memory Box Café

Invites people living with memory loss
and their carers to join us for

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On

Saturday 11 March

10 am to 12 noon

in

The Octagon

behind the Parish Church, with
wheelchair access and no steps

No Charge

Sponsored by St Mary & All Saints Church

For further details please contact

Frances Watts 01954 200542

Ceilidh for Ukraine

Saturday 4th March

7.30 – 10.30 pm

at the Ploughman Hall



Tickets are £8 per person and includes Cheese ploughman supper.

On the night our ceilidh caller will be giving instructions to great ceilidh music.

There will not be a bar, but you can bring your own drinks & (plastic) glasses for the event. Only water will be available on the night.

There are only 80 places available to ensure we have plenty of space to dance, so book early. Event probably not suitable for under 10's.

Doors will open at 7.15 with dancing around 7.30

There will be a break mid evening for food and Raffle in aid of Ukraine

Tickets available on Eventbrite / see on Willingham life facebook.



https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceilidh-for-ukraine-4th-march-23-tickets-51814182917?utm_campaign=social%20media&utm_source=attendeehero&utm_medium=discovery&utm_source=attendeehero&utm_term=.51814182917



St. Mary & All Saints

The Parish Church, Willingham

are holding

'Floral Event'

to celebrate

'The Coronation'

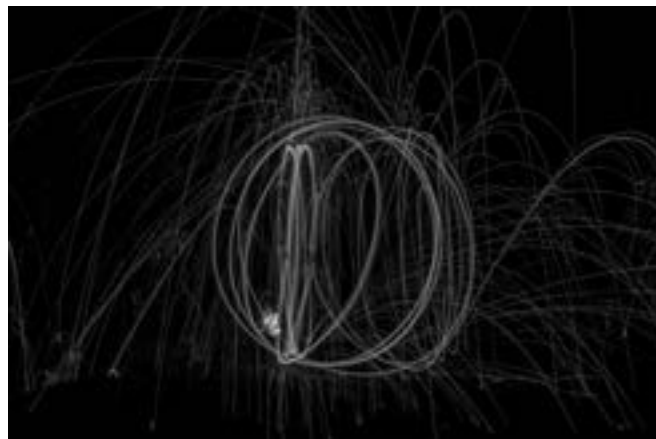
5th - 8th May.

Photography Club

We meet at the Baptist Church, where we aim to learn more about photography and enjoy ourselves. There is a monthly assignment and photos are submitted at the following meeting for consideration and feedback from our resident professional photographer.

The next meeting is **Monday 20 March** at 8 pm.

Requests have been made for Phil and he has kindly agreed to repeat the wire wool light painting.



If the weather is against us, then assignment photos and a presentation will fill the evening.

We cordially invite anyone who enjoys photography to come along or get in touch to 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 Moore at steve@stevemoorephoto.com.

Willingham History Group

Willingham, Queen Boudicca and the Romans

The next meeting of the WHiGs is **Tuesday 28 March 7 30 pm** in the Octagon behind the church.

Note that we have moved from the second to the fourth Tuesday of each month.

We aim to look into all types of history but anything local is of special interest.

This month we will be looking at Queen Boudicca and the Romans' possible link with Willingham.

We know that the Romans were here but could they have met Boudicca?

£3 Admission to cover the cost of the room.

If you have any further questions, please contact: Steve Moore at whigsinquire@gmail.com.

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Thursday: 4 – 7 pm

Friday: 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

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Engage in the Afternoon, Wednesday 1 March, 2 – 3 pm

Caroline Norton of the Family History Society will present a talk entitled *A Convict in the Family or a Case of Mistaken Identity?*

Family Lego Club, Wednesday 1 March, 3 30 – 4 45 pm

Do you love Lego? Then we have the club for you on the first Wednesday of every month! Come along to the library and enjoy some time building with Lego. Age four and over please and all children need to be accompanied by an adult.

A Date for Your Diary – Thursday 6 April

Enjoy a visit to the library by author/illustrator Elena Arevalo Melville who will be running a morning workshop for children. Advance bookings only, tickets are £1 per child. Further details to follow.

Friends of Willingham Library

Games Afternoons, Fridays 3 and 17 March, 2 – 4 pm

Two opportunities again this month to come along and join us for an enjoyable game of Scrabble or one of the other games we have at the library. Or you can bring a favourite game of your own from home to share.

Refreshments available, donations welcome.

Second-hand Book Sale, Saturday 4 March, 10 30 am – 12 noon

We have an excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction second-hand books for adults and children. Pop along to the library and stock up for you and your family's reading needs. Books are just 50p each or three for £1.

Knit and Natter Afternoon, Wednesday 15 March, 2 – 4 pm

Join us for an informal and friendly get together at the library bringing your knitting or any other type of needlework or handicraft. We'll be sitting and chatting while working on our pieces and perhaps giving help and advice to others. Refreshments will be available, donations welcome.

Poetry and Prose Evening Wednesday 15 March, 7 30 pm

Leave the stresses of today's world behind for a while and join us for a lovely calm evening of poetry and prose. The theme this time is *Ireland for St Patrick's Day*. You are welcome to read a piece you have chosen or even written yourself. If you would rather not read, it's fine to just come and listen and it's free! Drinks and nibbles available.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

Sign up for the Library Service's monthly emailed newsletter to find out the latest about what's going on in your local libraries. www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news.

Barton Field Parishioners Invited

At 11 am on **Sunday 2 April**, we are hoping to unveil the new signage at Barton Field. If you have not yet been there it is a lovely established space, well used by walkers and their dogs too. It is off Black Pit Drove, a rough drove leading south from Rampton Road. The ever-busy supportive Willingham Action Group together with both the Greens and the Environmental Parish Councillors have all worked to prepare the site for the village. Now, the large information board which will explain some of the flora and fauna found living on the site as well as the field's history, is ready for visitors. Everyone is welcome, so come along and perhaps plan a nature trail or picnic!



Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Lapwings are wading birds that can be found in grasslands, farmland and wetlands. They are well known for their distinctive calls, giving them the alternative name 'peewit', their complex courtship displays and their striking plumage, in particular their head crests. Sadly, lapwing populations in the UK have declined significantly over the past few decades, predominantly due to changes in agricultural practices and the loss of suitable nesting habitats, meaning that they are now a red-listed species in the UK and are deemed a conservation priority. Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, we have seen a steady decrease in breeding numbers so are working to provide suitable habitats and to implement effective habitat management measures with the aim of helping the species recover.



Lapwing – Andy Hay (rspb-images.com)

Lapwings are ground-nesting birds that lay their eggs in shallow scrapes, often in grassy fields. The chicks are born precocial, meaning they leave the nest after hatching and feed themselves with the help of their parents who care for them until they fledge. Nesting lapwings require suitable grass sward and vegetation conditions in order to build their nests and rear their young. The ideal habitat is an area of short, grazed grass with some scattered tussocky vegetation and bare patches with nearby shallow water margins. This type of habitat provides cover for the birds, feeding areas for adults and chicks, and reduces the risk of predation.

The grasslands of Ferry Mere along the northern edge of the lake are the best area for nesting lapwings at the reserve and we carry out management work to maintain it as a suitable habitat. The area is grazed by cattle in the summer and autumn to ensure suitable grass conditions the following spring, when lapwings are looking to nest

with a majority low, even height. This enables the birds to see around them and watch out for predators, thus making them feel more secure and more likely to nest.

Having nearby tall trees and shrubs can deter lapwing from nesting as they provide cover for ground predators, such as foxes, and perching points for avian predators, such as crows, that can take eggs and chicks. In previous years we have worked to fell trees from around the ditches on Ferry Mere and this past winter we have spent time with our volunteer work group removing a dense area of tall trees from the lake edge very near to our shallow pools where lapwings are often seen and have nested in the past. Not only will this improve the area for the birds, but it also has the added benefit of opening up views of the lake from the footpath and view shelter along the north of Ferry Lake.

As we head into spring the large wintering lapwing flocks will start to disperse, but we hope that some will stay and choose to nest out on Ferry Mere or elsewhere at the reserve. We will be carefully monitoring lapwing numbers as part of our annual breeding bird surveying to see the effects of our management work and determine if there is more we can do. In fact, we are already working on plans for another project to try to ensure the continued presence of shallow pools that remain wet throughout the breeding season. Watch this space for more details in the future.

Wednesday Wander

Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday.

Dawn Chorus Walk

Be an early bird and join us on a morning walk around Fen Drayton Lakes to experience the magic of the spring dawn chorus. Listen to the spectacular sounds of the birds bursting into song as the sun rises over the lakes on **Saturday 29 April**.

To see further details and book for one of our upcoming events, please visit: events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk.

Phone: 01954 233260.

Poem for March

March winds blow across the Fen
and nature hides itself away.
But somewhere heralding the Spring
two hares express their love of play.

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

Christine Lacey



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Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Neil Gough

Dear Residents, here is my update of County Council matters, based upon my report to the Parish Council.

2023–24 Budget

A proposal to set a balanced budget in 2023–24 was reviewed at Full Council on 7 February. The proposed budget bridges a potential funding gap of £21.4 million as a result of rising costs of energy and pressure on essential services, even after finding more than £10 million of additional savings or income.

The Government's provisional Local Government Funding settlement in December proposes that CCC's 'core spending power' should increase by 9.5%, but that already assumes that the Council would raise Council Tax by the maximum (4.99%) allowed without a referendum. In other words, the Government expects local tax payers to shoulder most of the extra costs. This would see band D properties in the county paying an additional £73 per year.

Highways – Current Issues

Residents will be aware of the deterioration of the B1050, which has been raised with County Highways. The longer-term structural issues have been exacerbated by the impact of the summer drought.

Many roads across Cambridgeshire have been acutely affected by extreme weather this year, including the B1050. The peat and clay soils in the area make them susceptible to shrinkage when drying out and expansion after wet weather. The extreme weather of 2022 put unbearable stress on many roads.

Unfortunately, the ultimate solution of digging out and completely rebuilding these roads would cost millions of pounds per kilometre – money the Council just does not have. Notwithstanding these long-term challenges, a short-term plan to make repairs to the B1050 was outlined at the last meeting with the Highways team and this will require a road closure.

Our Highways team have been working with counterparts

in Norfolk and Suffolk, and they are seeking a joint meeting with officials at the Department for Transport. We have also raised the matter directly with the Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission. We will continue to draw attention to these issues and the potential links to climate change at a national level.

Potholes have also worsened following the December freeze and subsequent wet weather, unsurprisingly given the long-neglected infrastructure resulting from decades of underfunding and a policy of 'managed decline' of the highways.

We have been actively working with our Local Highways Officer to log potholes and other road surface failures for action in our regular meetings. A concerted effort to fill potholes is underway and is making progress (even though it may not appear that way!).

Here are some useful links to CCC's website:

How long does it take to fix a road fault? tinyurl.com/2p8mr5wj.

Report a highways emergency. tinyurl.com/489wuw76.

5A Service

The reliability and timetabling of the 5A service continues to undermine the quality and usefulness of the service. Stagecoach acknowledged the problems with buses keeping to schedule and have confirmed to me that the timetable of the 5A service was modified to better reflect the journey time and to improve punctuality. This new timetable was introduced on 18 February.

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

Neil Gough 07919 990299,
neilgoughcrw@gmail.com.

Willingham Brownies Need your Help

The Willingham Brownie unit reopened over a year ago and is very popular with the girls in the village. So popular that we are full, with a waiting list. At the moment we only have two leaders which restricts our numbers to 16. If we had one or more regular helpers we could increase this number to 24 and significantly reduce the waiting list. We are grateful to the parents who do help us on an occasional basis but we really need regular weekly help.

If you are over 18 years old, like to have fun and work with girls aged seven to ten years then why not come and join us? You will be joining an experienced leadership

team and full training will be provided. Your commitment can be from as little as one hour a week during term time but can be as much as you want it to be.

To give you a taste of some of the things we have done since September 2021, we have had craft evenings, science evenings, talent shows to raise money for Children in Need, played games, lit fires outside and cooked on them, learnt First Aid, been on Pack Holidays and much more.

If you want to find out more, email Lynn and Linda on 1stwillinghambrownies@gmail.com.

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South Cambridgeshire District Councillor – Bill Handley

Good news on Funding for Housing

SCDC has been awarded £4.5 million as part of the Government's Local Authority Housing Fund. The funding, for this financial year and 2023-24, is to help the Council to acquire 30 additional homes. These will initially be used to accommodate refugees from Ukraine and Afghanistan but, when they are no longer needed for this purpose, the homes will be available through the council housing waiting list.

Homes for Ukraine: Hosts Still Needed for Guests Already in South Cambridgeshire

Hosts are still desperately needed across South Cambridgeshire to support families who have already arrived from Ukraine, with hosts eligible to receive up to £500 a month as a thank you payment. Around 770 people from Ukraine have already arrived in South Cambridgeshire and with the war continuing - and it not being safe for many families to return - there is an ongoing demand to provide them with a safe place to stay. Under the Homes for Ukraine scheme, hosts sign up to provide a home to guests for a minimum of six months. However, around 20% of current hosts are not able to continue past that initial six-month point. It means that guests who have been staying with them would benefit from alternative accommodation locally, so they can continue to build on the relationships and community connections they have already been able to make. Hosts receive comprehensive support from the District Council, along with a £350 monthly Government 'Thank you' payment.

The District Council also offers an additional opt-in monthly payment to hosts of £150. This takes the total host payment to £500 per month. Anyone who can offer a spare room and warm welcome is being asked to text ROOM to 88802 so the Council can support them through the process and match hosts to guests who have already started to settle in the local area.

Voter ID

From May this year, voters will be required to show photo ID in polling stations before being allowed to vote. Although there are no scheduled elections in South Cambridgeshire after May this year, we're encouraging voters to think about this now and (if they do not have the required ID) to apply for their free Voter ID now. They can apply for their Voter Authority Certificate online. For further information about voter ID requirements and other elements of the Elections Act 2022, please visit the Electoral Commission website [tinyurl.com/3mz33vh7](https://www.electoralcommission.gov.uk/tinyurl.com/3mz33vh7). There will also be a short article on this subject in the Spring edition of the *South Cambridgeshire Magazine*.

The Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen Consort

The Coronation of King Charles III and the Queen Consort will take place on the morning of **6 May**. On **7 May**, a Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle will showcase the country's diverse cultural heritage in music, theatre and dance. One of the highlights will be 'Lighting up the Nation', in which iconic locations across the UK will be lit up with projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations. Throughout the UK, Coronation Big Lunches will bring communities together on **7 May** with street parties also taking place across the weekend.

The weekend of celebrations will end with the Big Help Out on **8 May**, which will highlight the impact of volunteering. This will encourage people to get involved with activities run by local community groups, organisations and charities and volunteer-involving organisations wanting to join in can sign up here: thebighelpout.org.uk/.

Bill Handley

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Sudoku Solution

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

Book Quiz Answers

1 Harper Lee, 2 George Orwell, 3 Charles Dickens, 4 Herman Melville, 5 JRR Tolkien, 6 Iain Banks, 7 JK Rowling, 8 Jane Austen, 9 James Joyce, 10 F Scott Fitzgerald.

Harrison's wordsearch solution



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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Wed 1 March	<i>A Convict in the Family or a Case of Mistaken Identity?</i> with Caroline Norton	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 - 3 30 pm, see p14
Wed 1 March	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Wed 1 March	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	3 30 – 4 45 pm, see p14
Wed 1 March	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p9
Fri 3 March	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Sat 4 March	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p14
Sat 4 March	Rosie in Stitches Stall	Bar Hill Community Market	Bar Hill Church Octagon	10 30 am – 2 pm, see p12
Sat 4 March	Ceilidh for Ukraine	Ceilidh for Ukraine	Ploughman Hall	Doors open from 7 15 pm, see p6 & p13
Mon 6 March	Annual General Meeting and Springtime Q & A	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p5
Wed 8 March	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Thu 9 March	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p11
Sat 11 March	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p12
Mon 13 March	<i>My Life as a Professional Pop Photographer in the 1960s</i> with Brian Bignell	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Wed 15 March	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Wed 15 March	Poetry & Prose Evening Theme: <i>Ireland for St Patrick's Day</i>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p14
Fri 17 March	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Sat 18 March	Breakfast & Talk: <i>Islands Around Britain</i>	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Mon 20 March	<i>Wire Wool Light Painting</i> with Phil	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p13
Thu 23 March	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p11
Sat 25 March	Photographic Exhibition	Swavesey Camera Club	Swavesey Memorial Hall	10 am – 4 pm, see Feb's issue
Sun 26 March	Northstowe Indoor Market	Northstowe Indoor Market	Pathfinder School Hall	9 30 am - 1 30 pm, see Feb's issue
Tue 28 March	<i>Willingham, Queen Boudicca & the Romans</i>	WHIGs	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p13

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