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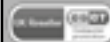
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Ceilidh for Ukraine

On Saturday 4 March about 80 villagers were piped into the Ploughman Hall for the Willingham Spring Ceilidh. Like the last one, the sold-out event was in support of the charity Direct Support For Ukraine (DSFU), which is of special interest to our caller John.

As with any ceilidh there was lots of laughter, smiling faces, people trying to remember their left from right and who was dancing as the 'man' for each dance. Everyone was happy to help support those confused. Exercise and merriment was had by all, dancing to favourites like the Gay Gordons, Strip the Willow and a new one to the group called Nine Pins.

With the raffle and money from the ticket price we raised over £400 for DSFU. So thank you to everyone for their generosity. Thanks to John, the caller, all the helpers and all who came along. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. Looking forward to seeing you at the next ceilidh for the Willingham Feast in October.

Sue Berry



Merriment on the Dancefloor



Paul Turner and Daughter Chrissie on Pipe and Drum

Photos by Ksenia Pchelitseva, Freelance Family and Event Photographer

Spring Planting in the Orchard

On a cool March Saturday a hardy group of villagers gathered at the Community Orchard on Earith Road to plant wild flower bulbs. Often people plant bulbs in the autumn but bulbs 'in the green' can be planted in early to late springtime too. This means that the bulbs will have leaves growing and may have flower buds. The main reason for buying bulbs in this way is because you know they are viable and they will establish more quickly and successfully in the coming year.

Willingham Action Group (WAG) obtained a grant of £500 towards additional bulb planting and other money came in from the 'Adopt a Tree' scheme for establishing bluebells in the woodland area. In the past we have used 'Boston Bulbs' based in Lincolnshire, always very helpful and they provided all of our bulbs this time, speedily delivered. We were very pleased and grateful to have had so many willing volunteers of all ages come and give up their time to plant and although I won't mention everyone by name (you know who you are, I think) a special mention goes to Margot and Monty (plus mums) for their endless enthusiasm. Who knew snowdrops could disappear into the ground so quickly!

In total 1,600 bulbs were planted; 1,000 bluebells, 200 narcissi, 200 wild garlic, 100 snowdrops and 100 lily of the valley. Most of the flowers you see popping up this spring will be from previous years' plantings but next year we hope for a wider spread of colour and varieties. As spring creeps its way forward, flowers will be appearing across the orchard among the fruit trees. Look out for cowslips, the delicate bell-headed snakeshead fritillary, small native tulips, bluebells as well as meadow flowers like buttercups and clovers that were there before we planted anything.

It's great to see dogs with their humans using the orchard, but we did notice poops in places where they shouldn't be so please use the bins and don't let your dogs dig up the plants! The bunnies do enough of that!

In the autumn there will be further opportunities to continue planting so watch out for any announcements in *Willingham News*. More information about any WAG activities can be found at www.willinghamlife.org.

Marion Barber (WAG volunteer)



Margot, Monty, Judy and Kathryn busy planting snowdrops

Cover: Margot and Monty at work

Badminton Club



Come and join our friendly village Badminton Group.

Did you know that Willingham has a Badminton Club? We're a small, social group who meet at 8 pm on either a Monday or Tuesday evening at the Ploughman Hall for an hour of badminton. It's a great way to stretch the legs and meet some friendly new faces. Why not come along and try your first session for free? Contact Emma Byrom for more information on 01954 202481.

Willingham Gardening Club

At its Annual General Meeting on 6 March, the committee for Willingham Gardening Club was successfully re-elected. The meeting was also an opportunity for attendees to discuss the previous year's programme and what activities they would like to be included this year. Suffice to say, the committee is busy planning a rich programme for this year. Here's what to expect in the coming months:

- **Monday 3 April** – Speaker: Penny Miles, *Beyond the Garden Gate*. A talk about the history of the National Garden Scheme and gardens in the area.
- **Monday 1 May** – Hands-On Demonstration: How to Make a Bug Hotel. Plus, a plant and seedling swap.
- **Saturday 20 May** – Coach trip to RHS Wisley. The cost of the coach is £22 for members and £24 for non-members. Please collect a booking form at the next meeting or email willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com for an electronic form.
- **Monday 5 June** – Willingham Gardeners' Question Time.
- **Monday 3 July** – Speaker: Mike Day, *Salads all Year Round*.

A reminder that we meet on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7 30 pm. New members are always welcome and can sign up for a 12-month membership now. If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email us. There is an entrance fee of £3 for non-members.

For general inquiries about the club, please get in touch with us via email.

Willingham Bowls Club

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It's that time of the year again – a new outdoor bowls season. At the time of writing this, the winter has been very kind to us, the green has had some preparation, re-seeding in places and it's looking very lush. If the weather stays fair then we should have a very good surface for the season. Last season, Willingham was one of the best greens to play on.

We will be having a few open days this summer but we can always arrange a time to suit you if you want to try out. We have all the equipment; all you have to do is contact our Club Secretary and arrange a date and time. Bowls is a game for everyone; age and ability don't matter. All we want is people to come along and enjoy a friendly game.

Rules have relaxed in many of the clubs and leagues. No longer are you forced to wear white shirts and grey trousers so it's a more relaxed atmosphere. Club shirts are generally worn in league matches; ours are mainly white but we're looking at alternatives now to create a new image. We're also looking for shirt sponsors if anyone is interested; we're allowed to put company names etc on the shirts if wanted.

At this time our membership fees have yet to be set. Last year it was £30 and I shouldn't think it will be much more for this year. We really are very keen on trying to encourage younger players, so 18 years and younger will be offered free membership.

Last season we had a good influx of new members and they all seemed to enjoy playing in our roll-ups and in the league. We play matches in the Ely and District League on Monday and Friday afternoons, three teams of three and we mix experienced with new players. This worked well last season as there really is no pressure on how good you are. We also play in the Business House League and these are evening matches.

If you're interested in playing please contact us. It's free to start – all you need is a pair of flat-soled shoes and a bit of time. We're having a membership signing-on morning at 10 30 am on **Sunday 16 April**. If you're free do come along to have a look round or a chat. Free coffee or tea with biscuits. Please feel very welcome to just turn up and find out about our new community schemes.

Contact: Club Secretary, Mark Chapman at willinghambowlsclubsec@gmail.com or Terry Buckley at terry.buckley@virginmedia.com.

Willingham Horticultural Show

Volunteers are sought to run the Willingham Horticultural Show. In previous years, this event has been managed by Willingham Gardening Club, but the club wishes to hand this event over to new organisers. If you are interested, please email: willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com.

If no volunteers are found by **1 May**, the Gardening Club will be forced to formally end the Horticultural Show, as per the Willingham Gardening Club constitution, and dispose of the equipment, shields and trophies.

Old Willingham



This view in Church Street is mostly changed today although the building with the arched windows remains. The ramshackle workshop in the middle was used as a bicycle sales and repair shop in the 1910s. Behind it, the end of a larger thatched building is just visible. The big house on the right, with inglenook fireplace, is probably very old. Its most likely fate was to burn down. What a shame! The date is unclear. It looks early but, intriguingly, the post outside appears to be a lamp and gas did not come to the village until the mid-1930s. Note the dirty state of the road and lack of pavements.

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com. If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or oldwill@oldwillingham.com.

The Willingham British School Trust

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held at 7 30 pm on **21 April**. This will be the Trust's Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Willingham Youth Trust premises at the Ploughman Hall.

In addition to receiving annual reports from the Trust's officers and the Trust's audited accounts for the 2022-2023 financial year, the Trustees will also consider applications for financial support. The Trustees will be pleased to consider and would encourage applications for funding if:

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

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

At its meeting in January two awards were made by the Trust to Willingham Primary School. The first will contribute to the introduction of a new scheme appropriate for the teaching of early reading and the second will enable the continuation of a current programme of reading support in the home.

Initial enquiries about eligibility for funding and applications should be made to the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher (email: raycroucher47@gmail.com).

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 10 April** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. It will be our AGM and the Committee will be providing wine and nibbles. There will also be a short talk by Liz Taylor, CEO from a local charity, Red2Green, which supports people with learning disabilities or on the autistic spectrum. Liz will be discussing ADHD and its impact on women in particular.

WI News

Our quiz last month was a great success, enjoyed by all who came and won by the Pringles team. The £152 raised by the raffle will be donated to the DEC Turkey-Syria Earthquake Fund.

At our February meeting our speaker, Steve Moore, talked to us about the Sutton Hoo Ship Reconstruction Project, focusing on King Readwald and the believed connections to Willingham.

Steve looked very impressive in his full Anglo-Saxon costume with 'combat safe' weapons. He explained the importance of Willingham 'by the sea' and Belsar's Hill Fort in defending the main dykes in the area, suggesting that some of the damage sustained to the bottom of the ship at Sutton Hoo might have been caused during shallow water deliveries here. Evidence of Anglo-Saxon habitation in the village has been found in Saxon Way and Balland Field excavations, consisting mainly of long house post holes. Belsar's Hill has not been excavated.

King Readwald of East Anglia ruled in the 7th Century and was involved in many battles with the Mercians. After he died in 632, it is believed that his ship was stripped of its contents and pushed up the hill to Sutton Hoo where it was turned into a burial chamber for him.

The Sutton Hoo site was excavated originally in 1938 by Basil Brown, under the patronage of the landowner, Edith Pretty. The only clue to the construction of the ship was the imprint in the soil, rivets and a few areas of thicker timber; the rest had rotted away. The imprint was an impressive 90ft long by 15ft wide.

For more information, see www.saxonship.org.

Our friendly group is open to all women, young and old. Why not join us? 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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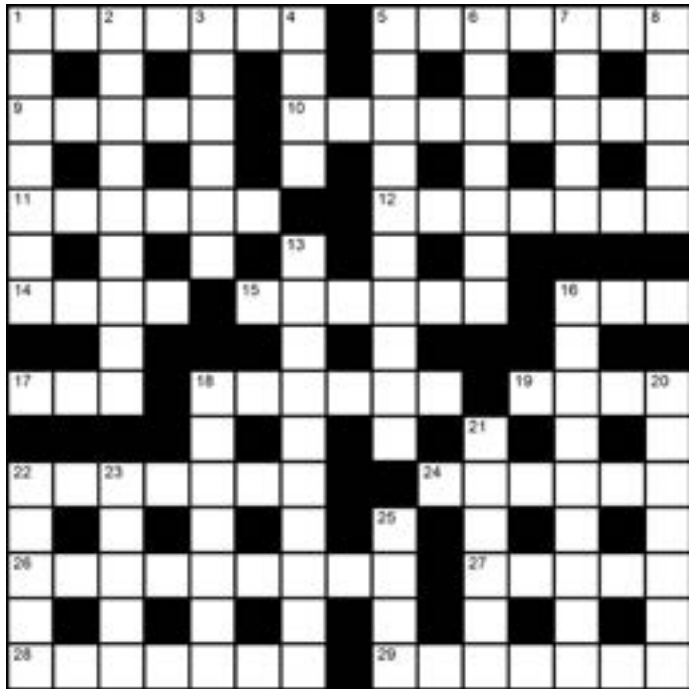
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Cryptic Biscuit Crossword

by Naxos

Answers on page 17.

Time to relax with the crossword and a nice cup of tea. See if you can find nine biscuits to accompany your cuppa in amongst the answers.



Across

- 1 Old Japanese leader has time to produce weapon (7)
- 5 Flag of the conflicted realist (7)
- 9 Start to enter into family without offence (5)
- 10 Comic angle of Nemo's class (9)
- 11 See 21
- 12 As requested, this is what you'd find running back into 3, 17's scalp (2, 5)
- 14 Green after Germany makes a point (4)
- 15 You say another Weasley gets nerve (6)
- 16 Lucky duck (3)
- 17 See 3
- 18 Peep back into Abba recompilation called 'The Tree of Life' (6)
- 19 Unpleasant type featured in blog review (4)
- 22 Easy escapes for police exiting closet? (3-4)
- 24 Hearty inclusion of terror squad means trouble (6)
- 26 Soldier captures a racy Italian general (9)
- 27 I get absorbed in puzzle making meal (5)
- 28 Can one deny criminal becoming top of their class? (7)
- 29 Are the very old most like Lady Jane? (7)

Down

- 1 Planted round about and withdrew (7)
- 2 We hear too much wind created by banking operation (9)
- 3 and 17 across Like Ed Sheeran, mad for spice (6, 3)
- 4 Panic ensues when found buried on Riviera (4)
- 5 Little money for cut loaf? (10)
- 6 Not quite the Emerald City? (7)
- 7 In Paris he and I had no hotel – classic! (5)
- 8 Alternatively you may say this number (5)
- 13 Sadly see old Emil miss French (10)
- 16 One gets affected in low joint system (9)
- 18 Drink in French house? (7)
- 20 Lead, say, is part of electric kettle (7)
- 21 and 11 across Oliver keeps calm ultimately with gang member who avoids nightwear? (6, 6)
- 22 One hundred years old, kept like a budgie (5)
- 23 and 25 Tory clique, for example, or call on shared line (5,4)



Young Readers' Corner

Answers on page 17.

Spring Wordsearch

Find the 12 words connected to spring that are listed below. Remember the words may appear diagonally as well as down and across.

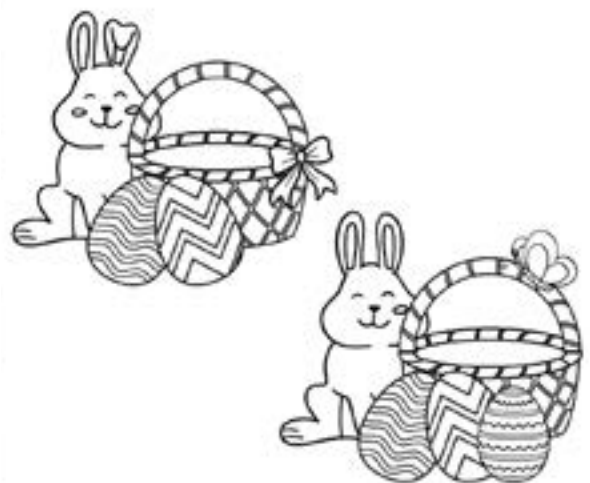


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| Basket | Chick | Daffodil | Lamb |
| Bunny | Chocolate | Easter | Nest |
| Bonnet | Crocus | Egg | Tulip |

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Lost Property

This is a final appeal for a small purse containing some money that was handed in during the fun fair weekend at the end of last year. Despite several appeals no one has claimed it. If you or anyone you know has lost such an item then please get in touch with the Parish Council Office (details below). If it is not claimed by **21 April** then the money will be returned to the original finder.

In addition, we still have a Mercedes car key handed into the office that was found in late February. Again, if it is not claimed by **21 April** then it will have to be destroyed.

Barton Field Unveiling Event

A reminder that, as described in last month's *Willingham News*, at 11 am on **Sunday 2 April**, we will be unveiling at Barton Field an information board organised and funded by the Willingham Action Group (WAG). It describes some of the flora and fauna at the lovely site as well as a brief history. The field was generously donated by a parishioner, and it is a peaceful, unmanaged area of trees, shrubs and grass, with no facilities. Everyone is welcome and access is only on foot from Rampton Road along Black Pit Drove. We hope to see as many faces as possible there!

Meadow Road

The Council is continuing with its project to make the site on Meadow Road a nature-friendly location for all to enjoy. There are plans for a nature pond at the back of the site and the Council is due to take delivery of 450 whips over the coming weeks. If you would like to get involved and volunteer with planting etc, please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

Sustainable Transport Zone (Congestion Charge)

As ever, the Council was grateful to hear from parishioners in the public forum. Concerns were raised with a powerful presentation regarding the 'Sustainable Transport Zone' put forward by the Greater Cambridge Partnership. As a non-political body, the Council has not made a formal

decision regarding the proposals but has responded to the consultation raising our serious concerns about the poor standards of the bus service provided to the village.

Coronation

With the Coronation fast approaching, the Parish Council has been looking for a way to celebrate the event. The Council provided, with great success, commemorative bookmarks for all the pupils at the Primary School to celebrate the late Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee last summer and so for this monumental event, the Council is looking to provide Coronation mugs. In addition, it is hoped to hold a Coronation celebration event on **Sunday 7 May** in the village with details of the occasion to be confirmed.

Parish Council Vacancy

Due to a recent resignation from the Parish Council, there is a vacancy that the Council hopes to fill by co-option at the May meeting (**3 May**). We encourage anyone interested in applying to contact the Clerk for more information and the application form.

The Parish Council is the most local level of governance in the country and becoming a councillor gives you the opportunity to work closely with other members of the community to identify and address issues affecting the village. You can make a real difference to the area with positive impacts on issues such as local services and amenities, planning matters, traffic and speeding concerns, policing and anti-social behaviour, the environment and much more. If this is something you are passionate about then we would love to hear from you.

Contact Details

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

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

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WILLINGHAM SURGERY & LONGSTANTON BRANCH SURGERY

Reception Tel: Willingham 01954 260230 Longstanton 207600 Dispensary 207602

District Nurse Team: 01223 726469 Option 2 Health Visitors: 0300 029 50 50

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.

Easter Closures

The practice will be **CLOSED** on **Friday 7 April** (Good Friday) and **Monday 10 April** (Easter Monday). Please ensure you have enough medication to last the long weekend and order your repeats no later than **Monday 3 April** if you will run out over the bank holiday. If you need medical assistance when we are closed please call NHS 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk.

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The meeting on **4 April** has been postponed and will now take place on **Tuesday 18 April**, 7 pm at Willingham Surgery.

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.

If you are interested please contact the chair, Mr Chris Thornhill, at crthornhill@gmail.com or sign up at Willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk/practice-information/patient-information-group.

A Message from Our Dispensary

Hello from your dispensary team, who are based at the Longstanton branch surgery.

As a very small team you can imagine the volume of calls we experience. We ask patients to use the System Online service to order repeat medication as much as possible. You can also order repeats via the NHS App or deliver your paper copies into the surgery at Willingham or Longstanton to keep the phone lines open for enquires and queries. You can also hand in your repeat slips at the Willingham Pharmacy.

It has come to our attention that our phone lines are constantly ringing with no reply. This is purely because there is currently not an engaged tone in place and we will be on the phone dealing with other patients. Please be patient and we will assist you as soon as we can.

Can we also remind patients who are collecting larger items at Longstanton Dispensary to bring their own collection bags, so we can all try and help do our bit for the planet!

Our current turnaround for regular repeat prescriptions is **three** working days (this does not include weekends) so please be aware of this when ordering and give yourself plenty of time to ensure you don't run out of medication.

We help where we can with urgent orders, however this is always subject to stock availability so we cannot guarantee we can fulfil your prescription. In these circumstances we will advise on how to obtain your medication.

From the dispensary team we wish you a great start to

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

the month and please call us on 01954 207602 with any questions you may have!

Missed Appointments

In February, 92 appointments were wasted as patients did not attend their appointment at Willingham and 27 did not attend appointments at our Longstanton Branch Surgery.

This included five minor operations which equates to 4.5 hours of clinical time lost, and has extended the waiting list for coils and implants even further.

In total it equates to approximately 20 hours of clinical time lost, which could have been used helping other patients who struggled to get an appointment. To put this into context, it is equivalent to having four GPs working one full day and seeing no patients at all.

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 3 to leave an answerphone message.

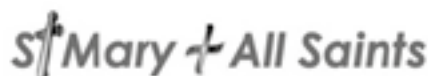
Carers' Meeting

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 5 April** at Willingham 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 Willingham 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

2 April	11 00 am	Morning Praise
7 April	10 30 am	Good Friday – All Age Worship
9 April	11 00 am	Easter Day – Holy Communion Service
16 April	11 00 am	Morning Praise
23 April	11 00 am	Morning Praise
30 April	9 30 am	No Service at St Mary & All Saints – Joint 5folds Group Service at Longstanton

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!

Often we have a special theme – recently our Ukrainian friends showed us how to make their traditional Motanka Guardian Dolls – they are made from fabric without using a needle or scissors but just with knots! Everyone had a go and at the end of the service the dolls were given out to everyone in Church.

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 8 April** from 10 am in the Octagon with music, refreshments, laughter and fun for people living with memory loss and their carers or family. See the poster on page 13.

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. We meet every Thursday evening to offer a time to pray for peace and an end to the conflict. This was particularly appropriate on Thursday 23 February as this was exactly a year from the invasion of Ukraine. We were pleased to welcome several of our Ukrainian friends to share our prayers and readings and to see a photographic presentation that they had prepared. We will continue to gather every Thursday from 6 30 to 7 pm to pray for peace and the end of 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 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

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5folds Administration Office:

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



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Activities for March

Sunday Services, 10 am

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

2 April	Jesus is Dead – He is Buried in the Cave
9 April	Jesus is Alive! Easter Day
16 April	The Camel and the Eye of the Needle
23 April	Jesus and the Children
30 April	How Jesus Keeps His Disciples Informed

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 **13 and 20 April**. Book through Daphne on 01954 260568.

Men’s Breakfast: Saturday 15 April – Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and an interesting talk.

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 (not 4 or 11 April due to school holiday).

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

Spring is the time of year we look forward to. The weather starting to warm up, days lasting longer and everything in nature bursts into colour! A new beginning! And seeing as it's Easter this month, I'm going to share with you how you can start a new beginning with God through Jesus Christ.

I am unapologetically going to share the good news of the Gospel with you all. This is something all Christians and non-Christians alike need to be reminded of.

The Bible says, 'For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.' 1 Corinthians 15 v3-4

This is the pure Gospel message straight from the Bible. This will save your souls from hell and take you to heaven. I hear too many times from people that hell will be one big party. Please believe me when I say hell is nothing to look forward to.

1. Jesus died and shed blood for our sins.

In the New Testament, Jesus, God's Son, came to earth to reunite us with God through the ultimate sacrifice: His own life. We could never live a life worthy of God on our own. So Jesus lived a life without sin on our behalf. And then He died the painful death our sins deserve.

'For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.' John 3 v17

2. Jesus was buried for three days.

Jesus was in the tomb for three days following His death before His resurrection in order to fulfil Old Testament prophecy. 'Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him saying: "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." But he answered them: "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.' Matthew 12 v38-40

3. Jesus rose from the dead.

The resurrection of Jesus means that believers are justified before a Holy God. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for us to be put right with God. When we believe in Jesus we are united to Him in faith. Union with Jesus means that when God looks at us, He does not see our unrighteousness, but the righteousness of Christ.

You cannot work your way to heaven. Salvation is a free gift of God simply by believing deep down in your heart in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Afterwards, God's Holy Spirit comes into your soul and teaches you how to repent of your sins, live and grow as His disciple.

So would you right now believe, with all your heart that Jesus died, was buried and was resurrected for all your sins? If you have answered yes to this invitation, please reach out to the Christian communities in the village for more advice. They would love to assist you and help you to grow in this new life through Jesus!

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.' John 3 v16

Louisa Astle
Baptist Church

Twinning



Celebrating 25 Years of Twinning in 2018

The Fen Edge Twinning Associations has been invited to send a group of members to visit Avrillé (France) this spring and we have accepted! After a long period of COVID-enforced inactivity, things are starting to happen again.

For many years, the Annual Twinning Visit has been the highlight of our year. We stay in the homes of our French hosts and experience life as the French live it. We gain an appreciation of how it feels to be French and an understanding of their 'strange' ways. Many a 'weekend staying with foreign strangers' has resulted in a real and lasting friendship. Of course, we don't spend all our time in the homes of our hosts. The French committee always organises a range of fun, social activities and at least one visit to a local attraction.

This year's visit will run from **Friday 26 to Monday 29 May**. Next year it is hoped the French will visit us at about the same time of year.

The host country provides board, lodgings, entertainment and transport free of charge to its guests. The French government helps out its 'twinners' but we rely on grants (FECA has been very good) and fund-raising events to help with our entertainment costs, so please look out for our promotional materials!

We are always delighted to accept new members without exception, but younger people would be particularly welcome. If you feel that you might like to join us (as a host, a visitor, a fundraiser or just an observer) please contact: fenedgetwinning@gmail.com.

Willingham History Group

The next meeting of the WHiGs is at 7 30 pm on **25 April** at the Octagon.

The speaker has yet to confirm. So keep an eye on our Facebook page for the subject details.

Note that we have moved from the 2nd to the 4th Tuesday of each month.

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

£3 admission to cover the cost of the room.

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

Willingham Memory Box Café

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

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Saturday 8 April

10 am to 12 noon
in

The Octagon

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wheelchair access and no steps

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Frances Watts 01954 200542

Over Day Centre – Some Events for 2023

To help the Over Day Centre raise £50,000 towards solar panels and solar-powered bathing for clients, amongst other events, the Day Centre is planning to hold again in 2023 two very popular days:

- The 5-Pub Challenge on **Sunday 14 May**
- The Bike Rides on **Sunday 25 June**

The 5-pubs, 12-mile walk, will have a choice of stops at the usual watering-holes of Pike & Eel, Needingworth; The Ferryboat, Holywell; The Three Tuns, Fen Drayton; The White Horse, Swavesey; and the Community Centre, Over. The walk will start at the Over Day Centre, Drings Close, CB24 5NZ.

The Bike Rides will again have a choice of fully route-marked rides, planned by Willingham Wheels and Swavesey and Over Cycling Club. You can choose from 100 km, 50 km and three family routes through local countryside and villages. Afterwards you will be welcome to join us for an after-ride social with bbq, bar and live music at the Over Community Centre, The Doles, CB24 5NW. The rides will start at the Over Community Centre or Northstowe Community Wing, CB24 1AA.

Further details will be published soon but in the meantime please add the two event dates to your diaries.

Repair Café in Willingham

Sustainable Willingham (part of WAG) is organising Willingham's next Repair Café after two successful events last year. The event will be taking place on **23 April** at the Ploughman Hall. Doors open at 1 pm and will close at 4 30 pm.

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

- Sewing
- Jewellery
- Electrical
- Computer/Laptop
- and more



If you have an item which needs repairing, instead of taking it to the recycling centre, why not come along to the Repair Café and see if it can be fixed? As you will sit with your repairer while they try to fix your item you may even learn a tip or two which will help you repair your own items in the future. Refreshments (including cake!) will also be available.

This event is run by volunteers and while our aim is to work hard to fix your item it is not guaranteed. Please note the event runs on a 'first come first served' basis. Any donations appreciated.

For more information email willingham sustainability@gmail.com.

Willingham Wheels 'Sofa to 50k'

Willingham Wheels will be running a 'Sofa to 50k' training plan starting on **Tuesday 25 April**.

I am sure many of you will have heard of the 'Couch to 5k' training plan. The idea is to transform you from 'couch potato' to 'runner,' getting you running three miles (or 5k) on a regular basis in just two months. British Cycling has developed a similar approach to encourage you to dig your bike out of the shed and get riding! It's ideal for the complete cycling novice who is looking to start cycling for health, fitness, recreation, commuting or to tackle a challenge or charity ride up to 50 km (30 miles) long.

We start the eight-week training plan this month. Rides are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (7 30 pm) and Sunday mornings (9 30 am). Time commitment ranges from a minimum of one hour 30 minutes to a maximum of six hours 30 minutes per week. Under 16s are most welcome to join but they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The plan will culminate in a 50 km ride as part of the Over Day Centre Bike Rides on **Sunday 25 June** (more details to follow).

If you are interested in taking part or want to find out more, please contact Nigel at sofa250k@outlook.com.



Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

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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

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Engage in the Afternoon

Wednesday 5 April, 2 – 3 30 pm, Community CPR and Defibrillator Training

Would you like to know how to carry out effective CPR or use a defibrillator in the event of an emergency? This free one-hour session in the library will show you how. Refreshments available, donations welcome.

Family Lego Club Wednesday 5 April, 3 30 – 4 45 pm (and first Wednesday of every month)

Do you love Lego? Then we have the club for you! Come to the library and enjoy some time building with Lego, term-time only. Suitable for age four and over and all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Local Author and Illustrator Elena Arevalo Melville Visits Our Library Thursday 6 April, 11 am – 12 15 pm

Come and explore the world of *Umbrella* where the magic of sharing comes alive. Following a reading of the book, local writer and illustrator Elena will guide you through some steps to draw and write your own wishes on to card. Spaces are limited, so please book with library staff. £1 per child. Suitable for three to seven year-olds.

NEW Digital Buddy Drop-in Sessions Tuesday 11 April, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm (and second Tuesday of every month)

Struggling to access the web? Need help with an online application? Drop in to the library on the second Tuesday of the month to get help from a digital buddy, free of charge!

Friends of Willingham Library

Games Afternoon, Friday 14 April, 2 – 4 pm

This month, because of the Easter Bank Holiday, we are holding our Games Afternoon as above. Come 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 1 April, 10 30 am – 12 noon

We have recently had a big donation of books for children, so have an excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction second-hand books for sale. As usual, we have lots of good books for adults too. Why not 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 19 April, 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 available, donations welcome.

A Fun Easter Activity for Children

Easter Monday 10 April, 11 am – 3 pm at the Community Orchard

Come and join us at the Orchard to go on a letter hunt! Collect a form from us and then stroll around the trees looking for the letters. Write them down and when you've collected them all, make them into a word related to Easter. Return the form and exchange it for an Easter egg or sweet treat. If the weather is not suitable for this to go ahead, we will run the same activity in the library from **11 – 15 April** during normal library opening hours.

NEW Family History Session, Tuesday 4 April, 10 30 am – 12 noon (and first Tuesday of every month)

The library computers will be available for research on Ancestry, Find My Past and other ancestry sites (access to these is free of charge in the library). Also someone will be on hand to offer assistance or advice if needed. If you are interested in attending or would like to know more please contact us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

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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 at 8 pm on **17 April**.

Our April assignments are: *The Four Seasons Theme – Spring* – and *Odd One Out* which must have a minimum of three subject objects.

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 6 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.

News from Willingham Action Group

At a recent meeting of the group, it was agreed that Paul Knighton will take over chair duties and Richard Foster will be WAG's new treasurer and funding guru, with Graham Mumby continuing in his role as environment coordinator (trees, bulb planting and the excellent Community Orchard). Alex Mueller will be supporting us in a secretary role (on a six-month trial basis – we are still looking for a volunteer to take this role permanently), while continuing as our sustainability coordinator (dealing with eg repair cafés, energy efficiency and local 'planet health' matters).

The purpose of the appointments and reassignments is to relieve Amanda Radford and Mike Tidball from their respective roles, now that they are no longer Willingham residents. We wish to express our deepest gratitude to Amanda as former treasurer and Mike as former secretary and former de facto chair (with thanks and best wishes to Reg Parnell, our past chair of many years, and to Bruce Robjont our original treasurer before Amanda) for their fantastic legacy. We are sure that Amanda, Reg and Bruce will not mind if we focus on Mike just for a moment.

Mike was a founding member and the driving force of Willingham Action Group, covering many roles within the group for more than a decade. Mike has played a pivotal role in augmenting Willingham's sense of community, and there is no doubt that Willingham is a better place as a result of all his many and extensive efforts and achievements. He will be sorely missed in the village and (especially) as a key member of WAG.

In an effort to keep the momentum going, our plans for 2023 include another Repair Workshop in the Ploughman Hall, **Sunday 23 April**, (1 pm to 4 30 pm – see separate article) and we are keeping an eye on developments with respect to the Cambridgeshire Energy Retrofit Partnership on Action on Energy – which has just launched its (interim) website: www.actiononenergycambs.org.

We are also looking to arrange a celebration day on **Sunday 7 May** to mark King Charles' coronation. The event theme across the nation is that of a 'Big Lunch', so we are proposing an event with craft stalls, a bar and a food truck. People would, of course, be welcome to bring their own picnic (but no bbqs!). If you have any ideas, if your street is organising its own party, or if you would like to be involved in the organisation, please get in touch.

Finally, we hope to provide a central hub for community volunteering of all kinds, so those of you who have kindly helped in any way with village life in the past should, by the time you read this, have received an email asking if you mind being on a mailing list that would be used each time there is something in the offing that volunteers might like to be involved with. The emails would be kept to a minimum, and you can, of course opt out at any time as per GDPR. If you have not been contacted but would like to be included in the mailer, (again) please get in touch.

Our contact details are:

07529 221954

or email willsus21@gmail.com

Willingham Action Group

Reader's Letter

Safety for Horse Riders in Willingham

I am a horse rider who has ridden in Willingham for over 40 years. Generally I try to keep off the roads but I do have to use them to get to the tracks. As you are aware, a lot of our tracks are being concreted and taken over by new building but we do still try to keep away from the traffic if possible.

I have to say that the drivers in Willingham are usually very considerate and this is much appreciated but on Sunday 26 February I had two separate incidents, one that tried to crush me into parked cars outside the post office when the driver thought it was sensible to overtake me, and the other was on Green Street where a car actually drove at me, my horse took a side step to avoid it and I ended up on the ground with the car driving off. Sadly my head cam broke, otherwise I would have had a good clear film and registration number to pass on.

On 29 January 2022 new rulings came into effect for the Highway Code as follows:

1. The new hierarchy of road users gives more responsibility to those who present the most risk. For example, drivers have responsibility for themselves, as well as cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians, because they present the most risk.
2. Within the hierarchy, cyclists and horse riders are to be treated equally.
3. Riders have responsibility for themselves, and more vulnerable road users like pedestrians.
4. Other road users must pass riders at no more than 10 mph, with at least two metres of space.
5. Cyclists must not pass a horse on the left.
6. Drivers should take extra care when entering a roundabout and must not cut across riders who are continuing around the roundabout in the left-hand lane.
7. Horse riders should give way to pedestrians on a zebra crossing, and pedestrians and cyclists at a parallel crossing.
8. Horse riders should give way to pedestrians on bridleways, or other shared use paths.

I can assure you most horse riders either stick to their arenas if they are lucky enough to have them or, like me, hack along the tracks if they are safe enough to do so (which at present is also difficult due to the regular fly tipping).

Most riders wear fluorescent tabards and rugs so there is no excuse not to be seen. Please remember that horses are living creatures and can be spooked by the slightest thing and there is no such thing as a 100% safe horse.

All I ask is, for the safety of horse riders, please respect the 10 mph speed limit with two-metre width to keep us all safe.

Thank you.

Christine Few



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
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The quiz is every Sunday evening at 8 pm with teams of up to six people, £2 per person. It gets quite busy so give us a ring if you'd like to have a go. It's a great opportunity to meet new people if you are new to the area. Everyone is friendly and you would be welcome to join a team.

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Care Together Survey

Care Together is a programme led by Cambridgeshire County Council in collaboration with our partners and local communities. The aim is to help more older people to remain living independently and happily in their own home for longer. It will change the way care and support for older people in the community is commissioned and delivered. To ensure that it is helpful for you, we would like your participation in answering an online questionnaire. Go to: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/36MHL6.

If you do not have access to the internet, please call 01954 286002 or 07771 545674, Monday – Friday between 9 am and 2 pm to request a paper copy or if you prefer to answer the questions over the telephone instead of on paper or online. Please leave a contact number if asked to do so. Outside of these hours paper copies can be requested via the email care.together@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

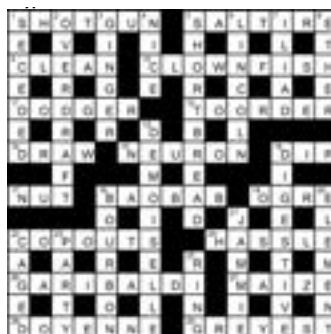
In some communities there will be central collection and return points for printed questionnaires, so please check with your local library or Parish Council office for this option. The deadline for completing the questionnaire is 15 April.

Answers

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District Councillor Bill Handley's Report

It is the time of year when all local authorities set their priorities and budgets for the year. At a recent meeting of the full Council at SCDC the following decisions were taken.

Council Tax Rise

The SCDC portion of Council Tax is to rise by 3.1%. This represents an increase of £5 per year (or 10p per week for a Band D property). All increases are regrettable, but inflation (currently around 10%, with wage inflation at 6%) affects the Council's budget as it does all others, and the Council has around 600 employees.

Council House Rents

Another regrettable consequence of the rise in inflation is the need to increase council house rents by 7%. Although this is below the current rate of inflation the Council recognises that this will be a worry for many people, and it is not a decision that the Council takes lightly. The costs attached to planned improvements in housing are high but it means that modernised homes are significantly more affordable for council tenants to live in.

Councillors' Allowances

Like MPs, councillors in local authorities have to set their own allowances, which is far from ideal. In common with many local authorities, SCDC employs an Independent Review Panel (IRP) to determine what the allowances should be and, this year, they recommended that allowances should rise by 4.25%. The accepted IRP recommendation will take the allowance for an 'ordinary' councillor to £5,501 per annum.

Business Plan

The Council's revised Business Plan was considered and approved by Council. See tinyurl.com/2s8dk75e. It restates that SCDC will be a green, modern and caring council which helps local businesses to grow and provides housing that is affordable for everyone to live in. This is the plan on which I and our controlling administration were re-elected only nine months ago which we will continue to strive to deliver.

Bill Handley

Cllr.handley@scambs.gov.uk 01954 200287 (please leave a message)

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Independent District Councillor

Dan Lentell's Report

Here are some of the key issues from the full meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council which took place on Tuesday, 21 February.

General Fund Budget

I voted with the Lib Dems on budget items relating to borrowing to promote strategic investment as a means to provide alternative sources of income. However, I spoke in favour of, and voted for, the Conservative Group Budget Proposal. This included a freeze on Council Tax. At a time of spiralling inflation and a cost of living crisis, I do not consider it wise or fair to further burden residents with an increasing Council Tax bill.

This motion was defeated and the budget was passed including a rise in Council Tax.

Housing Revenue Account Budget

I voted against the 7% (maximum allowed) increase in rents from social housing properties. Raising rents for those in council housing should be the very last thing we should be doing during a cost of living crisis. I am entirely unconvinced that the promise of triple-glazed windows, to be delivered at some unspecified point in the future, justifies this. This council house rents increase was passed by 29 votes to 9.

Members' Allowances Scheme

I spoke and voted against putting a single penny piece of the increased Council Tax and social housing rents into my own pocket. To have done so would have been to negate every promise I have ever made and every value of service I hold dear. This is a simple point of principle for me. It makes me heartsick that others do not feel the same.

This unneeded, inappropriate, unconscionable rise in the remuneration paid to councillors was passed by 28 votes to 10.

Cllr Dan Lentell, Over & Willingham, South Cambridgeshire District Council

Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents, now that spring is here I hope that you're enjoying the lighter evenings. Here is my update of County Council matters, based upon my March report to Willingham PC.

5A Bus

Cllr Firouz Thompson and I continue to work with Stagecoach to get a satisfactory response on the timetable for the 5A service to continue. The new timetable has been approved but still fails in several respects. A further meeting with Stagecoach has been requested to involve the Parish. We also had a meeting with the CPCA which funds the service.

20 mph Zones

Applications can soon be submitted for new 20 mph schemes to help improve road safety and reduce pollution through a new process and funding. Around eight schemes are expected to be delivered in each application period (per year). Applications can be submitted by any person as long as they have the support of their local Parish/Town Council and County Councillor.

Schemes deemed eligible for the 2023/24 window will be approved in September, with construction taking place between April and August 2024 following design work and consultation. To find out more about which schemes are eligible, and to submit an application, visit: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/20mph-funding>.

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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.

Neil Gough

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat 1 April	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p14
Sun 2 April	Unveiling of the Information Board	Parish Council & Willingham Action Group	Barton Field	11 am, see p9
Mon 3 April	<i>Beyond the Garden Gate</i> with Penny Miles	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p6
Tue 4 April	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p14
Wed 5 April	Community CPR & Defibrillator Training	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p14
Wed 5 April	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Wed 5 April	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	3 30 – 4 45 pm, see p14
Wed 5 April	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p9
Thu 6 April	Workshop for Children with Elena Arevalo Melville	Library	Library	11 am – 12 15 pm, see p14
Sat 8 April	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sat 8 April	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p13
Mon 10 April	Letter Hunt for Children	Library	Community Orchard	11 am – 3 pm, see p14
Mon 10 April	Annual General Meeting Talk: Liz Taylor from Red2Green	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Tue 11 April	Digital Buddy Drop-In Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p14
Thu 13 April	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p11
Fri 14 April	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Sat 15 April	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Sun 16 April	Membership Signing-On Morning	Bowls Club	Recreation Ground	10 30 am, see p6
Mon 17 April	Assignments: <i>The Four Seasons, Spring & Odd One Out</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p14
Tue 18 April	Patient Participation Group Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	7 pm, see p10
Wed 19 April	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Thu 20 April	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p11
Fri 21 April	Annual General Meeting	Willingham British School Trust	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm, see p7
Sat 22 April	Cafe Concert	Swavesey Community Choir	Memorial Hall, Swavesey	7 30 pm, see p17
Sun 23 April	Repair Café	Sustainable Willingham	Ploughman Hall	1 – 4 30 pm, see p13
Tue 25 Apr	Sofa to 50K Training 8 Week Plan Starts	Willingham Wheels		See p13
Tue 25 Apr	Local History Talk	WHiGs	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p12
Sun 30 April	Applications close for Net Zero Now, a free community climate action course	Cambridge Carbon Footprint	Online at cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/net-zero-now	Course open for South Cambs residents. Supported by SCDC.

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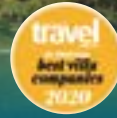


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