

Willingham News

A man with a beard and glasses, wearing a blue shirt over a black t-shirt and blue shorts, is smiling and holding a large, colorful bubble. Two young girls are in the foreground, also reaching for the bubbles. One girl is wearing a red dress and the other is wearing a black top. The background is a lush green field with trees and a bright sky.

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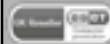
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Friday	16 June	Black
Friday	23 June	Blue and Green
Friday	30 June	Black

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Willingham Community Plan



Good news!! The analysis is complete, and the Willingham Community Plan is in draft.

It has taken some time as we have read and analysed each and every comment that you made. We are now bringing together our proposed recommendations, based on the analysis of the questionnaire, before the report is finalised and then published.

However, before the report is finalised, there is another opportunity to have your say via a community consultation. We will present the findings and our proposed recommendations to the village at a Village Meeting at 8 pm on **27 June** at the Primary School. This is a chance to make the voice of the village heard, so it would be great to see you there.

Willingham Action Group

Willingham Memory Box Café

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The new **CUH Directions App** was developed by patients for patients and was the idea of hospital volunteer Mike, a member of the hospital's Outpatient Experience Group, who led on the project with hospital staff.

The App maps out your route from your start to end point in a series of images and words, showing you the shortest route through the hospitals.

Visit the App Store or Google Play Store and download to your mobile device. Find out more at: www.cuh.nhs.uk/news/new-cuh-directions-phone-app-helps-patients-find-the-way.

Old Willingham



Well, of course, this month has to be a Coronation picture. There are a number to choose from over the years, but this is the most spectacular – a parade for the Coronation of George V on June 22 1911.

The children are dressed in the costumes of the four nations – England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. We had a lovely note from Robyn Webber (nee Smith) who said: 'My grandfather, Ernest Ronald Smith, is driving the cart and my grandmother, Hilda Maria Waites, is standing by his side. The cart is owned by John Milton Smith, his father'. No doubt there was a big tea to follow!

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 Octagon Hub

The Octagon Hub welcomes you on Monday Mornings
in June from 10 am to 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; you can 'knit and natter' or just chat to
others in a comfortable environment.

This is a free activity sponsored by the Parish Church.

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

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

We hope to see you there on Monday mornings.



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New Baby Registrations

New parents are advised to register their baby at their earliest convenience. Your baby will need an eight week check with the GP, therefore registration as soon as possible after birth is advised in case your child requires GP treatment in the meantime.

You can collect registration packs from reception or request postage to your home address. Forms can also be collected before birth when you attend your next midwife appointment.

Extended Access Appointments

Our patients have access to evening and weekend appointments at Nuffield Road Medical Centre in Cambridge, Comberton Surgery, St Mary's Surgery in Ely, Royston Health Centre and Over Surgery.

You can book an appointment through our receptionists who will give you the time, date and venue for your appointment. These are for **non-urgent, routine** appointments only.

You will be given a choice on when you would like to book your appointment and information on where to go.

Services offered within the Extended Access are –

- GP Consultations
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner consultations
- Nurse appointments offering dressings, asthma and diabetes reviews, contraception reviews, etc
- Health Care Assistant appointments offering ear irrigation, wound care, blood test, etc
- Phlebotomy: Routine blood tests are available within Extended Access Clinics
- Cervical Screening

Please note that your consent for their clinician to view your medical record will be required in order for an appointment to be booked for you.

Extended access appointments **are not** suitable for patients identified with a potentially life-threatening medical condition which required referral to urgent or emergency care settings. Walk-in patients are also not accepted.

For support with the management of minor ailments, please contact your local pharmacist or visit the NHS website.

Staying Safe When the Hot Weather Arrives

Here are some suggestions for staying safe when the hot weather arrives –

- Look out for others, especially older people, young children and babies and those with underlying health conditions
- Close curtains on rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler and remember it may be cooler outdoors than indoors.

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

- Drink plenty of water as sugary, alcoholic and caffeinated drinks can make you more dehydrated.
- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle, especially infants, young children or animals.
- Try to keep out of the sun between 11 am to 3 pm.
- Take care and follow local safety advice, if you are going into the water to cool down.
- Walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a hat, if you have to go out in the heat.
- Avoid physical exertion in the hottest parts of the day.
- Wear light, loose fitting cotton clothes.
- Make sure you take water with you if you are travelling.

For more information please visit: www.nhs.uk/.../heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/.

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 7 June** 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!** Face coverings are advisable.

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

Willingham Library

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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 7 June, 2 – 3 30 pm, *Change Ringing on Tower Bells*

We've all heard our local church bells ringing, but do you know how this process works and what a skilled bell ringer's task involves? Come along to the library for a fascinating talk by a local church bell ringer on what Change Ringing entails. Donations towards refreshments gratefully accepted.

Family Lego Club, Wednesday 7 June, 3 30 – 4 45 pm

Do you love Lego? Then we have the club for you! Come to the library and enjoy some time building with Lego. This activity is suitable for age four and over. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session, Tuesday 13 June, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm

Do you need help or advice with any computer queries or don't have access to a computer? Drop in to the library and get help from our digital buddy, free of charge and no need to pre-book.

Friends of Willingham Library

The Library hosts *The Great Fen Project*

Wednesday 21 June, 7 30 pm at the Ploughman Hall

We are proud to be hosting an evening to discover more about The Great Fen Project, which is a habitat restoration project being undertaken on the Fens in our county. The project is supported by The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire.

Please add this date to your calendar. To book your free tickets call into the library or email willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

This will be an extremely popular event, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Light refreshments will be available.

Family History, Tuesday 6 June, 10 30 am – 12 noon

The library computers will be available for research on *Ancestry*, *Find My Past* and other ancestry sites (access to these are free of charge in the library) and a volunteer 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 willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com. Note: please bring your library card and PIN with you. If you're not a member that isn't a problem as it's really easy to join and free.

Games Afternoon, Friday 2 June, 2 – 4 pm

Come and join us for an enjoyable game of Scrabble, one of the other games we have at the library or a favourite game of your own from home to share. Refreshments available, donations welcome.

Second-hand Book Sale, Saturday 3 June, 10 30 am – 12 noon

We have an excellent selection of fiction and non-fiction books for sale at the bargain price of 50p each or three for £1. Pop along and stock up for you and your family's reading needs.

Knit and Natter Afternoon, Wednesday 21 June, 2 – 4 pm

Join us for an informal and friendly get together at the library, bringing your knitting or any other kind 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.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

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HiVis, 1 – 14 June

Are you struggling with small print? Do you love reading? Cambridgeshire Libraries have many ways to keep you in touch with reading.

- Camsight will be running drop-ins at Cambridge Central Library on **Friday 9 June**, 11 am – 1 pm and Arbury Court Library on **Monday 12 June**, 3 – 5 pm. They will showcase their offer alongside library staff and digital buddies, explaining the accessibility features on our various apps.
- Our annual roadshow in partnership with Huntingdonshire Society for the Blind will be at Huntingdon Library on **Friday 9 June**, 10 am – 12 noon where you can discover the help and support available for visually impaired people.

There's no need to book – just come along! For further information, e-mail us at libraries.referralcentre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

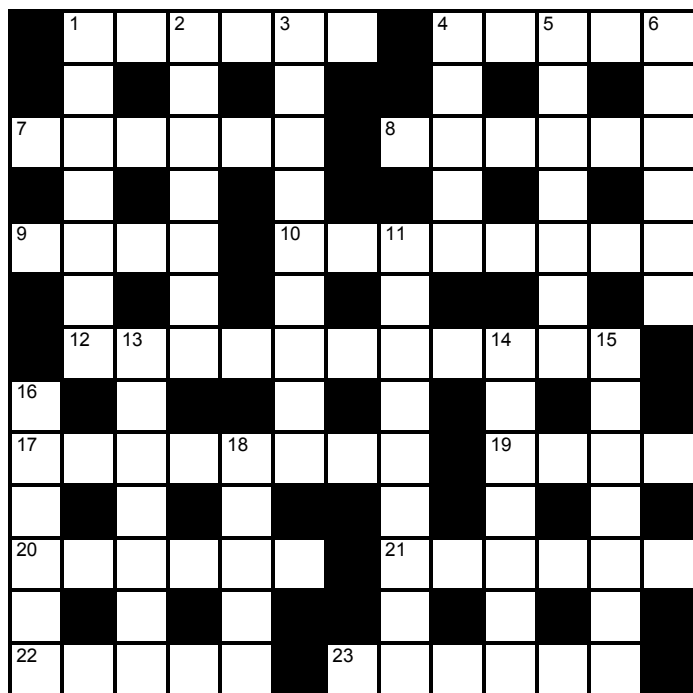
Author Talk, Cambridge Central Library, 3rd Floor, Saturday 3 June, 2 pm

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Author talk: Alison Stockham – *The Cuckoo Sister* Tickets, Eventbrite or call 0345 045 5225.

Quick Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 19



Across

- 1 One of six on a snooker table (6)
- 4 Brown in photographs (5)
- 7 Faith (6)
- 8 Deep sadness (6)
- 9 Person with specialist knowledge (4)
- 10 Genre (8)
- 12 Wash up (2,3,6)
- 17 Number of cards in a deck (5-3)
- 19 Earth's satellite (4)
- 20 Patio covering (6)
- 21 Hollow between waves (6)
- 22 Water grasses (5)
- 23 Said out loud (6)

Down

- 1 Make believe (7)
- 2 Chirping insect (7)
- 3 Well organised (9)
- 4 Shop (5)
- 5 Aim in doing something (7)
- 6 Every time (6)
- 11 Going bald (4,2,3)
- 13 Crime (7)
- 14 Cloth bed (7)
- 15 Fruit flavoured spirit (4,3)
- 16 Fling (6)
- 18 Pulls sharply (5)

Book Quiz

For the month of June, I have chosen books with a feminine name in the title. Who are the authors?

Answers on Page 19.

- 1 *Matilda*
- 2 *Rebecca*
- 3 *Emma*
- 4 *Anne of Green Gables*
- 5 *Jane Eyre*
- 6 *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
- 7 *Carrie*
- 8 *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*
- 9 *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*
- 10 *Mary Queen of Scots*

Christine Lacey



Young Readers' Corner

Did you watch the Coronation of King Charles? If you did, were you saying this poem to yourself?

If I Were King by A A Milne

I often wish I were a King
And then I could do anything.
If only I were King of Spain,
I'd take my hat off in the rain.

If only I were King of France,
I wouldn't brush my hair for aunts.
I think, if I were King of Greece,
I'd push things off the mantelpiece.

If I were King of Norrway,
I'd ask an elephant to stay.
If I were King of Babylon,
I'd leave my button gloves undone.

If I were King of Timbuctoo,
I'd think of lovely things to do.
If I were King of anything,
I'd tell the soldiers, 'I'm the King!'

Thinking about the new King, here's a Quiz to see if you were paying attention to everything going on!

Thinking about a big event in London a few weeks ago, which we all watched on the television:

1. What was the event?
 - a Carnation
 - b Corona
 - c Coronation
2. Who was being crowned?
 - a King Charles the fifth
 - b King Brian the first
 - c King Charles the third.
3. The King and the Queen both wore white fur capes. What fur was it?
 - a Rabbit? b Kangaroo? c Ermine? d Ferret? e Mink?
4. The King and Queen had big heavy hats with jewels on their heads. What were they called?
 - a Caps? b Tiaras? c Crowns? d Helmets?
5. Why couldn't the King and Queen look up at the planes and helicopters when they flew over the Palace?
 - a It was too cloudy? b They were tired?
 - c Their Crowns would have fallen off?

Answers on Page 19

Willingham Gardening Club

On Monday 1 May, teams pitted their gardening wits against each other in our first quiz night. With seven rounds ranging from gardens and literature to music, it was an impressive, nail-biting battle. Congratulations to the winners: The Scarecrows.

We were delighted to take part in the Coronation celebration on Sunday 7 May; many thanks to our members who donated plants and to those who purchased. We had some interesting conversations and hope to see some of you at our next meeting on **Monday 5 June** when we'll host our very own Willingham Gardeners' Question Time. We are looking forward to welcoming a superb quartet of panellists, including Sarah Cooke from Childerley Hall, research scientist Denise Ginsburg and Colin Gill from Berrycroft Stores.

Willingham Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meetings begin at 7 30 pm. There is an entrance fee of £3 for non-members.

New members are always welcome and can sign up for a membership now. If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email us at willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub.

Friends of Willingham Parish Church

Open History Day at the Church

Saturday 24 June

The Parish Church building has been at the centre of Village life since medieval times dating back in part to the 13th Century. The maintenance of this historic building has always been funded by members of the Church community.

Consideration has been given to seeing whether there would be support in the Village for the formation of an independent 'Friends' Group to help generate additional funds to contribute to the increasing costs of the conservation of this lovely old building for the future.

A well supported Open Meeting was held and it was suggested that an Open Day be held in the Church so that villagers could visit to spend time inside and around the Church and, perhaps to learn a little more about the historical aspects of the structure and decoration that make the preservation of the building so important.

This Open History Day will be held on **Saturday 24 June**.

Please do try to come and spend some time in the Church on that day – there will be guides on hand and, it is hoped, some brief tours of the special features including the famous Wall Paintings.

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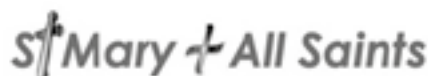
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Services in Church

4 June 11 00 am Holy Communion
11 June 11 00 am Morning Praise Service
18 June 11 00 am Holy Communion Service
25 June 11 00 am Morning Praise

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 10 June** from 10 am in the Octagon with music, refreshments, laughter and fun for people living with memory loss and their carers or family – see further details on page 5.

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 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:

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25 June 'Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's'

Wednesday Fellowship – Every Week

10 am Open Door for Coffee and Chat

EVENTS

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

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 17 June 7 45 — 9 am: Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and an interesting talk on *Islands Around Britain*.

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays, bi-weekly **1, 15 and 29 June**. Book through Daphne on 01954 260568.

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.

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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.

RSPB Update on Fen Drayton Lakes

The summer is a time of riotous profusions of wildflowers. Various hues ranging from delicate pastels to eye-catching vivid colours pepper the landscape. Here at Fen Drayton Lakes, there are lots of flourishing places to observe the spectacle of colour. This article will cover a few of the better places to go searching and what to look out for.

For a brief window of time, the wetland margins on Ferry Lagoon can be a vision of purple created by Purple Loosestrife. This is a tall plant that likes to grow in damp soil and is a favourite of pollinating insects because the flower stem is a collection of many hundreds of smaller flowers offering lots of nectar. Set against fresh green reeds, this colour combination really is something to be seen in person.

The busway through the reserve creates a connection not just for people but for flowers. The banks of the busway were seeded when completed and June and July are peak times for the Ox-eye Daisies and Hedge Bedstraw which grow here in abundance. Both have white flowers but look out for the yellow centres to the daisies. Many other wildflowers also grow here such as the yellow Lady's Bedstraw and lilac Field Scabious. The long continuous banks allow seeds to spread over time, helping to maintain the diversity of species.

Perhaps the pinnacle of plants at the reserve is the rare sight of a Bee Orchid. They seem to pop up in different places every year and are rather small, so seeing them in amongst other flowers and grasses is a real botanical challenge. The Bee Orchid is a mimic, whereby the flower impersonates a female bee. This lures male bees to fly in and pollinate the flower. However, there's a twist in this story. The specific bee that does this behaviour is not present in the UK and the orchid must self-pollinate instead. Nature is often more complicated than it first appears!

Why not come to the reserve and take in the seasonal display put on by the wildflowers.

Wild Camping

There is availability at our campsite situated on the shores of Ferry Lagoon for groups to stay over this summer. More information can be found on our events website. Please contact us at the email address below for more information.

Willow Weaving Workshop

Using willow harvested from the reserve during our winter habitat management work, try your hand at making a willow woven garden obelisk using traditional skills. You will be able to take your obelisk home with you for growing climbing plants in your garden

Wednesday Wander

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

To see further details and book for all these events, please visit: www.events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone: 01954 233260

Thought for the Month

The great religious festivals seem to match the seasons in which they happen. Winter would be bleak indeed without Christmas. Easter, with its message of redemption and renewal, fits well with Spring. The fair month of May has brought us Ascension and Whitsunday.

June has its special days too, that seem to go with the beauty of the season. The first is Corpus Christi on 11 June, which comes as a reminder of the Last Supper, and of Jesus' promise 'I will be with you always, even to the end of time.' This feast draws our attention to the abiding presence of Christ, now risen and glorified, in the bread and wine of communion, which we join in celebrating each Sunday, following his instruction, 'As often as you do this, do it in memory of me.'

On 18 June the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus speaks to us of God's love for the World, for all people without distinction. 'God hates nothing which he has made.' We are known by our maker and loved for who we are. The love we give to God is love only we can give. We only have to turn our hearts toward him.

Is that it? Well not quite. Because as God loves us all without distinction, do we have to do the same? The answer is yes but given to us as 'Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself'. The question 'Who is my neighbour?' led to the parable of the Good Samaritan, which gave the answer 'almost anyone'. For us, in these days of mobility and wide communication, it means everyone we have interaction with, or speak to. It could mean people indirectly affected by our actions, now or in the future. Nor must we forget the command ends with '...as thyself'. We are loved, so should not neglect ourselves.

Nick Corcoran

St Ives Catholic Church

Nature's Names

The daisies we see in our lawns at this time of year are just one variety amongst thousands of this common plant. The name *daisy* originates from the Old English *dægeseage*, which in turn was derived from the Scandinavian *dagens auge* — both meaning *day's eye*. This is because many types of daisy flowers close up at night — the underside of the closed petals is not as bright and attractive as the flower colour, so it helps to prevent them from being eaten after dusk by hungry herbivores! Flowers that close at night are called *nyctinastic*.

John Lawrence

Willingham's Coronation Big Lunch

We'll let the pictures speak for themselves. Thanks to all the helpers, too many to name. Unfortunately, our musicians, *Stone Cold Stumble* pulled the plug on their own amps before we could give it a "Let's hear it for the band", but all those present will, we are sure, agree, that the set and the sound were perfect for the day.

The interlude was majestically crowned by the Primary School Choir, expertly led by Mrs Sutton, so special thanks also to them.

And if we do say so ourselves, the burgers and hot dogs were princely. We promised gourmet and, with the meat sourced as local as you can get – from Highgate butchers – it was a truly integral village lunch event. That said, special

mention to *Sharda's Boys* and their Indian Street Food all the way from Crawley, and to *Carlo Verrecchia Ice Cream*, the van manned by Andy, who gave WAG a very generous donation. Thanks of course to all who gave money freely, and finally to the Parish Council for underwriting the whole thing – it could have been expensive if we had gone for the 'Soak-a-Bloke Saturday' instead of 'Super Sunny Sunday'. The weather gods were with us, made us change the venue, and weren't we grateful!! As you can see from the photos – all taken by Julian Eales, for which we are very grateful – everyone seemed to be having a great time.

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All the above photos were taken by Julian Eales

Parish Church Floral Event

St Mary & All Saints Church Flower Arrangers staged a special Floral Event over the weekend from 5 to 8 May, to mark the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.

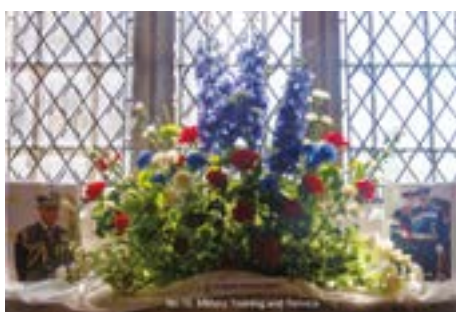
Ten floral displays represented notable events in the King's life, covering his early life, interests and achievements. An informative guide was produced for visitors describing the background to each of the themed displays.

St. Mary & All Saints Flower Arrangers and the Owls Youth Group wish to express their gratitude to all who have contributed to the Coronation Floral Event by arranging flowers, supplying flowers and plant material, producing publicity material and the guide, and the donors who provided the funding for the event.

Thanks also to Derek Law for taking the photographs of the event.

Despite the variable weather over the weekend, the level of interest and the many kind comments from the local community and other visitors was greatly appreciated.

Carol Bailey



All the photographs on this page were taken by Derek Law.

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 12 June** at 7 30 pm at the Social Club. Our speaker will be Dr Alex Wilber taking about *Nutrition: Salvaging Good Advice from Confusion*.

WI News

At our April Meeting Liz Taylor, the CEO from Red2Green, gave a very interesting talk about how the charity supports people aged over 16 years who are living with learning disabilities and autism. Their services are available to small groups of people, helping them with independence, learning and maintaining key skills and appropriate behaviour, having fun and meeting new people.

Liz explained that girls with autism are 'hiding in plain sight' and much less likely to be diagnosed because they are better at masking their condition and therefore not getting the support they need soon enough. Compared with boys, girls are more socially motivated, may smile and make eye contact, have more acceptable special interests and are good at imitating others. Presenting themselves as quiet, shy and passive, but with the same sensitivity to light, noise, frustration and meltdowns, some attempt to control their mental dilemma with eating disorders and self-harm. Some of the problems experienced by autistic children at school include being bullied because they are different. They become exhausted by trying so hard to fit in and therefore often have poor school attendance.

Liz mentioned that Cambridgeshire is very fortunate in having a medical research unit for autism and two good schools: Cavendish, a state school, and Hope Tree, an independent school originally set up by a Mum. However, availability of places and funding remain a problem.

Resolutions

The WI resolution, 'Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife' was voted on and adopted. The national WI organisation will urge its members, the public, local authorities and Government to make, support and promote application for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers in their area. This will be as instrumental to the clean-up of rivers as it has been for water quality improvement at coastal beaches.

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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The Swavesey & Over Tennis Club (SOTC) is holding **free trial sessions** at Swavesey Village College Sport Centre on:

- **Friday 2 June** – 6 30 to 8 30 pm
- **Monday 5 June** – 6 30 to 8 30 pm
- **Monday 12 June** – 6 30 to 8 30 pm

We are a small friendly club and are after new members – whether you are new to the game or a seasoned player. Our club nights are Mondays, 6 30 – 8 30 pm, plus most Fridays over the summer.

Tennis is great for fitness, very social and the SOTC is good value with low club fees. Annual membership is £35 for Adults, £20 for under 19s and concessions, £60 for Couples and £80 Family (2 adults + 2 kids).

Email SwaveseyOverTennis@gmail.com, call Steve 07393 825027 or Melanie 07453 523999, or just drop into one of the Trial Sessions or any Monday club night at Swavesey Village College Sports Club, Gibraltar Lane, CB24 4RS.

See you there!

www.swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc

**Sunday
25th June 2023**

Join us for one of the bike rides and after-rides social with live music, food & drink at the Over Community Centre in support of the Over Day Centre, a charity providing professional care and friendship for older members of the community around South Cambridgeshire.

There's a choice of five rides, so there's something for everyone: Marked 100 km 'challenge'; marked 50 km 'have a go'; 12 km, 13 km or 23 km for family & casual riders. Start points at Over and Northstowe.

For details and to register, please view:



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County Councillor – Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents, here is my update on County Council Matters, based on my Report to the Parish Council.

Winter Gritting/Maintenance

The winter season has recently ended and, from a Highways Gritting perspective, although it has been relatively mild one, but this hasn't meant the gritters stayed parked up! The team carried out 51 full runs and six part runs across the County. A total distance of 69,000 miles and we used nearly 9,000 tonnes of salt.

Potholes

The winter has seen a rise in the number of potholes and surface defects across the road network. Whilst the demand has been increasing, we have been recording and fixing potholes as fast as we can. We have put in additional repair gangs and currently have eight patching Gangs and two Dragon Patchers working full time.

We are aiming to fix most permanently first time. However, we are having to do temporary repairs where the road is very poor condition and when we are fixing in wet weather. These temporary fixes are recorded, and we will be going back to do a permanent repair.

There should be a fall in potholes numbers over the coming months as the roads dry out and we repair all those that have been reported. Our normal additional proactive Dragon Patcher is now with us for the summer and will be working across the County. £3.6 million additional funding for road defect repairs from Government will be used to bring in additional Dragon Patchers to work proactively on a find, record and fix regime.

20 mph Applications

I was very pleased to be able to support applications for 20 mph zones, including from Willingham, submitted to the County Council. There will be strong competition for this pot of money so it was great to see such strong and comprehensive cases being made.

S106 Applications

It is good to see progress being made on the traffic calming measures including in Willingham. Discussions have been ongoing with the Highways team in the parish.

5A Bus Service

Following confirmation that funding for the 5A will now be extended for a further year to March 2024, I have (again!) requested a session with Darren Roe of Stagecoach to discuss performance and potential improvement ideas. I really hope to have an update soon.

No Mow May

CCC has been promoting biodiversity this spring. As part of 'No Mow May' our Highways maintenance team paused grass cutting on road verges so habitats for wildlife, plant species and pollinators can thrive. 'No Mow May' is run by Plantlife, who say more than 700 species of wildflowers grow on road verges in the UK - this is almost 45% of the total wildflower species found across the country. Cambridge County Council is committed to a greener Cambridgeshire but of course road safety remains a priority so we will still cut grass where needed to ensure visibility at junctions and bends.

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

Neil Gough

07919 990299 neilgoughcrw@gmail.com.

District Councillor – Bill Handley's Report

£224k Funding for Community Wellbeing Hubs

I am delighted to report that South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) has secured funding of £224,000 from the Integrated Care System to further develop our Cost-of-Living Project work. The emphasis will be on the evolution of Warm Hubs, which will be rebranded Community Wellbeing Hubs. These will continue to provide much needed social connection for residents but will also improve outreach to other services which support health and wellbeing. I will share as the project develops.

Civil Parking Enforcement

We recently took another step towards the introduction of Civil Parking enforcement in South Cambridgeshire. The plan is for the Greater Cambridge Partnership to support the project in the first few years of operation but, in time, it will have to be financially self-sufficient. There is still much to do and setting up the scheme requires multi-agency involvement, including that of central government, but SCDC officers have been working on this as a priority, and it is not beyond hope that it could be introduced within a year.

South Cambs Magazine

We are aware that, in some villages, there have been glitches with the delivery of the *South Cambs Magazine* recently and I would encourage anyone who misses out to let us know via scdc@smartdistribution.co.uk or by phoning 0800 6444 011. The magazine is an important source of information on SCDC's services (including changes to bin collections) especially for those people who do not use the internet, so in future I plan to let everyone know that the magazine is due via *Willingham News*.

Grants for Voluntary Groups

Community groups in South Cambridgeshire have been given a funding boost thanks to grants from SCDC. Eleven voluntary sector groups are to receive funding this financial year as part of the Council's Grants to the Voluntary Sector scheme with an emphasis on projects that support people impacted most by the cost-of-living crisis. More details on the groups receiving grants can be found in the on-line version of this article.

Four Day Week Trial for Staff

SCDC is trialling a four-day week for many desk-based staff. The aim is to test whether this will improve employees' wellbeing and impact the acute retention problems, which currently cost £2m per year in agency fees.

The results of the trial so far have been very encouraging: (independently assessed) performance has been maintained and, in some instances, improved and some staff who were thinking of leaving have said that they are now likely to stay. Officer feedback was 88% positive; and the satisfaction feedback from residents has not been impacted. The recommendation is to extend the trial for a further year. Councillors are also soon to be asked to include the refuse collection services in the four-day week trial from this summer.

Bill Handley

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
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Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

At the Annual Meeting, all council posts are elected. The Chair and Vice Chair were re-elected, and all lead councillors remain in post except for Halls, where Councillor Gibbs is now the lead. All councillors and their roles are listed on the Council website.

20 mph Initiative

The Council has applied to Cambridgeshire County Council's 20 mph Initiative for a 20 mph zone in the village. To support the application, we submitted a snapshot of the results of the 20 mph Zone Survey on the Council website so far (66% in favour from 191 responses) but will keep the Survey open until July when the list of successful applicants is published.

Potholes

The dire state of local roads cannot have escaped the notice of anyone who drives or cycles. At the Annual Meeting, a parishioner spoke of his concerns and demanded that something be done. The Council agreed, but sadly has no power of its own here as Highways Maintenance is the responsibility of the County Council. Our County Councillor, Neil Gough, was present and also agreed that there is a problem. He explained the very limited funding available after 10 years of managed decline. There are currently more pothole teams than ever but a recent Government grant of £3.6 million was far too small to provide any genuine improvement in the near future. Councillor Gough encouraged everyone to report potholes, if only as a way of providing evidence of the problem.

Tree Work

Every five or six years the Council arranges a survey of all the trees it owns around the village to assess their health and condition, and to recommend any maintenance work which needs to be done. That survey was completed in November. Contractors have been appointed and the work is now underway.

Community Speedwatch

The Speedwatch group is now established and will shortly be undertaking training. They will then be actively engaged in tackling speeding drivers. The Council has purchased an additional Speed Indication Device (SID) to assist the Speedwatch group.

Citi 5A Bus

Councillor Gough reported that funding for the 5A bus will be extended until March 2024. He continues to attempt to arrange a joint meeting with Stagecoach to discuss the problems and possible improvements to this service, but it seems Stagecoach are so busy that providing a date is an almost insurmountable task.

Casual Vacancy

There were no applications for the vacant council seat. We will be readvertising the vacancy with a closing date of July this year. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk in the first instance for further information and/or an application form.

Contact details:

Councillors' details can be found on the website and 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, 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. The next Meeting Date is **7 June**.

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Poetry Corner

June

June is the gateway to Summer
when the evenings linger on.
Little creatures scurry about
and the birds have a special song.

June brings its beautiful flowers
and the grass is soft at our feet.
Little creatures scurry about
and the birds sing songs so sweet.

Christine Lacey

How Truth Can Hurt A Fish

I didn't know I was a fish
until last Friday. It came as a shock
and I wish they'd have told me before.

I always thought our home
was a bit on the damp side,
that dinners were quite samey,
that we weren't a family who chatted together much,
that forgetting birthdays was normal,
that my relatives and friends
always looked surprised to see me.

It's just the way it is, I thought.

Then, last week, I was taken to one side,
told the truth about who I really was.
And I'll make no bones about it,
I was gutted.

John Lawrence

Quick Crossword Answers

Across: 1 Pocket, 4 Sepia, 7 Belief, 8 Sorrow, 9 Geek, 10 Category,
12 Do the dishes, 17 Fifty-two, 19 Moon, 20 Awning, 21 Trough,
22 Reeds, 23 Spoken.

Down: 1 Pretend, 2 Cricket, 3 Efficient, 4 Store, 5 Purpose, 6 Always,
11 Thin on top, 13 Offence, 14 Hammock, 15 Sloe gin, 16 Affair, 18 Yanks.

Book Quiz Answers

1 Roald Dahl, 2 Daphne du Maurier, 3 Jane Austen,
4 L.M. Montgomery, 5 Charlotte Bronte, 6 Lewis Carroll,
7 Stephen King, 8 Thomas Hardy, 9 Muriel Spark, 10 Antonia Fraser

Young Readers' Corner - Quiz Answers

1:c, 2:b, 3:c, 4:c, 5:c

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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 **Monday 20 June** when the assignment will be *Street, Shoes and Boots*.

The evening will be a practical, using flash, following on from the May presentation.

For those needing equipment we will try and supply their requirements.

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.

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Thu – Sat 1 – 3 June	Jane Austen's <i>Pride & Prejudice</i>	Over Players	Over Community Centre	overplayers.uk
Thu 1 June	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p10
Fri 2 June	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p7
Sat 3 June	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p7
Mon 5 June	Willingham Gardeners' Question Time	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p9
Tue 6 June	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p7
Wed 7 June	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Wed 7 June	Talk: <i>Change Ringing on Tower Bells</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p7
Wed 7 June	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p6
Wed 7 June	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	3 30 – 4 45 pm, see p7
Wed 7 June	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p16
Sat 10 June	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p5
Mon 12 June	<i>Nutrition: Salvaging Good Advice from Confusion</i> with Dr Alex Wilber	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p14
Tue 13 June	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Octagon	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p7
Thu 15 June	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p10
Sat 17 June	Breakfast & Topical Talk: <i>Islands Around Britain</i>	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p10
Mon 19 June	Meeting	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm
Wed 21 June	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p7
Wed 21 June	The Great Fen Project	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Ploughman Hall	7 30 pm, see p7
Sat 24 June	Open History Day	Friends of Willingham Parish Church	Parish Church	See p9
Sun 25 June	Over Day Centre Bike Rides	Over Community Day Centre	Start Points: Over & Northstowe	See p14
Tue 27 June	History Group Meeting	WHIGs	Octagon	7 30 pm
Wed 28 June	Village Meeting	Willingham Action Group	Primary School	8 pm, see p5
Thu 29 June	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p10

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