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Fen Gallop

After many months of planning, the Fen Gallop Family Running Festival returned to the Recreation Ground on Sunday 2 July, with an army of enthusiastic volunteers and eager runners awaiting that famous bugle start. With the heatwaves of June behind us, our 400-plus runners were treated to almost perfect running conditions across our running events: the chip-timed 10k and 4-mile races, the 1 mile for under 11s and the Mini Sprint for under 5s.

This year saw a new overall 10k race winner, which made for a very exciting finish! Johannes Arens finished the course in an amazing 34:36. The 4-mile race had a new course record with Ben Slow completing it in an incredible 23 minutes, breaking the previous course record of 23:49 in 2017.

The Eileen Askew Trophy winners this year were Leo Brittain and Leo Chamberlain (joint winners) and Olivia Smith for the fastest 4-mile U16s male and female Willingham residents.

The Penry Jones Cup was awarded to Mark Sampson as the fastest Willingham male resident for completing the 10k course with a chip time of 34:58.

The Rene Gould Cup was awarded to Nina Norden as the fastest female resident, with a chip time of 54:03.



Nina Norden, Winner of Rene Gould Trophy



Olivia Smith, Winner of Eileen Askew Trophy

This year the Committee introduced a new award to the trophy cabinet and we were delighted to present the Glyn Smith Trophy to David Pipe for our fastest veteran (over 50) in the 10k, with a chip time of 42:50. The award was presented by Glyn's son, James, who is one of the Fen Gallop's longstanding committee members.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our generous sponsors: Hockeys, Neil Marsh Health & Fitness, Cambridge Design Partnership, and Splash & Learn. Huge thanks go to our enthusiastic team of marshals who were our invaluable eyes and ears out on the course, and to all of the volunteers and local businesses that helped to support our event.

The Committee will be taking a little rest now but will be back in full planning mode this autumn. Watch out for details of Fen Gallop 2024...coming to the village on **Sunday 7 July!**

Katy Gilbert
Fen Gallop Committee

The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub welcomes you on Monday mornings in August from 10 am to 1 pm. Come and join us for company and free tea, coffee and biscuits.

There are books and magazines to read and borrow, jigsaw puzzles to do, board games and card games to play, colouring sheets to colour, wool to knit with or you can just chat to others in a comfortable environment.

This is a free activity sponsored by Cambridgeshire Acre.

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

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

We hope to see you there on Monday mornings.

Willingham Jazz Club

Social Club, first Sunday in the month, 12 30 – 3 30 pm
Doors open 12 noon.

6 August	Martin Nickless Dixielanders
3 September	The Louisiana Jazzband
1 October	Golden Era Jazzband
5 November	Cambridge Jazz Co
3 December	Tailgate Ramblers Christmas Jazzband

Admission £10. Fully licensed bar. Large dance floor.
Tea/coffee and fresh rolls available. For further information call Rosie-Val 01954 789670.

1st Willingham Scout Group – Norfolk Adventure



On the last weekend in June, 55 young people from Willingham embarked on a weekend of adventure in the Norfolk countryside. It's been four years since our group was last able to run a large camp for all our young people, so this was an important milestone for us.

We were based at the Eaton Vale Activity Centre near Norwich, and during the camp we had the opportunity to take part in climbing, kayaking, archery, air rifle shooting, axe throwing, making catapults, campfire cooking, obstacle courses, artificial caving and canoeing. The traditional element of campfire entertainment was also a massive highlight of our weekend.

With ages ranging from six to 14, some of our young people were on their first camp and, for a few, it would be their last camp with 1st Willingham Scout Group, having notched up over 20 nights away during their time with us. We are very fortunate that we have a fantastic group of leaders that strongly believe these experiences develop independence and team working that will set up our young people for life.

The publication of the latest Community Plan Survey has highlighted the continued demand for youth services in the



community that we currently don't have the capacity to meet. Neither do we have sufficient clarity regarding the future of our meeting space at the Public Hall to be confident of meeting this demand. What we do have is a great structured programme that is able to provide opportunities for young people from all backgrounds. We also have a fantastic team of experienced leaders who would be more than happy to welcome you to the team in any capacity.

*Matt Haigh
Group Scout Leader,
1st Willingham Scout Group*

Guiding – Not Just Fun for the Girls ...

... it's fun for the adults too. The Willingham Brownie, Guide and Ranger leaders had great fun at the County Leaders' weekend at Hautbois Activity Centre in Norfolk. The weekend was a mixture of training sessions and fun sessions. We did reasonably well in the quiz on the Friday evening when we found out that music was not our strong point but as we had all travelled so much, both with guiding and with family, we did really well on geography, capital cities and world landmarks.

Saturday afternoon was spent messing about on the river with both kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding on offer. We felt very pleased with ourselves as, not only did we stand up on the paddle boards, but none of us fell in! This was followed by archery and craft time. After dinner we had to finish the day with a campfire. It was good to sing the songs we wanted and not just the ones the girls wanted and to relax in the fire glow with other leaders from all over Cambridgeshire.

We all came home relaxed, reinvigorated and appreciated. If you would like to join the Willingham leadership team, contact us on willinghamguides.org.uk.



Old Willingham

The Old Church Hall on Church Street was built around 1890 in the grounds of the Rectory (now Willingham House). In the 1990s it was sold and converted into a private house.

It never really worked as a church hall as it's a fair walk from the church, but it was used widely for all sorts of village events including W A M A D S amateur dramatics productions. During World War 1 it was used as a hospital for recovering soldiers. This month we see a picture from



oldwillingham.com

a very elaborate Christmas nativity play with Angel Gabriel meeting Mary. On the wall behind appears a plaque commemorating its service as a hospital. That plaque can now be seen on the wall in the Octagon – the church hall that was built to replace it.

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

Willingham Gardening Club

At the July meeting, the club once again welcomed Mike Day who gave a brilliant talk entitled *Salads All Year Round*. Through a detailed and highly entertaining presentation, Mike guided us through the history and evolution of the 'modern day' salad, including the industrial production processes required to make salads available at any time of year.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 7 August** when we will be given an evening tour of the Westmeadow allotments by Pete Cornish. Please arrive at the allotments from 7 pm for the tour to start at 7 30 pm.

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

There is an entrance fee of £3 for non-members.

A Willingham Connection

An obituary recently appeared in *The Guardian* which gave an account of the life of Peter Thoday, the eminent horticulturist who was fundamental in setting up the Cornish tourist attractions, the Eden Project and The Lost Gardens of Heligan. The author could not know of the family's Willingham connections, although it does mention Peter's father, Ralph Thoday, who was for many years the head gardener of St John's College, Cambridge.

In the 19th century there were many branches of the Thoday family in this area, including adjacent parts of Huntingdonshire. Ralph was born in Brampton but worked in Cambridge, first as a gardener at the Botanic Gardens, and then at St John's.

Ralph's father, Ebenezer Thoday, although born at sea, was the son of a Willingham family, and this may have influenced Ralph's decision to come later in life to live in the village at 30 Fen End. He died in 1981, and for a short time I helped to deliver meals on wheels to his widow, Mabel. Seeing their neglected garden, I commented to my colleague that Ralph would have been upset to see the state it was in, whereupon she laughed and said that he was never much interested in looking after his own garden.

Anne Kirkman

Willingham Women's Institute



There is no meeting in August as we take our usual summer break.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 11 September** when we will be joined by local potter, Linda Duclaud-Williams. Linda will be giving a talk before guiding us through making a coil pot.

WI News

In June, Dr Alex Wilber gave an excellent talk, *Nutrition: Salvaging Good Advice from Confusion*. With a background in physics, Dr Wilber became interested in the science of nutrition and tried to explain to us why it's not an exact science. Everyone's physiology is different and what's good for some people may not be for others. It's hard to do experiments with nutrition as results would take many years to be conclusive and also it would be impossible to make someone eat a particular and narrow diet over a long period of time. Improving nutrition by analysing individuals would lead to better health for everyone.

Why not join Willingham WI? 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.

Willingham Feast is Coming this Autumn – Save the Dates!

Events to include:

Friday 22 September

Ceilidh at the Ploughman Hall and Ska Dust, ska band at the Social Club (take your pick!)

Saturday 23 September

Gardeners' Fayre at the School – 'If you grow it show it!' We welcome all sorts of exhibits, especially from children, and all kinds of stallholders (see contact details below). Bar, barbecue, teas and coffees

Sunday 24 September

Repair Café at the Ploughman Hall

Friday 29 September

Wine quiz with live music (venue tbd)

Saturday 30 September

Afternoon history walk and talk following the route of Willingham's very own Nazi spy

Saturday 30 September

Gujarati Thali – an evening of Indian food and entertainment at the Ploughman Hall

Sunday 1 October

Harvest festival at the Parish Church

Wednesday to Friday, 4 – 6 October

Fun fair comes to the Green

Saturday 14 October

George Michael Tribute and disco at the Social Club

Also, to be confirmed: litter pick, youth disco, art expo, photography expo, library event.

Following on from the recent report of the Willingham Survey results, Willingham Action Group (WAG) is looking to create a programme to showcase several of the groups within the village and hopes to get their involvement in adding extra events to the above.

We will be setting up Eventbrite pages soon with more details and for booking tickets.

Watch our Facebook pages (Willingham Action Group, Willingham Village, Willingham Village Notice Board, Willingham Entertainment Events, Willingham Social Club) for more details, QR codes and confirmations. Look out for the posters around the village, also with QR codes.

If you feel your group would like to get involved in any of these events or hold its own shindig, let us know.

Contact: wag@willinghamlife.org or call 07529 221954.

Here's a little more detail:

Ceilidh – back by popular demand! An evening of country dancing to folk music with a caller and a cheese ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks. Tickets £10 each for dancers of 12 and over. No younger children, please.

Gardeners' Fayre – our effort to revive the Horticultural Show but, of necessity, with a little less ambition (to start with). All kinds of stallholders welcome. Please contact us to book your place. We will publish a detailed programme for exhibitors soon.

Gujarati Thali – an evening to celebrate Indian food and culture. The ticket price will include your own vegetarian or chicken thali – a large dish (Google it for illustrations!) offering a variety of taste experiences. The vegetarian option will cost £20 per head, the chicken version £25. There will be Indian music bringing Bollywood to Willingham and a bar, so please don't bring your own drink to this event.



Thank you to everyone that came to the Open Meeting on 28 June. It was great to see so many people there representing a whole range of village groups

and organisations. Their stamina in sitting through short presentations on the drafts of all eight sections and the Youth survey is to be applauded! They provided insightful questions and useful feedback.

In total 864 people answered the survey. 41% were not living in Willingham at the time of the last survey in 2008.

The good news is most people like living in the village, giving it a four-out-of-five star rating – which means if Willingham were a product on Amazon, its inhabitants would probably buy it! The range of shops and amenities, our post office, watering holes, friendly people and community, good school and location close to Cambridge all contributed to this positive overall picture.

Of course, it's not all roses – improvements could be made. The table below shows the main headings and the percentage of respondents that see them as a concern.

What do you think should be improved about living in Willingham?	% of answers
Road, Transport and Traffic Issues	36%
Amenities and Community Events	16%
Health Services	13%
Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Safety	11%
Power and Internet Services	10%
Water Management and Flooding	8%
Development and Infrastructure	9%

Feedback from the meeting will enable us to finalise the report which will then be published on the 'Willingham Life' website along with the numeric data. Individual comments won't be published to help preserve anonymity. Paper versions will be lodged in the library for the people without internet access, with copies also going to the Parish Council, South Cambs District Council and Cambridge County Council as part of the required process for community-led planning.

On a final note, the report will contain many recommendations to improve life in our village. This will require people of all ages to engage and act – what's your contribution going to be?





The Over Players Present Murder at Hangman Hall

Can you solve the mystery of the Murder at Hangman Hall? You are invited to come along and find out on **Saturday 16 September** at 7 pm at St Mary's Church Hall in Over. Your evening will include intrigue, misdirection and of course murder!

Tickets are £10 each (including a ploughman's, but please bring your own drinks).

Bring your friends along to help solve the mystery!

Proceeds will go to two charities – Maggie's and the Arthur Rank Hospice.

- Date: 16 September
- Time: 7 pm
- Venue: St Mary's Church Hall, Over, CB24 5NH
- Tickets: £10 each from www.overplayers.uk

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dementia Club Session – Willingham Bowls Club

We have just had our first Dementia Club Session at the Bowls Green. It was received really well by those that attended; we had six participants and there was smiling and laughing plus a game of bowls. We are running this session every Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm and it's open to anyone who suffers from dementia, Alzheimer's or any mental illness. The sessions are free and we will offer refreshments as well.

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Summer Reading Challenge

The challenge is now underway. If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time to join! This year's theme is *Ready, Set, Read!* and the aim is to encourage children under 11 to read at least one book a week for each of the six weeks of the summer holiday. Stickers and activity sheets will be awarded for each week completed and those completing all six weeks will be invited to attend a medal presentation ceremony in September. Events taking place at the library are:

- **8 August**, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm, *Design a T-shirt*
- **22 August**, 2 – 4 pm, *Design a T-shirt*
- **23 August**, 11 am – 12 noon, Storytime with Rebeca Quevedo-Marron. For ages seven and up
- **30 August**, Magician, Steve Dimmer (morning event, please check library for details)

Lost Property

We have a blue cardigan which was left at The Great Fen Project talk at the Ploughman Hall. If you think it could be yours, please call into the library.

Engage in the Afternoon and **Family Lego Club** are taking a break for the summer but will be back in September.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Sessions, second Tuesday of every month, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm

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Friends of Willingham Library

We will be having a quieter month in August as library staff will be busy with the Summer Reading Challenge. The **Games Afternoon** and **Second-hand Book Sale** are taking a break but will be back in September.

Knit and Natter Afternoon, Wednesday 16 August, 2 – 4 pm

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

Family History Session, Tuesday 1 August, 10 30 am – 12 noon

The library computers will be available for research on Ancestry, Find My Past (access to these are free of charge in the library) and other ancestry sites. 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.

Poetry and Prose Evening, Tuesday 26 September, 7 30 pm

The theme this time will be *Holidays*. More details next month.

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Are you passionate about supporting local initiatives? Are you organised, detail-oriented and keen on making a positive impact in your community? The Willingham Public Hall Users Committee is currently seeking individuals to fill the vital roles of Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in contributing your skills and expertise to this important community organisation, we invite you to join us!

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The Willingham Public Hall Users Committee plays a pivotal role in the management and operation of this valuable community resource. The committee is responsible for ensuring the smooth functioning of the hall, overseeing finances and maintaining strong relationships with hall users and the wider community.

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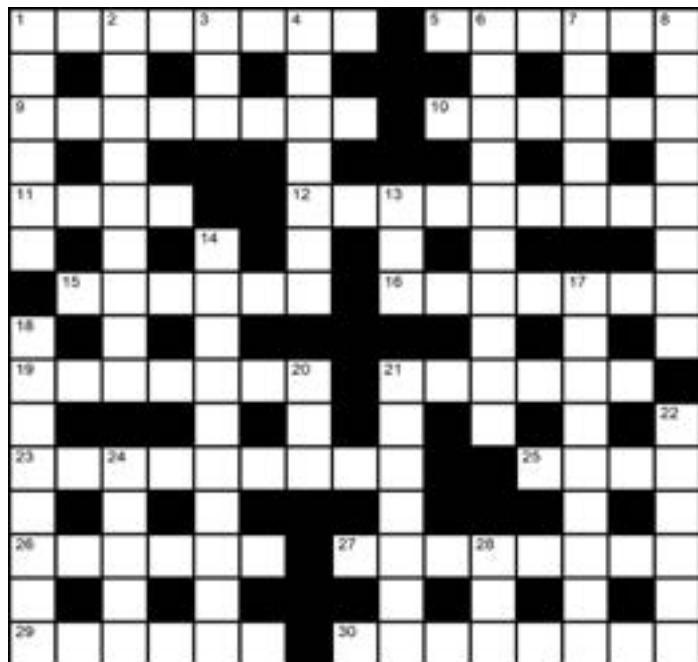
If you are interested in becoming the Secretary or Treasurer of the Willingham Public Hall Users Committee, we would love to hear from you! Please send an email expressing your interest, along with a brief overview of your relevant experience and contact details, to chair.wphuc@gmail.com.

Cryptic Crossword by Naxos

Answers on page 21.

Generals

The answers include 10 generals. See if you can find them all.



Across

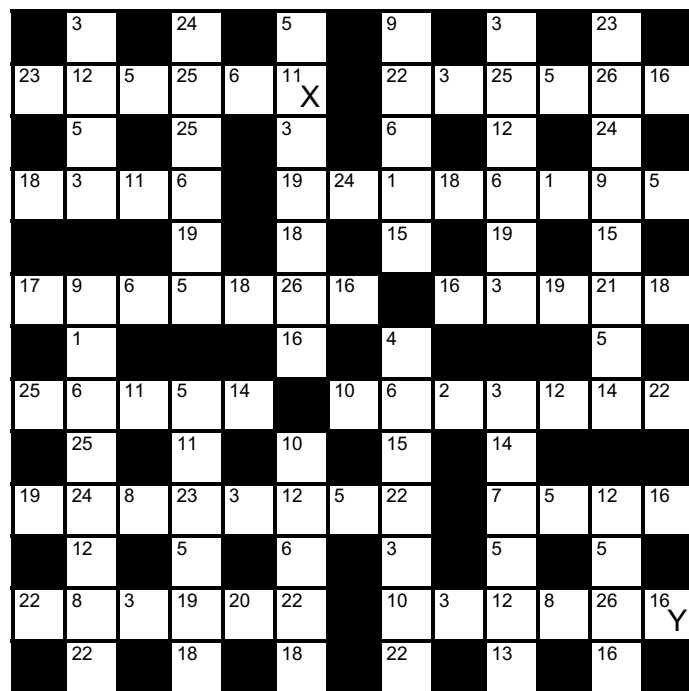
- 1 Confer ownership to achieve transformation (8)
- 5 Pictures game played in terrorist group (6)
- 9 Regiment contains lines by eastern writer (8)
- 10 Partner cut and confused is transported (6)
- 11 Draw line at government (4)
- 12 Wild gorilla grabs a model for another animal (9)
- 15 Be impressed by publicity over the bog (6)
- 16 Queen digs furs (7)
- 19 Preventing decay, it is rejected in space rubbish (7)
- 21 Lost hat with tip of feather in it (6)
- 23 Cockney cooker with staff waiting for Sunday papers (9)
- 25 Cut car fittings (4)
- 26 Nothing in Morecambe then a musical masterpiece dedicated to 18 (7)
- 27 Salesperson returns to inform about hot tank (8)
- 29 Annoy with unnecessary removal of small point (6)
- 30 Custom that improves with repetition? (8)

Down

- 1 Speeds through heathlands capturing last of sunset (6)
- 2 Ken is King, currently on the shelf (9)
- 3 Flyer found in bluebell wood retreat (3)
- 4 Consumed, old Greek character starts to atone (7)
- 6 Gory moment recreated by border town (10)
- 7 Allow payment (5)
- 8 From seated position I get up to poke fun (8)
- 13 Take me away from confusion to find shelter (3)
- 14 Ditch sailor at sea – dead loss; it's in the past (10)
- 17 After terrible tent fire I discover old queen (9)
- 18 Cream cake made by a European, no French around (8)
- 20 Prompt but sometimes in need of a rest (3)
- 21 Little business to be found in stand for soil (6)
- 22 Dreadfully grim to be held in eastern England as an alien (6)
- 24 Reserve runs into second member (5)
- 28 Pouch has a colourful inside (3)

Codeword by Willow

Answers on page 21.



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Book Quiz

I thought books with boys' names in the title would be fair as I think we have already had some recently with girls' names. Who are the authors? *Answers on page 21.*

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1 <i>The Tale of Peter Rabbit</i> | 6 <i>We Need to Talk About Kevin</i> |
| 2 <i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> | 7 <i>Kim</i> |
| 3 <i>Peter Pan</i> | 8 <i>David Copperfield</i> |
| 4 <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> | 9 <i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i> |
| 5 <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> | 10 <i>Hamnet</i> |

Willingham Memory Box Café

Invites people living with memory loss, and their carers, to join us for Music, Refreshments, Company, and Fun

on
Saturday 12 August
from 10 am to 12 noon
in

The Octagon

behind the Parish Church, with wheelchair access and no steps.

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For further details please contact

Frances Watts 01954 200542



Young Readers' Corner

Summer Puzzling and Colouring Fun

Find 10 things in the picture beginning with 's'. Answers on page 21. Now colour the picture.



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Nature's Names

Foxgloves are stunning summer plants but their name doesn't make much sense. There are many theories on how the name came about, yet etymologists over the centuries have never really agreed on the origins of the name. Even in Anglo-Saxon days, when the name *foxes glofa* started to be used, it's unlikely that foxes ever wore gloves, except in folklore!

The scientific name for foxglove is *digitalis*, after the Latin *digitus*, meaning 'finger'. This, we might guess, is because the flower looks like a thimble and can be fitted over a finger. The name *digitalis* itself was coined by Leonhart Fuchs in the sixteenth century – confusingly, and coincidentally, *fuchs* is German for fox. (The fuschia flower and the colour are named after the same botanist.) Some alternative local names for foxgloves are *goblin gloves*, *witches' gloves*, *witches' thimbles*, *tod-tails* and *dead men's bells*.

John Lawrence

Willingham Bowls Club - Are You 18 or Younger?

Did you know that if you fall into that category you can receive free membership at Willingham Bowls Club? We offer roll-up sessions for this age group on Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm or Sundays at 11 am. Just come along.

It seems to be considered a game for the old uns but the truth is the England Bowls team are all around 30 years old and they also have an England under-21 team. Those that are in those teams get the opportunity to travel; the best go as far as Australia and New Zealand to represent the UK. Nothing beats playing these sports, or any sport, from a young age, so if you fancy it, please come along and try. We have the equipment; all you need is flat-soled shoes.

For more information please contact: mark.chapmanwbc@gmail.com or terry.buckley@virginmedia.com.

All Aboard for Treasure Island!

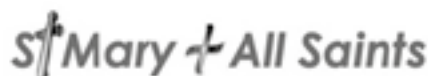
Avast there ye landlubbers! Time to join Captain Jack's scurvy crew for this year's Over Players Christmas Pantomime! *Treasure Island* is a very funny script by Ben Crocker based on the classic adventure tale by Robert Louis Stevenson and directed by Jack Stinton. If you are interested in participating, either on stage or behind the scenes, here are some dates for your diary.

Date & Time	What	Where
Wednesday 6 September 7 pm	Informal script read-through	Over Community Centre
Sunday 10 September 4 – 7 pm	Fun workshop to get you into pirate mode!	Over Community Centre
Wednesday 13 September from 7 pm	Auditions for principal roles	Over Community Centre
2 October 9 am 10 – 17 December	Box office opens Show week! Performances 12 – 16 December	Details to come Over Community Centre

To join the crew you need to be at Secondary School but we have no upper age limit. We rehearse on Wednesday evening and Sunday late afternoon, split between St Mary's Church Hall, Over and Over Community Centre.

We hope to 'sea' you there! You can expect a lot more nautical puns! (Oh yes you can!)

For any enquiries please email: pirate23@overplayers.uk.



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Services in Church

6 August 11 00 am Holy Communion Service

13 August 11 00 am Morning Prayer

20 August 11 00 am Holy Communion Service

27 August 11 00 am Morning Prayer

Interim Team Leader Appointment

As Rev Simon Gill continues to be on sick leave, the Bishop of Ely has appointed Rev Jenny Hill as interim Team Leader for the 5folds Team, which includes the Churches in Over, Longstanton and Swavesey as well as St Mary & All Saints in Willingham. This means that Jenny Hill, supported by Jan Payne, will be responsible for all aspects of parish life and worship until Simon Gill is able to return as Team Rector. Contact details are shown below.

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 12 August** 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 11.

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

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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 August

Sunday Services, 10 am

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

6 Aug When Will the World as We Know it End?

13 Aug What Happens at the End of the Gospel of Mark?

20 Aug We Start a New Series Looking at the Book of 1 Peter

27 Aug 'An Inheritance that Can Never Perish, Spoil or Fade.'

Sunday Service 6 pm

20 Aug – Friendly Service with Organ and a More Traditional Feel.

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.

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 10 and 24 August. 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.

Nimble Fingers Craft Club: Mondays, 2 – 4 pm (except bank holidays). Bring your crafts and join with others, learn a new skill or just chat. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 19 August 7 45 – 9 am

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat. Talk: *Islands Around Britain*.

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

'One more step along the world I go.'

I wonder what your step count is so far today. A tap on a 'fitbit' or relevant phone app would give an immediate answer.

In his 1950s adventure novel, John Buchan writes about the mysterious '39 steps' – the spy's escape route leading from the cliff to the sea. Psalm 121 is one of 15 'Songs of the Steps' in the Bible. They are the songs of pilgrims striding up the steps that led to the city of Jerusalem from the surrounding area all the way to the Temple. They would often walk in procession, making music along the way.

The author of Psalm 121 invites the reader to trust God for every step of life's journey with these words:

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth....

He will not let your foot slip — he who watches over you will not slumber....

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore....

This Psalm was a source of strength for me when I moved to Bristol in mid-July. It was reassuring to know that God was there in all the packing, travelling and unpacking. I sensed Him with me every step of the way, up and down staircases with countless boxes. It remains a comfort as I start to settle in and travel around an unfamiliar setting.

I hope that the Psalm can be good news for every student preparing to start in a new class or place of education. May it also be of help to you in whatever changing scenes of life you face. The Lord watches over us all in love.

Rev Lucy Cleland

Formerly Team Vicar in the 5folds Group

Photography Club

We meet at the Baptist Church, where we aim to learn more about photography and enjoy ourselves. There is a monthly assignment and photos are submitted at the following meeting for consideration and feedback from our resident professional photographer. The next meeting is **Monday 21 August** at 8 pm when the assignment will be:

Chair

Membership cost is £20 for six months with the first month free for new members.

If you have any questions, please contact:
derek@ballandia.co.uk.

Willingham History Group

We are now meeting at the Social Club on the last Monday of the month.

£4 per person to cover the cost of the room.

Next meeting: **28 August** at 7 30 pm.

Contact stevemoorephotographs@gmail.com for details.

Ladies' Hockey at Northstowe

The 2022-23 season brought lots of new members to the club. Some players transferred from nearby clubs whilst others were just beginning their hockey journey under the expert guidance of Coach Joan Griffiths. With five wins, ten draws and five losses, the 1st XI team was able to retain its place in Division 3NW in the East Area Adult Hockey League. Huge thanks to our club's kit sponsor Champneys Health Spa.

At the club's AGM in May, Cora Davies was voted Players' Player and Player of the Season. Club Member of the Year was awarded to both Paula Bingham and Ros Hart. Megan Rowley won the Most Improved Player.

We are especially keen to welcome new members to the club this season, because we have the newly created Huntingdon 2D, our development squad. As a non-competitive team in Division 5NW, this will provide the opportunity for players to gain match experience and grow in confidence with an aim to field a 2nd XI team the following season.

We are looking for a range of players from experienced to new starters. We are also happy to welcome girls (year 8 and above) from schools. The Club memberships start at £50. Training runs from 7 to 8 30 pm on Tuesdays at Northstowe Secondary College. Pre-season training begins on **Tuesday 22 August** and the first matches of the season will take place on **Saturday 16 September**.

Full details can be found on our club website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/huntingdonladieshockeyclub.

Contact Ros the secretary on huntingdonhockeyclub@gmail.com with any questions or to register your interest in joining the club.

Follow us on Instagram @huntshockey and Facebook/ HuntingdonHockey.

We look forward to meeting you!



FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

New Councillor

The Council filled its vacancy by co-option at its meeting on the 5 July and we are pleased to welcome Stephen Moore.

Citi 5 Bus

The Council continues to liaise with Stagecoach and our County Councillor regarding bus provision in the village. During a recent meeting with Stagecoach they advised that, regarding direct buses to Cambridge and Cottenham, they would only consider changes that were 'data driven'. The Council is looking at the best ways to gather that information.

Mobile Food Hub

We have been liaising with South Cambs District Council who are working with 'Hope CIC' to provide a mobile food hub in the village, that started on 17 July at the Octagon.

Black Pit Drove

Since our last article, we are pleased to see a reduction in the number of vehicles travelling down the Droveaway and would like to thank residents for taking this on board. Residents wishing to access the Council-owned open green space, Barton Field, may do so on foot and we would again ask residents to ensure they clear up after their dogs and use the bin provided on Rampton Road or any of the others located around the village.

Highways

Residents will be aware of the works that took place on Over Road to install water mains, as well as the work scheduled on Berrycroft at the end of July. We understand that these necessary works can be frustrating for residents and would like to thank you for your patience while these were completed.

We have been advised of some future planned works at the junction at the High Street and Over Road. This will be closed overnight (for one night) in August to repaint the road markings in this area. We also understand that a section of Station Road will be closed for a short period during the summer holidays to repaint the markings which had not been done adequately earlier in the year. We have

not been given a date for these works but believe they are likely to take place during the weekend. The Council will add updates on the Council's website as and when we receive them.

Tennis and Netball MUGA Planning Application

The application that the Council submitted in September 2022 had to be withdrawn in November as further objections were raised regarding the impact of the floodlights on bats, the parking arrangements and the possible danger of a cricket ball strike. The cricket ball assessment was speedily if expensively done and the site was deemed safe, but the bats were hibernating so the survey had to be done in May/June. Two surveys have now been completed and our ecologist has concluded that there are low numbers of bats and there will be no loss of foraging habitat or availability of dark dispersal routes through the Recreation Ground site, if we follow various mitigation measures. We hope that this will be acceptable to the planners and we can resubmit soon.

Contact Details

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

Meetings

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

Council Office Details

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
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


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Bank Holiday

Please note the Surgery and Pharmacy will be closed on **Bank Holiday Monday, 28 August.**

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Arriving Late for Your Appointment

Please be aware that if you arrive late for your appointment, you may not be seen. The clinician may instruct our reception staff to rebook for another time.

Appointments

Unfortunately, all our pre-bookable appointments and those available on the day do get allocated very quickly and we are aware of the frustration this causes. It may be worth looking online for pre-bookable appointments in the weeks ahead.

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We also have our online triage system on our website, and there is also NHS 111 for non-urgent support on the day. A&E is for urgent care only.

We are no longer allowed to ask you to call back another day. Please respect the receptionist's directions and advice about which alternative pathways are most suitable for you, when our service is at capacity.

Carers' Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial

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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

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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

or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 2 August** at the Surgery, where we will be holding a drop-in meeting between 2 and 4 pm. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided; no need to pre-book and completely **FREE!**

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

Lisa Smith – Assistant Practice Manager

Companionship Group

I would like to form a companionship group for lonely and housebound people, supported and linked to the Patient Participation Group (PPG) of which I'm Chair for Willingham. The purpose is to link needy people to good-hearted volunteers.

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Cambridgeshire County Councillor Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents,

With summer in full swing, I hope that you're able to have time for a well-deserved break. Here is my update of County Council matters.

Financial Position

Cambridgeshire County Council ended the past financial year with an overspend of just 0.2% of its annual budget, despite inflation on all the goods and services the Council buys. The Council set its 2022/3 budget in February 2022 and during the year had to manage more than £43m of additional cost pressures. The Council noted that while the outcome demonstrates good financial controls, it is woefully underfunded by central government. All four political group leaders wrote again to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up earlier this year, putting our case for change and a funding settlement which truly meets our local needs; he hasn't even sent an acknowledgement.

Stop Smoking Campaign

There are an estimated 62,500 smokers in Cambridgeshire (13.2% of the population) and national estimates suggest that smoking costs society approximately £12.6 billion a year, including costs to social care, the NHS and lost productivity.

The new anti-smoking strategy incorporates new research into the behavioural obstacles for local people in their efforts to stop smoking. Cambridgeshire County Council will apply to become a pilot site for the national Swap to Stop initiative - a scheme to provide one million UK smokers with free vape starter kits. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are jointly proposing to apply for this initiative. This will be part of plans to pilot a universal vape offer for a period of one year in the commissioned stop smoking service ('Healthy You') to see if this increases engagement and quit rates.

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.

District Councillor Bill Handley's Report

Mobile Food Hub

SCDC is providing funding to help Hope CIC set up a mobile food hub in the district. They will provide fresh fruit and veg and supermarket items with a short shelf life at a low price or free of charge. Willingham is one of the initial group of villages which will host the service. The van will be easily identifiable via the 'Mobile Food Hub' logo. Residents will also be able to buy essential affordable items. For more information, please see tinyurl.com/4zr3hcca.

Continued Support for Residents During the Cost-of-Living Crisis

The Communities Team at SCDC has created a new leaflet advising residents of support available during the cost-of-living crisis. The Council is trying to encourage more people to apply for Council Tax support since many people who are eligible for this scheme are unaware that it exists.

Proposed Waste Collection Round Changes

The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service is currently working on a review of its collection rounds. The rounds are

normally reviewed every few years to make sure that they are still as efficient as they can be.

The Shared Waste Service suffers from recruitment problems (especially for HCV drivers). For this reason the service is seeing how a four-day week might work with a trial planned similar to that already in operation for desk-based staff. Adopting the four-day week for the waste service will mean that the Council does not have to buy extra vehicles. It will retain an end-of-service vehicle for the trial's duration and, if successful, the cost of any new vehicles should be offset by the reduction of agency staff.

When the new rounds are introduced, the Council will inform residents with a series of adverts in the *South Cambs Magazine* and on social media.

Bill Handley

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District Councillor Dan Lentell's Report

Less is not more: South Cambs four-day week 'trial' is a costly failure.

Local government is supposed to deliver effective public services efficiently and diligently. Meaningful improvements can't happen simply by giving staff a massive pay rise, (ie more money per hour) no strings attached. At South Cambridgeshire District Council, office staff now only have to work four days a week but they still get paid for five. Is this 'trial' a good use of your money?

Even the most cursory glance at SCDC's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) – the carefully selected measures recording the 'trial's' impact – make for grim reading. For example, in January this year, SCDC took an average of six working days to process new Housing Benefit Claims – one of the most mission-critical services our Council undertakes on behalf of some of society's most vulnerable. In February, the average number of days had risen to 10. In March, it was taking 14 days.

SCDC has lost focus on 'why' it does what it does and for 'whom'. Unlike Cambridge's big retailers (the ones warning of catastrophe if CONcharging is brought in), our Councils can't lose customers to better run competitors.

I am in favour of society transitioning to a four-day week. Life is for living and what's the point of all this tech if we work longer than a medieval serf? But I want the four-day week to happen for the many, not just the few who work in local government. I want the four-day week to happen sustainably with more and more jobs (in both public and private sectors) being designed, integrated and then advertised as four days.

What's happening at South Cambs is that the four-day week is being crazily retrofitted onto jobs designed to be worked for five. Council services are groaning under the strain. Now Whitehall is getting involved. The Minister has written to SCDC and ordered an immediate end to this 'trial' which is so badly designed as to be in breach of all kinds of duties and commitments to which every local authority must conform.

Dan Lentell

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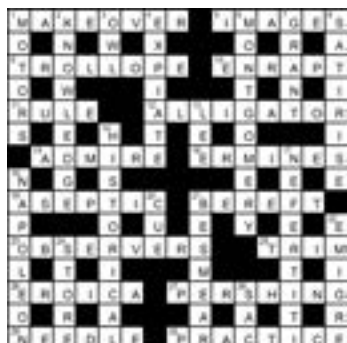
WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Tue 1 Aug	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Wed 2 Aug	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see 17
Wed 2 Aug	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Sun 6 Aug	Martin Nickless Dixielanders	Jazz Club	Social Club	Doors open 12 noon 12 30 – 3 30 pm, see p5
Mon 7 Aug	Willingham News Deadline	Willingham News		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 7 Aug	Tour of Westmeadow Allotments with Pete Cornish	Gardening Club	Westmeadow Allotments	7 pm for 7 30 pm, see p7
Tue 8 Aug	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p10
Tue 8 Aug	Design a T-shirt	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p10
Thu 10 Aug	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Sat 12 Aug	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p11
Wed 16 Aug	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Sat 19 Aug	Breakfast & Topical Talk: <i>Islands Around Britain</i>	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p13
Sat 19 Aug	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Longstanton Village Market	10 am – 12 30 pm
Mon 21 Aug	Assignment: Chair	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 pm, see p14
Tue 22 Aug	Design a T-shirt	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p10
Wed 23 Aug	Story Time with Rebecca Quevedo-Marron	Library	Library	11 am – 12 noon
Thu 24 Aug	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Mon 28 Aug	History Group Meeting	WHIGs	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p14
Wed 30 Aug	Magician – Steve Dimmer	Library	Library	See p10

Puzzle Answers

Cryptic Crossword

The Generals are: Rule, Pershing, Practice, Motors, Knowledge, Montgomery, Grant, Lee, Napoleon and Store.



Codeword

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Book Quiz

1. Beatrix Potter; 2. Mark Twain; 3. JM Barrie; 4. Roald Dahl;
5. Oscar Wilde; 6. Lionel Shriver; 7. Rudyard Kipling;
8. Charles Dickens; 9. John Irving 10. Maggie O'Farrell

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