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September 2023

Willingham Feast 2023

Ceilidh, Ploughman Hall,
Friday 22 September, 7 pm



Gardeners' Fayre, Primary School,
Saturday 23 September, 12 noon



Repair Café, Ploughman Hall,
Sunday 24 September, 1.30 pm



Gujarati Thali Indian Food & Bollywood Experience, Ploughman Hall,
Saturday 30 September, 7.30 pm



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Old Willingham



You might struggle to place this picture — it's Long Pond in the 1960s. The photographer is on Schole Road, looking towards what is now the Pyrethrum Way development. Rampton Road is barely more than a track and the land behind it is open all the way to Long Lane. Nowadays, Long Pond is gradually filling in with rushes and water plants but, in the past, it was dredged regularly, as we see here. Like the original pond on The Green, this pond suffers from a lack of running water — it is really a huge puddle!

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.

Photography Club

We are a friendly group of local amateur photographers at all levels of skill, experience and equipment. We meet at the Baptist Church every month, where we share our photos taken on a given subject, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit, and sometimes give talks on various aspects of photography.

The next meeting is **Monday 18 September** at 8 pm and the assignment is *Stained Glass*.

Membership is £20 for six months. The first month is free for new members. For details, please contact derek@ballandia.co.uk.
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Kestrels in the Community Orchard

While walking through the Orchard in late July I saw three kestrel chicks watching me from their nesting box. Just a week later, I went to check on their progress to find they had all flown their nest. But then I heard a clattering on the squirrel deterrent dish below their box — one fledgling had returned and was watching me from its safe perch!



I continued my walk and met a friend, Liz Hancock. We talked about the fledglings and she told me of her encounter with one of them the previous day. It had stayed completely still (probably terrified) and unable to fly from the path. After taking a few photographs, Liz rang the Ramsay Raptor Centre to ask for advice. They asked her to transport it in a box to their facility.

Later the Centre rang her with an update — the bird was severely undernourished and was covered in a parasite called flat fly. They would keep it in and treat it before releasing it back into the wild near where it was hatched. About a week later, again on my walk around the Orchard, I saw two healthy fledglings on their box. They watched me before flying off to nearby trees. We have since learned that the sick bird has been released back into the Orchard — healthy, well-muscled and parasite free!

Valerie McKee

Willingham Men's Breakfast

Following our sumptuous monthly breakfast at the Baptist Church, we have talks laced with anecdotes, humour, and personal testimony. We meet at 7 45 am, monthly on the third Saturday. On **16 September** we have a talk on the beautiful Outer Hebrides, about its history and wildlife, by Jon Lines.

As an interlude from our Islands theme, we enjoyed a joint Men's and Women's Breakfast in August. The talk was *Moldova Matters*. Geoff Pake, local businessman and farmer (retired), and friend Mike Day (Senior NIAB Agriculture advisor), embarked on a mission in May to Moldova, one of the poorest countries in Europe. CEEM Ltd supports five pastors and the education of children whose parents are working abroad. Many people living in villages have large areas of land, spending summer months growing food to store for wintertime. CEEM assist by testing and introducing new varieties, distributing seed from the UK and Moldova, supplying poly tunnels (courtesy of NIAB, Cambridge), introducing new crops, and holding an annual seminar to discuss varieties and growing techniques. Further information on www.moldovamatters.org and wbc-willingham-mens-breakfast@googlegroups.com.

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The poster for 'History Needs You' features a cartoon dog at the top left and a cartoon cat at the bottom right. The text is as follows:

History needs 'You'
invites you to a
Meeting

Where? Octagon Hall
When? Monday 11th September
10 am - 1 pm
Why? 'Fenland natural Heroes'
Invites you to share Memories of the
changes in Willingham since your
youth

Free Refreshments!!

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be at the Social Club 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

Our meeting in July was our Summer Party. Thankfully the weather was kind to us, and we had a most enjoyable evening in the garden of our President. Our members enjoyed a glass (or two) of Pimm's, along with a buffet and plenty of chat.

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.

The Friends of Willingham Church

A new community group, the Friends of Willingham Church, has been set up to help raise money to support ongoing maintenance of the building. The Church is a mainly 13th century building with Saxon and Norman features. The building is Grade I listed and contains nationally important medieval wall paintings.

The group is not part of the church organisation and many of the friends are not part of the St Mary and All Saints congregation. What links us is a desire to preserve the church building and wall paintings for future generations in Willingham. We are looking for encouragement, fundraising ideas, more members and practical support. If you would like to find out more or if you are interested in helping, please come and visit our stand at the Gardeners' Fayre in the Primary School Hall on **23 September, 12 noon to 5 pm**. For more information email: Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook: Friends of Willingham Church (www.facebook.com/groups/174321688883010).



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- There is no guarantee that the prescription medication advised by the specialist clinic will be taken over by the GP for future prescriptions. This will need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The nationally agreed Shared Care only applies to providers with an NHS contract.
- The specialist clinic will still need to review you, at least on a yearly basis, even if the shared care is accepted by the GP. This may mean that you have to continue to pay for these assessments at the private clinic.

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 - Chronic heart or vascular disease
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Chronic liver disease
 - Chronic neurological disease
 - Diabetes and adrenal insufficiency
 - Immunosuppression
 - Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
 - Morbid obesity
 - Pregnant women
- Carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Frontline workers in a social care setting without an

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Flu Vaccinations for Children

We are also offering the Fluenz nasal vaccination to all children aged two or three years on **31 August 2023**. School-aged children will be offered the vaccine through their school.

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 6 September** at Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding a drop-in meeting between **2 and 4 pm**. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided; no need to pre-book and completely FREE!

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 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

Willingham Feast 2023

The Feast this year kicks off with a Ceilidh at the Ploughman Hall – or, if you prefer, an evening of Ska and Reggae at the Social Club – and ends with a Soul & Motown Disco. In between there is a Gardeners' Fayre at the Primary School, a Repair Café and a Kids' Disco at the Ploughman Hall, History Walks, a Harvest Festival with a Church Lunch following, a Litter Pick, a Wine Quiz with a Live Band for après-quiz dancing, and a wonderful George Michael Tribute act. Here are the details:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Ceilidh with caller John Mullet — a ploughman's supper included, bring your own beverages	Fri 22 Sept	7 – 11 pm	Ploughman Hall
Ska Dust – ska and reggae duo for those who don't fancy a ceilidh!	Fri 22 Sept	8 30 – 11 30 pm	Social Club
Gardeners' Fayre – If you grow it, show it! All types of stall welcome. Art and photography displays, best-of-class judging (most attractive display, biggest marrow, funniest veg, finest art and photography), BBQ and bar	Sat 23 Sept	12 noon – 5 pm	Primary School
Repair Café – possibly with a car wash and burgers, both provided by Willingham Scouts (tbd)	Sun 24 Sept	1 30 – 5 pm	Ploughman Hall
Kids' Disco	Fri 29 Sept	5 – 9 pm	Ploughman Hall
Afternoon History Walk and Talk (two sessions) led by Steve Moore following the route of Willingham's very own Nazi spy	Sat 30 Sept	3 pm and 3 45 pm	Start from the Green
Gujarati Thali – menu of 12 items – Vegetarian – GF / with a Chicken Curry option; wet bar will be provided, as will a full Bollywood atmosphere	Sat 30 Sept	7 – 11 pm	Ploughman Hall
Harvest Festival followed by Lunch for all in the Octagon	Sun 1 Oct	11 am – 1 30 pm	Parish Church
Litter Pick	Sun 1 Oct	2 – 5 pm	Start from the Green
Funfair on the Green	4/5/6 Oct		The Green
Wine Quiz with Live Band: Hoarse with No Name	Fri 6 Oct	7 30 – 11 pm	Primary School
George Michael Tribute Act	Sat 14 Oct	8 pm	Social Club
Soul & Motown Disco	Sat 28 Oct	8 pm	Social Club

The schedule above is pretty firm but please do keep abreast of developments via the WAG and Social Club Facebook pages: www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup
www.facebook.com/willinghamsocialclub.

Email: WAG@willinghamlife.org or message 07787 530394 and we will call back.

Dragonflies and Damselflies at Ouse Fen

We were on a leisurely two-hour ramble at Ouse Fen, the newly opened RSPB / Hanson nature reserve, guided by local dragonfly / damselfly expert David Chandler. We stared down the telescope at an exquisite creature — the migrant hawk dragonfly — clinging to a thistle stem, with beautifully patterned transparent wings, and a long thin body.

Our group, ranging from interested amateurs to some serious camera-wielders, saw many other dragonflies — such as the ruddy darter, brown hawk and emperor. We heard interesting facts — they have the largest eyes for their size in the animal kingdom, and extremely ferocious larvae. Aside from the migrant hawk, which was probably newly emerged, the other true dragonflies darted around, whereas the more delicate damselflies fluttered slowly and then settled. Most abundant were the vivid blue-tailed damselflies.

The event was organised by the *New Life on the Old West* project, one of a series to connect local people with the biodiversity on their doorstep. David Chandler is a freelance writer and wildlife guide. You can book him for 'A Wild Day Out' — a half-day or full-day excursion for birds, dragonflies and more. Contact 07913 019335.

Linda King



Nature's Names

Dragonflies can be found on every continent (except Antarctica), so they have many alternative, archaic and local names. Many of the names associated the dragonfly with the devil, horses, snakes, and needles.

We can understand why *fly* is part of the origin of the name, but what about *dragon*? There are numerous suggestions how this came about, and a multitude of theories tracing that part of the name to one originating source. It is likely, however, that it is derived from the Latin *draco*, which would be translated as *serpent*. (Harry Potter fans will recall the Slytherin character *Draco*!)

Francis Bacon, in the 17th century, was probably the first to use 'dragonfly' in print. Before then, and afterwards, names originating in folklore and legend were common — such as *adder bolt*, *horse stinger*, *devil's darning needle*, *snake doctor*, *snake feeder*. Those last two would have originated in folklore because dragonflies will happily perch on the nose of a water snake if it pokes its head above water for a while. In some parts of the Americas, there was even a superstition that dragonflies can nurse sick snakes back to health. In Northern Europe, it was believed that if a dragonfly flies around your head it is weighing your soul for the devil!

John Lawrence

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Summer Reading Challenge Medal Presentation,

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Mr Morel, headteacher at the Primary School, along with a Parish Councillor, will be presenting medals in the library to all children who completed the challenge. We thank the Parish Council for financially supporting our Summer Reading Challenge activities.

Engage in the Afternoon

Wednesday 6 September, 2 – 3 30 pm

A Brief History of Enclosure

Do you fancy learning something new about Willingham? This month's talk, given by William Franklin, will guide you through the history of Enclosure using local examples.

Family Lego Club

Wednesday 6 September, 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 or Duplo, term time only. The activity is suitable for ages four and over. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Sessions, Tuesday 19 September,

10 30 am – 12 30 pm

Struggling to access the web? Need help with an online application? Drop in to our library to get help from our digital buddy, for free!

Friends of Willingham Library

Games Afternoon

These afternoons will resume on **Friday 6 October** at 2 pm in the library.

Second-hand Book Sale, Saturday 2 September,

10 30 am – 12 noon

We have an excellent selection of second-hand books for all the family on sale at the bargain price of 50p each or three for £1. Pop along and stock up for your autumn reading.

Knit and Natter Afternoon, Wednesday 20 September, 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 5 September,

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) along with other ancestry sites, and someone will be on hand to offer assistance or advice. For further information, please contact us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

Please note that from next month Family History sessions will be moving to the first Friday of the month, 10 30 am – 12 noon.

Poetry and Prose Evening, Tuesday 26 September,

7 30 pm

Leave the stresses of today's world behind for a while and join us for a lovely calm evening of poetry and prose in the library. The topic this time is *Holidays*. You are welcome to just come and listen or read a piece you have chosen or even written yourself. Refreshments will be available, donations welcome.

The Gardeners' Fayre, Saturday 23 September,

12 noon – 5 pm at the Primary School

Organised by Willingham Action Group. We will have a stall at the Fayre with information about our library and the library service in general. We will also have some interesting and fun quizzes, a *Number Walking Trail* around the village, a variety of Quentin Blake colouring sheets and a *Guess How Many Sweets in the Jar* competition.

Save the Date, Wednesday 18 October, 7 30 pm

Willingham Library Goes Italian

We will be holding a themed evening in the library with all things Italian, especially books written by Italians or about Italy. Fiction or non-fiction, bring along some books to share with the group, anything from Dante to Donna Leon! Appropriate refreshments will be provided. More details next month.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

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

The website also has Recommended Reading Lists and up-to-date news.

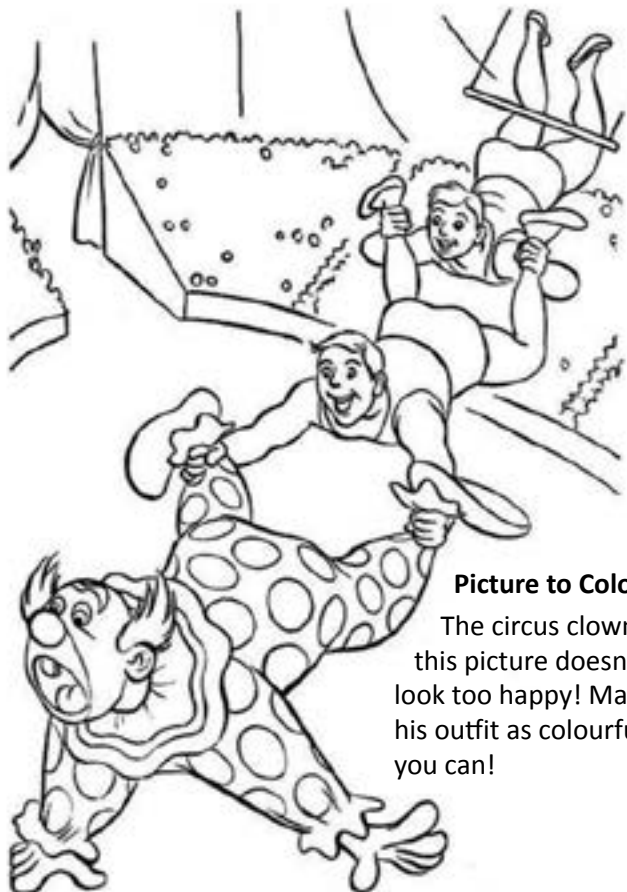


Young Readers' Corner

Back-to-School Wordsearch

Find the words listed below! The words may appear diagonally, as well as down and across. *Answers on page 14.*

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FRIENDS LESSONS LUNCHBOX PENCILS PLANNER
RUBBER SCISSORS TEACHER

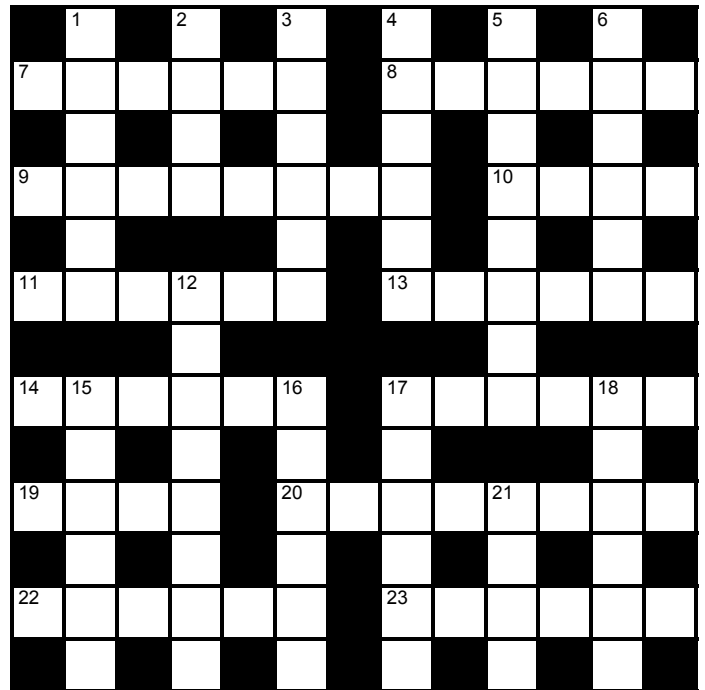


Picture to Colour!

The circus clown in this picture doesn't look too happy! Make his outfit as colourful as you can!

General Knowledge Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 14.



Across

- 7 Tall, woody grass found in tropical regions (6)
- 8 Main character in *Stranger Things* (6)
- 9 John Wayne western, remade by the Coen brothers in 2010 (4,4)
- 10 Capital of Azerbaijan (4)
- 11 Land completely surrounded by water (6)
- 13 Light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye (6)
- 14 Flemish artist who painted the altarpiece in Kings College chapel (6)
- 17 Shakespeare tragedy set in Denmark (6)
- 19 Imperial equivalent of 0.9144 metres (4)
- 20 Iridescent green/blue fish of the tuna family (8)
- 22 New York City borough on Long Island (6)
- 23 Hard white covering on teeth (6)

Down

- 1 Second sign of the zodiac (6)
- 2 Double reed woodwind instrument (4)
- 3 Writer of *Heart of Darkness* (6)
- 4 Alloy of tin and lead (6)
- 5 Word for word (8)
- 6 Sleeveless jacket worn by 16th century gentlemen (6)
- 12 The 'Granite City' (8)
- 15 Seventh planet from the sun (6)
- 16 Fried South Asian pastry (6)
- 17 Team ball game played with sticks (6)
- 18 County town of Devon (6)
- 21 Dutch cheese named after its town of origin (4)

Mind Bender Quiz

There's a number in each of the following abbreviated phrases, facts, or titles. (For example, 24 H i a D would be 24 hours in a day.) *Answers on page 14.*

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|---|-----------------------|----|----------------|
| 1 | 7 W o t W | 6 | 1001 A N |
| 2 | 64 S o a C B | 7 | L S a 2 S B |
| 3 | 90 D i a R A | 8 | 20 T i t P L |
| 4 | 200 P f P G i a G o M | 9 | 6 S o t A F |
| 5 | 1 W o a U | 10 | 13.1 M i a H M |

Every Little Helps!

Congratulations to every young person in Willingham who has gained their required academic grades and is now looking forward to starting a university course or apprenticeship programme this Autumn. The **Willingham British School Trust** offers funding to help you — and your parents — meet the additional, possibly unexpected, costs. These costs may include items such as equipment, field trips and books. Applications will also be considered from institutions and voluntary groups seeking financial support to meet the needs of Willingham's young people in innovative ways. The Trustees meet regularly on a face-to-face basis. The next meeting to consider applications for funding is on **20 October**. The application process is straightforward — contact the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher (telephone: 07881 521041 e-mail: raycroucher47@gmail.com) for information on how to make your application.

Willingham Brownie Pack Holiday Dreaming!

Willingham Brownies went away for a pack holiday at the end of June to the Jarman Centre in Newmarket, with *Dreams* as their theme. They did lots of dream-based activities, including making dream catchers and worry dolls, performing plays about their dream jobs, and building robots including a dog that could suck up litter through its tail.

They spent as much time outdoors as they could, once the rain stopped. Some of the favourite activities were building and lighting fires so that they could cook their own lunch, and a joint campfire with another Brownie group. They also spent time exploring the 16 acres of woodland at the centre, including helping clear brambles, and bouncing on the trampolines! The girls also helped with the chores, including food preparation, washing up and cleaning.

Their first pack holiday away on their own was a great success, and they hope to be able to go away again next year.

If your daughter would like to join Brownies, register her details at www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child and we will be in touch with you.



Willingham Gardening Club

On Monday 7 August, our Gardening Club was treated to a tour of Westmeadow allotments by Pete Cornish. As the evening sun shone, Pete provided a brief history of the allotments, demonstrated how he prepares the soil for planting and prevents wildlife from eating crops. It was a joy to behold the breadth of produce grown at the allotments and we thank Pete and the other allotment holders for their hospitality. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 4 September** where we look forward to welcoming speaker Selwyn Richardson who will give a talk on *Plant Nutrition*.

The Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7 30 pm. New members are always welcome. 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.

Willingham Ranger Gets Top Award

At the end of the summer term we had to say goodbye to two of our Rangers as they prepare to go to university. Zofia and Kerenza were both Guides in Willingham, where they both achieved the top award, the Baden-Powell Challenge Award. They then moved up to Rangers when they were 14 years old and have been with us ever since. On her final night, we were able to present Zofia with her Silver Section Award and a photo book of her time in Guides and Rangers in Willingham.

During her time in Rangers, Kerenza gained her Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (and has almost finished her Gold), her Commonwealth Award, and trained to become a Peer Educator. She also gained her Gold Section Award, the highest award in Rangers, which she was presented with at the end of term, along with a photo book showing all the adventures she had been on as a Guide and Ranger.

We wish them both good luck as they start a new chapter in their lives and hope that they will continue their guiding journey as leaders in the future.



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Services in Church

3 September 11 00 am Holy Communion Service
10 September 11 00 am Morning Praise Service
17 September 11 00 am Holy Communion Service
24 September 11 00 am Morning Praise Service

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 onwards. No need to book, just come along and join in the fun!

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 9 September** from 10 am in the Octagon with music, refreshments, laughter and fun for people living with memory loss (or similar conditions) and their carers or family — see further details on page 6.

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.

'Village Soup' for Harvest Festival Lunch

We will be hosting a Harvest Festival Soup Lunch on **Sunday 1 October** and we would be grateful for gifts of any vegetables that can be spared for this. There will be a basket outside the Church from **Sunday 24 September** onwards to receive donations that can be made into a real 'Village Soup' for the Festival Lunch!

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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Licensed Lay Minister:


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

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10 Sept The Living Stones that Build a Spiritual House.

17 Sept Living Godly Lives in our Broken World

24 Sept Wives and Husbands

Wednesday Fellowship – Every Week

10 am Open Door for Coffee and Chat

EVENTS

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 16 September 7 45 – 9 am

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and an interesting talk.

Community Lunch Club: Thursday 7 and 21 September.

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. Bring your crafts and join with others, learn a new skill or just chat. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

For all events contact: secretary@willinghambaptist.org.

Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at www.sacredheart-stives.org.
 Mass is also held at 6 pm on Saturdays at the Bar Hill Church Centre, at the end of Viking Way, Bar Hill, CB23 8TE.

For more information about the Diocese of East Anglia, see www.rcdea.org.uk.

Thought for the Month

By profession, I am a teacher and so, for me, September always feels like the start of a new year. It is a time for new classes and new students. August will have been a time for some rest and making plans for what lies ahead. Come September, it is as if the clock resets and off we go again into a new academic year, with social media full of pictures of children and young people, many in smart new uniforms, starting out on new beginnings. For some families, it will be time to bid farewell to those heading off to university or to work, times that bring excitement and some anxieties too. September is also the herald of autumn and, with that, comes the harvesting of crops sown earlier in the year, Harvest Festivals in our churches and, in Willingham, additional planning and busyness as we head into the annual Willingham Feast. The seasonal calendar, as well as the academic one, rolls on seamlessly from year to year and, at its most basic, it brings a natural shape and rhythm to our lives.

Just as new beginnings and changing seasons are a constant feature in our lives, so are they also in the Bible. Realistically, some go very well, others less so. In the hard times, we look to each other for help, support and comfort and, in the good, we hopefully find people to share our joy. I hope and pray that September will be a time of good beginnings for anyone starting something new. May it also be a time for seasonal activity and perhaps some personal reflection too, however that looks for you as you journey on through life.

Canon Jan Payne

Licensed Lay Minister, St Mary & All Saints

The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub welcomes you on Monday mornings in September from **10 am to 1 pm**. Come and join us for company, 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 for knitting, 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.

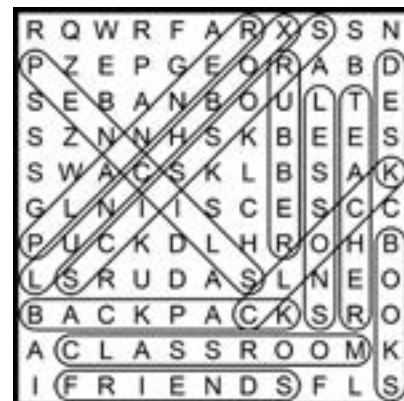
We hope to see you there on Monday mornings.

Willingham Social Club

July was particularly busy raising funds for charitable causes, starting with the Shaun Papworth Memorial Golf Day which raised £2,300 for Cancer Research — thanks to all who supported the event. The following week we had our ever-popular Beer Festival — three days of great music and a large selection of locally sourced beers and ciders. Foxhay Cider from Rampton was very popular, selling over 100 bottles. This year's event was focused on raising funds for our member, Angela Hines, who has been diagnosed with an infection that has attacked her spinal cord — she is now paralysed from the waist down. Revellers at the Festival had the option of cashing in unused beer tokens or donating them to the Angela Hines Rehabilitation Fund. Along with this, and some cash donations, £300 was raised. The committee matched the amount. We also held a charity Poker Open, raising £1,140. A big thank you to all players, but a special thanks go to Mark George, Dan Peacock and Adam Braybrook who all donated their prize money to the fund. On 29 July we had a members' music night to raise funds for Angela. Money was raised on entry, a raffle and a small auction. Over £1,200 was raised that night. A big thanks to members of the community and local businesses for donating raffle prizes.

For those wishing to donate further to Angela, a Go Fund Me page has been set up by Melissa Satchell, to raise funds for an electric wheelchair for Angela. Donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/f/helping-angela-to-be-mobile. Mel has raised £3,370 so far, well on the way to her target of £5k.

Answers
Back-to-School Wordsearch



General Knowledge Crossword:

Across: 7 Bamboo, 8 Eleven, 9 True Grit, 10 Baku, 11 Island, 13 Retina, 14 Rubens, 17 Hamlet, 19 Yard, 20 Mackerel, 22 Queens, 23 Enamel.
Down: 1 Taurus, 2 Oboe, 3 Conrad, 4 Pewter, 5 Verbatim, 6 Jerkin, 12 Aberdeen, 15 Uranus, 16 Samosa, 17 Hockey, 18 Exeter, 21 Edam.

Mind Bender Quiz:

- 1 7 Wonders of the World
- 2 64 Squares on a Chess Board
- 3 90 Degrees in a Right Angle
- 4 200 Pounds for Passing Go in a Game of Monopoly
- 5 1 Wheel on a Unicycle
- 6 1001 Arabian Nights
- 7 Lock Stock and 2 Smoking Barrels
- 8 20 Teams in the Premier League
- 9 6 Stars on the Australian Flag
- 10 13.1 Miles in a Half Marathon

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

Willingham Cemetery

Our cemetery is an important feature within the village. In November, the wreath-laying ceremony will again take place at the War Memorial. Visitors may have already seen the plaque on the wall near the main cemetery gate, fixed there by the War Graves Commission. Eight war graves can be found in our cemetery, and these are maintained by the Commission. There is a chart on both the Willingham Parish website and the Facebook page, giving details of these graves.

Social and Wellbeing within the Parish

There are a variety of aspects linked with village wellbeing which the Council seek to maintain and improve — from our village play park facilities, to affording alternative recreational areas for walking and enjoying outdoor spaces, plus many more!

The Over Day Centre is a popular venue for assisting our elderly villagers, and the Council currently donates £3,000 per year for this. For emergency needs, there are now four defibrillators in place around the village. The non-profit-run Food Hubs are still being finalised and, although we hoped to bring you good news for Willingham, it is not quite ready for our village delivery. Hopefully the Willingham Food Hub will be up and running soon; we will keep you updated. Meanwhile, our valued Community Warden coordinator, Joanne Twinn, is busy and her active list for weekday help now consists of nine Willingham members and two from the Over parish.

When the set-aside field was no longer available for dog walking, the Orchard was fenced to make that a safe place for all users. The Meadow Road project is still undergoing development and our Barton Field is a great place for walking and recreation. All our open spaces have been commended and noted by experts – recently highlighted in the South Cambridge District Council officer, Luke Waddington's report — as an important part of our 'Doubling Nature Strategy'. The project of siting six flower tubs around the village was originally set up by a team including WAG volunteers and councillors. Today, we are really grateful the Gardening Club have now taken on the challenge of planting and caring for them — they are looking really good, so many thanks go to the club.

There will always be new projects and ideas for supporting our Parish where we can: it does not stop, the list will continue!

The Precept for Willingham Parish

The precept for 2023/2024 is £166,600. This is the sum of money collected with the council tax from householders in the Parish and is used specifically to maintain and improve facilities and services for local people. There are various additional grants, etc, that become available periodically, and which the Council can apply for in order to fund larger projects that would not normally be afforded by the Parish.

Parish Council Vacancy

Our Parish Council is made up of 15 Councillors all of whom are unpaid. The period of office of a Councillor is normally four years, but if they have been co-opted or elected at a by-election, they will serve until the next normal election time, which is currently May 2025. A Parish Councillor is responsive to and responsible for the needs of their Parish and, while bound by the powers conferred on them by Parliament, they have a wide remit within which to improve the lives of their local community. Due to a recent resignation from the Parish Council, there is a vacancy that the Council hopes to fill at their next meeting in October, so if you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk for more information.

Contact Details

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

Meetings

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 noticeboard outside the Public Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can speak briefly or ask questions. (See agendas for further details.)

Council Office Details

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Over Players

The Over Players are presenting *Murder at Hangman Hall* on **Saturday 16 September at 7 pm**, at St Mary's Church Hall in Over. Tickets are £10 each (including a ploughman's, but bring your own drinks) and can be bought online at www.overplayers.com. Proceeds will go to two charities — Maggie's and the Arthur Rank Hospice. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Panto

A reminder — would you like to join Captain Jack's scurvy crew for this year's Christmas Pantomime? *Treasure Island* is a very funny script by Ben Crocker, based on the classic adventure. If you are interested in participating, either on stage or behind the scenes, see the diary dates in last month's *Willingham News* or enquire via email at pirate23@overplayers.uk. Young shipmates should be at secondary school to join Jack's crew, but we have no upper age limit for everyone else. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings and Sunday late-afternoon, split between St Mary's Church Hall, Over, and Over Community Centre.

Willingham and District Ploughing Society

The Willingham and District Ploughing Society has been active for over 150 years. The annual ploughing match will be on **Saturday 14 October** on land off the Rampton Road kindly provided by Mark Talbot.

This year will be different — as well as seeing dedicated perfectionists at work, we are holding a class for novices and beginners. So if anyone, male or female, wants to have a go, now is the time to apply. All you have to do is drive a tractor straight, only once down a field, at a ploughing match!

If interested, please contact Richard Granger (Chairman) on 07710 217782, or Carol Daff (Secretary) on 07743 656231.

Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Low Hill is an unassuming yet fascinating feature of Fen Drayton Lakes. It lies within Elny Lake (historically known as Low Fen), on a peninsula which protrudes in from the western side. For most people visiting, it merely looks like a raised mound covered by grass with a margin of reeds, but that belies the history that lies underneath. Until recently we didn't know much about it but learned more thanks to the work of a student, James Foard, who brought together literature from various sources during his studies and shared them with us.

Low Hill is a type of 'bowl barrow' or tumulus, a mound of earthen construction about 25m in diameter by 1m high. Barrows were sites for burials, just one person or many. Burial mounds were often built on higher ground so their cultural significance would be visible to people. Finding higher ground is a tricky ask in the fens as there are few areas with suitable topography, so this early example was built up artificially to raise it above the level of the floodplain.

Due to the shape and structure of the barrow, it is thought to pre-date the Romans, possibly from the Bronze Age. Barrows from this period are rare features within Cambridgeshire and this one represents an excellent example, being of a large size and well-preserved.

However, there are some unknowns regarding what else very early examples may have been used for since they were created. Within the Ouse Valley, two-thirds of barrows have been found to be either reused, modified or incorporated into other monuments over time.

The site has never been excavated, so these facets of its history can only be alluded to, based on similar sites elsewhere. Thus, what is known about Low Hill is not a complete picture and one which has more stories to tell. In the eyes of James, it stands 'as a monument to the people that have lived and died here throughout prehistory and their lost funerary traditions and ritual practices'.

When the area was dug out for gravel in the 1990s, Low Hill was preserved. We maintain the monument nowadays by making sure scrub and trees don't take over and affect the archaeology within.

rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Swavesey Camera Club

Are you interested in getting more from your photography, whatever your level? Come along to Swavesey Camera Club. Whether your camera is a mobile phone, basic compact camera or a digital SLR, our programme is designed to help you get the best out of it. We are keen to encourage new members to join, and pride ourselves on being a friendly, welcoming club with activities to suit all abilities. We will be meeting in person from 7 September onwards. We will also continue to live stream and record the meetings via Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

Our first meeting of the new season (called *Welcome Evening*) will be on **Thursday 7 September** from 7 until 9 pm. This first meeting is FREE to attend for non-members. Do come along and find out more about our club.

Our full 2023/2024 programme will soon be available to view on our website. We will be having guest speakers,

internal competitions and members' evenings, all designed to inspire you. Guest speakers will be talking about wildlife, landscape, monochrome, creative, social documentary photography, and camera techniques such as long exposure photography. There will also be talks on photographic software.

Full membership for the whole season: Adult £68, Concessions £55, Youth £20. Non members: £4 per visit on the night. Meetings take place at Swavesey Village College in the Global Environment Room. For more information go to the club website, www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk, where you will also find a CONTACT US form. We hope to see you there!

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Cambridgeshire County Councillor Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents,

Here is my update of County Council matters – a more detailed, on-line version can be found on the *Willingham News* website.

County Council Meeting, July 2023

- In straitened times for many families, I supported a motion asking the council to work with and support Cambridgeshire schools in developing fair and effective uniform policies, including promoting re-use.
- Another motion reflected concerns that the implementation of new childcare entitlements will mean cuts in funding per hour, will not allow sufficiently for workforce training and supervision time, and will disadvantage children with special needs. It also noted the national recruitment and retention crisis in early years provision. The motion committed the Council to doing what it can to mitigate all this.

Free School Meals

The take-up of free school meals in Cambridgeshire has increased by 52% in the last three years as living standards have fallen. 21% of all Cambridgeshire children now qualify for the 'pupil premium'. Details online here: tinyurl.com/vfsfjc9r.

Highways

- **Roadworks and Repairs:** the programme to address the potholes continues. In particular, there are plans to make permanent repairs in Silver Street and Thodays Close (this may have been completed by time of publication).
- **Winter Volunteers for Community Gritting Scheme:** this scheme enables local volunteers to help to keep their community moving in freezing weather. The Parish Council decides on the most important routes to the local community and agrees them with the County Council. Details online here: tinyurl.com/ye249ct2.
- **20 mph Zones:** these schemes continue to be installed to help improve road safety and reduce pollution. The Council recently put in place a new process for communities to access additional funding to install more 20 mph zones or limits. This year's schemes, including Willingham, will be going to committee later in the autumn.

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

Cambridge Quarter Expansion Proposal

Plans by the Government for a major expansion of dwellings, along with scientific research space, in and around Cambridge were leaked to the national press. None of the local authorities affected had been informed or consulted about these plans.

The Secretary of State, Michael Gove, formally announced the plans on 24 July. A leak suggested that the Government also has plans to increase the number of homes in our area by 250,000. If this figure is accurate, it would dwarf current Local Plan projections and hugely increase the housebuilding in Greater Cambridge.

So far, the detail coming from the Government has been slow to emerge. There needs to be clarity over how many homes the Government is planning to build and where they think they should go. They need to explain how the area's environment and

water supplies will be protected. I plan to post any significant and/or interesting updates, as and when I get them, on my Facebook page, with summaries for *Willingham News*.

New Webchat Service for SCDC

SCDC has just launched a webchat service on its website, which enables residents and businesses to chat with officers via their web browser. Residents will be able to ask questions and get information from advisors about all of SCDC services except planning, which is excluded initially due to the complexities of the service and the detailed / individual nature of each query.

Volunteering Opportunities to Support Asylum Seekers at Bar Hill Hotel

SCDC is looking for volunteers to help to support families living at the hotel in Bar Hill. There are two main schemes that require volunteers – a Pool Bike scheme and a Pop-up Shop / Donation Room scheme. Both schemes are ready to begin once volunteers are available. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact SCDC on Duty.Communities@scambs.gov.uk providing their availability and a contact number.

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District Councillor Dan Lentell's Report

At the last meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council two motions were discussed, both illustrating the wheat and the chaff on council agendas. One was about party political posturing. The other was about helping residents solve a real-world problem.

Motion 15 (a) called 'for a change in our outdated electoral laws and to enable Proportional Representation to be used for UK general elections'.

PR is a yellow team shibboleth. So, although this motion has nothing to do with the work of any minor local council, it was inevitable PR would turn up on the agenda eventually. Since I was elected as a LibDem, I voted in favour (despite my own strong opposition to PR). I said in the debate, 'There's a reason LibDems lose elections and it's not the voting system. The reason LibDems lose elections is because they take up policy positions, like CONgestion charging, that are massively unpopular'.

Motion 15 (b) was of infinitely more practical value. To summarise, new homes (of which there are one or two around here) are often sold with covenants limiting what future owners can and can't do on the property. These covenants often prevent the opening of small businesses on the property, including professional childcare provision. This motion progresses our local planning towards explicitly exempting childcare provision on domestic premises from future covenants as a planning condition.

Despite a rapidly growing population, these covenants mean that Northstowe has a tiny number of local registered childminders per eligible child, at a time when childcare provision nationally is already heavily oversubscribed.

As a stay-at-home parent ever mindful of the cruciality of childminders in our community, I was delighted to express my support for this superb example of the kind of people-focused policies a sensible council should be exclusively pursuing. I am happy to report that this motion was carried unanimously.

Dan Lentell www.facebook.com/ClrDan

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat 2 Sept	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library see p10	10 30 am – 12 noon,
Sun 3 Sept	The Louisiana Jazzband	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 4 Sept	<i>Plant Nutrition</i> with Selwyn Richardson	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p12
Tue 5 Sept	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Wed 6 Sept	<i>A Brief History of Enclosure</i> with William Franklin	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 - 3 30 pm, see p10
Wed 6 Sept	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p7
Wed 6 Sept	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	3 30 – 4 45 pm, see p10
Wed 6 Sept	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 7 Sept	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Thu 7 Sept	Welcome Evening	Swavesey Camera Club	Swavesey Village College	7 – 9 pm, see p17
Fri 8 Sept	Willingham News Deadline	Willingham News		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sat 9 Sept	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p6
Mon 11 Sept	Meeting: <i>Fenland Natural Heroes</i>	History Needs You	Octagon	10 am – 1 pm, see p6
Mon 11 Sept	Talk by Local Potter, Linda Duclaud-Williams	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Sat 16 Sept	Breakfast & Topical Talk: <i>The Outer Hebrides</i> with Jon Lines	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p5
Sat 16 Sept	<i>Murder at Hangman Hall</i>	Over Players	St Mary's Church, Over, CB24 5NH	7 pm, see p17
Mon 18 Sept	Assignment: <i>Stained Glass</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p5
Tue 19 Sept	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p10
Wed 20 Sept	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Thu 21 Sept	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Mon 25 Sept	Meeting	WHIGs	Social Club	7 30 pm
Tue 26 Sept	Summer Reading Challenge Medal Presentation	Library	Library	3 45 pm, see p10
Tue 26 Sept	Poetry & Prose Evening Theme: <i>Holidays</i>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p10
Fri 29 Sept	Quiz Night	Fen Edge Twinning Association (FETA)	Cottenham Village Hall	7 pm fenedgetwinning@gmail.com

All the Feast Events are listed on page 8

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