

Willingham News

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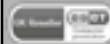
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27 October **Black**

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Old Willingham



Here is a lovely picture you may have seen before. Set around 1900 it shows an idyllic country scene with barn and well-trimmed thatched cottage. The woman carries a heavy wicker basket in her right hand while the man idles his time away leaning on the fence.

However, this enclosure has a purpose. It is the Village Pound. Animals such as goats etc. were everywhere and sometimes they would get out and wander off. Stray animals would be rounded up and put in this pound. The pound keeper (perhaps leaning on the fence) would charge a fee to get the animal back. The location is just by the bridge over the Lode at the recreation ground – to this day called Pound Lane.

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

Nature's Names

The horse chestnut is often referred to as a conker tree, and in autumn it's tempting to pick up the shiny brown nuts and imagine becoming world conker champion! But why is it called a horse chestnut?

As ever, there are different theories about such word origins, but the first part of the word chestnut most likely came from the 14th century Middle English *chesteine*, which in turn came from the Greek word *kastenéā*, meaning *nut from Castana*. In the centuries between Greek and Middle English, the word morphed into Latin and Old French forms before producing the modern English form, nut being added later.

Regarding horse, there are two notable possibilities – that the conkers were originally used to cure horse's coughs, or that the scar left on the twig after leaf-fall is shaped like a horse shoe, complete with nail holes!

John Lawrence



Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 9 October** at 7 30 pm at the Social Club and the talk is *Born in a Railway Carriage* with Wendy Fletcher.

Wendy's autobiography, *The Railway Carriage Child*, describes her childhood, growing up in a pair of Great Eastern Railway carriages built in 1887. They were converted to living accommodation in the 1920s and are home to Wendy's family to the present day. Set in the Cambridgeshire fens, this story not only gives a personal account of an unusual childhood but chronicles the social history of this ever changing part of England (synopsis from *Amazon*). It's sure to be a really interesting evening.

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.

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Willingham Youth Trust

Urgent News

Willingham Youth Trust is in urgent need of support and without new volunteers to help run both the administrative side of the charity and our weekly Youth Club, the charity will be forced to dissolve by **31 October**.

This will be an incredible loss for both Willingham and the young people of this village, especially considering the results of the recent village survey. As Chair of the Charity, I am reaching out to the community to ask for your help.

Our amazing team have worked tirelessly to bring the charity and weekly youth club back after the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are not enough of us to sustain the charity long term. Without more support, the charity will have to dissolve and our funding will be passed over to the Parish Council.

If You Would Like to Volunteer:

Willingham Youth Trust collaborates with the Connections Bus Project to run a weekly Youth Club during term time from 7 – 8 30 pm. As a volunteer, you will be asked to attend one or two sessions per term and will support the Connections team by preparing soft drinks, supervising indoor and outdoor activities, and chatting with the young people. You will need a DBS (Data Barring Service) certificate, but we can organise this for you.

If You Would Like to Become a Board Member:

Willingham Youth Trust is in desperate need of a new Secretary. As Secretary, you will be responsible for responding to emails, organising the hire of the space, helping to maintain social media pages and arranging the Youth Club volunteer schedule. This is a voluntary role, which should only take up a few hours every week. We are also looking for new Trustees to join the charity, to help us apply for grants so that we can run workshops for local young people, their parents and guardians outside of the other Youth Club activities.

The more volunteers we have, the more we will be able to achieve as a charity, and the less work each individual volunteer will be required to do. Please do not leave this to someone else. Get in touch or share this message to help us spread the word!

To contact us, email meatenquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org or message us on Facebook or Instagram.

Jack Stinton

Willingham History Group

WHiGs Event at Belsars Hill
at 12 noon on Sunday 29 October.

Stand where William the Conqueror Once Stood!

It's the 952nd anniversary of William the Conqueror's victory over the last Saxon stronghold in England, on the Isle of Eels.

It wasn't his first attempt to capture Hereward the Wake and to liberate Ely. It had been a long struggle that cost William hundreds of men – and a witch!

Most of this drama played out near Belsars Hill, just outside the village. Our meeting will be at the southern end of the Aldreth Causeway and its junction with Iram Drove. We look forward to seeing you there.

Next meeting of the WHiGs is at 7 30 pm – Monday 30 October in the Social Club

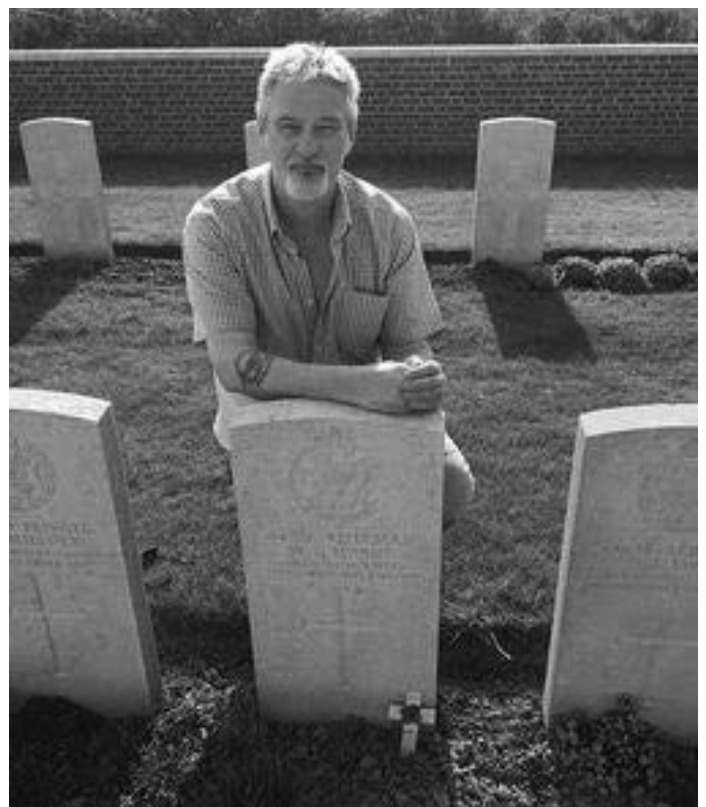
We aim to look into all types of history but anything local is of special interest. This month we have David Walker of www.newmarketbattlefieldtours.co.uk to talk to us.

David enlisted in the Royal Air Force Regiment in 1978 and was commissioned into the RAF Operations branch in 1998. During his extensive RAF career, he saw operational service in the Falklands Islands, Northern Ireland and in both Gulf Wars. He is a passionate genealogist, a student of military history and is a member of the International Guild of Battlefield Guides.

David is currently researching RAF Oakington (now Northstowe) and is looking forward to sharing some of the unique facts about the airfield that he has discovered.

£4 admission to cover the cost of the room.

For further details or queries please contact Steve Moore at whigsinquire@gmail.com.



David Walker

Willingham Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Future healthcare arrangements concern all patients registered with Willingham Medical Practice and probably others within the catchment area.

I express concern as Chair of (and on behalf of) our Patients Participation Group (PPG) in respect of local healthcare provision for the future, in view of substantial housing development locally, particularly in Northstowe and Waterbeach.

I have been taking part in the Cambridge Primary Care Patient Group (CPCPG). We had a meeting on **7 September** and have a further meeting on **5 October**, with among others, senior members of the Integrated Care Board (ICB), plus:

- Heather Noble: Leading the integration of health and care in South Place, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.
- Healthwatch: Julian Stanley, CEO and Karen Igho, Project Manager.

The purpose was to discuss and agree mechanisms for sustainably linking primary care patients in the Cambridge area to the integrated care system in order to enable patients to influence the development of new integrated care initiatives and to give South Care Partnership and Healthwatch access to patient representatives for consultation and co-production projects.

I am setting out below an extract from the Northstowe Community Forum presentation in July:

‘Residents are to continue to register with Willingham and Longstanton Medical Practice. Currently 2,750 patients from Northstowe are registered. There is the capacity to take a further 5,550 patients – workforce and operational hours to increase as necessary.’

This will bring the number of patients from Northstowe to over 8,000!

I don't think many are aware of the current plans. New residents of Northstowe and existing surrounding

residents may well have expected a new medical facility within the new town at an earlier stage.

A permanent medical facility is not foreseen in Northstowe until 2028.

Apparently, the intention is to increase the Willingham Medical Practice patient base up to 17,000–18,000, almost double what it was a few years ago. Additionally, general NHS treatment delays have caused more people to return to local Medical Practitioners for extra care while awaiting treatment. Workload per patient therefore has also increased.

I'm not alone in having some reservations about our Medical Practices being able to cope and infrastructure, traffic, parking will also be affected.

Of course, PPG is ready to support, but, particularly following COVID-19, I'm asking the Willingham Medical Practice, the Integrated Care Board and the District Council to review and share their plans.

Appointment lead time is already up to six weeks!

The Patient Participation Group has a meeting with Willingham Medical Practice on **3 October** to discuss this, among other current matters, and a public meeting is booked in Northstowe Community Centre for 1 pm on **19 October**.

We recognise this may not be convenient for all patients, but please try to attend or send a representative.

There's also a Northstowe Community Forum meeting at the Community Centre at around 7 pm on **4 October**. I encourage those interested to attend and we will be requesting a few minutes on the agenda.

Chris Thornhill
Chair WMP PPG

Note from the Editors

We wish to reiterate that the opinions expressed in this article are those of the contributor. Willingham Medical Practice has said that if a patient has an urgent problem they would try to speak to them or see them on the same day and that the current waiting time for routine matters is four weeks.

The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub welcomes you on Monday mornings in October 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.

Friends of Willingham Church

The Friends group has recently been set up to help maintain our village church building.

Our first project is to raise funds to save some of the stones that are beginning to crumble after 600 years.

Would you like to join the Friends of Willingham Church and help shape the work of the group?

To join us or to find out more, email
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We are also on Facebook:
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Willingham Feast 2023 – Amended Programme

We have some amendments to announce regarding the remainder of the Willingham Feast.

New Times

A walk in the steps of the Nazi Spy and the Wizard of Willingham

30 September

It's September 1940. The battle of France has just been lost and Britain stands alone as it faces invasion from Hitler's Nazi Germany. The British media is full of warnings and requests to keep alert for Nazi parachutists preparing for the invasion. The people of Willingham are about to be put to the test as a Nazi spy drifts to earth just outside the village.

Timing for walks led by Steve Moore of WHIGS INQUIRE: 1 – 2 pm and 4 – 5 pm from The Water Pump on The Green, Church Street, Willingham – for bookings see Spy 1pm www.fb.me/e/32tQeHQeB or Spy 4pm www.fb.me/e/6JAqVbLLA.

A New Event

Fen Shanty Folk

Monday 25 September 7 30 – 8 30 pm in the Social Club (Normal WHIGs event, last Monday of each month).

www.drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uHQQv3gkoFuk0VxCjc4gNuhLEra3Ciwn?usp=drive_link

Fen Shanty Folk, a village Shanty group based in the former port of Fenstanton, are coming to Willingham with some historic and occasionally humorous Sea Shanties. Entry £4 to cover the cost of the room – www.fb.me/e/6JAqVbLLA

New Dates and Location

Photo Exhibition, Public Hall

Saturday 7 October, 12 noon to 5 pm and

Sunday 8 October, 10 am to 4 pm – see page 14.

TICKETS

At the time of writing there are tickets left for --

The Gujarati Tahli Evening – at the Ploughman Hall – **Saturday, 30 September:**

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gujarati-thali-an-evening-of-indian-food-music-tickets-674104513747

An evening (as the Eventbrite address suggests) comprising great food with Bollywood style entertainment and a wet but reasonably priced bar. A Thali is a mixed plate offering a delicious selection of vegetarian dishes typical of the Gujarat region of India. There is also an add-on chicken option for big meaty appetites at an extra charge.

The Wine Quiz – Willingham Primary School – Friday, 6 October

(You will always get at least one question right per round!!) with six glasses of wine and post-quiz dancing to live covers band *Hoarse With No Name*, 7 for 7 30 pm start, then dancing till 10 30 pm.

Tickets – www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=617293363846975&set=a.537784045131241

Postscript

The Feast Tradition (with thanks to Steve Moore of WHIGS Inquire)

Feast Sunday has traditionally been on the Sunday before 11 October – 'old' Michaelmas Day, before the change in the calendar in the 18th century. This was the date when annual lettings and contracts of employment were renewed. Those who worked away from the village on farms in East Anglia or in shops and houses in Cambridge or other towns and cities came home for the weekend. It was a weekend of celebration and thanksgiving when people wore their best clothes and visited friends and neighbours before the start of another year.

For more details on all Feast events:

www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup or www.facebook.com/willinghamsocialclub

By email WAG@willinghamlife.org – or message – 07787 530394 and we will call back.

Willingham Action Group

FEAST EVENTS A Quick Glance at the October Activities

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| Sunday 1 October | Harvest Festival and Soup Lunch at the Church Litter Pick from the Green |
| Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 4 – 6 October | Funfair on the Green |
| Friday 6 October | Wine Quiz |
| Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 October | Photography Exhibition |
| Saturday 14 October | George Michael Tribute Act at the Social Club |
| Saturday 28 October | Soul & Motown Disco at the Social Club |

Derelict Mansion in Fairytale Setting – For Sale

Residents who have lived in the village during the eighties and longer will be aware of this house, Redlands, situated on the outskirts of Willingham. You will have driven along the B1050 and seen its sad decline as the remains were visible just beyond the trees on the left-hand side of the road just beyond the crossing as you drive, cycle or walk into the village.

There was an aura of mystery about it and no doubt children will have made up stories about it being haunted.

In fact, amongst locals there may have even been all sorts of stories about what happened there. These days it cannot be seen from the road as the beech hedge has grown so high.



The mansion dates back to 1905, when it was built for Sidney Thoday, a well-known Willingham seed merchant. It was last occupied in the 1950s. In 1956 much of the inside and most of the roof were destroyed in a fire. In the following years there were two more fires, the worst being in 1996, which destroyed all the internal floors, most of the 16 rooms and the remains of the roof.

The mansion is now up for sale and featured in an article in the *Express online* which included photos of the remains. www.express.co.uk/life-style/property/1807693/abandoned-mansion-for-sale-100k. Readers can also access more details and see the beautiful photos on the Cheffins Property Auctions website.

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Thank you for supporting our charity at the recent village events. So far this year we have raised £2,000 to help the babies and parents at The Rosie Maternity Hospital.

We are stall 12 at the Virtual Shop Local – East Anglia Online Christmas Market www.facebook.com/groups/778630486315024/?ref=share. The Christmas Market starts on **1 October** and runs until Christmas Eve.

Our next in-person stalls will be at the Community Markets on

7 October 10 30 am to 2 pm in Bar Hill

25 November 10 30 am to 5 pm in Bar Hill

17 December 11 am to 3 pm in Waterbeach

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Wednesday 4 October, 2 – 3 30 pm – *Scam Awareness*

Join Nigel Sutton from Cambridgeshire Constabulary for information on how to spot and avoid scams and fraudsters. A drop-in session followed by refreshments. Donations welcomed.

Family Lego Club

Wednesday 4 October, 3 30 – 4 45 pm

If you love Lego 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 Session, Tuesday 10 October, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm

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

Community Orchard Adopt a Tree

92 woodland trees have been adopted so far so let's make it 100!

There is still time to select a tree before winter to celebrate or make a memory. You will also be contributing to the continued enhancement of the orchard. We will be planting more bulbs this autumn including a further 3,000 bluebells – so creating a bluebell wood for the future. If you wish to find out more and adopt a tree, contact Andrew Harris – apharris54@gmail.com.

We will be putting out a call for help with bulb planting in due course, but if you would like to join our band of volunteers already undertaking routine tasks in the orchard, please let Andrew know and we will add you to the list.

*Graham Mumby
Willingham Action Group*

Author Visit

We are finding it quite tricky to book another author event at present but we will continue with our enquiries and hopefully will be able to make an announcement soon.

Friends of Willingham Library

Games Afternoon, Friday 6 October, 2 – 4 pm

Our Games Afternoons resume this month. Why not come and join us for an enjoyable game of Scrabble, one of the other games we have at the library or a favourite game of your own from home. Refreshments available, donations welcomed.

Second-hand Book Sale, Saturday 7 October, 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 18 October, 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 welcomed.

Family History Session, Tuesday 3 October, 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 and 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. Please note that, from November, Family History Sessions will be moving to the first Friday of the month.

Wednesday 18 October, 7 30 pm, Willingham Library Goes Italian

Join us for a fun 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 – from Dante to Donna Leon. We will also have a special guest from Sardinia who will talk to us about literature, culture and other topics. Appropriate refreshments will be provided free of charge but donations welcomed.

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

Have you heard about poems called Limericks?

They are short poems, with only five lines and can be really fun. The most famous person to write them was Edward Lear, who wrote many funny poems.

Here are some Limericks written by different people – we hope you enjoy them.

There once was a farmer from Leeds,
Who swallowed a packet of seeds.
It soon came to pass,
He was covered with grass,
But has all the tomatoes he needs.

There is a young schoolboy named Mason
Whose Mum cuts his hair with a basin.
When he stands in one place,
With a scarf round his face,
It's a mystery which way he's facing.

There was an old man with a beard
Who said 'It is just as I feared!
Two owls and a wren,
Four larks and a hen
Have all built their nests in my beard'.

The incredible Wizard of Oz
Retired from his business becoz.
Due to up-to-date science,
To most of his clients,
He wasn't the Wizard he woz.

Why not write a Limerick yourself and send it in to us? If it makes us laugh we will try to include it in a future edition of *Willingham News*!

While you are doing this. Here's a Limerick for the older ones –

As 007 walked by
He heard a wee spider say 'Hi'.
But shaken, he shot
It right there on the spot
As it tried to explain, 'I'm a spi....'

Sudoku by Willow

Solution on page 21.

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Poem for October

The leaves on the trees
In my garden turn gold.
The oak proud and wise,
So majestically old.

The browns and the reds
Mingle softly once more
And October lays colours
For me at the door.

Christine Lacey

Book Quiz

The golden colours, reds, greens, browns of Autumn in the garden in October are this month's theme. Here are some seasonal titles – now find the Authors. Answers on page 21.

- 1 *The Golden Apples of the Sun*
- 2 *The Hunt for Red October*
- 3 *Red Dragon*
- 4 *The Green Mile*
- 5 *Anne of Green Gables*
- 6 *Green Eggs and Ham*
- 7 *A Clockwork Orange*
- 8 *The Golden Compass*
- 9 *The Goldfish*
- 10 *Father Brown*

Christine Lacey

Willingham Gardening Club

At the September meeting, the club were enthralled and educated by an engaging talk given by Selwyn Richardson on *Plant Nutrition*. During the talk, he eloquently described the main elements required to enrich different plant varieties, as well as detailed crop rotations that help prevent soil-borne disease. The Committee would like to thank Selwyn for sharing his time and knowledge.

We are sure that you have spotted the tubs around the village that have been given a facelift! These have been replanted and are being maintained by the Club and it is good to see some colour about in the village!

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2 October** when we will have a practical and ever-timely talk by Nigel Start entitled *Getting to Grips with Pruning*. The meeting will be at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7 30 pm. New members are always welcome and can sign up for membership in advance. If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com.



Willingham Memory Box Café

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

Saturday 14 October
from 10 am to 12 noon
in

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

No Charge.

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For further details please contact
Frances Watts 01954 200542

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents,

Here is my update of County Council matters.

Highways

Our division has a new Local Highways Officer responsible for maintenance, who appears to have a very can-do attitude which is encouraging. At the time of writing (early September) I had tentatively scheduled the next quarterly meeting with him for the Parish Clerks for 28 September to discuss outstanding issues and communication. Progress has been made on the most pressing of the maintenance issues, but please let me know if there are outstanding problems. Around £5 million is being invested into a programme of surface dressing, which will prevent damage, prolong the life of the county's roads, as well as ensuring they continue to be safe for all road users.

Home to School Transport

The Education and Social Care Transport Service has a small team of fantastic volunteer drivers as part of their home to school transport provision. They're hoping to increase the team of volunteer drivers to provide this service to more local families. Full training and support will be offered. If anyone would like to find out more or have any questions, please email ed.engagement@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 07880473917. You can download a role description, application form and see FAQs on the Cambridgeshire County Council website: www.tinyurl.com/3d9826nz.

Festival of Stories February 2024

The next Festival of Stories will run from **21 to 28 February 2024** with a focus on *Caring for Our Planet*. The aim is to think about the impact we have on the natural environment and enjoy how stories can be used in fun and interactive ways to help us better understand the world we live in and how we can make a positive difference to boost young children's communication, language, and literacy skills. To get involved with our festival, please do contact Helen at helen.wootton@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. More information about our work can be found on our *Talking Together in Cambridgeshire* Facebook page – www.facebook.com/talkingtogethercambs.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, views and issues. My mobile is 07919 990299 and email is neilgoughcrw@gmail.com.

Neil Gough

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Services in Church

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| 1 October | 11 00 am | Harvest Festival Service |
| 8 October | 11 00 am | Morning Praise Service |
| 15 October | 11 00 am | Holy Communion Service |
| 22 October | 11 00 am | Morning Praise Service |
| 29 October | 11 00 am | Joint service at Northstowe Primary School (No Service at St Mary & All Saints Church) |

Harvest Lunch

We are hosting a Harvest Lunch on **1 October** as part of the Village Feast celebrations. The lunch will be in the Octagon Hall, behind the Church and will follow our Harvest Festival Service and all are welcome.

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 14 October** 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 12.

Prayers for Ukraine

We continue to keep an area set aside in Church for those who wish to spend some quiet reflective time to pray for Ukraine and its people during daytime Church opening hours. Also, every Thursday evening from 6 30 to 7 pm, we offer a time to gather to pray for peace and an end to the conflict. Everyone is welcome.

Octagon Hall

The Octagon is available for private bookings. For further information and bookings, please contact Colin Smith at the administration office, Tuesday to Friday 9 30 am to 12 noon, using the contact details shown below.

Contact Details

Rev Simon Gill is currently on sick leave; in his absence please contact one of those listed below:

Clergy:

Rev Jenny Hill 07970 949331 or jenny@5folds.org.uk


Licensed Lay Minister:

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

5folds Administration Office:

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



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Activities for October

Sunday Services, 10 am

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

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| 1 October | Doing Good in the Face of Challenge |
| 8 October | Living for God |
| 15 October | Suffering for Being a Christian |
| 22 October | Christian Leadership |
| 29 October | Summary of the Letter of 1 Peter |

Sunday Evening Service 6 pm

15 Oct Traditional Format

Wednesday Fellowship – Every Week

10 am Open Door for Coffee and Chat

EVENTS

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 21 October 7 45 – 9 am

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and an interesting talk.

Community Lunch Club: Thursday 5 and 19 October.

Book through Daphne on 01954 260568.

TOPS Baby and Toddler Group: Tuesdays at 9 45 am (term time only). 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

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it John 1 v5

It's getting dark earlier in the evenings and what a great time to focus on celebrating the light this month instead of the dark!

When was there a time you were afraid of the dark? For me, it was when I was a child. I used to live on a dairy farm in Kent. There were no streetlights at night and it was pitch dark. In my room, I couldn't even see a hand in front of my face. I'd stay in bed and not move until I fell asleep or it got light outside. I was too scared to run across the room and turn my light on! Years later, when I think about it now, the darkness isn't that powerful at all. As soon as the light goes on the darkness has to go. No matter how deep the darkness it cannot extinguish the light. We can see things as they actually are.

The Bible uses the image of light to offer us a deeper understanding of God's gift to us in Jesus Christ. The stark contrast between light and darkness helps us better understand the gift of God's light and the grace Jesus Christ brings to our dark, sin filled world. Darkness can be seen as a symbol of evil and of ignorance of God and His truth, while light can be seen as a symbol of righteousness, life, truth and God's ways. The world is shrouded in the darkness of evil and falsehood. Jesus Christ is the only light that not only shines in the darkness but dispels it. There is no darkness in Jesus: 'This is the message we have from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all' John 1 v5.

We have the choice to follow Jesus and have His light lead us. Jesus said 'I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life' John 8 v12.

Jesus is the light of the world. He was sent into the world to cast out darkness: to point people to God and to call people to repentance of their sins. If you have any further questions or would like to understand it more, there are people in our places of worship in the village, who would love to help you.

*Louisa Astle
Baptist Church*

Willingham Jazz Club

**Social Club, first Sunday in the month,
12 30 – 3 30 pm**

Doors open 12 noon

1 October Golden Era Jazzband
5 November Cambridge Jazz Co
3 December Tailgate Ramblers Christmas Jazzband

Admission £10. Fully Licenced Bar. Large Dance Floor.
Tea/coffee and fresh rolls available.

For further information call Rosie-Val 01954 789670.

Willingham Bowls Club

The summer season is over, we had problems with league participation, membership numbers, holiday commitments and sickness. We tried to recruit new members but, as always, it proved difficult.

We did, however, manage to recruit some new members, who, once they tried it, thoroughly enjoyed it. We also tried to encourage 18s and under to try free of charge roll ups during the summer holidays and one young man came forward who enjoyed the game and proved to be a good player. We hope he continues.

Our real success was our Dementia Group. We did have six at most playing on Wednesday afternoons and again they all enjoyed playing and joining in to play sport again. There were lots of smiles and a general sense of achievement. We plan to run the Dementia Group again next year.

We played in the Business Houses League and two of our players, Sue Reynolds and Bill Prince, reached the final of the Mixed Pairs, only to be beaten by the current champions. A very good effort from them.

Our new shirts attracted comments, all complimentary, thanks to the sponsorship of Vintage Travel. Many thanks to them. We are now playing indoors at Chesterton Indoor Bowls Club. Bowls has become a twelve month sport now.

All we need now are more members. If you try it you might be surprised how skilful you are and how much fun it is.

Terry Buckley

Willingham Photography Club

As in previous Feast years, the Willingham Photography Club will be holding their 13th Exhibition in the Public Hall on:

Saturday 7 October – 12 noon to 5 pm (or earlier if we have set up in time)

Sunday 8 October – 10 am to 4 pm

Each Club member submits at least one photo from our monthly assignment subjects during the year, and at least one of their own choice, taken during the previous 12 months. The photos are all professionally card mounted and viewed at eye-level on our own custom-made display boards.

Our friendly membership has a diverse range of camera types, knowledge, and age. We hold monthly meetings in the Baptist Church from 8 – 10 pm on the third Monday of each month, where you are welcome to visit free for your first time, with refreshments at half time.

Coming up in November we have a Wildlife presentation by award winning photographer Kevin Pigney from Burwell, and our Quiz Night in December.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Exhibition and our monthly meetings.

Francis Pullen



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Shingles Vaccination

Almost a million more people (900,000) became eligible for a shingles vaccination from 1 September.

The extension of those eligible for the shingles vaccine is complicated and will be phased until 2028.

From 1 September, those turning 65 and 70 will also be able to get the vaccine after their birthday, in addition to those already aged 70 to 80.

You ARE eligible for the vaccine this year if:

- You are aged 70 to 79 years.
- Your date of birth (DOB) is between 1 September 1953 to 31 August 1954.
- Your DOB is between 1 September 1958 to 31 August 1959.
- You are severely immuno-suppressed and over the age of 50 (please do not call the surgery – you will be invited if you fall into this category).

You ARE NOT eligible for the vaccine this year if:

- You are aged over 80.
- Your Date of Birth is between 1 September 1954 and 31 August 1958.

Please contact the surgery to book your appointment with a practice nurse.

Please note, the nurse will check you are eligible for the vaccine after booking, and you will be sent an SMS cancelling the appointment if you do not fall within the eligibility criteria.

Flu Vaccinations

Please support our surgery this year and book your flu vaccination with one of our nursing team. We are once again offering dedicated flu clinics on Saturdays. Please contact reception to book your appointment with us as soon as possible. You can also book your appointment online using Systmonline or the NHS app.

Patient Participation Group

The next open meeting for the Patient Participation Group (PPG) will be on **Thursday 19 October** from 1 – 3 pm at the Northstowe Community Centre. For further information please contact Chris Thornhill at crthornhill@gmail.com.

Repeat Prescriptions

Please be reminded that the current turn around for repeat prescriptions is three working days. We have been made aware that patients ordering prescriptions via the NHS app are informed their prescription is available the next day for collection. Unfortunately, this is not the case and we are

WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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| Monday | 8 30 – 1 00 | 2 30 – 6 00 |
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| 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 |
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| 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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| Friday | 8 30 – 1 00 | 2 00 – 6 00 |

unable to change this automated update on the NHS app (the app is managed externally and not by the practice). Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

Carers' Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and/or financial or emotional support, please come to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 4 October** at the Surgery, where we will be holding a drop-in meeting from 2 to 4 pm. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and the session is 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.

Closure Afternoon

Willingham Surgery and the Longstanton Dispensary will be closed from 1 pm on **Wednesday 18 October** for staff training. We will re-open at 8 30 am on **Thursday 19 October**. If you need urgent medical assistance during the closure afternoon, please call 111 who will direct you to the appropriate service. Willingham Pharmacy will remain open from 2 – 6 pm.

Lisa Smith – Assistant Practice Manager



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QEII Field

Sadly, an irresponsible dog owner has allowed their pet to tear the soft rubber of the zip wire and seesaw seats on the play equipment. The zip wire seat was replaced at a cost of £300 but this new one has now been damaged too. The seesaw seats will also need to be replaced, all at considerable cost to the taxpayers. We have therefore installed CCTV on the playground in the hope of catching the perpetrator, but if the damage continues we may have to consider removing these very popular pieces of equipment from use. If you do see dogs on the playground please report this to the Parish Office using contact details shown below.

Over the summer it has been lovely to see that the field has been extremely well used, including the table tennis tables. There are currently plans for a Willingham Table Tennis Club to be set up (see page 5), and the Parish Council is happy to encourage this.

Willingham Cemetery

Cemetery Wall – Work is underway to repair the corner of the cemetery wall where it joins the Social Club. The work is expected to take about three weeks.

Topple Testing – The Council have planned for formal topple testing to be carried out in the cemetery. This is a routine inspection that is required every few years. Where possible, plot owners will be notified of any issues raised and measures will be taken to ensure memorials are safe.

Remembrance Sunday

As is normally the case the Council will be laying a memorial wreath on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the village and we welcome residents to join the occasion.

Meadow Road Wildlife Pond

We are pleased to report that planning permission has been granted for the wildlife pond and Cambridgeshire ACRE will be carrying out the work over the coming months. Once completed we are sure this will be an excellent addition to the site, offering both a range of biodiversity and an enjoyable spot for residents to enjoy.

Trees and Hedges

The Council would like to remind residents of their responsibility to ensure that hedges and trees do not

encroach on the pavements and highways. Now that the nesting season has finished, we would encourage owners to take the opportunity to ensure work is carried out to enable pedestrians and vehicles to travel uninhibited and safely.

John Anderson

Sadly, the Council has been made aware that John Anderson has passed away. John had served on the Council for a number of years on two different occasions, always keen and willing to go the extra mile to support the village in any way he could. John will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him and the Council would like to pass on their condolences to John's family.

Parish Council Vacancy

As mentioned last month, the Council currently has one vacancy and will be co-opting this position at its October meeting. Anyone wishing to apply will need to submit an application form by **Tuesday 26 September**. Please contact the Clerk for more information if you receive your copy of *Willingham News* before the end of September.

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

Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP

Tel 01954 261027

email clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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

Clerk: Mandy Powell

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District Councillor Bill Handley's Report

Crackdown on Fly Tipping

SCDC is cracking down on illegally dumped rubbish, prioritising it as a key objective in its Business Plan by:

- Prompt clearance of rubbish to reduce further occurrences at the same site.
- Deterring criminal activity using 'fly tip under investigation' stickers to highlight ongoing investigations.
- Joint roadside check initiatives with the Police, HMRC and other partners.

Fly tipping is a criminal offence which can result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of up to £400 or could end up in court with fines of up to £50,000 or even a prison sentence. You can report fly-tipping to the Council on this link: www.tinyurl.com/mrxrks72.

A Reminder – Changes to Bin Collections

Optimising collection routes is something that takes place every few years to accommodate housing growth. At the time of writing, revised bin collections were due to start on 18 September. Many residents will have a change to either their bin day or the sequence of their bin collections. Even residents that are not affected by the changes may find that crews reach their property at different times to usual and it may be much earlier – so they should put out their bins by 6 am. All the information about the changes can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/binchanges. Letters have been sent to all addresses which are affected and there are reminders on social media. See also regular Bin Collection Box on page 3

Planning Application List

Please be reminded that, each week, I publish the latest list of extant planning applications relevant to Over and Willingham. You can find this here along with a wealth of other information and links: www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18.

Bill Handley

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District Councillor Dan Lentell's Report

CONgestion charging is dead, but it is not buried and may be reanimated after the next round of local and national elections are done. The apologists and enablers for this terrible answer to the wrong question may try it on again. We cannot let them.

The question is not whether Cambridge (cities, shire, towns, and gown) badly needs a transport tomorrow vitally different from our transport today. Clearly, we are long overdue light rail and buses that exist to get folk from A to B, rather than to fill the coffers of private companies with public subsidies. The question is how to (or who should) pay? The mega-developers? The billion-dollar corporate interests? A bond issue? Or working people, the sickest and the poorest in society, via a flat-rate poll tax that hits the low and unpaid hardest and which puts a paywall between residents and their healthcare. Communities like Over and Willingham will be so much worse off if this watered-down treatment is administered, it makes the head spin that anyone in their right mind could want it to happen.

From day one, I have argued that CONcharging is wrong for Over and Willingham. The M11 access roads, with which we access our NHS at Addenbrooke's, play zero part in Cambridge City's traffic management issues. To charge us to use them in order to subsidise bus services which aren't designed to benefit us is wrong.

In 2005 CONcharging was rejected by Edinburgh voters in a referendum, yet better buses and actual trams were made to happen. What we have seen over the past 12 months is proof positive that the GCP is broken beyond repair and should be scrapped. As Cllr Naomi Bennett (Green Party, Abbey ward) said, 'The GCP brand is so toxic it's getting to the point where if the GCP promised us free ice cream and sunshine and puppies, our residents would say no thank you.'

Dan Lentell

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| DATE | EVENT | ORGANISATION | VENUE | EXTRA INFO |
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| Sun 1 Oct | Harvest Lunch | St Mary's & All Saints Church | Church | 12.30pm, see page 13 |
| Sun 1 Oct | Golden Era Jazz band | Jazz Club | Social Club | 12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670 |
| Mon 2 Oct | <i>Getting to Grips with Pruning</i> | Gardening Club | Social Club | Doors open from 7 pm, see p 12 |
| Tues 3 Oct | Family History Session | Friends of Willingham Library | Library | 10 30 am- 12 noon |
| Wed 4 Oct | <i>Scam Awareness</i> | Engage in the Afternoon | Library | 2 – 3 30 pm, see p 10 |
| Wed 4 Oct | Carers' Support Meeting | Surgery | Surgery | 2 – 4 pm, see p 15 |
| Wed 4 Oct | Family Lego Club | Library | Library | 3 30 - 4 45 pm, see p 10 |
| Wed 4 Oct | Parish Council Meeting | Parish Council | Octagon | 7 30 pm, see p 17 |
| Thu 5 Oct | Community Lunch Club | Baptist Church | Baptist Church | Booking essential, see p 13 |
| Fri 6 Oct | Games Afternoon | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library | 2 – 4 pm, see p 10 |
| Sat 7 Oct | Second-hand Book Sale | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library | 10 30 am – 12 noon see p 10 |
| Sat 7 Oct | Charity stall | Rosie in Stitches | Bar Hill | 10 30 – 2 pm |
| Sun 8 Oct | <i>Willingham News Deadline</i> | <i>Willingham News</i> | | See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com |
| Mon 9 Oct | <i>Born in a Railway Carriage</i> | Women's Institute | Social Club | 7 30 pm, see p 5 |
| Tue 10 Oct | Digital Buddy Drop-in Session | Library | Library | 10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p 10 |
| Sat 14 Oct | Memory Box Café | Parish Church | Octagon | 10 am – 12 noon, see p 12 |
| Sat 14 Oct | Annual Ploughing Match | Willingham & District Ploughing Society | Land off Rampton Road | See Sept's issue |
| Wed 18 Oct | Knit & Natter Afternoon | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library | 2 – 4 pm, see p 10 |
| Wed 18 Oct | Italian Evening | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library | 7 30 pm, see p 10 |
| Thu 19 Oct | Community Lunch Club | Baptist Church | Baptist Church | Booking essential, see p 13 |
| Sat 21 Oct | Breakfast and Topical Talk | Men's Breakfast | Baptist Church | 7 45 am, see p 13 |
| Sun 29 Oct | History club event | WHIGS | Off Priest Lane | 12 noon, see p 6 |
| Mon 30 Oct | Talk by David Walker | WHIGs | Social Club | 7 30 pm, see p 6 |

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Sudoku Solution

Book Quiz Answers

1.Ray Bradbury; 2.Tom Clancy; 3.Thomas Harris; 4.Stephen King; 5.L.M. Montgomery; 6.Dr. Seuss; 7.Anthony Burgess; 8.Philip Pullman; 9.Donna Tart; 10.G.K.Chesterton.

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