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Old Willingham



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This is the Willingham Tabernacle Baptist Church – date unknown. It resided on the same site as the current modern building that replaced it in the 1980s. The original ‘strict’ Baptist church which was opposite, opened in 1776 and was then replaced by a large brick building. However, part of the congregation wanted to establish a church with a less strict approach and built this ‘tabernacle’ on the other side of the road in 1873. As congregations declined, the original church closed and was demolished. This building was also demolished but replaced with the church that is very much still alive today. Only the wall on the street remains. It seems sad, but the cost of upkeep for such a large building really would be impractical and the church building behind was much less fancy than the imposing facade!

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.

Over Players Quiz Friday 3 November 7 30 pm, Over Community Centre

Back by popular demand, the Over Players Quiz has all the ingredients for a great evening of quizzing – music, pictures and general knowledge of course, but with something special in the mix.

Tickets www.overplayers.uk.



Nature's Names

In the autumn, we are more than likely to be visited by generally unwelcome guests — spiders. Fascinating creatures that they really are, even the word sends shivers down the spine for some people. The name can be traced back over two thousand years to the early Common Germanic word *spinthron*. This morphed into many forms by the 14th century, including *spydyr* and *spither*.

There are also many other archaic and obsolete words which include ‘spin’ and, even today, the name in some languages is based on that root, for example the Swedish *spindel*.

Another name in Middle English was *attercop* — *atter* denoting poison, and *cop* meaning round head. In Tolkien’s *The Hobbit*, Bilbo sings a song to divert the attention of the spiders.

Old fat spider spinning in a tree!

Old fat spider can’t see me!

Attercop! Attercop!

Won’t you stop,

Stop your spinning and look for me?

John Lawrence

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Contact:

Louise Gamon (Treasurer)

louise.gamon@gmail.com

07429 317803 (please leave a message if I am unable to pick up and I will get back to you).



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Engage in the Afternoon, Wednesday 1 November, 2 – 3 30 pm, *Milling Through the Ages*

Would you like to hear about the fascinating history of Bourn Windmill? Enjoy a talk about milling through the ages, learn about the mill's recent restoration and find out who lives in the cottage next door. Talk presented by Graham Bruce and Kate Armstrong, followed by refreshments. Free but donations appreciated.

Family Lego Club, Wednesday 1 November, 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 Session, Tuesday 14 November, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm

Struggling to access the web? 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, free of charge!

Friends of Willingham Library

Games Afternoon, Friday 3 November, 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 4 November, 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 on your reading for the darker evenings.

Knit and Natter Afternoon, Wednesday 15 November, 2 – 4 pm

Our October session had to be cancelled, apologies for

this, but we resume this month. 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, Friday 3 November, 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.

Poetry and Prose Evening

In October we had another of our successful and enjoyable evenings with readings on the theme of holidays. Thanks to Chris Lacey for chairing and making these evenings informal and fun. We are planning the next one for December so watch this space!

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.

Over Players Pantomime

The Over Players panto box office is now open. The cast are trying out walking on one leg like Long John Silver, Polly is practising her swark and Mum has a pub full of regulars to serve. The WI are in on the act too and have their eyes on the prize.

This panto is so full of fun and music and pirate jokes that you and the family are sure to have a wonderful time. There's an early show on **Tuesday 12 December** if you have little ones (and older ones) who need an early night plus a matinee on **Saturday 16 December**.

We can't wait to welcome you there at Over Community Centre.

Tickets www.overplayers.uk.



Willingham Gardening Club

At our October meeting, we welcomed back Nigel Start who spoke to us all about pruning, offering helpful tips and techniques to help us get the best from our trees and shrubs.

Here are some of our key takeaways:

- Be selective and objective; why are you pruning? Is it to restrict the size, improve the shape, remove dead or unsightly growth?
- Make sure you have quality tools (ie, secateurs, loppers, bow saw).
- A good rule of thumb is to prune after flowering and avoid severe frost. However, do your research.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6 November** with Judith Large from Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital.

The Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club at 7 30 pm with refreshments from 7 pm.

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

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

Shoe Boxes

Would you like to give a Christmas gift to a child who has never been given one before?

Each year, *Samaritan's Purse* sends hundreds of shoeboxes packed with goodies through *Operation Christmas Child* to those who otherwise would not receive a gift. This year they will give them to children in 120 different countries, from Refugee Camps in the Middle East to war torn Ukraine and remote villages in Africa and Central Asia.

If you would like to send a gift this Christmas, you can bring things such as school supplies, new toys (that will fit into a shoebox!) or personal care items (a bar of soap, toothbrush, hairbrush etc), but no sweets, liquids or creams, to the Baptist Church by **11 November**, when we hope to pack the boxes ready for collection.

Any questions? Phone Hilary Wyllie on 01954 260051 or 07711 885899.

Violin, in the Hands of a Twelve-Year-Old Boy

I sawed away at the strings
without the encumbrance of talent or will,
wounding Ode to Joy beyond repair.

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I would rub the bow with rosin. I felt in good company;
it was used by gymnasts, mountaineers,
weightlifters, archers, ballerinas...
and pole dancers.

Dust from the rosin built up, dulling the varnish
on the wood. And so came my favourite part,
cleaning my violin — it was like polishing a car
you're unable to drive.

Yet I felt the calm as I wiped away the grime,
the rhythm of my hand bringing back the shine.
Then I'd tuck the instrument under my chin
and pause, with a reluctance
for bow to grind at string again
and break the easy silence.

John Lawrence

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 13 November** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. Gemma Barron from Margent Eco Farm in Pidley will be speaking about hemp farming and the farm's commitment to organic and regenerative farming methods.

At our September meeting local potter, Linda Duclaud-Williams guided us through making a pot pumpkin ready for Hallowe'en. It was a very enjoyable evening and some members were so pleased with their pots that Linda is firing them.

Why not join us? Our friendly group is open to all women. 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 Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub welcomes you every Monday morning in November from 10 am – 1 pm.

Come and join us for company and free tea or coffee and biscuits.

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.

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 an activity supported with funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council via Cambridgeshire ACRE.

Everyone is welcome so please come and join us on Monday mornings.



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

There are no urgent on the day appointments. If you are unwell over a weekend you would need to call 111.

Please see www.cambsgpnetwork.nhs.uk/gp-extended-access-1 for more information on sites and opening times or ask the reception staff.

New Baby Registrations

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

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Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Ante Natal Baby Clinic		2 00 – 4 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
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Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
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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 1 November** between **2 – 4 pm** at Willingham Surgery. Come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely free!

Lisa Smith –Assistant Practice Manager



Young Readers' Corner

Front Cover Photo

Joseph took the stunning photo at Duxford Battle of Britain Air Show in September and it is a fitting photograph for November, a remembrance month. It was the first air show for the family and was quite emotional in places remembering those who were lost in the various wars.



Joseph is 13 years old and lives in Willingham. He goes to The Grange therapeutic school in Oakham each day as he requires specialist provision to meet his additional needs. He enjoys walking his dog Hudson, playing games such as *Minecraft* and watching gaming videos. Joseph is a big fan of *Stranger Things* and an excellent Monopoly player.

Well done with your photo Joseph.

Aviation Wordsearch

As Joseph has provided such a brilliant front cover photo, we have a wordsearch with all the hidden words relating to aviation this month.



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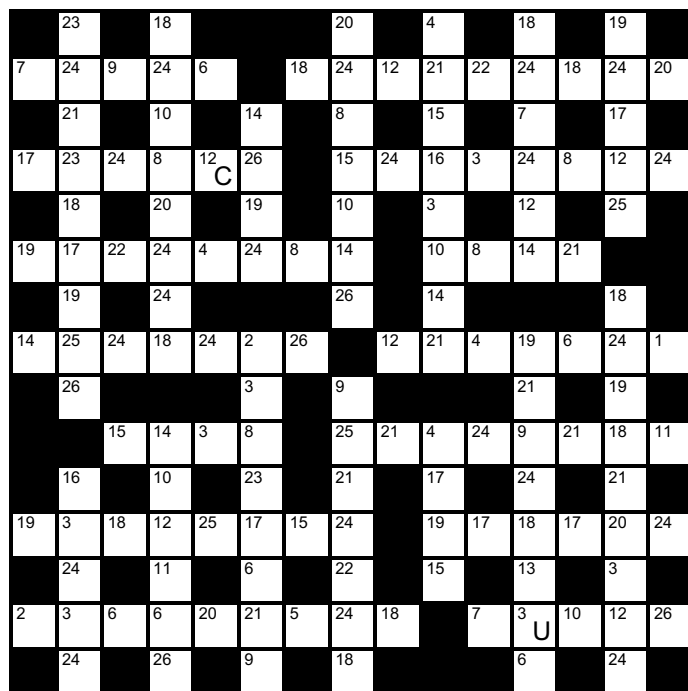
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RUDDER
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SPIN
STALL

STATIC
TAKEOFF
TANGO
TAXI
THROTTLE
TOWER
VICTOR
WEATHER
WING
WRIGHTS
VOKE

Codeword

Answer on page 19



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

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

Bell Ringing

Saturday 4 November 10 30 am – 12 30 pm

Bellringing meeting at Parish Church.

The bells will ring between 10 30 am -12 30 pm.

Ely Diocesan Bellringers

Carer Wanted

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Wikipedia Editor Wanted

A resident of Over has written a biography of one of Stalin's foreign Ministers, Maxim Litvinov, as he knew his daughter. He wants somebody with good computer skills and proof-reading ability, to submit items to Wikipedia. It would be ideal for an A level student or an undergraduate reading for a degree in modern history or for an individual with an interest in Soviet history and international politics 1900-1950, but my previous helper, who resigned because of pressure of other work, was extremely competent and had no particular knowledge of history.

£20 per hour. Email John at jodoveton@googlemail.com

Feast Week

Thanks to all who helped organise, set up and support the numerous events. See photos on opposite page.

The Ceilidh was a great success. Dance caller John Mullett had everyone on their feet with a well curated evening which included a Ploughman's supper and an excellent and remarkably entertaining raffle on behalf of Direct Support for Ukraine. This grossed £256 to which John generously added his fee for the evening. The profit from the ticket sales – and from the Feast events generally – is to be used for good causes in the village.

The Ska Dust duo appeared at the Social Club on the same night, with a good crowd enjoying Madness and Bob Marley covers.

The weekend continued with the Gardeners' Fayre at the school. This showcased a wonderful selection of flower, fruit and vegetable exhibits, including children's categories for funniest vegetables, flowers in an unusual container, Mr Potato Head and a tray garden! A selection of original art with a horticultural theme was also set up, offering a glimpse of the local talent of the village Art Group! Stallholders appeared to enjoy a reasonable footfall, supported by the WI kindly offering teas, coffees and biscuits.

The Repair Café on the Sunday was particularly successful – a real community vibe with plenty of chat between repairers and reparaees. Items included a petrol brush cutter, a 100-plus year-old frayed textile-stayed folding chair that left the Ploughman Hall looking new (among other skilful sewing repairs), numerous bikes, hi-fi sets, jewellery items, vacuum cleaners – almost all given a new lease of life. One of our engineers even brought his gardening tool grinding wheels for a sharpening service.

There was an evening of seafaring song courtesy of Fenstanton's Shanty Folk at the Social Club organised by Willingham's own history group WHIGS Inquire. Local historian Steve Moore also contributed two separate history walks from the Green covering the fascinating stories of Willingham's very own Nazi spy and, unrelated, the Wizard of Willingham.

Saturday evening at the Ploughman Hall saw Sharda's Boys all the way from Crawley put on a Gujarati Thali evening, serving up an astonishing menu of 15 tasty

vegetarian items plus a chicken curry option with extra naan. The main course was preceded by Indian canapés and followed by garam masala chai and good ole Indian Parle biscuits – few managed to clear their multi-recess plates!

St Mary's and All Saints' Church held their annual Harvest Festival followed by a soup lunch. The organisers confirmed that the publicity provided by the Feast led to a good turnout for the event.

Sunday afternoon saw a WAG Litter Pick with 18 participants concentrating on Priest Lane/Iram Drove, Rockmill End/Spong Drove and Meadow Road. The bounty was impressive, with pickers rewarded with items from a goodies bag kindly donated by the Co-op.

The Wine Quiz held at the School on 6 October was a great success. The music provided by Hoarse with No Name and their guest singers was excellent and participants were able to add to their knowledge of wine after the quiz, courtesy of copious left-overs. Congratulations to the winners, Sauvignon Blondes, who wiped the floor with the Wine Club regulars!

The Photography Club put their talents on display with an exciting array of amazing imagery on show at the Public Hall. Footfall, they report, was excellent, not least thanks to their proven practice of hauling passers-by off the street to come and have a look!

Also on the Feast programme was a highly anticipated George Michael tribute act at the Social Club.

Finally, Thurston's Funfair set up a week earlier than originally announced and began several days of entertainment on the Thursday, with a good turnout dominated by families with young children, especially on Saturday.

Finally, a word of thanks to the staff of the Parish Council Office for their great patience and invaluable assistance, and to our Primary School and particularly site manager, Jon Thorley-Wright, who could not have been more helpful.

Poem for November

A cold sun and a Fenland mist
wraps itself around us
as nuts are gathered and
the apple tree stands silent.
Yet in the warm glow of the fire
with our hands embraced
by mittens and gloves,
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Christine Lacey



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Some of the Litter Pick Crew



The litter pickers in action



The litter picking marshalls



The Gujarati Thali experience menu



Feast Week



Art exhibition



The Repair Café



Right: Wine Quiz. Below: Gardener's Fayre



The chair, over 100 years old, gets a makeover



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You can make your own lantern or bring along LED candles/lights or torches. Please bring drums, bells and whistles to make a loud noise!

At the Primary School Fayre:

At around 5 pm we will gather at the Primary School to unveil the first Advent window. We will then join the school for their Fayre.

Carol Singing:

We will sing some carols as chosen by you during the Fayre! Here is a QR code to take you to the voting page. Voting will close at noon on **1 December**.

Vote Now!



You will be able to pick up a list and map of all the Advent Windows from the usual places: The Post Office, The Library, Boswells Bakers.

This is a Willingham Action Group Event.



Photography Club

willinghamphotoclub.org.uk

The next meeting is **Monday 20 November** at 8 pm

Passion for Wildlife Photography

A presentation by Cambridgeshire wildlife photographer

Kevin Pigney

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Rows Of Things

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

Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Whilst out working around the reserve, it's quite common for curious visitors to approach us with questions about how we manage this expansive site and how many staff members are responsible for its upkeep. Their reactions are typically a mix of surprise and appreciation when we say that only two of us are entrusted with the on-site care and maintenance of this sprawling, almost 400-hectare reserve, complete with an extensive network of around 16 kilometres of pathways. It's at this point that we can take the opportunity to extol our unsung heroes without whom we would not be able to cope – our extraordinary team of volunteers, upon whose dedication we heavily rely. See photo on page 14.

These outstanding individuals play a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth functioning of our reserve. Whether they're walking the trails to pick up litter, inspecting infrastructure for signs of wear and tear, running events to engage the community, extending warm welcomes to visitors in the car park, conducting breeding bird and biodiversity surveys, or undertaking crucial habitat and infrastructure management work, it's safe to say there is virtually no aspect of our operations in which volunteers aren't deeply embedded and we simply could not manage without them. To date this year, from January through to early September, we have logged almost 2,000 volunteer hours across the various roles.

Our volunteer force is as diverse as the reserve habitats they help protect. Spanning a wide range of ages, from enthusiastic teenagers to experienced octogenarians, they represent an eclectic mix of backgrounds and interests. Some among them are keen birders and nature enthusiasts, while others simply relish the opportunity to spend a few hours outdoors either alone or with other like-minded people. What unites them all is a passion for our reserve, a shared eagerness to be actively involved and an invaluable commitment to its sustained management and success.

If you would like more information about the volunteering opportunities here at Fen Drayton Lakes, please get in touch.

Wednesday Wander

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

To see further details and book, please visit:

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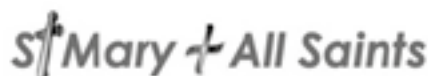
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Young Resident's Book

Annmarie Viljoen has written a book. Since she was a little girl she has dreamt of writing a book and has now done so. Her book makes reference to village locations which will be familiar to readers.

She says that she really enjoyed writing the book and has included some surprises within it!

Her book, *Through the History of Life* is available from Amazon.



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5 November	11 00 am	Holy Communion Service
12 November	10 45 am	Remembrance Service
19 November	11 00 am	Holy Communion Service
26 November	11 00 am	Morning Prayer Service

Remembrance Sunday

On **Sunday 12 November** you are invited to gather at the War Memorial at 10 45 am for the Act of Remembrance.

Following this, you are invited to move into the Church for the service of Remembrance.

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 11 November** from 10 am in the Octagon with music, refreshments, laughter and fun for everyone living with memory loss (or similar conditions) and their carers or family – see further details on page 19.

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 group and private bookings at a cost of £15 per hour. 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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Wednesday Fellowship – Every Week

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EVENTS

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 18 November 7 45 – 9 am

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Induction of New Minister Kwaku Efah – see page 14

Saturday 11 November. At this service the new minister will be introduced and committed to his new ministry. If you would like to attend, please contact the Baptist Church secretary.

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

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 2, 16 and 30 November.
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 in the Octagon at Bar Hill, next to the church at Hanover Close, CB23 8EH

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

New Minister for Baptist Church

After several years without a minister, the Baptist Church have appointed Kwaku Efah to take over the role and lead the church into the future. Minister Kwaku Efah was previously a missionary who worked in Ghana in a Baptist Church plant in the capital, Accra. He laboured for nine years helping to bring growth to the church. He is a widower with three grown up children. His passion is reading, walking and football. Kwaku has an open friendly style and is looking forward to building an inclusive and vibrant church supporting Willingham and the surrounding area. Kwaku will be inducted on **11 November**.



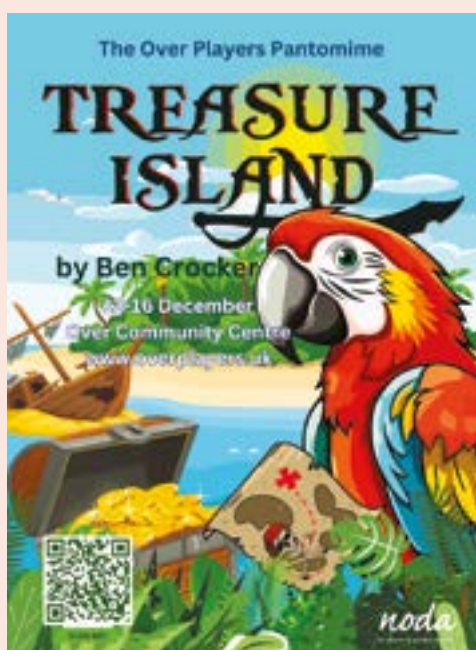
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Each year we devote a page in our December issue of *Willingham News* to readers' Christmas Greetings. Readers are invited to send in their greetings to friends and neighbours either in a box they have designed or alternatively supply their words and we will provide the surrounding box.

It costs just £10 and all the money will go to a very worthy charity, East Anglia Children's Hospice in Milton. Your 'greetings' need to be sent to the usual address, WillinghamNews@gmail.com or left at the library and they need to arrive by **8 November**.

Please post your cash or cheques, (made payable to EACH) in an envelope through the letterbox of 54 High Street.



Volunteers undertaking autumn habitat management work on Elney Lake – Henry Cook

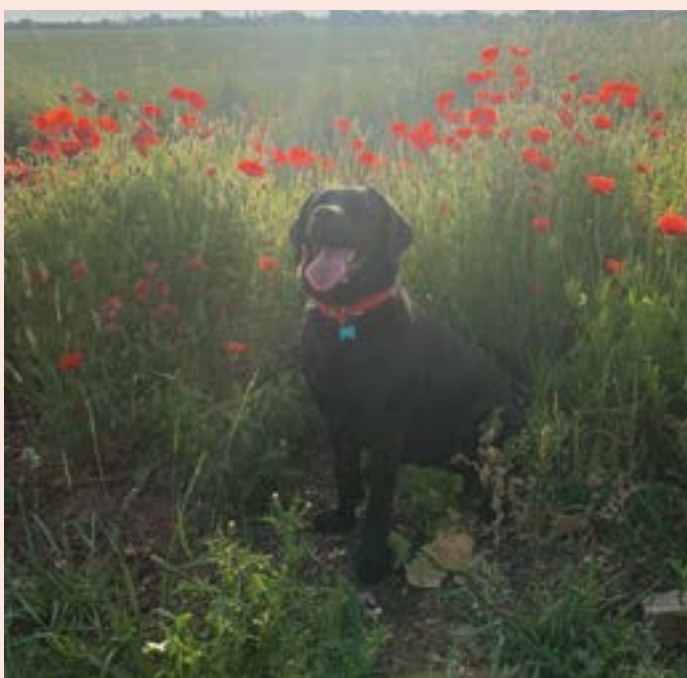
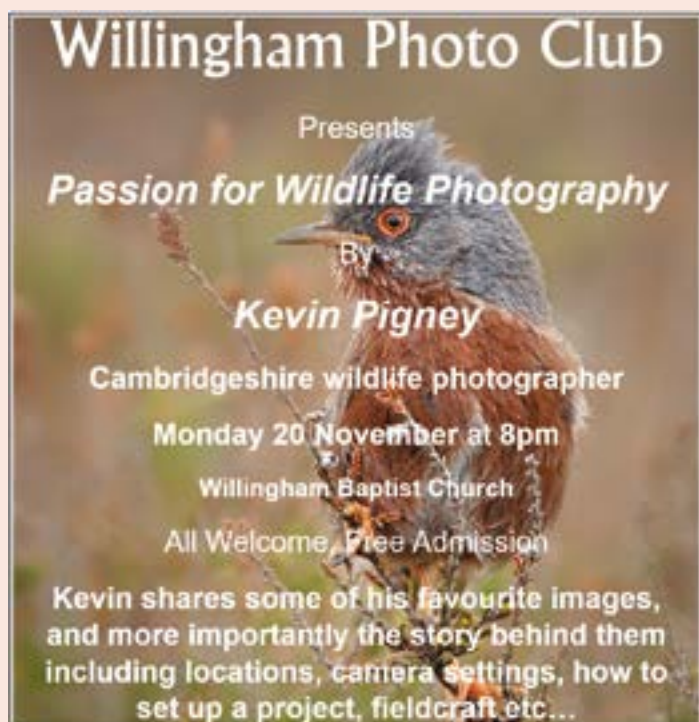


Photo by Sara Asbury
Poppies for Remembrance Day

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

Highways

Following the County Council request for applications for 20 mph areas throughout Cambridgeshire, the Parish Council submission for a village wide zone has been approved. We have had a preliminary indication of this and will publish more details when these are agreed. There will not be any speed reducing measure such as road humps, etc, but signage only on posts and road markings where the limits change, all separate from and inside the current 30 mph area.

The Speed Watch group in the village has been very active, particularly along Earith Road but also in other areas such as Station Road and Green Street. They have reported that their presence has seen a reduction in speeds and letters have been sent to drivers exceeding the limits. They have also reported on untaxed vehicles as they are recorded.

Traffic calming measures along Rampton Road (funding from the Northstowe development) are yet to be implemented. The latest Local Highways Initiative (LHI) bid will be for priority give way features on Rampton Road at the 30 mph sign and at a repositioned 30 mph sign at the village boundary on Over Road.

The village has newly repainted yellow 'no parking' lines and white zigzag lines at the traffic lights near the Co-op. These are particularly important near the school and the junction of Long Lane and Newington. Drivers with disabled parking permits are allowed to stop on these lines but must not park within twelve metres of a junction or they could lose these privileges. It is dangerous for all road users if these rules are not adhered to and potentially could cause an accident. The police occasionally visit, but when the District Council take over the enforcement of these from the police, those who disobey these rules will be more likely to be penalised.

Hanson and RSPB Reserve

At a recent meeting, it was reported that the first confirmed successful nest in 2022 in the UK of Glossy Ibis has been registered on the RSPB Reserve. The Little Crane, a small moorhen like bird and a rare visitor from Europe has also been reported. A low point is that avian flu has been reported on the site.

The company name has been changed from Hanson to Heidelberg Materials Aggregates to reflect the group ownership and the function of the site. The previous name will disappear from all signage, etc, in the near future. Working on the gravel site has now been increased to four days a week which is maintaining capacity at about

600,000 tonnes per year. There are plans to increase the size of the operations and meet a target of one million tonnes next year.

Meadow Road Project

The project for the wildlife pond is moving forward and hopefully by next year we will have a good bio-diverse area for residents to enjoy. Future developments will include a grassed parking area for visitors. There will be installations to encourage insects (bug hotel) and bats, and a wildflower meadow created. Nonnative tree species will be removed.

New Councillor

Welcome to Ian Barratt who rejoins us after about a ten-year break.

Street Cleaning

We have been given a schedule for street cleaning. The link is: [Street care and cleaning – South Cambs District Council \(scamb.gov.uk\)](http://scamb.gov.uk). It would be helpful if residents could let us know which streets are particularly clogged with weeds and then we can then forward a list to SCDC.

Willingham Feast

The Feast has now finished and thanks to everyone involved in organising the various successful events provided for residents.

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.)

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District Councillor (SCDC) Bill Handley's Report

Help for Residents Through the Cost-of-Living Crisis

South Cambridgeshire District Council's (SCDC) latest initiative to help certain residents through the cost-of-living crisis is the offer of a free electric blanket/throw, which cost a fraction to run compared to central heating. Qualifying residents are those who claim Council Tax Support plus certain disability and mobility benefits. They will receive a letter in the coming weeks, explaining how to claim their free blanket.

Homes for Ukraine Landlords' Incentive Scheme

SCDC has seen one of the highest number of Homes for Ukraine arrivals for a lower tier authority with over 850 guests coming to the district since 2022. Recently, the focus has been to help guests to move on to independent accommodation. So SCDC is launching a Landlords' Incentive scheme in an effort to provide more affordable and sustainable housing options, paid for from the government's Homes for Ukraine fund.

New Bin Collection Schedule

The move to the new four-day week bin collection schedule has gone very well so far with 99.7% of bins collected in the first two weeks of the new schedule. The number of calls/complaints was below what was expected as was the number of reports of missed bins. An advantage of not collecting bins on Mondays is that we all avoid the confusion caused by Bank Holidays.

Making Connections Update

The GCP has decided not to proceed to the next stage of its Making Connections project. The aim of the project was to make travelling in and around Cambridge quicker, simpler and faster by easing congestion and offering better, fairer, and greener travel choices. The focus is now likely to fall on other areas of the City Access programme such as resident parking, road hierarchy and freight consolidation plus other infrastructure projects. These solutions will not be delivered quickly.

Four Day Week Update

The four-day week is an attempt by SCDC to reduce its agency bill and take control of serious recruitment problems linked to the high cost of living in the district. Since the start of the trial, nine posts have been filled of 23 long-term unfilled, with a saving of around £550,000 a year. Recruitment appears to have been positively affected by the trial, both in the number and quality of applicants.

Bill Handley

Contact 01954 200287 (please leave a message) or email cllr.handley@scambs.gov.uk.

Neil Gough – Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report

Dear Residents,

Here is my update of County Council matters:

Highways – 20 mph Zone Application

The moderation of the speed of traffic through the core of our villages is one of the most frequent issues that has been raised with me by residents who are concerned by the safety, noise and the generally negative impact on public space. This was one of the key priorities for the County administration. Therefore, I was delighted that both Willingham and Cottenham were awarded high marks for the applications and was prioritised within the funding available. Rampton also scored well but unfortunately was not prioritised sufficiently highly to be funded in this round.

Highways Maintenance

We recently had a very promising meeting with the new Highways Officer, Neal Stevens, which was very encouraging. He is executing a plan to clear the backlog of maintenance jobs and we discussed the need to tackle persistent issues eg, paths and roads that are impacted by overgrowing vegetation. The quarterly meetings will continue as before.

A programme to assess and prioritise the peat soil affected roads, including the B1050 and Beach Road between Cottenham and Landbeach, has been initiated.

Planning

I have raised the issue of S106 contributions relating to secondary education at Cottenham Village College with the County team and have asked to see the detailed projections that led to the change in the requested contributions for a recent development in Cottenham. It appears that considerable weight is being placed on a new school at Waterbeach – a facility for which there is no planning permission as yet.

Young People – Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

The new school year started with no schools in the county closed because of concerns over Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). All of Cambridgeshire's schools have now been surveyed and no RAAC has been found.

The County worked closely with school leaders to reassure parents, carers and pupils before the start of the new school year.

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

A slightly longer version is in the Extras section of *Willingham News* on village website

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Thought for the Month

November is the month of remembrance. October, with its Feast and Harvest Festival, has ended in the revelry of Hallowe'en.

All Saints Day is on 1 November. The Hallows (holy ones) are those who have passed from this world to the next and live forever with God. They are for the most part an unknown multitude, although all of us know some of them, and this is the day for us to rejoice with them and give thanks for their lives.

The tone changes on All Souls Day, **2 November**. On this day we remember together those who have died more recently and pray that they may rest in peace with God, finding in this some comfort for ourselves too.

Soon after comes Remembrance Day itself, the formality and ceremony helping us to face the bitter sadness of lives lost in war. Speaking to some who did not believe in life after death, Jesus reminded them of God's words to Moses in his vision of the bush burning in the desert, 'I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.' Jesus goes on to say, 'It is of the living, not of the dead, that he is God. To God, all men are alive.'

A widely held view is that we live on in the memory of those who knew and loved us, and this is true, but not the whole truth. Our whole life, our whole self, is known to God who made and sustains us, and loves us for who we are: 'God hates nothing which he has made.' We hope to live on in God's presence and pray for ourselves and each other in this world, and for those who have gone before us, giving expression for our desire for God's Kingdom to come, as come it will, when 'All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'.

At the end of the month, on the last Sunday before Advent, we celebrate Christ in glory as king, victorious over death, bringing life to all who seek him.

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17 December 11 am – 3 pm in Waterbeach

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Rev Ted Duckett

Some older folk in the village will remember Rev Ted Duckett, a former vicar of Willingham. This is to let you know that he died peacefully at home on the 23 September and his funeral was in Worcester on 24 October.

Ted had been ill for some time. Many will remember him as Red Ted and I think he wore the nickname with pride. My recollection is that he cared about everyone – be they in the pub or in church. He was someone I felt honoured to have known and called a friend.

John Mullett

Volunteer Deliverers Needed

We still need some volunteers who are prepared to stand in at short notice to deliver the *Willingham News*. We have our usual team who have their regular rounds but sometimes they might be unable to deliver for some reason. If you fancy the occasional walk, possibly to a part of the village you are not familiar with, please send your contact details to willinghamnews@gmail.com.

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Wed 1 Nov	<i>Milling Through the Ages</i> with Kate Armstrong & Graham Bruce	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p6
Wed 1 Nov	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Wed 1 Nov	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	3 30 – 4 45 pm, see p6
Wed 1 Nov	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 2 Nov	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Fri 3 Nov	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p6
Fri 3 Nov	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p6
Fri 3 Nov	Over Players Quiz	Over Players	Over Community Centre	7 30 pm, see p5
Sat 4 Nov	Second-hand Book Stall	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p6
Sat 4 Nov	Bellringing & Meeting	Ely Diocesan Bellringers	Parish Church	Bells will ring 10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p9
Sun 5 Nov	Cambridge Jazz Co	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 6 Nov	Talk with Judith Large from the Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p7
Tue 7 Nov	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p6
Wed 8 Nov	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		Articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sat 11 Nov	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p19
Sun 12 Nov	Act of Remembrance	Parish Church & British Legion	War Memorial, Parish Church	10 45 am, see p13
Mon 13 Nov	Talk with Gemma Barron from Margent Eco Farm, Pidley	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Tue 14 Nov	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p6
Wed 15 Nov	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p6
Thu 16 Nov	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Sat 18 Nov	Men's Breakfast	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p13
Mon 20 Nov	<i>Passion for Wildlife Photography</i> with Kevin Pitney	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 pm, see p12 & p14
Mon 27 Nov	History Club Meeting	WHIGs	Social Club	7 30 pm
Sat 25 Nov	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 5 pm, see p19
Sat 30 Nov	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Fri 1 Dec	Big Light Switch On & Parade	Baptist Church	From 41 High Street	4 45 pm, see p12

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