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Greetings and Thanks

We are pleased to announce that East Anglian Children's Hospice gratefully received £120 before Christmas as a result of readers' donations for their Christmas greetings.

Eagle-eyed readers and Lily Bonus's family will have noticed that, owing to a printing error, Lily's name was only partly visible in the Christmas greeting dedicated to her on page 13 of December's issue.

Hoping to go some way towards making up for this, may we join the family in wishing Lily a very happy new year in 2024.

Willingham News

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The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub welcomes you every Monday morning from 10 am to 1 pm.

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

This is an activity supported with funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council via Cambridgeshire ACRE. With generous support from our Parish Council and The Co-operative Community Fund, we are now able to offer more at the Community Hub, including homemade soup, rolls and toast.

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.

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

Old Willingham



This is one of the oldest photographs in the collection, taken in the 1890s. It shows village life with two women chatting (one holding a well wrapped baby) and children gathered – probably playing a game on the ground. One woman is carrying buckets probably after getting water from the village well on the Green. Do we know where this is? Well, there is a clue on the gatepost which is capped with a decorative stone. These were (and still are) on the wall to the Baptist Tabernacle. So, these cottages are on the corner of George Street and Love's Lane.

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.

A Poem for January

Welcome to a new year,
the old one safely gone.
Look forward, smiling,
to all that it may bring.

Say hello to January
and embrace it everyone.
A new start, new hope,
come let your heart sing.

Christine Lacey

Willingham Jazz Club

The Social Club,

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7 January No meeting

4 February The Dynamics

3 March The Jake Leg Jug Band

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Volunteer Drivers Needed In Willingham

OWLS Community Car Scheme provides a valuable and much needed service to those people living in Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey, who need to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys but are unable to access other means of transport.

There are currently about 250 customers using OWLS with over 80 of them living in Willingham, the largest number of the four villages.

We have a great team of volunteer drivers but have recently lost a couple due to personal circumstances. So, we urgently need to recruit more drivers, especially in Willingham, as demand for the service continues to grow. Are you retired or about to start retirement or perhaps working part-time? Drivers do not have to commit to regular days or times but being able to do one journey a week is really helpful.

Drivers use their own cars and receive 45p a mile in total. A (free) DBS check is required, and additional insurance cover is provided by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

The OWLS mobile phone is manned by a rota of volunteer coordinators who have the phone for a fortnight at a time. We would also like to have an additional coordinator to help with this.

Can you help maintain this very important Community service?

PLEASE call the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 for an informal chat, without commitment.

Lorraine Hunt

Advent Adventure A Retrospective

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who hosted windows this year! We hope everyone in the village enjoyed visiting them too and seeing the Christmas story unfold. It was great to partner with the school this year and sing Willingham's favourite carol 2023 *O Come All Ye Faithful* with everyone at the Christmas fayre.

Also, particular thanks to Sue and Howard Berry. Your light switch-on at the launch night really makes a special start to the Advent Adventure. Thank you.

However, having organised the event for 10 years, we have decided to pass the baton on. It has been fantastic working with so many lovely people. Over the years there have been over 30 different households hosting windows. We have had themes such as Recycled Nativity, Christmas Through The Ages, Christmas Around The World, Christmas Carols, Alternative Nativity, Christmas Charades and The A-Z of Christmas. We've had quizzes, objects to find and an advent anagram to solve.

If you are interested in organising the Advent Adventure in the future and would like to chat about it, please email Kathryn at Kathryn.wright@fenlodge.uk.

Kathryn Wright and Emma Launchbury

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 8 January** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. Fiona Rose will be talking about May Morris, founder of the first WI in England, quilter and daughter of William Morris.

Our November speaker was Gemma Barron from Margent Hemp Farm in Cambridgeshire. The farm practises organic and regenerative agricultural methods as well as growing hemp to make building materials. The Margent farmhouse itself is made primarily of hemp from their first harvest. Gemma told us about her father setting up the farm and brought along some building panels and other items such as trays made from compressed hemp for us to look at and handle. It was really interesting to hear about this local initiative to address the climate crisis.

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 Willingham British School Trust

The Trustees wish everyone in Willingham, especially its young people and the teachers of our children, a very successful 2024.

At their meeting in October 2023 the Trustees were delighted to fund applications from three young people about to start their undergraduate degree programmes.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be on 19 January. The Trustees welcome applications for funding from:

- young people who have recently started at university or on a further education course and have encountered unexpected costs such as equipment, fieldtrips and the reading list associated with their courses.
- representatives of our community groups seeking funds to support related activities.

The Trustees would also be pleased to consider applications for funding from the governors and staff of the local schools attended by our children.

Making an application is easy. Initial enquiries about eligibility for funding and how to apply should be made to the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher, by telephone – 07881 521041 or by e-mail at raycroucher47@gmail.com.

News from Ouse Fen Nature Reserve

The RSPB have been working in partnership with Heidelberg Materials on the transformational wetland project at Needingworth Quarry for more than two decades. Turning their aggregates quarry into the largest reedbed in the UK creates a wetland that will support birds of huge conservation importance – like the Bittern – along with many other wildlife species. It's a great place to visit!

Summer Wildlife Highlights

The spring and summer seasons just past are the key seasons for us when we hope to see breeding birds and other wildlife benefitting from our work over the previous year.

Very positively, the number of male Bitterns returned to its second highest record since the project began, with 11 booming birds this year and two returning to Cuckoo Fen, which has received intense management rejuvenation in recent years. Whilst we did not record turtle dove breeding on the reserve, this year there still appear to be good numbers dotted around the wider project area and at neighbouring Fen Drayton Lakes.

On a more sombre note, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) killed dozens of breeding Black-Headed Gulls and Common Terns at Ouse Fen and Fen Drayton Lakes this year. The full impact on wild bird populations across the country still needs to be fully assessed but conservation concern only increases.

But our final and most remarkable wildlife news dates back two years! It has now been confirmed that a pair of Glossy Ibis bred successfully for the first time in the UK in 2022 within our local 'Ouse Valley' reserves. You can read local birder Steve Hutchinson's story here – www.birdguides.com/articles/britain-ireland/glossy-ibis-breeds-in-britain-for-first-time/.

Winter Prospects – Take a Look!

Expected highlights coming up over winter include the chance of seeing of wintering birds of prey from the reserve trails such as a Merlin or Short-Eared Owls, both seen already last October. Otherwise, you might like to simply soak up the wide open vistas, enjoy a healthy walk or plan a longer hike via public rights of way to one of our neighbouring reserves and the wider countryside beyond.

The reserve is open during daylight hours via our visitor entrance between Earith and Willingham but to plan a trip in more detail please visit www.rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/ouse-fen or contact us by email at ousefen@rspb.org.uk.

If you are holding an event of any sort, please let us know by emailing willinghamnews@gmail.com, and we will then put it on our What's On page.

The Friends of the Rosie Maternity Hospital

The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are raising money to help make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. In 2023 we raised over £3,000. Thank you for your support at all the Christmas markets.

We are sharing our extensive catalogue on our Facebook page so you can grab yourself locally sourced, unique, beautifully crafted gifts and warm clothing and accessories for special friends and family. By using our online store, you will be avoiding the crowded shops and keeping yourself safe. You can shop for new items on our website or donated items in our eBay charity store and vintage knitting patterns on our Facebook page. Please take a look at our extensive selection of jumpers and cardigans ideal to keep babies and children up to four years old toasty and warm through the remaining weeks of winter using 'coupon sleeves50'.

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New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of knitters, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares. If you would like to donate some of your spare time while you are staying safe at home, check out our website's volunteering page for some ideas. We are still welcoming donations of craft materials.

Thank you for your continued support. Stay safe.

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Photography Club

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

The next meeting on **Monday 15 January at 8 pm** and the assignment is

Geometric

We will also be catching up on assignments for November and December.

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Engage in the Afternoon and Family Lego Club

As the local primary school children do not return to school until the 8 January, we're sorry but neither of these sessions will take place this month.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

Tuesday 9 January, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm

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

A Date for Your Diary –

Wednesday 21 February, 10 – 11 30 am

Half term fun with The Dogs Trust for children aged 7 to 11 (plus an adult). A free and fun family workshop with Darcy from the Dogs Trust to learn about safe behaviour and being responsible around our four-pawed friends! To book a place, please email BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Please note that there will be no real dogs in attendance.

Our librarians, Sue Shimmens and Chris Benton begin their well-deserved retirements this month. We send them off with many thanks and all good wishes for their next chapter.

Friends of Willingham Library

Games Afternoon,

Friday 5 January, 2 – 4 pm

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

Second-hand Book Sale,

Saturday 6 January, 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. Please pop along and stock up for the wintry days.

Knit and Natter Afternoon,

Wednesday 17 January, 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 available, donations welcome.

Family History Session,

Friday 5 January, 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. For further information, please contact us at willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

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

Nature's Names

Snowdrops used to be associated with February and the coming of Spring, but these days it isn't unusual to see them much earlier. Archaic names for these flowers include *Snow Piercer*, *Candlemas Bells*, and *White Ladies*.

There's much folklore about snowdrops — some believed that the flowers signified purification and it brought good luck to bring them indoors, others believed that they were Death's flowers, and should never be found in the home.

The first English book which detailed the snowdrop was in John Gerard's *Generall Historie of Plantes* (1597), in which he listed the name of the plant as *Timely Flouring Bulbous Violet*, despite it being nicknamed snowdrop after being introduced into England a hundred years before. At that time, it was purely a collector's plant, only found in the gardens of the wealthy gentry!

John Lawrence

Thought for the Month

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome in 2024, I wonder what your reflections are of the past 12 months and what your hopes and dreams might be for 2024? Are you someone who likes to make New Year's resolutions? Are you good at keeping them if you do? Does a new year fill you with excitement or raise your levels of anxiety as to what it might hold?

The simple answer for most of us is that we simply cannot be sure what 2024 will be like, for us, our friends and family, the United Kingdom or the world. We may have plans and ideas but whether, or not, they will happen who can say? The natural ebb and flow life usually ensures we will experience a mix of emotions on our earthly journey and, with that, opportunities to branch out and do new things, meet new people and take up new challenges. It's also likely that most of us will experience times of difficulty too, of emotional challenge, of a varied sense of well-being some of which may be deeply unsettling. Therefore, how can we prepare for a new year when we don't know what might happen for us?

To live your life according to God's ways and the teaching of Christ also brings challenges and opportunities. It is by no means easy. Whilst we may have assurance of God's love for us and his forgiveness when we don't do as we should, living a life that may, at times, be at odds with and removed from contemporary society's cultural expectations can be hard, especially for our young people and children. How easy it is to slip into ways that are not of God and to ignore Jesus's teaching that the most important things we can do are to love God, to remain obedient to his commandments and to love our neighbours as ourselves.

I hope and pray that in 2024 our village can continue to grow as a place where all are welcome and cared for by the whole community. It is so encouraging to see the many activities that do just that in Willingham already. Coffee mornings, the Community Hub, youth groups and uniformed organisations, our sports teams and so much more. Each offers hospitality and opportunity to those who join in and our churches are no different. The Christian message is one of hope and love, compassion and care.

As 2023 turns into 2024, may the light of Christ shine in your lives and may each of you find peace and blessings to accompany you through the next 12 months, whether or not you make any resolutions for the year ahead.

Happy New Year to you all.

Canon Jan Payne

Licensed Lay Minister, St Mary & All Saints Church

Willingham Men's Breakfast Programme 2024

'...Standing in the Presence of Kings...'
Proverbs 22 verse 29

This year (yes, our 18th!) we have another packed itinerary. Last year our theme was the *Islands of Britain*. This year we are returning to our Christian roots, hence the heading above, exploring biblical jobs, trades and professions more than 2,000 years ago and how the skill, pride, commitment, dedication involved relates now in the 21st century.

Our programme for the next three months is:

Date	Biblical Workplace	Speaker	From
20 January	Farmer	Geoff Pake	Willingham
17 February	Accountancy and Lender	Josh Monteiro	Longstanton
16 March	Tentmaker and Fuller	Glenn Myers	Cambridge

Dates for the rest of the year will be included in the February Edition of *Willingham News*.

We will draw on local men's experiences and stories and many, during these half-hour monthly talks, will show videos, photos on our huge screen and projector at the Baptist Church – Main Hall. As usual we meet on the third Saturday monthly at 7 45 am until 9 10 am for an excellent full eight piece breakfast for a ridiculous £3 (free if it's your first time!) with lighter and dietary options also available on request.

We are a jovial mixed-age bunch with ages ranging from 20 to 90, a variety of backgrounds, all faiths and none, and so far, from several neighbouring villages. All men are welcome, even if you can only stay for part of the morning. These last two months we have welcomed four men for their first time. So, if you have never attended, check us out.

To contact the group, please contact the group at wbc-willingham-mens-breakfast@googlegroups.com or for individual emails whammensbrek@gmail.com for the attention of Pete Sacré.

Pete Sacré

Distaff Day – Fun and Fire!

Distaff Day falls on **7 January** each year and its celebration was very popular in East Anglia between the 13th and 17th centuries. A distaff is a tool used to hold the spinner's unspun fibre. It's the day after Twelfth Night, traditionally the day when Christmas was done and dusted and the women went back to their regular daily work of spinning.

The men's equivalent day was Plough Day; the Monday after Twelfth Night, which every few years fell on the same day as Distaff Day. That's when the mischief took place. According to folklore, the men would come home and put the women's flax on the fire. The women would get their own back by pouring buckets of water on the men.

Willingham News

It is sometimes interesting to reflect on how life went on some years ago. Back issues of *Willingham News* can provide a snapshot of life in the Village in years gone by and are worth a look – see page three for access details. Here are three extracts from the Magazine published 10 years ago in January 2014, which provide interesting details of different aspects of life in the villager and its residents.

Parish Council Report

From the Parish Council January 2014

Precept

There is good news and bad news. The good is that the Parish Council has set a zero increase for next year. The total remains at £112 000 or about one pound per week for each household. This helps pay for the Parish Office and its staff, the provision of two halls and a pavilion, the recreation ground, play areas and play equipment, the village green and the cemetery. Council funds also go to help support a host of other village facilities including youth activities and this magazine. Perhaps not such bad value at a pound per week, but we mentioned bad news. Unfortunately many of you will see a rise in your Parish precept. This is because of a change in the way the charges are allocated and is imposed on us by Central Government. We have no control over this and as a Parish Council receive not one penny more from it.

Staff Changes

As mentioned last month, following the resignation of Dawn Spouge, who relocated with her family at the end of October, Mandy Powell has been appointed as our Parish Clerk. Now Halina Szulakowska has been appointed as Administrative Assistant. Mandy has been with us for several years as Admin Assistant and during this time has trained to become a fully qualified clerk. We offer a warm welcome to Halina who will start work regularly in January.

Councillor Vacancy

There is currently one vacancy on the Council which will be filled at the elections next May. There is plenty of time to think about it and if you feel you would like to put yourself forward then do have a chat with the Clerk or any of the existing Councillors to find out what is involved. The duties are not too onerous and you will be helping the Council in the work it does for our community. It would be particularly nice to hear from female candidates. Not through choice, the current Council is all male.

New Year Resolution

By the time you are reading this you may have made and possibly already broken several New Year resolutions. But here is one for us all that was the suggestion of one of our previous Councillors. It is to try and make our village an even nicer place to live in 2014. Here is the challenge. Drop no litter, drive slowly and carefully, park considerately, smile often, meet and greet friends, neighbours and colleagues warmly and see if every day you can do one little kindness. Not an easy challenge but worth a go. Meanwhile the Parish Council wishes all our parishioners a very Happy New Year.

Paul Ingle

In December many villagers attended the funeral of Paul Ingle, who had died aged 99. Interestingly, Paul's lifelong involvement with music locally was reflected in *Willingham News* some 10 years earlier with the announcement of a Concert to celebrate Paul's 90th birthday.

Concert To Celebrate Paul Ingle's 90th birthday

Proceeds to Teenage Cancer Research
Jennifer Thompson, Gordon Hewlett and friends will give a concert in St Mary's Parish Church at 7 30 pm on Friday, 24 January.
Tickets £6 on the door. Price includes a glass of wine.
All proceeds go to Teenage Cancer Research.

**Did any of our Readers attend the Concert?
If you did, please tell us all about it!**

Tribute to a soldier of The Great War

by Graham Rose, a descendant.

Sidney Hopkin was born and bred in Willingham and attended the school in Fen End. Afterwards he cultivated the land around his home in the Black Pit and Berrycroft area, now known as Balland Field.

As a young man he volunteered as an engineer to fight in the First World War and joined the Cambridgeshire and Suffolk Regiment and trained in Bury St Edmunds before being sent to the Somme. When he returned home, he told of laying barbed wire fences and spoke of the fighting, the mud in the trenches – where not even toilets could be properly dug – and of the explosions around him. But as with many who fought in the Great War he kept some things back about his dreadful experiences. He experienced a period of convalescence in Wales before returning to Willingham to resume his farming life.

Sidney's rehabilitation included driving the first Fen Pump Old Oil Engine sited along the Earith Road.

After the war, life was very hard for most working people. Apart from poverty there was a lot of sickness. Sidney had two children of his own, Edna Rose and Eric, but also cared for three of his deceased grandmother's sister's family – Henry, Gordon and Phyllis. There was not much room in their old home but they managed and worked at sending fruit and flowers to market.

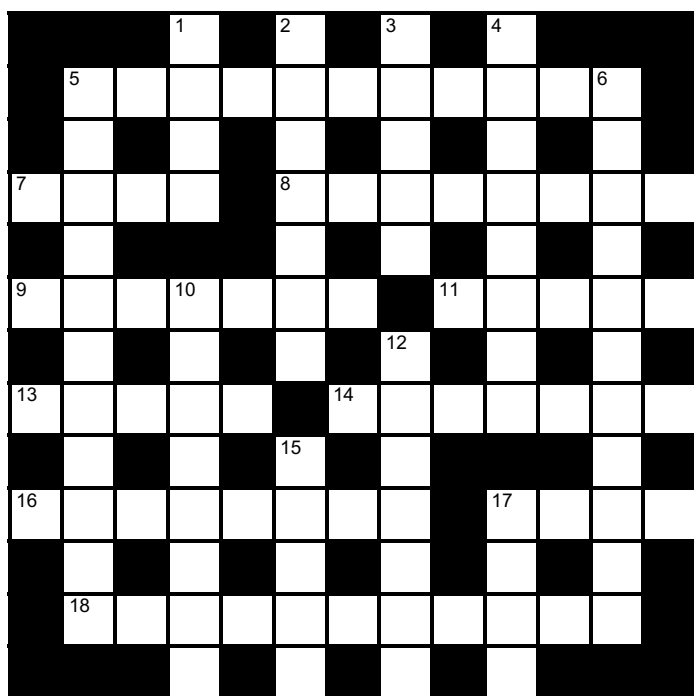
During the floods of 1947 their livestock from Bridge Farm was also lodged at their Berrycroft house! Sidney had many stories about those days of farming, of the railway through Earith which carried goods but not passengers to markets on the other side of the river.

One story he told was how one of his new heifers went missing after being offloaded from the railway yet managed to appear the next day having crossed the river unaided simply by following the call of her herd!

Sidney kept going to a ripe old age. He moved to a smaller place on Rampton Road before he died; he is buried in Willingham churchyard. His family is proud of his achievements and the contribution he made to his country in 1914.

General Knowledge Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 15.



Across

- 5 East Midlands town whose football club is known as The Cobblers (11)
- 7 Coloured part of the eye (4)
- 8 The other side of one's personality (5,3)
- 9 Wading bird with a booming call (7)
- 11 Largest of the Greek islands (5)
- 13 Group of singers (5)
- 14 19th century writer of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* (7)
- 16 Case for the ship's compass (8)
- 17 Plant fibre used to make linen (4)
- 18 US National Park, home of the Old Faithful geyser (11)

Down

- 1 Greek god known as Cupid in Roman mythology (4)
- 2 Operations room (7)
- 3 Delia, TV cook and 5dn supporter (5)
- 4 Science fiction franchise beginning with a series made in the 1960s (4,4)
- 5 Football club known as The Canaries (7,4)
- 6 Bird known for its beautiful song (11)
- 10 Three-sided geometrical shape (8)
- 12 New Orleans (3,4)
- 15 Blood of the gods (5)
- 17 Dessert of pureed fruit and cream (4)



Young Readers' Corner

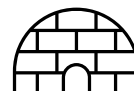
A Cunning Quiz – answers on page 15

Here are some questions you might think about and, perhaps, challenge the adults in the family!

1. In a year, there are 12 months. Seven months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?
2. You are a cyclist in a cross-country race. Just before crossing the finish line, you overtake the person in second place. In what place did you finish?
3. How far can a Deer run into the woods?
4. What has a mouth but cannot eat, moves but has no legs, has a bank but no money?
5. On my way to St Ives, I met a man with seven wives. Each wife had seven sacks, each sack had seven cats, and each cat had seven kits. Kits, cats, sacks and wives. How many were going to St Ives?
6. What has a spine but no bones?
7. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
8. How can a man go eight days without sleep?
9. What is yours to own, but others use it more?
10. Which word in the dictionary is spelled incorrectly?

January Picture

January brings the snow, makes your feet and fingers glow!
Can you draw a picture of a snowman having fun on a sledge here?



Book Quiz

As it is January let's look at books beginning with J and guess the authors – answers on page 15.

1. *Jaws*
2. *Jane Eyre*
3. *James and the Giant Peach*
4. *The Joy Luck Club*
5. *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*
6. *Julius Caesar*
7. *Jennie*
8. *Jude the Obscure*
9. *Just So Stories*
10. *Jamaica Inn*

Christine Lacey



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A Healthy 2024 – HEALTHY YOU

As we once again welcome a new year, many of us will be starting 2024 with resolutions and good intentions to make positive changes to our lives. To help you with your journey, HEALTHY YOU is a great starting point.

HEALTHY YOU is a free service for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents who are looking to make changes to their lifestyle. Commissioned and funded by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council, they are here to help with every aspect of your health, fitness and wellbeing, with all their FREE programmes proven to have long term benefits.

So, whether you want help to stop smoking, lead a more active lifestyle, lose some weight, or simply take advantage of the NHS Health Checks they offer, Healthy You can help you.

Their services are usually delivered face to face in community venues however, due to COVID-19, they are currently operating a flexible service that offers virtual or telephone based appointments to provide support in line with current recommendations.

For more details of their range of FREE services, helpful resources and lots of useful information please visit www.healthyyou.org.uk or telephone 0333 005 0093.

Introducing Elaine Bunce, our Social Prescriber

What does a Social Prescriber do? Well, social prescribing enables GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services to support their health and wellbeing.

It is designed to support people with a wide range of social, emotional or practical needs, including focusing on improving mental health and physical wellbeing. This can range from advising people about unclaimed benefits, helping them complete forms, referring people to statutory services such as Social Care, Home Improvement Agencies and Occupational Therapists, to advising what support is available in the voluntary and community sector, including social support groups, exercise groups and specialist organisations such as AgeUK, Mind, CAB and the Trussell Trust. This can also include helping people back to work, into volunteering, introduce them to arts activities and healthy eating advice.

People who could benefit from Social Prescribing schemes include people with mild or long-term mental health problems, people who are socially isolated and those with multiple long-term conditions, who frequently attend either primary or secondary health care.

Social Prescribers are employed to give time to people to focus on 'what matters to me' and using local knowledge, signpost people to services which will provide more dedicated advice and support. It is not long term support but is designed to work with people over several sessions to help them achieve their goals and social outcomes that impact positively on health and wellbeing. On occasion this can mean acting as a short-term advocate to assist with a time-limited issue or helping someone join, for example, a befriending group, an art class or community gardening project, based on what works for them.

If you think that Elaine may be able to help you, or someone you know, then contact the surgery to let us know.

WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Ante Natal Baby Clinic		2 00 – 4 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Emergencies		4 00 – 6 00

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NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 00
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

Car Parking at the Willingham Medical Practice

May we politely remind the wider community that the car park at the Willingham Medical Practice is privately owned and is for the use of our patients and staff only. We respectfully ask that it is not used for the school drop-off/collection as this means that our patients, some of whom are feeling very unwell or have serious health issues, are unable to park. It also causes issues with everyone's safety when the car park is unnecessarily busy.

Private

The practice is not able to provide 'fit to race' Statements for sporting events as the GPs are not qualified sports medicine doctors and not indemnified to provide these. If you need such a Certificate, please contact a private GP with expertise in this area or a sports medicine doctor. GPs will complete insurance documents, however they are not covered under their NHS contract. This means they can take up to a month to complete and charges may apply.

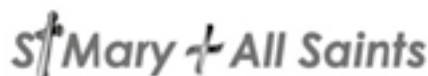
Carers' Meeting

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 3 January** at Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding a drop in meeting between 2 pm and 4 pm. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month and for more information please contact susan.lawson7@nhs.net

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Services in Church

7 January	11 00 am	Morning Prayer
14 January	11 00 am	Café Church (in the Octagon Hall)
21 January	11 00 am	Morning Prayer
28 January	11 00 am	Holy Communion

Prayers for Ukraine and Peace in the World

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 afternoon we gather at 4 pm to pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East and for an end to conflict throughout the world. Everyone is welcome.

Café Church

An informal Service held in the Octagon Hall, with Refreshments and the chance for adults and children to take part in activities and discussions all together. The Service includes Readings, Prayers and Singing, all experienced sincerely but in an informal way. Everyone is welcome.

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 13 January** from 10 am to 12 noon in The Octagon with music, refreshments, laughter & fun for everyone living with memory loss (or similar conditions) and their carers or family – see further details on page 5.

Octagon Hall

The Octagon Hall 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:

Clergy:

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Activities for January

Sunday Morning Service – 10 am

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

EVENTS

Coffee Morning and Warm Hub

– on **3, 10, 17, 24, 31 January**

Open Door for Coffee and chat 10 am – 12 30 pm

Warm Hub – company, games and snacks – 12 30 – 2 pm

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 20 January 7 45 – 9 am

A hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk: *People From Biblical Times* – ('A Farmer' with Geoff Pake) – see page 9 for more details.

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 11 and 25 January.

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.

Report from Lucy Frazer MP

As we welcome in the new year, I wanted to spend some time reflecting on 2023 and letting you know about some of the work I have been doing for you as your local Member of Parliament.

2023 was a year of highs and lows. I think most people would join me in recognising the coronation of Charles III and Camilla last May as a memorable highlight. As the first coronation in 70 years, the event was always bound to be a special occasion, but I was moved by the many displays of national unity and celebration I witnessed over the Bank Holiday weekend. However, the year did present us with challenges. Not only did we have a second year of war in Ukraine, but another conflict has now started in the Middle East.

I know how important quality healthcare is to my constituents. That's why I have been working with my neighbouring MP, Anthony Browne, and senior leaders at Addenbrooke's Hospital to secure a new cancer hospital at Cambridge Biomedical Campus, which will enable better diagnosis and precision treatments from 2026-27.

As MP for a largely rural constituency, I also appreciate the need for effective bus services. Following my efforts at the end of 2022 to prevent Stagecoach from axing or significantly altering 23 local bus routes, including the Citi5, I was pleased to assist the Combined Authority with the re-tendering of bus services for at least another 12 months from April 2023. Recently, I wrote to the Mayor to call him to identify how he intends to utilise the new £2.3 million government funding for Cambridgeshire's bus network.

I have been working with Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner to get crime down, so that my constituents can feel safer in their communities. The force is at a record size following the government's 'Police Uplift Programme' and I am pleased that it is paying dividends, with neighbourhood crime down 30% and rural crime down 21% across Cambridgeshire.

If there is anything I can do to support you in any way, or if you would like to notify me about an issue in your village, please do not hesitate to contact me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

I wish you all a happy new year.

Lucy Frazer MP

**Are you part of a group or club in our village?
Please let us know what you are doing by emailing
willinghamnews@gmail.com.**

Neil Gough – Cambridgeshire County Councillor's Report

Dear Residents,

A very happy new year to you all. I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas. Here is my update – it is based upon my report to the Parish Councils in my division.

County Council Funding

Cambridgeshire County Council leaders have expressed disappointment about the lack of any additional funding for local government in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement.

Councillor Lucy Nethsingha, Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council said: 'The failure to address the funding crisis faced by the whole local government sector, caused by rising levels of inflation and spiralling need, in the Autumn Statement is disappointing for all County Councils.'

Winter Vaccinations

Flu, COVID-19, and shingles vaccines are now available for eligible groups. Flu and COVID-19 vaccination information is at www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations and information about shingles vaccinations is at www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/shingles-vaccination/.

Older Adults Social Inclusion Grants

Cambridgeshire County Council is opening up grant funding for services, clubs and activities that support older adults (over 65) with emerging care or support needs to be:

- socially included in their community
- more physically active
- as independent as they can be.

There is more information at www.tinyurl.com/mv354mhb.

Local Highways Improvement Applications

The window for Local Highways Improvement applications is now open and will remain so until 5 pm on **Friday 12 January**. More information can be found on the Council's website at www.tinyurl.com/ycyyrvx. The status of schemes currently in delivery can be found at www.tinyurl.com/4esbfyft. Over the course of the application window, officers have arranged a drop-in session for applicants with any questions. This will take place on **Friday 5 January** from 10 30 am to 12 noon.

Streetlights Switchover

The Highways and Transport committee agreed in October a project to switch its streetlights to newer, more efficient LED lights. The two year programme is expected to begin this year and will involve replacing 47,500 streetlights with LED lanterns. The Council will share the proposed installation dates for each area before the start of the works and will publish this information on its website. Questions can be addressed to Street.Lighting@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

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

Recipe

Hopefully you will be reading this edition of *Willingham News* early in January, when your larder may be full of Christmas leftovers! Here is a Seasonal Recipe to help out.

January Pizza

Ingredients:

145g pizza base mix
6 tbsp tomato pasta sauce
100g mozzarella, sliced
100g (approx) leftover stuffing
100g (approx) leftover ham or turkey (or both)
1 tbsp olive oil

Method:

Pre-heat your oven, 200c fan or gas 7.
Prepare the pizza base following the pack's instructions.
After rolling it out, rest it for 10 minutes.
Spread the pasta sauce on to the base.
Scatter it with the stuffing and turkey and/or ham.
Top it with mozzarella and drizzle the oil over it.
Bake for 10 – 12 minutes until the crust is crisp and the cheese has melted.

Happy New Year!

Jane Dowle

The Nail Bar

Saw a notice in the window
'Nail Bar Opening Here'.
Sounded more exciting
Than your average craft beer.

I'd have a pint of sharp pointy things,
For the girlfriend tin tacks and gin,
And for your real sophisticate
I'd get a screwdriver in.

So I went down to the Nail Bar
Through the early evening mist,
Looking forward to getting
Metallically pissed.

But it wasn't what I expected,
And disappointment lingers;
Though I did come out with flowers
Growing on the ends of my fingers.

Anne Kirkman

Book Review

The Seven Sisters Series

by Lucinda Riley

This series of eight books is based on the characters of the Seven Sisters of Pleiades. In Greek Mythology they were the daughters of the Titan, Atlas. Today they are best known as a cluster of stars in the sky. You don't have to know anything about Greek Mythology to enjoy these books, each story has just been based on each mythological Sister's character.

The Sisters have been adopted by a mysterious, enigmatic man and were born all over the world. Each Sister's story is born in a time when women's achievements were not acknowledged, and their lives were hindered by their country's traditions.

The extensive research by the author, of the different countries in times gone by, is evident in each book. I think these stories appeal to a wide audience. Firstly, Greek Mythology is fascinating and gives a good basis for the girls we meet in each book. Then there is the thought-provoking issue of adoption. Finally, all this is glued together in tales of love, hope, family, joy, loss and pain.

Each book is beautifully written and deserves to be read slowly and thoughtfully. Even though I only read them a few months ago, I'm going to read them again very soon!

Jane Dowle

Crossword Answers

Across: 5. Northampton 7. Iris 8. Alter Ego 9. Bittern
11. Crete 13. Choir 14. Dickens 16. Binnacle 17. Flax
18. Yellowstone.

Down: 1. Eros 2.Theatre 3.Smith 4. Star Trek 5.Norwich
City 6. Nightingale 10. Triangle 12. Big Easy 15. Ichor
17. Fool

Book Quiz Answers

1. Peter Benchley 2. Charlotte Bronte 3. Roald Dahl
4. Amy Tan 5. Jules Verne 6. William Shakespeare
7. Paul Gallico 8. Thomas Hardy 9. Rudyard Kipling
10. Daphne du Maurier.

Young Readers' Quiz Answers

1. They all do
2. Second
3. Halfway (after that he is running out)
4. A river
5. One
6. A book
7. A towel
8. He sleeps at night
9. Your name
10. Incorrectly



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FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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December Meeting

Two important issues were raised in the public forum at the December meeting. The first was with regard to the increased incidents of surface water flooding and sewage back up in areas not previously prone to these problems. Frustration was expressed by the Council with the lack of progress they had been able to make with Anglian Water who were blaming discharges from Longstanton. Doubt was expressed whether this was the cause rather than the number of new properties in Willingham discharging surface water into an over-loaded system. The Parish Council agreed to debate this at the January meeting with a view to seeing if they could get further independent advice and District Councillor Handley said he would discuss the matter with the planners at the District Council.

The second issue was the lack of a footpath on the last section of the roadway to the Highgate Business Park, which has been growing strongly in recent times and where the number of visitors has increased sharply. The Parish Council said that it was an issue very much on their radar and that they hoped to be submitting a bid to the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme shortly. If that was successful and County Council funding could be added to some Parish Council and local business contributions, then hopefully progress could be made next year.

20 MPH Limit

Another hot topic was the proposed village-wide 20 MPH Speed Limit. No members of the public were present on this subject and so the Council reviewed the detailed scheme drawn up by the County Council on the basis of the information already provided. After some debate they decided that it should proceed. The matter is now with the County Council who will be undertaking further consultation on the matter next year.

Precept

On a majority vote, the Council agreed to accept the recommendation of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for an increase of 7.9% in next year's precept. It will mean an additional cost of 15p per week for a band D property.

Open Spaces

If you fancy getting out into the fresh air on a bright winter's day there are several contrasting parish-owned pieces of land to visit: the well-established Community

Orchard on Earith Road, Barton Field off Black Pit Drove (no cars please) – a small largely untouched area of part woodland part grass, and the larger Meadow Road site – grassland, trees, shrubs and soon to include a wild life pond. The surface of Meadow Road has been improved making for easier access to the site, about half a mile from Rockmill End, and there is parking for several cars. Dogs are welcome at all these sites but please clean up after them. These sites were showcased in the Autumn 2023 District Council's Zero Carbon Communities Newsletter.

Topple Testing

A reminder that the Council is legally required to check on the safety of tombstones. Those that do not meet the topple test requirement must be strengthened or laid flat. The Council will contact owners of the graves that are affected when known.

Volunteers

The Council is grateful to Ed Gilbert, Oliver Gawthroup and other volunteers, who helped with Christmas lights on The Green. Thanks are also due to the volunteers who looked after other Village events in 2023 as well as the many clubs and societies, who were involved. The Village would not be the place it is without them. Parish Councillors are of course also unpaid. If you feel you could help contribute to their work, please contact the Parish Clerk, and find out what is involved. A vacancy is due for co-option at the February meeting.

Meetings:

The next full Council Meeting will be in the Octagon on **Wednesday 10 January** starting at 7 30 pm. Note that this is the second Wednesday in January because of the Christmas holiday. Meetings in February onwards revert to the normal date of the first Wednesday of the month.

Contact Details

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

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Bill Handley's Report

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This service is funded by SCDC and run by Hope CIC. Find out more here: www.hopeagainst.org/hope-cic-mobile-food-hub.

Homes for Ukraine: Appeal for Support with Landlord Incentive Scheme

Landlords who provide properties in South Cambridgeshire to Homes for Ukraine guests and who are resident in South Cambridgeshire qualify for a financial incentive of between £1,140 and £2,820. Higher incentives are available for landlords who offer a minimum 12 month tenancy initially. More information here www.tinyurl.com/56kyzp4p.

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Continuation of 'Thank You' Payments for Homes for Ukraine Sponsors

We have been advised that the Government is to extend for a third year (nationally) the 'thank you' payments for Homes for Ukraine sponsors. The payments will remain at £500 per month to reflect the ongoing generosity of hosts in supporting those who have fled the war.

Council's Social Housing Maintenance

Just over a year ago SCDC entered into a completely new contract with Mears for the repair and maintenance of the Council's social housing portfolio. A year on, a full contract review has been conducted. This shows that performance over the previous contract has improved significantly across the piece. Overall tenant satisfaction is high, with 93% of residents reporting satisfaction with the service they have received. The Council will continue to monitor Mears' performance closely to try to drive standards higher still.

Bill Handley

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

Dan Lentell's Report

On Monday 20 November SCDC held an extraordinary meeting to discuss the Best Value Notice issued by the UK Government at Westminster. Ministers had repeatedly warned SCDC that paying staff five days' salary, while only expecting them to work four days, was a non-starter. Certainly, there are better fitting forms of four in seven working days available than the Four Day Week trial imposed on us without a debate or vote.

While the senior leadership team at SCDC might not like to admit it, it seems to me that our local District Council is now in special measures. At the extraordinary meeting, which was held, several things became crystal clear.

- First, SCDC will continue its Four Day Week trial no matter what. Senior leaders (elected and unelected) have nailed their colours to the mast, they don't want to lose face by backing down under Government pressure in front of all their friends in other Councils. If only they cared so much about what voters and taxpayers in South Cambridgeshire feel.
- Secondly, complying with the Best Value Notice will consume huge amounts of officer time. 'Onerous' is how the Deputy Leader of the Council phrased it. If the trial was ever cost neutral – and if you think it was, then I need to tell you that in my opinion South Camb's version of the Four Day Week is now going to divert a very great deal of the Council's money and resources from other priorities such as vital frontline services.

At the meeting I pointed out that this titanic project was doomed to failure from Day One by (1) a lack of wider stakeholder engagement; (2) deliberate interference with the independent report on it by senior officers, (3) a total disinclination by top politicians to obtain any kind of public support for their controversial project.

I also suggested that flushing any amount of other people's money into a hole that cannot be filled is a less than sensible approach for a Council subject to a best value notice.

Dan Lentell

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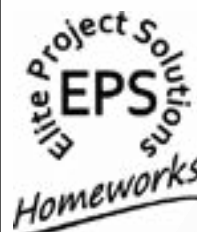
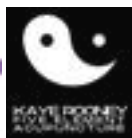
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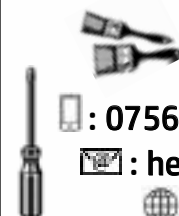


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Wed 3 Jan	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p12
Fri 5 Jan	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Fri 5 Jan	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Sat 6 Jan	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Mon 8 Jan	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 8 Jan	<i>May Morris, Women's Institute Founder</i> with Fiona Rose	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 9 Jan	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p8
Wed 10 Jan	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p17
Thu 11 Jan	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Sat 13 Jan	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p5
Mon 15 Jan	Assignment: <i>Geometric</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 pm, see p7
Wed 17 Jan	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Sat 20 Jan	Talk: <i>Geoff Pake, Farmer from Willingham</i>	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p9
Thu 25 Jan	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13



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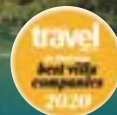
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