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Friday 22 March	Blue and Green
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Friday 29 March	No collection

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Old Willingham



This photo looks almost medieval but, amazingly, it is taken in Willingham – probably around 1890. We don't know the exact location, but the buildings in the background are probably Church Street and the barn on Long Lane (still there). One hopes that the shanty thatched buildings are for animals, not people. Life goes on and the woman in a ragged apron is hanging out her washing, probably washed in the big tub on the left. This photograph is labelled 'Before the fire' and there is another, with just rubble, labelled 'After the fire'. Such was the way of life in old Willingham.

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.

Gardening Club

At our last meeting, the Club welcomed guest speaker Sharka Baxter, who gave an insightful talk on how sustainable practises can encourage wildlife to flourish in our gardens.

Our next meeting on **Monday 4 March** is our Annual General Meeting where we lay out the itinerary for the year, along with a fun game and plenty of cake! The meeting, at the Social Club, begins at 7 30 pm, with refreshments from 7 pm. Non-members are always welcome and can pay £3 on the door.

We will be having a car-sharing trip to Thriplow Daffodil Weekend on **Sunday 17 March**. Tickets are £10. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting or otherwise you can reach the committee by email at willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com.

The Club is also planning a coach visit to The Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew on **Saturday 15 June**. The cost will be £46 for members and £48 for non-members. If you would like to come, booking forms will be circulated at the next meeting or you can email the address above.

If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email us. Information can also be found on our Facebook page: facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub.

Community Orchard Wassail

As has become customary, a Wassail was held in the Community Orchard on Sunday morning, 28 January; tradition dictates that it is usually held nearer the Old Twelfth Night of 17 January. Much can be read online by searching the word Wassail, but essentially it is a Pagan ritual which became embedded in local custom in the Middle Ages. The word derives from Old Norse meaning 'be in good health'.

The practice can be house-to-house drinking from a Wassail bowl, or around the local orchards to encourage the spirits into ensuring a good harvest, and by making a noise to ward off the evil spirits and to wake up the trees. Toast or bread soaked in cider is placed in the trees to encourage robins as the guardians of the Orchard.

Leading the ceremony for the second time was Alison Bigglestone-Widdows and, in the role of King and Queen of the Wassail, were Richard and Helen Foster, so thanks to them. Also, thanks to Julian Eales (Ealesphotography) for recording the event and adding the photos to the Community Orchard gallery.

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Young Voices at the O2

On Friday 19 January, 88 members of our Primary School choir travelled to the O2 Arena in London to take part in a Young Voices concert. The children had been rehearsing hard since September for the event, learning all the songs and dance moves. This year, the songs included a medley from *Matilda the Musical*, a *Moana* mash-up, a medley of gospel songs and a beautiful Korean song called *Arirang*.

They spent the afternoon rehearsing with the band and dancers, as well as the other children who made up the choir on the night. When you hear nearly 8,000 children all singing together, it really takes your breath away! By 7 pm, the arena was packed full of parents and excited families; the children were raring to go and perform to a sold-out O2! They put on a fantastic performance and created a wonderful show for their families to enjoy.



Also performing at the concert were MC Grammar (a rapping teacher with the best light-up trainers!), Nandi Bushell (an amazing 13-year-old drummer), Anna Phoebe (a superb violinist) and Natalie Williams (one of the UK's most popular jazz and soul artists). It was such a special opportunity to perform alongside musical professionals, and the children were certainly inspired by them.

The children (and adults) all had a brilliant time and we cannot wait to go again next year!

Laura Sutton, Year 4 Class Teacher and Choir Lead

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 11 March** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. This will be our annual meeting as well as a social evening, with an opportunity to look at photographs taken at WI meetings and events from the past. It would be great to have some help identifying members from years ago! There will also be a raffle.

At our January meeting, Fiona Rose spoke about May Morris, founder of the first WI in England, quilter, feminist, socialist and daughter of William Morris. She has been largely forgotten despite being the designer of some of the designs hitherto attributed to her father, as well as being an influential teacher of embroidery. A remarkable and inspiring woman.

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.

Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all who donated gifts for the *Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes* last November! We packed over 50 shoeboxes with a variety of wonderful things, we were impressed how generous the people in Willingham were in donating such lovely gifts. We have heard that our shoeboxes went to Central Asia, so I expect that the beautifully knitted hats and gloves, toys and school supplies are now being enjoyed by children there. In total, Samaritan's Purse sent out 11,330,126 boxes, of which 237,735 were packed in the UK, so well done everyone!

Hilary Wyllie (for Willingham Baptist Church)

Willingham Photo 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 to a given subject, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit, and sometimes give talks on various aspects of photography.

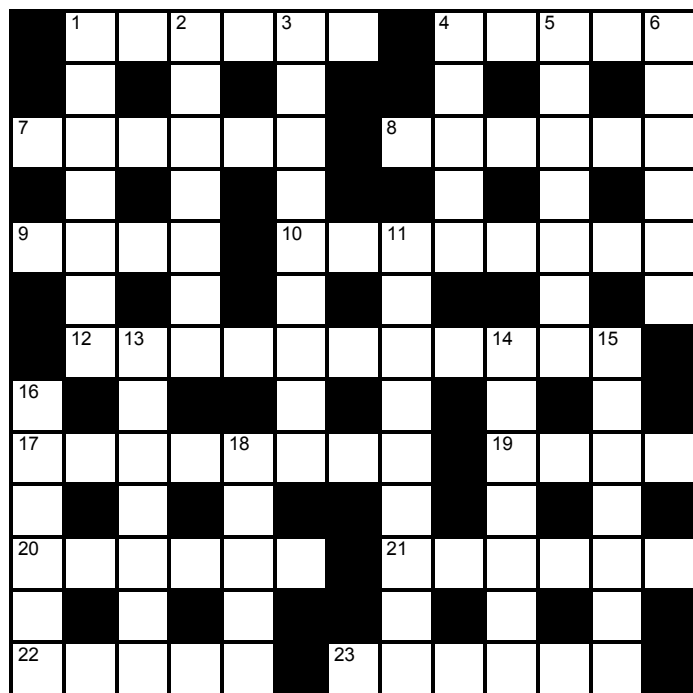
The next meeting is **Monday 18 March at 8 pm** and the assignment is:

Perfect Patterns

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Quick Crossword by Willow

Answers on page 19



Across

- 1 Frank (6)
- 4 Musical instrument (5)
- 7 Thing (6)
- 8 Potentially dangerous snack (6)
- 9 Frozen rain (4)
- 10 Pop up again (8)
- 12 Egg-bearing seasonal visitor (6,5)
- 17 Goodbye (8)
- 19 Lecture (4)
- 20 Fasten securely (6)
- 21 Slender (6)
- 22 Simple song (5)
- 23 Position troops (6)

Down

- 1 Vegetable (7)
- 2 Provokes (7)
- 3 Butt in (9)
- 4 Having little value (5)
- 5 Light (7)
- 6 Public show of anger (6)
- 11 Conveyance for the sick (9)
- 13 Fruit (7)
- 14 Instinctive (7)
- 15 Off-white (7)
- 16 Terrified (6)
- 18 Dazed (5)

Book Quiz for March

Name the authors of these books with 'M' in the title:

1. *Matilda*
2. *A Man Called Ove*
3. *Macbeth*
4. *Mansfield Park*
5. *The Mayor of Casterbridge*
6. *Me Before You*
7. *Moby Dick*
8. *Midnight's Children*
9. *Mrs Dalloway*
10. *Middlemarch*

Christine Lacey

Board Game Quiz

Can you answer these questions based on family board games?

1. In Scrabble, how many points is the word JOKER worth with a double score square.
2. In the classic Trivial Pursuit game, what colour is the History wedge?
3. In classic Cluedo, there is a secret passage from the Study to which room?
4. Which strategic dice and board game name is a translation of the Latin 'I play'?
5. On the classic London Monopoly board, how much is it to buy Euston Road?
6. In a chess board setup, which colour square does the white king start on?
7. On the classic Ticket to Ride USA map, which city is southernmost?
8. Which strategic game has 24 'points', a 'bar', and 'bearing off' at the end.
9. Which board game, by the makers of Monopoly, is based on a horse race?
10. What are the playing pieces called in the ancient Chinese game of Go?

Answers to quizzes on page 19.



Young Readers' Corner

Spring Wordsearch

Find the hidden words! The words, listed below, are all to do with the Spring season!

blossom butterfly chick cleaning daffodil
daylight duckling Easter eggs flowers
growth holidays lambs season sunshine

Answers on page 19



Spring Colouring Picture

The first day of Spring is officially on **20 March** this year, and here are some things for you to colour in!





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Easter – Opening Hours

Please note the surgery will be **CLOSED** for the long Easter weekend, including the bank holidays on **Friday 29 March and Monday 1 April**.

Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication.

The last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for the long weekend is **Monday 25 March**.

The last date for collection is **Thursday 28 March** by **1 pm** at Longstanton Surgery, and by **6 pm** at Willingham.

When the surgery is closed please call 111 for medical assistance, or 999 for a life threatening emergency. For Urgent Mental Health Support, please call 111 and select option 2.

Details of local pharmacies that will be open over the bank holidays will be posted on the Surgery doors, and also on social media and our website.

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Although the character count is limited on the form, please try to give as much specific and concise information as possible. Also, please bear in mind that, so as not to overwhelm the GP, there is a daily cap, so we would ask that you only send one request per patient per day.

Please note — the Practice will respond to your enquiry within two working days. If you need urgent assistance for an acute problem, please continue to call our reception team for an on-the-day appointment. Continue to use 111 for medical help when we are closed, or 999 for a life-threatening condition.

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 or

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Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
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Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
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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Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

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.

Carers' Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 6 March** at Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding a drop-in session between 2 pm and 4 pm. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments are 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.

Willingham Medical Practice

Over Day Centre

This year is set to be an exciting one for everyone at Over Day Centre, with the following fundraising events already in the diary. We look forward to your support as we endeavour to raise much-needed funds.

Abba — Saturday 9 March

Five Pubs Challenge — Sunday 12 May

Bike Ride — Sunday 30 June

Quiz Night — Friday 11 October

For more details about this year's fundraising events, please visit www.overdaycentre.co.uk/fundraising.

Thought for the Month

This is the story of Zacchaeus from the Bible. Zac was a man who reached the top of his profession, but was the most hated man in the district. He was a wealthy tax collector but was unhappy and lonely, for he had chosen a way that made him an outcast. He had heard of this Jesus who welcomed tax collectors and sinners, and wondered if Jesus would have any word for him. Despised by all, Zac was reaching after the love of God.

Zac was determined to see Jesus, but to mingle with the crowd was a courageous thing to do, for many would like to kick or push him. He ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree. The little man had the courage of desperation.

Amazingly, Jesus noticed him and said that he would stay that day at Zac's house. When Zac discovered that he had found a wonderful new friend, he decided to give half of his goods to the poor. The other half he planned to use to make amends for the frauds he had done. Zac wanted to show the community that he was a changed man.

The story ends with Jesus saying that he came to 'find and to save that which was lost'. The word 'lost' simply means 'in the wrong place.' A person is lost when he or she has wandered away from God. Though it seemed like Zac had been seeking Jesus, in fact Jesus had been seeking him. Jesus showed his willingness to associate with the rejected and downtrodden.

Zac didn't leave his job, but changed his approach. He started using his responsibilities for good. He did not just undo his bad actions but started working generously and truthfully. Now he was going to serve the public as someone who had received mercy and grace from God. We too should strive to forgive and reconcile with those who have wronged us and serve them with all our hearts. Jesus described Zacchaeus as a genuine member of God's people with certain unalienable rights. As we meet people of every colour, race, and creed, let us also consider them as individuals of dignity worthy of respect, and not be prejudiced against them — because God has accepted them.

Finally, we should not allow our preoccupations of life to obscure our view of Jesus, who came to live and give dignity to men and women, and to die for their sins and reconcile them to God. So there is hope for everyone.

Kwauku Efah, Minister of Baptist Church.

Willingham Wheels

Willingham Wheels is a friendly cycling club based in our village. Why not join, and come out with us for rides all year round. We're always keen to welcome new riders and hope to see you soon!

Tuesdays, 7 30 pm, 20-25 miles; Thursdays, 7 30 pm, 15-20 miles (social); Sundays, 9 30 am, 30+ miles. For more information, please contact Nigel (chair) on 01954 201089 or find us on facebook.com/wwheels.

Willingham Wheels 'Sofa to 50k 2024'

I am sure many of you will have heard of the *Couch to 5k* training plan? The idea is to transform you from 'couch potato' to 'runner,' getting you running three miles (or 5k) on a regular basis in just two months. British Cycling have created a similar approach to encourage you to dig your bike out of the shed and get riding! It is ideal for the complete cycling novice who is currently sedentary and looking to start cycling for health, fitness, recreation, commuting or to tackle a challenge or charity ride up to 50k (30 miles) long.

Willingham Wheels are gearing up to run a *Sofa to 50k* programme in partnership with the Over Day Centre Bike Rides! We will start the eight-week training plan on **Tuesday 7 May**. Rides are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (7 30 pm) and Sunday mornings (9 30 am). Time commitment ranges from a minimum of one hour 30 minutes to a maximum of six hours 30 minutes per week, to allow you to participate in all rides. The plan will culminate in a 50k ride as part of the Over Day Centre Bike Rides 2024 on **Sunday 30 June**. (More details to follow.)

Under 16's are most welcome to join but they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

If you are interested in taking part or want to find out more, contact Nigel at sofa250k@outlook.com.



Willingham Wheels Sofa to 50K Class of 2023

Studio Fogg's Children's Dance Classes

Studio Fogg Dance Company, a new local dance school, are proud to have hosted their first Free Taster Dance class for children at the Public Hall, which was received with great excitement. Two classes were introduced as part of the first Free Taster Day, starting with a Preschool Acro Dance taster class for three and four year olds, keeping children active with fun acrobatic skills, tricks, stretches and confidence-building games. The second session included Street and Acrobatic Dance for children in Reception Year and above, giving them a great opportunity to try exciting styles of dance, learn new skills and make new friends. Studio Fogg will be providing further Free Taster sessions over the next month, and will be introducing a timetable of classes, including Pre-School Dance, Acro, Street Dance, Ballet and Musical Theatre in the village, during weekdays and weekends throughout the next term. Studio Fogg aims to bring children an opportunity to try new dance classes in a local, welcoming and encouraging environment. For further information and to register interest please email: laurie@studiofogg.co.uk or visit: www.studiofogg.co.uk.

Nature's Names

Daffodils are blooming around our village. Introduced to Britain by the Romans, the Middle English name for the plant was *affodil* (previously *affo dyle*) which was derived from the Greek *asphodelos*. It's possible, but slightly fanciful, that a change of spelling came about in Medieval manuscripts, in which an 's' looked very much like an 'f'. There are also theories that the 'd' was added to *affodil* at the time when the Dutch led the way in exporting bulbs in the 1600s, calling it *de affodil*. The Dutch now call it *de narcissen* and, of course, we also call it *narcissus*, a word originating from the Greek *nark* (meaning numbness) which is also the root of the word *narcotic* — this may indicate the toxicity of all parts of a daffodil.

Confusingly, especially to word historians, an *asphodel* these days is a very different plant in the UK — it is a herbaceous perennial and is associated with peace after death, whereas the daffodil symbolises re-birth. In the first Harry Potter book, Professor Snape uses powdered root of asphodel in his Draught of the Living Dead sleeping potion!

There are many other names for the daffodil: *Lent Lily* is a familiar one, as is *Peter's Leek* (mostly in Wales), and *Easter Lily*. *Daffydowndilly* (with various spelling variations) is a popular one in folklore. In Chapter 14 of Dorothy L Sayers' *Unnatural Death*, Lord Peter Wimsey is warned never to use the term *daffydowndilly* in court. In real life, Parliament debated this term in the August 1843 Libel and Defamation Bill, clearly stating in the *Hansard Report* that calling a legal representative a *daffydowndilly* is a libel, as it indicates duplicity. It had, however, been a term of affectionate address for a *dandy* for many years before that.

John Lawrence

Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

The humble seagull is the characteristic sound of the seaside. Whilst not at the top of the list for favourite birds for many, the more you get to know about them, the more fascinating they turn out to be. At Fen Drayton Lakes, gulls form a large part of the year-round bird community, and several different species can regularly be seen here. From Spring onwards, the breeding birds appear and take up residence on the islands and rafts on the lakes. These are sociable birds that nest close to each other, but they'll squabble if a neighbour gets within nibbling range.

The main species that nests at the reserve is the Black-headed Gull, a small gull with a (confusingly) brown head in summer. Numbers have reached as high as 600 nesting pairs, but the last year or two has been very tough on them as a wave of highly pathogenic bird-flu has arrived and affected many. However, against all odds, some pairs managed to produce young in 2023.

The number of gulls increases in late summer when the youngsters join the adults out on the water and learn how to feed — the flush of insect life encourages many of them to fly high and pluck the insects out of the air in a surprisingly nimble fashion. Most gulls undertake large migrations and many of the Black-headed Gulls wintering in the area have come all the way from countries such as Poland, Norway and Finland, a journey they make each year.

A feature of the birders' calendar at the reserve are the winter gull roosts, when thousands of individuals come to the lakes. It takes a dedicated person to head out in the often cold, rainy, and windy conditions to stand for a couple of hours before dark to see what is arriving. The excitement factor is not knowing what birds may turn up! There are some rare species that come down from the Arctic in winter, such as the Iceland Gull, a bird that has a strikingly pale plumage, which earns it the name of 'white-winger'. Why not come down to the reserve to enjoy these charismatic birds yourself?

Dawn Chorus Walk

Be an early bird and join us for a dawn chorus walk on **27 April**. Learn about the many different birds that sing at the peak of spring.

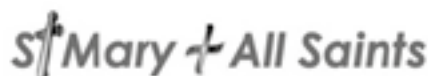
Wednesday Wander

Have you 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 details and book for these events, please visit: events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes.

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk Phone: 01954 233260



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Services in Church

- 3 March** 11 00 am Farewell Service for Rev Dr Simon Gill.
- 10 March** 11 00 am Mothering Sunday — a special Service with an open invitation to anyone to come along to join in activities, and a short service as we give thanks for all who are mothers or carers, with a small gift to take away at the end. An area will be set aside for those who find the day very difficult (for whatever reason) and would just like some time for reflection.
- 17 March** 11 00 am Holy Communion
- 24 March** 11 00 am Palm Sunday — Morning Prayer
- 29 March** 11 00 am Good Friday — All Age activities and a short Service marking this special day in the Church Calendar. Hot Cross Buns will be served at the end.
- 31 March** 11 00 am Easter Day — Holy Communion

Looking Ahead

Next month we hope to announce some changes and new developments for the worshipping life of our church. Take a look at *Willingham News* for details.

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 9 March** 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 6.

Prayers for Ukraine

We continue to keep an area set aside in Church for those who wish to spend some quiet reflective time to pray for Ukraine and its people during daytime Church opening hours. Also, every Thursday at 4 pm we offer a time to gather to pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East, and for an end of conflict throughout the world. Everyone is welcome.

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

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5folds Administration Office:

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Activities for March

Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

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- 3 March** Luke 3, 1-20
- 10 March** Special family service for Mother's Day.
- 17 March** Visiting preacher.
- 24 March** Luke 3, 21-38
- 31 March** Easter morning celebration.

EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Open Door for Coffee and chat 10 am – 11 30 am

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 16 March, 7 45 – 9 am

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk: *People from Biblical Times* – 'The Tentmaker' with Glenn Myers.

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 7 and 21 March.

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.

Willingham Library

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Opening hours:

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Engage in the Afternoon, Wednesday 6 March, 2 – 3 30 pm, *Healthy You – Activity Support*

Are you looking to make changes to your lifestyle? Join Ben Truett as he discusses the benefits of activity and how 'Healthy You' can support you with their free healthy lifestyle programmes. Refreshments available, donations towards future events welcome.

Family Lego Club, Wednesday 6 March, 3 45 – 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. Suitable for ages four and over. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session, Tuesday 12 March, 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, for free!

Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)

Contact willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com for further information.

Games Afternoon, Friday 1 March, 2 – 4 pm

Come and join us for a friendly and enjoyable game of Scrabble, one of the other games we have at the library, or bring a favourite game of your own from home to share. You're also welcome to just sit and watch and enjoy the company and refreshments.

Second-hand Book Sale, Saturday 2 March, 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 all your reading needs.

Knit and Natter Afternoon, Wednesday 20 March, 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 1 March, 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. A volunteer will be on hand to offer assistance or advice if needed. If you would like to attend, please contact us on the email address above.

Poetry and Prose Evening, Tuesday 23 April, 7 30 pm.

An April date for your diary! The theme will be *Oh to be in England on St George's Day*. More details next month.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

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

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

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The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open 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 and warm snacks like beans on 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 always magazines to read and borrow, jigsaw puzzles to do, board games and card games to play, colouring sheets, wool for knitting, or you can just chat to others in a comfortable and friendly environment.

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

Singing for Breathing

Do you have breathing difficulties? Did you know singing can help?

Singing is a great way to improve the way you breathe and get the best from your lung capacity. The Cambridge Singing for Breathing group is meeting online, using Zoom, on **Thursday afternoons 2 30 — 4 pm** and we're looking for new members!

Those who can afford it are invited to give a £3.50 donation each week, but this is not essential — we want everyone to be able to join. We know that appointments, sickness, family commitments and suchlike can get in the way! Just join us when you can.

I have Long Covid, can I join? The gentle pace, breathing exercises and relaxation can be very beneficial, but do check with your doctor or respiratory physio, especially if your symptoms are severe.

How do I join? Email singingforbreathingcambridge@gmail.com or call Mary on 07972 645473 for more information and to receive the Zoom link each week.

You can find out more at www.singingforbreathing.wordpress.com or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/singingforlunghealthcambridge.

Willingham History Group

The Tale of Two Willinghams — did you know that there were two Willinghams?

In our last look at Willingham through the ages, we're going to be looking at Medieval Willingham, the influence of the Church, and the name change.

Come to the Social Club on Monday 25 March at 7 30 pm to find out.

£4 on the door to cover the cost of the room.

Poetry Corner

A Poem for March

The March hares jump around and play
so high they leap to greet the day.
I love them for their sense of fun.
They should be seen by everyone.

With their long tall ears they listen out
for sounds afar and near about.
They bring to me a sense of fun
and should be seen by everyone.

Christine Lacey

Promise

Some days in Spring I note the sunlight
through the kitchen window, shadows shortening
and a hint of the warmth to come. I imagine
the whisper of rising sap, and the silence
of leaves unfolding.

Last year's leaves, almost mulch, are gathered
in their death throes against the foot of a wall;
a froth of snowdrops flounces beneath
our naked cherry tree
with its sun-brushed branches.

And here I am, at the kitchen window,
a small still life, watching the light, thinking
of those I've lost, and those still alive with promise.

John Lawrence

Over Village News

We are delighted to announce the launch of the new website: www.overvillage.co.uk. A small group of volunteers has been working away to develop the *Over Village News*, which is designed to bring together the best of the *Over News* magazine and the previous Over village website for the benefit of local village residents.

The new website provides one central place to access local news, a calendar of events, a directory of clubs, groups and societies, and local business listings. We welcome the opportunity to list events and updates from neighbouring villages — please get in touch at submit@overvillage.co.uk.

If you would like to advertise your local business with us, please get in touch at adverts@overvillage.co.uk.

Please visit to find out more, or sign up to the weekly mailing list at www.overvillage.co.uk/subscribe.

We would like to thank the Over Parish Council, Over Town Lands Charity, former *Over News* and local businesses for making the new *Over Village News* possible.

Friends of Willingham Church

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 22 March 7 pm for 7 30 pm start
at The Octagon (behind the church).
Teams of up to 6 people*.

To enter your team, contact
friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com.

Chilli/veggie chilli supper with crusty bread
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*** Entrance fee £6 per person, cash on arrival.**
All profits go to FOWC to be used for repairs to the building.

Friends of Willingham Church

The Friends of Willingham Church is a new Community Group, set up to help raise money to support the ongoing maintenance of the fabric of the St Mary and All Saints Church building. The Church is a mainly 13th century building with Saxon and Norman features; it is Grade 1 Listed and contains nationally important medieval wall paintings.

The Friends Group is not part of the church organisation and most of the members are not part of the congregation. What links us is a desire to preserve the church building and wall paintings for future generations. We are looking for more members, fund-raising ideas and practical support.

Our first fund-raising event is a **Quiz night** on **22 March**, 7 for 7 30 pm at The Octagon Hall, behind the Church. For more information see poster above. We would love to see you there.

If you would like to find out more, or if you're interested in helping, please email Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook.

Table Tennis Club

Our Table Tennis Club is looking for new members. Whatever your level of skill and experience, join us on **Thursday evenings at Ploughman Hall, 7 30 to 9 pm**. Get active and have fun! If you've never or rarely played before, this is the opportunity to build up your skills in a friendly environment!

Contact paulinetabletennis@gmail.com.
willingham.ttclubs.co.uk.

Dates for your Diary Willingham Action Group (WAG)

We have many events planned, so please make a note of the following dates:

Saturday 6 April: Ceilidh
Ploughman Hall from 7 – 10 pm.

The last three editions of our Ceilidh have been sell-outs. Lots of fun and always a great cross-section of the community. The enthusiasm of caller John Mullet is totally infectious — he gets us dancing from the get-go! Hilarity prevails. And there's a Ploughman's supper included. Book early to avoid disappointment. Or just Google "Ceilidh-WAG" using the quotation marks.



Sunday 14 July: Willingham Welcomes
Ploughman Hall and grounds from noon until 6 pm.

We will be contacting every club, society and association in Willingham to take part in this celebration of what the village has to offer. This is the opportunity for people new (as well as the not-so-new) to our village to take a look at the opportunities available, be it gardening, cycling, running, ball and projectile-based sports, mentoring, providing support, art, music, singing, council work... even WAG! We hope to make it into a full-blown fair with food, drink and, possibly, live music. Potential exhibitors that appear at the back of *Willingham News* will be contacted but, if you make contact first, you can be sure we won't miss you out — see below. And anyone wishing to have a commercial stall around the grounds, you too will be most welcome!

Willingham Feast

Ploughman Hall bookings have already been secured:
Saturday 28 September — possibly a Wine Quiz or a Curry Night.

Saturday 5 October — Feast Ceilidh — same format, same huge fun, as the April edition, but no doubt with an array of different dances.

Sunday 6 October — Feast Repair Café — date fixed, times to be confirmed.

Saturday 12 October — possibly a Wine Quiz or a Curry Night.

We will be contacting the Library, Photographers and Artists for details of their exhibitions, venues and themes in due course. We are also looking at history walks, a litter pick, the Church's Harvest Festival and maybe even a Kids' (Silent?) Disco.

People wishing to be part of the organising team for any of the above, please get in touch!

And we would very much welcome contact from anyone willing to stage a Dog Show! We did one (quite successfully) some time ago and have the paraphernalia, but no expertise!

Ticketing and other details will be appearing in due course on www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup.

Contact us by email: wag@willinghamlife.org or by phone: 07787 530394.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

Helping Each Other and Recycling!

We are lucky here in Willingham to have so many who volunteer to work together or simply help out on a voluntary basis. The list is huge: helping with sporting clubs; children and youth clubs; adult day and evening activities; being a Parish Councillor; preparing this *Willingham News* magazine — the list seems endless. We have to be grateful and offer our own energy when we can. Our village has a brilliant Action Group who organise many ways to help others in the area — the Repair Café for example, so keep a look out for the next one.

We began the year encouraging one another to re-use and to find ways other than buying brand-new stuff to fulfil our needs. However, there may be a time when we cannot repair an electrical item, but it could be recycled. The Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service has recently begun to establish a way to make it easier to recycle small electrical appliances. There is now a roaming 'Pink Bin' for this and the Parish Council are booking this particular bin to have a short stay here. Any unwanted small electrical items that can fit through its secure 'postage' slot can be left, safe in the knowledge it will be collected by the Greater Cambridge recycling team. So do not bin your broken fairy lights, chargers, hair-straighteners, toasters, etc, because they can be recycled and not put into land fill. Keep an eye out on social media and posters around the village, and pass on the word.

Talking of Bins...

The village has an allocated number of kerb-side waste bins according to the number of properties here, and this includes dog waste bins. At our latest meeting we discussed a variety of ideas to facilitate visitors to our Meadow Road site who need to dispose of their waste. Any weekly bin emptying must be manageable for the contractors, so hopefully we can all try to keep that popular site clean and environmentally safe too. Our Orchard bins are courtesy of, yes, volunteer support, but the large one outside that gate which was damaged should have been replaced by the time you read this. This will hopefully include a recycling section too. Regarding dog waste bags, following a suggestion, we are looking into the feasibility of providing another bag station which walkers would find useful. However, it is now possible to put your bagged dog waste in the larger general bins as well as the usual red ones spaced out around Willingham. Following a request, there has been a new large bin set by the Station Road bus stop which displays the latest signage to show it can be used for small waste items as well as bagged dog waste.



Keeping it Healthy and Green!

There will always be new initiatives which we can take on in our own small ways. Our QEII field is always an attraction with local families and has a lot of apparatus for healthy outdoor fun. The popular 'hip-hop' piece has been removed and is being repaired, ready to enjoy. Bulbs are showing a fresh start to Spring, not just on that field, but in the village tubs as well — all planted and maintained by volunteers. Eco-friendly LED lights have been bought ready to replace the broken Christmas lights around the Green. This time of the year is perfect for settling in the six new trees on the Meadow Road Field ahead of the exciting development of the Pond Habitat Action Plan to begin soon in that area. The local RSPB projects are growing in popularity as wildlife returns to our wetlands. They are easily accessible and have parking close by. Contact with the RSPB can be via their office at The Grange, Market Street, Swavesey, or rspb.org.uk/ousefen.

Fen Edge Community Association

As Willingham is part of the Fen Edge group, plans are being made for the biennial festival to be held on Cottenham Green from **21 to 23 June**. This year the festival will repeat its sustainable theme and would like to encourage 'eco' groups, organisations and businesses to take part. Contact can be made via: stalls@fenedgefestival.co.uk and, as Willingham is part of the FECA, organisations within our village can join and reduce the cost of your stall.

Contact Details

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

Meetings

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

Council Office Details

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District Councillor (SCDC)

Bill Handley's Report

Annual Report on Sustainable and Affordable Homes

The Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (Cambs City and SCDC) recently reported on the progress made during the past year on building sustainable and affordable new homes. This shows that the Councils remain on track to deliver the need for homes identified in their adopted Local Plans; 794 new affordable homes were completed in 2023/24, 472 of which were in South Cambridgeshire. Affordable housing is defined as social rented, affordable rented, and intermediate housing provided to eligible households whose needs are not met by the housing market. Also of note is the making of three new Neighbourhood Plans which show the Councils' ongoing commitment to local community development.

More details can be found here: tinyurl.com/5bu3f5f7.

Staff Needed for Elections in 2024

SCDC provides electoral services for the district. This includes the general election, which will take place in the next 12 months. On **2 May** the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner takes place and SCDC is recruiting staff to assist in the process. Vacancies exist for Presiding Officer, Poll Clerk and Count Assistants (overnight on Thursday or on Friday). The posts are remunerated and no experience is necessary for roles except for the Presiding Officer. The email address to use for more information and/or to apply is: elections@scambs.gov.uk.

Civil Parking Enforcement

Civil Parking Enforcement is now operational in South Cambs. County Council Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) can issue Penalty Charge Notices (parking tickets) for on-street parking offences such as parking on double yellow or single yellow lines. CEO activity will initially target known hotspots and where parking demand is the greatest, such as around railway stations. See www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CPE.

Western Park Sports Pavilion, Northstowe

The Western Park Sports Pavilion in Northstowe is now open for bookings.

Email: westernpark@elitesportsuk.com

Facebook page: tinyurl.com/5dsc8bnb.

Bill Handley

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

County Councillor

Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents,

Here is my update, based upon my report to the parish councils in my division. A more detailed version can be found in the online edition of the *Willingham News*.

Measles

Measles cases have been rising since last November. The UK Health Security Agency declared the outbreak a national incident on 19 January. It's a highly infectious disease, usually mild in children, but can be severe with one in five requiring a hospital visit.

Currently there are no confirmed cases in Cambridgeshire but there is a strong likelihood that it will spread here. A target vaccination rate of 95% is considered necessary to prevent outbreaks, and both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough have rates lower than this.

Parents should have their children vaccinated if they have not already done so. Information about vaccine outreach clinics can be found at www.cpics.org.uk/measles.

Weed Spraying

The Council's Highways and Transport Committee has changed its policy on highways weed spraying. It will now be reverting to regular twice-yearly weed killing in the places where it used to do this before last year's policy change. Communities which do not want chemical weed spraying in their area will, however, be able to opt out in favour of manual weed removal by volunteers.

Peat Soil Roads

The Highways and Transport Committee approved a report on action to address the problem of Cambridgeshire's collapsing fen roads. The report identified 156 such roads which are increasingly failing due to historic lack of maintenance and more extreme weather. Most of these roads were not constructed to carry the volume and weight of traffic they are now seeing.

These roads include Twentypence Road in Cottenham and Shelford Road in Willingham. Shelford Road was provisionally identified as being in the top 25 of affected roads.

Short-term measures being used include temporary speed limits, traffic signals, and consideration may be given to temporary road closures or weight restrictions. Longer term, however, the primary focus must be lobbying together with partner organisations to gain the required substantial amount of funding to provide a systemic solution.

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.



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District Councillor Dan Lentell's Report

'There are some who would happily drive a bulldozer through the Public Hall'. I'm not easily shocked but I have to tell you, savage reader, that my gash was ever so slightly flabbered when I was told that. Willingham's Public Hall is a gem. I don't suppose many architectural critics opine that it is of much global significance. Still, our Public Hall massively matters to all of us for the sake of our shared past, future, and present. Truth be told, I think most of our hardworking Parish Councillors recognise this, even on their grumpy days.

The Hall was gifted to our community during that market garden golden age when the floral and agricultural produce of Willingham was second to none in the markets of the world's metropolis. Our Hall opened in 1897 having been built on a piece of land gifted by Mr H G Few. The £600 construction cost was financed by another Willingham native, Mr Fred Crisp. Volunteer parishioners carted the sand and bricks. The furniture of the building, which became an active and well-attended social club, was given by Mr Few. The games — including bagatelle, chess, dominoes, etc — were donated by Mrs I F Thoday. No member was allowed to retain any newspaper or periodical more than 15 minutes after it had been asked for by another member. No audible conversation was allowed in the Reading Room, and neither was smoking before 8 pm if four members present objected. Spitting on the floor was (and is) strictly prohibited.

Today, our Hall is home to one of East Anglia's most active hubs for Scouts and Explorers. A solid century of young people access our Public Hall each week — more than any other building in the village (except our Primary School). The wider social benefits of Scouting to our community are immeasurable and will be immeasurably damaged should anything disrupt their access to this vital asset.

For a fraction of the cost of building something new, we can ensure that our glorious Public Hall is still standing in another hundred years. Let's face it, our modern age has many accomplishments but building well and building to last isn't one of them — Darwin Green anybody? Even if the funds could be found, the chances that a contemporary new build would see out more than a decade or two, or that such a phantom wouldn't be an instant blossoming of sabre-tooth snagging, are vanishingly small. Driving a bulldozer through the Public Hall (or worse still, selling it off for a relative pittance) is no kind of sensible solution to the long-term needs of our community. Let's make do and mend.

Let's also focus our collective effort on what this village really needs, a sports pitch that doesn't regularly flood. We have a superb football club. What's the use of building a bigger and better trophy cabinet if all we've got to show for it are water polo medals?

Councillor Dan Lentell, Over and Willingham
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Answers

Quick Crossword:

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Down: 1 Cabbage, 2 Needles, 3 Interfere, 4 Cheap, 5 Lantern, 6 Outcry, 11 Ambulance, 13 Apricot, 14 Natural, 15 Yellowy, 16 Afraid, 18 Woozy.

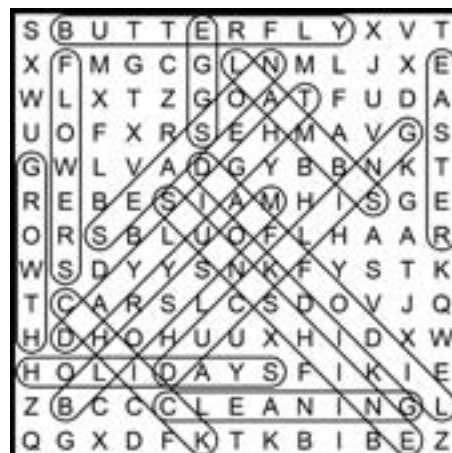
Answers to Book Quiz:

1 Roald Dahl 2 Fredrik Backman 3 William Shakespeare
4 Jane Austen 5 Thomas Hardy 6 Jojo Moyes
7 Herman Melville 8 Salman Rushdie 9 Virginia Woolf
10 George Eliot

Answers to Board Game Quiz

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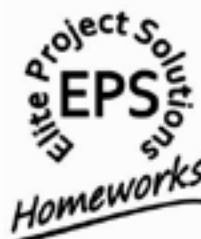
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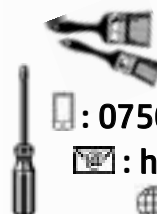


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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Fri 1 March	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p12
Fri 1 March	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p12
Sat 2 March	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p12
Sat 2 March	Rosie in Stitches' Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 2 pm, see p19
Sun 3 March	The Jake Leg Jug Band	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 4 March	Annual General Meeting	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p5
Wed 6 March	<i>Healthy You – Activity Support</i> with Ben Truett	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p12
Wed 6 March	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Wed 6 March	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	3 45 – 4 45 pm, see p12
Wed 6 March	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 7 March	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p11
Fri 8 March	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sat 9 March	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p6
Sat 9 March	Fundraising Event – Abba	Over Day Centre	Over Day Centre	See p8
Mon 11 March	Annual General Meeting	Rosie in Stitches	The Rosie Hospital	12 noon, see p19
Mon 11 March	Annual Meeting & Social Evening	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 12 March	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p12
Sat 16 March	Talk: <i>The Tentmaker</i> with Glenn Myers	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p11
Sun 17 March	Trip to Thriplow Daffodil Weekend	Gardening Club	Thriplow	See p5
Mon 18 March	Assignment: <i>Perfect Patterns</i>	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p6
Wed 20 March	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p12
Thu 21 March	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p11
Fri 22 March	Quiz Night	Friends of Willingham Church	Octagon	7 pm, see p14
Sat 23 March	Annual Photographic Exhibition	Swavesey Camera Club	Swavesey Memorial Hall	10 am – 4 pm swaveseycameraclub.co.uk
Sat 23 March	Café Concert	Swavesey Community Choir	Fen Drayton Village Hall	7 30 pm, see p12
Mon 25 March	Talk: <i>The Tale of Two Willinghams</i>	Willingham History Group	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p13

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