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Friday 12 April **Black**

Friday 19 April **Blue and Green**

Friday 26 April **Black**

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Willingham Jam Club

The much-loved Willingham Jam Club made its welcome return in March for the first time in four years. It was clear to all that the news had travelled far and wide and, soon after the doors opened, the Social Club was buzzing with musicians and audience members alike, all eager to enjoy a great night of live music.



The evening started with an informal acoustic session where local singer-songwriters, Charlie and Luke, led the group through the chords needed to play a variety of songs. Once everyone was happy they knew the chords, the group then played through hits by the likes of Tom Petty, Johnny Cash and Bob Marley with everyone playing together and singing along. This first part of the evening gives people of all abilities a chance to play together and build their confidence in an informal and supportive setting. Everyone is welcome to take part on any instrument, whatever their musical background.

The second half of the evening saw the focus switch to the stage with artists taking short turns to perform to the warm and receptive audience. The room was treated to performances by solo artists, duos and bands. Some of these were established acts and others had never played together before in their lives. It made for thrilling watching with no one quite knowing what would happen next. We had folk, 1960s rock n roll, blues, jazz and pop with seasoned professionals playing alongside people enjoying their very first experience of performing live on stage.

As the final chords of the night rang out to huge applause, everyone in attendance knew they had just been part of something very special indeed. The aim of the night is to give everyone, of all ages and abilities, the chance to experience the joy of playing music, so if you'd like to come along as a performer or audience member you will be very welcome!

The next Willingham Jam Club takes place on **Friday 5 April**. Find more information at facebook.com/WillinghamJamClub.

Luke Williams



**OVER DAY CENTRE**

Sunday
12th May 2024

**The Five Pub Challenge**

Back by popular request, the 5-pub Challenge walk. See old friends, make new ones, perhaps walk as a group. All proceeds to go to the Over Day Centre, this year to help raise funds for enhancing the garden areas around the Centre with attractive beds, enabling clients to enjoy garden activities.

Meet at Over Day Centre, Drings Close, CB24 5NZ from 10.00am, for a 12.5 mile walk through the beautiful Cambridgeshire fens to the Pike & Eel, the Ferry Boat, the Three Tuns, the White Horse and back to the Over Community Centre.

Minimum donation of £12 per adult, children free. Under 18s are very welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The length of the route may make it unsuitable for younger children.

For details and to register, please view:

www.OverDayCentre.co.uk/fundraising/5-pub-challenge-2024/
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You can register online and donate before the day, the quickest way, or you can print the form yourself and complete then donate with card payment or cash on the day. If you are unable to join us but would like to donate, please go to:
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Nature's Names

Squirrels, depending on your point of view, are a pest or cute or somewhere in between. The name originates from Greek, *skiouros*, a word meaning *shadow* (*skiá*) and *tail* (*ourā*), passing through other languages such as Old French (*escureil*) and Latin (*sciūrus*). In Anglo Saxon, it was known as an *ācweorna* – *āc* meaning *oak*, and *weorna* derived from a Celtic word denoting *squirrel*. The origins of the name, and its journey through many languages, are as complex and debatable as any names in nature.



In literature, Beatrix Potter published two 'Tale' books with a squirrel as the title character – *Squirrel Nutkin* (1903) and *Timmy Tiptoes* (1911). In other areas of literature, literary titans such as Shakespeare, Chekhov and Kafka used squirrels in their text, often to convey havoc, mischief or discord.

In real life, the grey squirrel turned out to be one of the most ecologically damaging of any animal 'imports'. The first two were introduced into Britain in 1876 as 'amusing novelties' (compared to the then-abundant native reds) followed by 10 more at Woburn Abbey; they quickly spread and established themselves, proving to be enthusiastic colonisers! It wasn't until 1938 that laws were passed to make it illegal to import squirrels or to keep them as pets.

John Lawrence

Old Willingham



Many will be surprised to know that the Black Bull pub – now renamed the Porterhouse – was on the corner of Station Road and Berrycroft long before the current pub was built in the 1960s. As can be seen, it was right on the corner and was demolished when the junction was upgraded and widened. The pub was owned by Greene King and the landlord was George Lack with his wife Ruth. Their daughter Peggy later took over as landlady. There were many pubs in Willingham during the 20th century before television took over for evening entertainment!

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.

Arthur's Shed

Arthur's Shed is a purpose-built studio set in the beautiful grounds of the Arthur Rank Hospice where our talented volunteers run sessions on topics ranging from laughter yoga to astronomy. Sessions are open to everyone; you don't need to have a connection with the charity or the hospice to attend. Sessions are free of charge, although a suggested donation of £5 is welcomed to cover the cost of materials.

See www.arhc.org.uk/open-to-all/arthurs-shed for the calendar with full details of workshops in April.



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Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 8 April** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and will be on *Spring Cleaning*. Topics will be put on the tables for discussion and then feedback given to the meeting, for example, how best to clean windows, ovens, brass and silver, how to get rid of limescale and how to keep your knives sharp. We're hoping to hear lots of neat ideas, tips, myths, old wives' tales and poems.

At our February meeting Kate Osborne from Beach Bonkers gave a talk on *Suffolk Shingle: Tales of Treasure and Trash*. Kate was a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable speaker. She encouraged us to become curious adult beachcombers but to only walk on the bare areas, avoiding the specially adapted plants such as the yellow horned-poppy, sea kale and sea pea that grow on the rare, vegetated shingle.

There was a selection of items from the beach to identify: a limpet shell, a top shell which the Victorians used to make mother of pearl buttons, whelk egg cases looking like a sponge, a shark egg case known as a mermaid purse, sea glass, hornwrack which looked like seaweed but was the remains of a colony of tiny animals and flint formed from fossilised sea sponges and other creatures.

Sadly, Kate also told us about the unwanted items on the beach with plastic topping the list. Her collection of small pieces in a jar contained bits of beach toys, balloons, labels, tags, teabags and confetti. She told us that plastic flushed down the toilet such as wet wipes and cotton buds block drains and can end up in rivers and the sea. Animals and birds ingest the plastic and are dying in increasing numbers. Kate encouraged us to reduce our purchases of plastic, dispose of any bought or found in the recycling bin and, if possible, buy alternative biodegradable products, eg bamboo toothbrushes. She also suggested we check cleaning products before buying for 'Harmful to aquatic life with long-lasting effects' labels, eg Fairy washing-up liquid and washing powders.

After her talk Kate invited us to look at a fascinating collection of things she had found on shingle beaches and answered lots of questions. She told us that we should not remove shells, wood or plants from the beach, all potential homes for insects and sea creatures. She assured us she would be returning her collection after she retired.

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.

RSPB – Fen Drayton Lakes

As spring breathes new life into the landscape, the shimmering lakes come alive with a vibrant tapestry of avian wonders, offering a sanctuary for both seasoned birdwatchers and curious adventurers alike. This is one of the best times of the year to connect with nature as birds arrive back from their winter travels, bumblebees emerge from hibernation and blossom lights up the hedgerows.



Learn about wildlife on a guided walk

This year we are putting on a series of events to enable people to explore the reserve in various ways. Starting in April with what is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the season, we

will be running a **Dawn Chorus Guided Walk**. The reward for the early start will be the wonderful soundscape that can be heard around the reserve with help identifying the numerous species, both resident and migrant, singing from trees, hedges, and reed. At the other end of the spectrum, we have an **Evening Guided Walk** scheduled in May. Take advantage of the opportunity to be guided to various parts of the reserve and be expertly shown the animals which are more active later in the day up until dusk.

Wild(ish) Camping is again featuring this year for organised groups at our secluded location on the shores of Ferry Lagoon. You will have a great opportunity to connect with nature, taking photos and only leaving footprints.

Our monthly **Wednesday Wander Guided Walks** have been running successfully for many years, led by knowledgeable volunteers. By joining one of these walks, you will get to explore some of the best parts of the reserve and learn what can be seen throughout the year. Every walk is different so why not try it for yourself?

Ever thought of learning a traditional skill? Our annual **Willow Weaving Workshop** will be back this year during which you will weave your very own garden obelisk for climbing plants. The event is led by a very experienced weaver and uses willow sourced from the reserve.

For the first time this year, we will be running a Canoe Tour at the reserve in the autumn. Slink through the reeds on our new water-based trail to discover one of the harder to view lakes from a new perspective. Guided by experienced staff you will be in good hands.

Whether it's the tranquillity of a leisurely stroll along the lakeshore or the thrill of spotting a rare bird in flight, Fen Drayton Lakes beckons with the promise of inspiring encounters and unforgettable moments.

To see further details and book for all the events mentioned, please visit:

events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

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The Over Players

The Over Players (TOPS) is your local am dram group and we have just celebrated our 40th birthday! At a birthday dinner our founder and President, Christine Turner, paid tribute to all the people that have been involved over the years, including some that are sadly no longer with us. 'Hundreds of people have joined us on stage and behind the scenes and thanks to every one of them for making TOPS what it is today. When the Society was formed, almost every village had an am dram group but sadly many have closed. We are very fortunate to be around after 40 years thanks to the audience that has supported us by coming to see our shows.'



From left: Olive Swain (Secretary), Christine Turner (President) and Alex Turpin (Chair)

The good news is that the group is still going strong but we always welcome new members including directors, producers and backstage crew as well as performers, and not just from Over!

We are delighted to announce that this year's Spring production will be an Old Time Music Hall, performed from **30 May to 1 June** at Over Community Centre.

If you are interested in joining us either on stage or behind the scenes, please see our website www.overplayers.uk or contact Olive Swain, our secretary, by emailing secretary@overplayers.uk. You can also DM via Facebook or Instagram ([the_over_players](https://www.instagram.com/the_over_players)).

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Engage in the Afternoon and Family Lego Club

Neither of these sessions will take place this month as the local primary school children are on their Easter break until 15 April. Apologies for any inconvenience caused; both will return in May.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Sessions,

Tuesday 9 April, 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!

Easter Holiday Fun for Children: Pom-Pom Animals,

Wednesday 10 April, 10 15 – 11 30 am

Enjoy making some wool pom-poms and then, by adding eyes, arms and similar items, create your own spring animal! Please book in advance by visiting the library or email BarHill.Refrerral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Free but donations always welcome.

Friends of Willingham Library

Contact willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com for further information.

Family History Session,

Friday 5 April, 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 at the library) as well as other genealogy sites. A volunteer will be available to offer advice if needed. If you are interested in attending, please contact us at the email address above.

Games and Social Afternoon, Friday 5 April, 2 – 4 pm

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

Second-hand Book Sale,

Saturday 6 April, 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 17 April, 2 – 4 pm

Join us for an informal and friendly get together at the library bringing your knitting or any other type of needlework or handicraft. We'll be sitting and chatting while working on our pieces and perhaps giving help and advice to others. Refreshments will be available.

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

Join us for an enjoyable and entertaining evening! The theme this time is *Oh to Be in England on St George's Day*. You're invited to wear or bring along appropriate items and, of course, a poem or a piece of prose to share. You are welcome to read the piece you have chosen or written yourself but if you prefer to just listen and soak up the atmosphere, that's fine too. Refreshments will be available.

Spring and Easter Colouring at the Library,

Tuesday 2 April – Saturday 13 April (usual library opening times)

Come along to the library during the Easter holidays and help us brighten up the place by colouring or drawing pictures of spring animals and flowers for displaying on our walls. You can also do some to take home with you.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

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

Book Quiz

As it's April, see if you can find the authors of these books whose titles all start with an 'A' (give or take the odd 'The')?

Answers on page 19

1 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

2 *Animal Farm*

3 *And Then There Were None*

4 *The Amber Spyglass*

5 *Anna Karenina*

6 *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*

7 *Atonement*

8 *As You Like It*

9 *All the Light We Cannot See*

10 *All Creatures Great and Small*

Christine Lacey

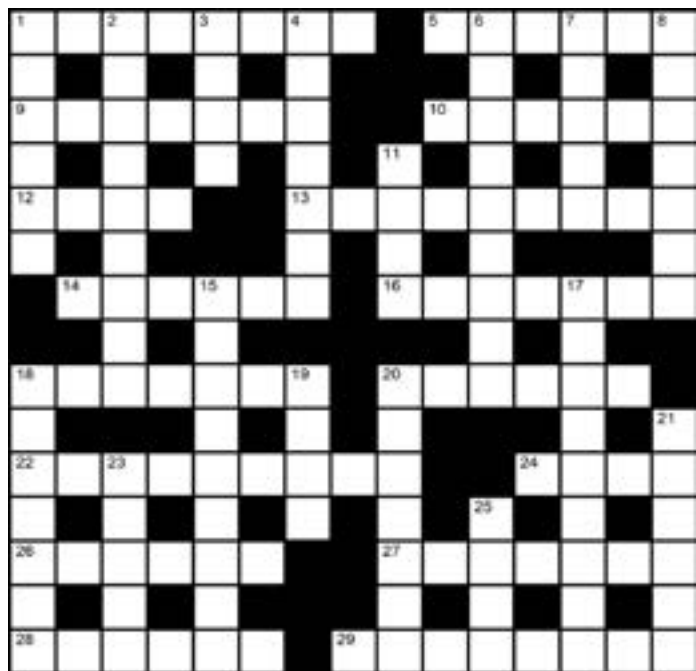
Cryptic Crossword

By Naxos

Car Nicknames

You should find 12 answers related to the theme, forming eight complete versions and two halves!

Answer on page 19



Across

- 1 Sad time for flyer (8)
- 5 Less than complimentary description of Mrs Gladstone, say (3, 3)
- 9 Rough copper finds love in criminal hunt (7)
- 10 Flare when part of meeting intentionally held up (6)
- 12 Stop golf shot twice if following 21, 21 (4)
- 13 Split inside tends worryingly to result in catch-all methods (5, 4)
- 14 Basil, say, that is a well-travelled beetle (6)
- 16 Succeed in reversing charge for furniture (4, 3)
- 18 The very least bears little relation (7)
- 20 Could capital of Yemen become powerful? (6)
- 22 Cries wretchedly about diary entry after nothing on study of antibodies (9)
- 24 Flying tiger, parent has no hesitation (4)
- 26 Coat tolerated when standing up with easy opening (6)
- 27 Penguin, say – I'm right in some measure (7)
- 28 In Paris she enters line up as caller (6)
- 29 Like 5 perhaps, effect of the early reformation (8)

Down

- 1 In tears about inferior finish on novel jackets (6)
- 2 Poor announcer gets caught for a distinct lack of interest (9)
- 3 Bit of a slob rumoured to be in Midlands town, unofficially named (4)
- 4 Speculate again to make property more privet? (7)
- 6 Rod, say, stars with McQueen (9)
- 7 Sandy setter in appeal for end of bone (5)
- 8 Oily doily originally located after show with 6 becoming automatic success (7)
- 11 Man races after Knight Industries leaders to find TV model (4)
- 15 Twist character with sewing group to create buzzer – transformation challenge? (9)
- 17 Racket on phone kept in cave (9)
- 18 Goodness and rest disturbed by unknown problem; could be solved in coupling with 20 down (7)
- 19 Kings could be wonderful without state intervention (4)
- 20 Engine created in part from a Chinese source (7)
- 21 Sir Chris gets cold replacing leader for signed document (6)
- 23 In the country where you find start of Rocky Mountain range (5)
- 25 Place to observe support regularly dropping off (4)



Young Readers' Corner

Earth Day

On **22 April** each year, Earth Day is celebrated in many countries to let people show how much they care about our planet Earth. Some people use the day to talk about endangered plants and animals, or how we can all use less plastic; others meet to discuss small ways in which we can all do something to adapt to climate change and help save the planet.

In this word search puzzle, there are 15 words associated with climate change and Earth Day. Many of the words are to do with how we can help take care of the planet's environment. You may like to hide the words and do the word search without them. You can see if you got all 15 by checking the list beside the grid.

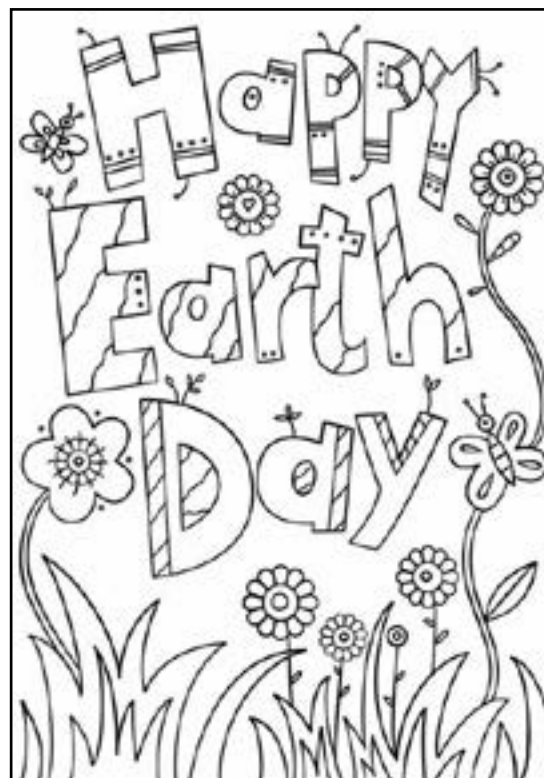
The solution is on page 19.



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Earth Day Colouring

Here's a poster for Earth Day for you to colour.



Willingham Gardening Club

In March we held our Annual General Meeting, an opportunity to look back and reflect on the previous year. 2023/24 was only the second year since a new committee was formed and the club continues to strengthen and grow. We would like to express our gratitude to our members and anybody who has attended a meeting over the past year.

It was another successful evening and thank you Katja for organising the Daisy Drive – good fun!

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 1 April**. We look forward to welcoming Paula Dyason from Strictly Daylilies Nursery to tell us about *The Day of the Daylily*.

A reminder that memberships will be renewed from April. Membership will remain at £20 for 12 months.

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

New members are always welcome and can sign up for a membership now. If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email: willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub. There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members.

Willingham Photo Club

willinghamphotoclub.org.uk

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 15 April at 8 pm** and the assignment is:

Shallow Focus

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

A Poem for April

Showers in April
caress our senses,
give life to Spring flowers
and nurture the grass.

Showers in April
twinkle through rainbows,
bring out our umbrellas
then swiftly pass.

Christine Lacey

The BuStop House – Open House Day

Conscious Design Studio has finally finished renovating the house on the High Street, now proudly named The BuStop House. We touched every surface on the inside and out, created a garden and built an extension. We've created a unique home one might say, but a home that has been designed and created with a conscious mindset towards the planet, our community and the users' wellbeing and health.



BuStop House with two waiting passengers

The intricate patterns seen across the facade and interior are a language and expression of nature's geometry. We have used certain materials and techniques and taken a vernacular approach, following the principles of the Arts and Crafts movement.

Over the three years of crafting and experimenting, this project has prompted conversations and memories within the community, and we have received unconditional encouragement and support from our locals. We would love for you to join us to celebrate its completion. Take a tour with us to discover what we have used and why we've used it, or just come to have a peek at our portal into the natural world.

It would be our pleasure to invite you to The BuStop House for an Open House Day event on **27 April**. For further details see our social media or posters dotted around the village. We look forward to seeing you there.



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A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111.

Bank Holiday Closure

Please note the surgery will be CLOSED for the Bank Holiday on Monday 1 April.

Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication to last for the long weekend, remembering to order your repeats at least three working days before collection. 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.

Pregnancy

If you have had a positive pregnancy test or are pregnant and have recently moved to the area, you are able to self-refer to the Rosie Hospital and Rosie Community Midwives for your care. For further information on what to do next and to download the Pregnancy Self-Referral form, please visit the web page below:



www.cuh.nhs.uk/rosie-hospital/maternity/pregnancy-pathway.

Once you have completed the form, email it to their booking line admin team on cuh.cmwnewbooking@nhs.net (all instructions are on the form).

For women who require a translator, or who don't have digital access, please call 01223 348981 and leave a voicemail with your name and NHS number. Please email your self-referral form or telephone the service as early as possible following a positive pregnancy test.

Blood Tests

If you have a pre-arranged blood test booked in the surgery, it is important to ensure you are well hydrated when you attend for your appointment. This also includes when attending for a fasting blood test – although you must not eat, please ensure that you drink plenty of water. This will help to make your test less uncomfortable.

Samples

When you are dropping off any samples, as requested by the doctor, nurse or reception team, please bear in

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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Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

mind that they will need to be dropped off no later than 4 30 pm to ensure they do not miss the last hospital collection of the day. Unfortunately, some samples do not keep well overnight, and you may be asked to drop a new sample in on another day.

Dr Cathy Suter

Many of our patients will be sad to hear that Dr Suter has finally hung up her stethoscope and fully retired from the Willingham Medical Practice team. You will be aware that Dr Suter semi-retired from the partnership but did continue to step in as a locum GP when we needed her. All the staff will miss her and we are sure that the wider community will join us in wishing her well in her retirement, when she intends to spend lots of time with her family.

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

Please remember to treat all our staff with kindness and respect. We are all working hard, under extremely difficult circumstances to ensure all our patients are seen and treated in the best way.

Willingham Medical Practice

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Services in Church

- 7 April** 11 00 am Morning Prayer
4 00 pm Families at 4
- 14 April** 11 00 am Holy Communion
- 21 April** 11 00 am Café Church in the Octagon Hall
- 28 April** 11 00 am Morning Prayer

Families at 4

Come and join us in the Octagon for 45 minutes of tea and cake, exploring faith and fun.

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 13 April** from 10 am in The Octagon with music, refreshments, laughter and fun. Everyone living with memory loss (or similar conditions) together with their carers and family are welcome. See page 7 for further details.

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 to conflict. 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.

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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.



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Activities for April

Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

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

- 7 April** Luke 4, 1-13 – Jesus is Tested in the Wilderness
- 14 April** Special Service for Families with Children
- 21 April** Luke 4, 14-30 – Jesus Starts his Ministry in Galilee
- 28 April** Visiting preacher: Richard Blackhurst

EVENTS

Coffee Morning

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

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

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk:
People from Biblical Times – 'The Physician' with Dr Matthew Hunt. See page 13 for further details..

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 4 and 18 April.

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.

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, fundraising ideas and practical support.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about us, please email Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook.

Thought for the Month

After the festivities and rejoicing during the Easter Octave, the next Sunday was commonly known in the Christian churches as Low Sunday, a time for calm and quiet reflection.

Pope John Paul II dedicated this Sunday to the Divine Mercy when he canonised a young Polish nun, Faustina, who was a nun in the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. During her years in the convent the Lord endowed her with the gift of contemplation, with a deep knowledge of the mystery of the mercy of God, with visions, revelations, the gift of prophecy and of reading into human souls.

To this simple, uneducated but courageous woman, who trusted Him without limit, Jesus consigned the great mission to proclaim His message of mercy to the whole world. Faustina was also instructed by Jesus to record all that He said to her in a diary, available throughout the world in many languages.

What is mercy? It is a concept integral to an understanding of God's dealings with humankind. The term 'merciful' describes a quality of God and one that God desires of His people denoting compassion and love expressed in tangible ways.

Throughout the Scriptures God's mercy is spoken about and exhibited many times. Jesus teaches: 'Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.' This verse emphasises the importance of displaying compassion and forgiveness towards others. It suggests that those who show mercy will in turn receive mercy from God, reflecting the reciprocal nature of the grace.

Shakespeare, in his play, the *Merchant of Venice*, says:

'The quality of mercy is not strained, it dropeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It blesses him that gives and him that takes. It is an attribute to God himself and earthly power doth then show like God's when mercy seasons justice.'

Is it time for each one of us to 'cry out to God for mercy' for ourselves and this troubled world?

Elizabeth Barker

Sacred Heart RC Church, St Ives

Willingham Men's Breakfast

The Baptist Church main hall is where Willingham Men's Breakfast (WMB) meets on the third Saturday, every month. Doors open at 7 30 am, start at 8 am, finish at 9 15 am.

Good breakfast, only £3, chat followed by an interesting talk. Our theme for 2024 is *Skills*, comparing jobs, trades and professions of the Biblical 1st century AD to the present. All are welcome.

We had an enjoyable evening at the Royal Bengal in February – around 10 of us and a birthday celebration included – good food, good company and exceptional value.

Coming up:

Saturday 20 April We have a good and local friend, Dr Matthew Hunt, with the next episode of our *Skills* theme, giving us a talk entitled *Physician*. Matthew has spoken a few times at WMB, so a warm welcome to what will be an entertaining talk on the life of a 1st century and a 21st century physician.

After the talk some of us will be setting off on a day trip to Cophill Roundhouse, Steam Railway Centre, Staveley, Chesterfield (to book contact Pete – see below).

See the January edition of *Willingham News* for the full Men's Breakfast programme for the year or request a hard or digital copy. To be included in our monthly info please email /phone as below:

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The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open every Monday morning (including Easter Monday on **1 April**) 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 the 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 to colour, wool to knit with 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. We look forward to seeing you!

Ceilidh at the Ploughman Hall

Be quick!

Saturday 6 April, 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 – gets us dancing from the get-go! Hilarity prevails. And there's a ploughman supper included. Booking: scan the QR code or just Google "Ceilidh-WAG" using the quotation marks.



There will be a raffle in aid of the Friends of Willingham Church and their church restoration fund.

Ralph Thoday (1895 – 1981)



Tree Planting at St John's, Photo by Nordin Ćatić

Many of you will no doubt remember Ralph Thoday who lived in Fen End. Although Ralph was born in Hemingford, his family were well known in the village and owned various properties and market gardens. His grandfather left the small Reedground Farm in Earith Road to go to America; Ralph's father was born at sea. The next two children were born in the USA and then Lewis was born in Willingham in 1860 when the family returned.

Ralph served as a Sergeant in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the Great War. After the war he married a nurse and they settled in Cambridge and Ralph was appointed as a gardener at St John's College. He became Head of the Kitchen Garden in 1928, then Head College Gardener in 1931. He retired in 1973. He had inherited Reedground Farm from his uncle Lewis in 1945. In 1949 Ralph discovered a new apple tree growing in the derelict orchard which he named Thoday's Quarrenden. He sent apples to the Royal Horticultural Society as a sample and scions to the National Fruit Collection. The apple is a dessert type of medium size with bright red flush and creamy white flesh, sweet and juicy, picking in October.

To mark 100 years since Ralph was first appointed, St John's asked me if I could obtain two trees of this apple as we grow it here at the Bushel Box and could provide scions. Simpson's Nurseries raised the trees from our scions and they were planted at the College in January.

Ralph was well known for his radio contributions, the first in 1953 on the BBC Home Service as well as newspaper articles. The tradition was carried on by his son Peter who died last year, known for the Victorian Kitchen Garden and other programmes on TV and was involved with the Eden Project.

Many locals were amused that Ralph's own garden was always overgrown and untidy but he was very good at saying how things should be done. His daughter Muriel, also a horticulturist, was killed in a huge motorway pile-up in 1973.

Ray Manning

The Willingham British School Trust

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held at 7 30 pm on **19 April**. This will be the Trust's Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Baptist Church.

In addition to receiving annual reports from the Trust's officers and the Trust's audited accounts for the 2023-2024 financial year, the Trustees will also consider applications for financial support. The Trust has funding available and would welcome applications if:

- You are a young person attending a university or further education course and have encountered unexpected costs associated with your course such as equipment, fieldtrips and reading lists.
- You are the representative of a Willingham community group seeking funds to support an educational project.

Applications are also welcome from the governors and staff of the local schools attended by Willingham's children.

Making an application is easy and quick! If you have an enquiry about applying, please contact the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher (email: raycroucher47@gmail.com) or any of the Trustees.

Willingham History Group



Oliver Cromwell and Stuart Orme

Did Oliver Cromwell really keep his cavalry in Willingham?

We have the Curator of the Cromwell Museum, Stuart Orme, coming to the History Group to speak and shine some light on the old Willingham legend.

Stuart will then talk about the Cromwell Museum. Housed in a medieval building in the centre of Huntingdon, it is the best collection in the world of artefacts relating to the 17th century soldier and statesman, Oliver Cromwell. Discover the story behind the museum building, the collection and what goes on behind the scenes, as well as finding out more about some of the remarkable treasures on display.

Come to the Social Club on **Monday 29 April** at 7 30 pm to find out if Cromwell's cavalry was here.

£5 on the door to cover the cost of the room and speaker.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

New Recycling and Waste Bins

We welcome the introduction of new recycling initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable waste management practices. Residents can expect to see the arrival of a pink bin on loan from the South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC), dedicated to recycling small electrical items. This bin will be conveniently located in the Ploughman Hall Car Park, just inside the entrance gate. Please use it before it leaves us! Additionally, the Council has purchased and plans to install two replacement bins outside the orchard – a standard bin and another for recycling – in the coming weeks, further enhancing our efforts towards a cleaner and more environmentally-friendly parish.

Cemetery and Safety Measures

Ensuring the safety and cleanliness of our community spaces is a top priority; the Council has approved the replacement of the Euro bin with a smaller alternative. This new bin will be emptied weekly, providing a more efficient waste management solution for cemetery visitors. In addition, the Council conducted 'topple testing' on headstones at the end of last year, with affected headstones marked and known burial right owners notified. The advisory period for rectifying these headstones concluded on 29 March and the Council will arrange for any headstones not rectified to be laid down with the grave plot.

Barton Field

With Spring now here, more people might be tempted to visit the Council's Barton Field, to look at the blossom and other new growth. However, we continue to receive reports of unauthorised vehicle access down Black Pit Drove. Black Pit Drove is a bridleway and only cars belonging to Drove residents are permitted along it. Furthermore, all land bordering the field is privately owned, with no public right of way across them. Your cooperation in adhering to these regulations will be greatly appreciated.

Recreation Ground Concerns

The wet winter has been a disastrous one for the lower part of the Recreation Ground. It has not been fit for football matches, or much else, since October. It is likely that this situation will recur in future winters. Recognising this issue, the Parish Council is actively seeking alternative solutions and trying to identify any suitable plots of land, preferably close to the existing Recreation Ground, that could be donated, rented, leased or perhaps sold to the Parish Council. If you know of any such land, please contact the clerk.

Potholes and Flooding Concerns

In recent times, the Willingham community has faced

escalating challenges with potholes, surface water and flooding issues. These problems not only impact the quality of our infrastructure but also pose safety risks to motorists and pedestrians alike. We emphasise the great importance of residents reporting such issues to the relevant authorities promptly, either on the County Council website or by clicking on 'reporting' on the Parish Council website.

By reporting potholes and water problems, residents play a crucial role in helping authorities identify problem areas and allocate resources effectively. Providing detailed reports, including multiple photos of the problem areas, can help address these issues. It is essential to remember that multiple reports from different residents corroborate the urgency and demand for action. By collectively raising awareness and documenting the extent of these challenges, we can ensure that the relevant authorities are informed and motivated to take proactive measures.

Community Survey for Healthy Places

Residents of Willingham are invited to participate in a joint initiative by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council's public health team. Your input will help shape healthy, supportive and inclusive communities in the region. The ongoing development of the Healthy Places Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough aims to create healthier, easily accessible and inclusive communities. Your feedback is crucial in identifying priorities such as access to healthcare services, inclusive green spaces, active travel opportunities and affordable healthy food options. Further information is available on the Council's website.

Contact Details

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

Meetings

Council 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 notice board outside the Public Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions (see agendas for further details).

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District Councillor (SCDC) Bill Handley's Report

Council Budget

Full Council recently voted to approve the administration's Budgets and Business Plan for the next 12 months. SCDC is on a very sound financial footing and remains one of the lowest taxing authorities in the country, with a £5 per year increase – 42p a month - for the average band D home, equivalent to a below inflation rise of around 3%.

Two more Environmental Enforcement Officers (Envirocrime) are being employed to tackle the increasing problem of fly-tipping and two new posts created for highways litter-picking.

Four-Day Week Update

SCDC's four-day week trial finished at the end of March. The Council undertook the trial because of the acute recruitment and retention issues it faces, which is amplified in Greater Cambridge due to the high cost of housing. A full report where we will assess how well the four-day week has gone will now be compiled. Some of the benefits include spending £434,000 less on agency staff between September 2022 to 31 December 2023, route optimisation of waste collection and a positive impact upon health and wellbeing.

Cambridgeshire Home Improvement Agency (Cambs HIA)

Cambs HIA is a strategic partnership of local councils dedicated to enhancing the living conditions of residents. Last year it helped more than a hundred families in South Cambs to access grants such as Disabled Facilities Grants and Special Purpose Grants. Further information can be found here: frances.swann@cambshia.org or 01954 713456.

Western Park Sports Pavilion, Northstowe

The management company running the pavilion, Elite Sports, is encouraging sports clubs of all kinds to use the facility. They are planning a number of specific action days to draw attention to the facilities available and to the sports and community groups (including those from Willingham) that are, or will be, using them.

The 4G pitch is open at certain times for use by young people free of charge. The facility is open for bookings here: [Email westernpark@elitesportsuk.com](mailto:westernpark@elitesportsuk.com).
Facebook page: tinyurl.com/5dsc8bnb.

Bill Handley

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

Part-time Carer required

Carer required to join team of other carers for married couple husband 88 and wife 93 who is disabled. It is a modern house in Over. Hours subject to negotiation.

Email jodoveton@googlemail.com
Or call 01954 232684

District Councillor (SCDC) Dan Lentell's Report

On 27 February South Cambs met to discuss the budget. The debt ceiling, taxes and council house rents went up. All those promised savings from the Four-Day Week Trial haven't amounted to much. You'll be glad to know that remuneration for us councillors is also going up (backdated) despite a verbosely elegant speech from your not-especially humble correspondent arguing that this might tend to annoy residents. As with last year's rise, my ill-gotten gains will go directly to registered charities in Over and Willingham.

With the exception of three late-arriving rays of sunshine, it was a bleak and gloomy picture overcast by the botched Four-Day Week Trial. I am 100% in favour of our society moving towards more 4in7 working models. I know from my own family set-up how beneficial a day away from the regular grindstone can be, especially for those of us with young children. However, the proposed (and imposed) 'Five Days Pay for Four Days Worked' model was successful in Reykjavik only because it had been adopted across the economy, public and private. No one was left behind. Other, more inclusive approaches were available but not considered. It goes to show why debate in public policymaking matters is important. Big ideas need a lot of little adaptations if they are going to be successfully adopted. Want to go fast? Go alone. Want to go far? Go together.

So, I am pleased to say that, towards the end of the meeting, South Cambs got together and got some really useful work done. The final item on the agenda, proposed by Councillor Anna Bradman, means that: 'Future decisions, services and policies made and adopted by the Council should be assessed through Equality Impact Assessments to determine the impact of changes on people with care experience, alongside those who formally share a protected characteristic ... This Council will treat care experience as if it were a protected characteristic.'

The penultimate item on the agenda, standing in the name of Councillor Heather William (leader of the Conservative opposition) requested 'that the Cabinet expands its 'Cost of Living Support' scheme to include providing free sanitary products to those who may not be able to afford them.'

The antepenultimate item, standing in the name of Councillor Daniel Lentell (Independent, Over & Willingham) but drafted and redrafted by the Lib Dems' Councillor Judith Rippeth and Labour's Elizabeth McWilliams, supported the Council's move towards accreditation from White Ribbon, the UK's leading charity engaging men and boys to end violence against women and girls. Anti-domestic violence, anti-period poverty, pro-kids in care measures were passed with unanimous, cross-party votes of acclamation. Want to go far? Go together, Mrs Landingham! What's next?

Dan Lentell

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County Councillor Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents,

I hope that this update finds you well. The following is based upon my report to the Parish Councils in my division.

County Budget

The Council agreed its budget on Tuesday 13 February. Councillors have prioritised a number of key areas, based on residents' feedback from last summer's 'Quality of Life' survey. The budget:

- Sustains critical adults' and children's social care services.
- Includes record levels of highways funding to strengthen and improve the standard of roads and pavements, including tackling potholes, weeds and gulleys, in direct response to residents' concerns.
- Prioritises support for vulnerable communities, including continuing to provide holiday supermarket vouchers for those children most in need.

The Council agreed a Council Tax rise of 4.99% (2% for adult social services and 2.99% for general services).

Measles Update

With cases of measles rising in some areas of the country, the Council is asking everyone to check their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccination status and get vaccinated if not up to date. Walk-in vaccination clinics are taking place across Cambridgeshire. More information at www.cpics.org.uk/measles.

Secondary Schools

A greater percentage of Cambridgeshire students will be going to their first-choice secondary school this September. A total of 87.9% have been offered a place at their first-choice school — up from 87.1% last year. The proportion offered a place at their first, second or third preference school has also risen, from 95.4% in 2023 to 95.8% this year. The total number of places offered this year was fewer than last — 7,220 compared with 7,413.

Reporting Flooding

If you have experienced flooding, please do report it, even if it is not internal flooding, and even if the immediate danger has passed. In the event of a flood, if there is a threat to life call 999. To report a non-life-threatening flood emergency to the police, please call 101. Outside of those events, the County Council's flood reporting page is: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/report-a-flood.

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.

Longer versions of the reports from all the Councillors can be found in the *Willingham News Extras* section of the village website: www.willinghamlife.org.

Cambridge Open Studios Golden Jubilee

Cambridge Open Studios, a thriving community of more than 500 artists, is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the launch of its biggest and best-ever July Open Studios Art Festival.

The organisation, which is one of the oldest artist-run open studio initiatives in the country, is hosting the famous festival across every weekend in July which it promises will be packed full of VIP events, studio tours and creative surprises.

Throughout the month, art collectors and members of the public alike, will have the opportunity to gain behind-the-scenes access to hundreds of working studios, browse unique artworks, witness and participate in live demonstrations, tutorials and workshops, and buy exclusive pieces of art directly from more than 350 artists across Cambridge, Ely, Saffron Walden and the surrounding villages.

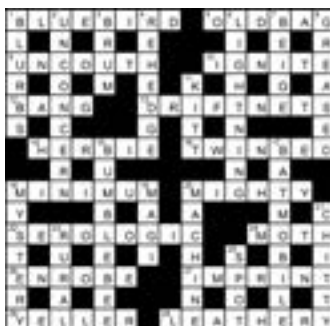
The vast range of specialisms on display include painting, jewellery, printmaking, ceramics and pottery, glass art, digital art, drawing and illustration, woodwork and furniture, sculpture, textiles, photography, book art, lettering and calligraphy, mixed media and collage and much more.

Gabriella del Valle, Chair of the Cambridge Open Studios Management Team, said: 'Over the last five decades, Cambridge Open Studios has evolved from just a handful of members in the early 1970s to a 500-plus strong membership organisation, comprising professional, amateur and hobby artists from all different backgrounds and walks of life. Throughout that time, we have welcomed more than 1,800 local artists into our community and I am so proud to say our mission has never wavered: to make the arts accessible to all.'

'We are thrilled to be celebrating our golden jubilee in the best way we know how — by delivering an extra-special edition of the July Open Studios Art Festival. The free event attracts thousands of visitors each year and this July will be no different. It offers not only the chance to embrace, celebrate and engage with the artistic community of Cambridgeshire, but also to purchase an exclusive piece of art, hand-crafted by a local artist or artisan. We hope to see you there!'

To find out more about Cambridge Open Studios, visit: camopenstudios.org.

Puzzle Answers Cryptic Crossword



Book Quiz

- 1 Mark Twain
- 2 George Orwell
- 3 Agatha Christie
- 4 Philip Pullman
- 5 Leo Tolstoy

- 6 Arthur Conan Doyle
- 7 Ian McEwan
- 8 William Shakespeare
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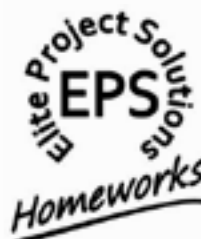
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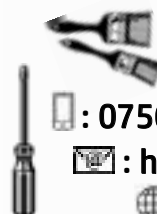


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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Mon 1 April	<i>The Day of the Daylily</i> with Paula Dyason	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p10
Tue/Sat 2/13 April	Spring & Easter Colouring at the Library	Library	Library	Library opening hours, see p8
Wed 3 April	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p11
Wed 3 April	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 4 April	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Fri 5 April	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Fri 5 April	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Fri 5 April	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm, see p5
Sat 6 April	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Sat 6 April	Rosie in Stitches' Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 2 pm
Sat 6 April	Ceilidh	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Ploughman Hall	7 – 10 pm, see p13
Sun 7 April	Jazz Club	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 8 April	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 8 April	Talk: <i>Spring Cleaning</i>	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 9 April	Digital Buddy Drop-In Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p8
Wed 10 April	Easter Holiday Fun for Children: Pom-Pom Animals	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 30 am, see p8
Sat 13 April	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p7
Mon 15 April	Assignment: <i>Shallow Focus</i> Presentation: <i>Prints & Photo Books</i>	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p10
Wed 17 April	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Thu 18 April	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p18
Sat 20 April	Talk: <i>People from Biblical Times – The Physician</i> with Dr Matthew Hunt	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 30 – 9 15 am, see p13
Tue 23 April	Poetry & Prose Evening: <i>Oh to be in England on St George's Day</i>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p8
Sat 27 April	Open House Day	Conscious Design Studio	The BuStop House	See p10
Mon 29 April	Local History Talk with Stuart Orme from the Cromwell Museum	Willingham History Group	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p14

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