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Willingham News – Your Magazine

Willingham News is produced and delivered monthly by a group of volunteers in the village. We always welcome one-off or regular items from residents or organisations, event reports, photographs, or artwork — indeed, anything of community interest.

Obviously, we can't guarantee publication for everything, but we'll do our best — after all, this is your magazine. If you have any ideas for the village or the magazine, let us know! Send your comments and suggestions to us at willinghamnews@gmail.com.

The Editors

The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open every Monday morning (including both Bank Holiday Mondays on **6 and 27 May**) 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.

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!

Church Bells

There will be a meeting of Church Bell Ringers from the Ely Diocese in Willingham on **Saturday 4 May**. This will lead on to some special ringing of the Parish Church Bells between 1 45 and 3 15 pm on that day.

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Over Cambridge

Old Willingham



This is a very early photo of what is, today, the Green. The date of the photo is probably about 1900 and before the arrival of gas to the village. When gas arrived in 1920s the cottages were demolished and a new gas showroom was built. Obviously, the Gas Company was not going to sell much gas if no-one had any gas appliances! Today the gas showroom has become the Library. The Vine Inn on the right was the largest Inn and the most up-market place to stay for visitors. The village pond, in the foreground, was really just a big puddle that came and went according to the weather. Evidently this had been a dry period as there is no sign of any water!

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.

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 13 May** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and our speaker will be Richard Taylor, Assistant Warden, talking about *Ouse Fen*.

WI News

In March we held our Annual Meeting with short reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer after another successful year. Thanks and flowers were presented to retiring Committee members.

This was followed by an enjoyable social evening with drinks and a raffle. An archive of old WI photographs and documents was displayed with members being encouraged to put names to faces from past WI activities.

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.

Steve Foreman Has Retired

Steve Foreman has hung up his overalls and Foreman's Garage is now under new ownership.

Steve opened the garage in February 1985 and for 39 years, apart from annual leave and less than a fortnight off through sickness, has been there to carry out repairs and service the cars of many village residents, who will be very sorry not to see him in his oily overalls. His very large customer base was because Steve was always considered to be reliable, honest and trustworthy. He has



never needed to advertise for custom as his reputation has spread by word of mouth and, apart from regular loyal village customers, he had customers from Bar Hill, St Ives and Cambridge. He even had one customer from France who, whenever he came to visit family, would arrange for Steve to carry any work on his car.

Steve has always been a mechanic. He left school with good grades in practical subjects and got an apprenticeship with Cambridge buses. In fact, he was offered ten apprenticeships but settled with the bus company and achieved the highest grades in his year group. From there he became self-employed in Cambridge with a partner for about two years. He used his share from this job as the deposit for the garage.

In those early days the garage sold ice creams, sweets and cigarettes and was also a video shop in addition to selling petrol and carrying out car repairs. A friend, Jean Carrier, helped out in the shop. Steve's wife, Sue, has always been heavily involved in the running of the business and with her brother, Peter, worked alongside Steve for many years. For the past few years though it has just been Steve and Sue, who met when they were both pupils at Impington Village College and have been

together ever since.

More recently most of the work has been day-to-day repairs, services and pre-MOT work and there has been no shortage of it! They stopped doing bodywork repairs 20 years ago and petrol sales about ten years later.

During his working life at the garage, Steve once got a piece of metal in his eye when welding and on another occasion sustained a bad injury to his finger. Apart from that it has been the normal aches, pains and bad knees which are part and parcel of a very physical job.

Although Steve has hung up his garage overalls, he will continue to be very active. He admits he has always found it very difficult to sit still! His hobbies include surfing, sailing, fishing, gardening, woodworking (I have seen some of the things he has crafted from wood, and they would look good at any craft fair), hill walking and campervanning. During his retirement he is looking forward to doing more of all these activities. Steve is one of four brothers, one of whom is his identical twin. It is obvious that he is very family orientated. Recently the Foremans' clan, all of whom, including grandchildren, are very active and share similar interests, went away together.

There were 47 of them, including Steve's Dad, who is an active 90 year old!



I am sure we all wish Steve and wife Sue a very happy and well-deserved retirement. They will be missed at the garage.

Liz Cosford

Photograph by Julian Eales

Friends of Willingham Church

A huge **Thank You** – to all of you who attended our first fundraising event, a Quiz and Supper at The Octagon Hall in March. We really appreciate the support, as the evening helped us start to raise money for much needed repairs to the church building. It was a fun evening, well supported with 10 six-person teams answering the questions and enjoying a chilli meal.



Our raffle had some fantastic prizes, and we send our thanks to the Citystay Group, LOT25 Café and Restaurant, Café@Highgate and The Bushell Box. Also, we thank Co-op Food, Willingham and the Butchers at Highgate for their generous donations of food for the evening.

We will soon be organising another event so look out for details in the next few months.

Just to remind you who we are –

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

Rosemary Tiley

Willingham History Group

Bank Holiday Trip to Sutton Hoo – Monday 27 May

I thought that we would make a day of it in May, for the Bank Holiday.

Just £30 per head (not including entrance to Sutton Hoo which is free for National Trust Members).

This price includes a VIP tour of the replica ship build but a donation to the Ship's Company would be appreciated.

I am arranging a minibus for the day with a maximum of 15 places, so please book fast.

- 8 30 am Leave the Social Club.
- 10 am Arrive at Sutton Hoo. The tour will be around two hours. I will be taking the flat route with plenty of benches and a coffee shop at the end.
- 1 00 pm Lunch at a local establishment.
- 2 30 pm The Sutton Hoo Ship's Company in Woodbridge for a VIP tour of the building of the replica ship. You'll be able to see parts of the build that the public normally doesn't get to see.

If you are interested, please message the Facebook page www.facebook.com/WillinghamHIGs.

Email me at whigsinquire@gmail.com.

Or just call me on 07726 498851.

Steve Moore

Willingham Action Group – Ceilidh held on 6 April

Due to the fact that WAG managed to schedule the spring Ceilidh right in the middle of the school Easter holidays, the numbers fell short of the usual 80 plus waiting list. However, the event still made a profit for the village while additionally generating over £150 for the Friends of Willingham Church who held a raffle – with some generous prizes. There was a break for refreshments when five or six tables wrapped in cellophane were brought out from a side room laden with 60 plates of Ploughman Supper ready prepared by organiser Sue Berry, her family and helpers – all included in the modest price of £10 per ticket.

So, having spent several sentences on the peripherals, the main thing is to extend a big Thank You to caller and music-provider John Mullet, ably assisted by partner Kareema Newton, for their immense effort in getting and keeping the ticket holders dancing non-stop (as there was plenty of room for all) from 7 30 to 10 30 pm.

Favourites such as Gay Gordons, Strip the Willow and the OXO Reel, were interspersed with numerous other dances of varying degrees of complexity. It seemed the more complicated the endeavour, the greater the mirth and enjoyment of everyone having a go. As ever, John ended the evening by getting us in a circle for a quite moving rendering of Auld Lang Syne. We will provide lyrics of the second verse next time!

Willingham Action Group (WAG)

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Engage in the Afternoon, Wednesday 1 May, 2 – 3 30 pm, *Foul Murders of East Anglia*

Medieval World will be presenting a talk about some of the solved and unsolved foul murders that took place in East Anglia in the 19th and 20th centuries. Why did the parts of poor Martha Sheward turn up all over Norwich and why did the Raleigh Bath Chair murder go with a bang? Come along to hear history brought to life with these stories and more. Refreshments available, donations welcome.

Family Lego Club

Wednesday 1 May, 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. This activity is suitable for children aged four and over who must be accompanied by an adult.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

Tuesday 14 May, 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

Contact willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com for further information.

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday 14 May, 7 30 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend our AGM at the library. The aims of the Friends Group are to promote the use of the library within the community and to organise events. We are always looking for new members (you can be a member without having to join the committee) and new ideas for making maximum use of the library as an important facility in the heart of the community.

Family History Session

Friday 3 May, 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 and a volunteer will be available to offer advice if needed. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact us via the above email address.

Games and Social Afternoon, Friday 3 May, 2 – 4 pm

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

Second-hand Book Sale

Saturday 4 May, 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 15 May, 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.

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

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New Services at St Mary and All Saints Church

Traditional in the Morning

Did you go to church in the days when the *Book of Common Prayer* was in use regularly and so you became familiar with the language of the services and the traditional hymns, week-in, week-out? Do you miss that now, with the coming of more modern forms of worship? If so, you may like to know that on the first Sunday of the month, we are holding a service of Morning Prayer at St Mary & All Saints Church at 11 am, using the spoken words of the *Book of Common Prayer* and singing well-loved hymns. Our next service will be on **Sunday, 5 May** at 11 am. We'll be delighted to welcome you if you'd like to join us, whether to enjoy the familiar or to find out what it's all about.

Family@4 in the Afternoon

*****Calling all families*****

Are you looking for something to do on Sunday afternoons with all the family? Why not join us in the Octagon for Family@4?

On the first Sunday of every month, we're running a new event for all the family, with activities, games, stories and songs for everyone to enjoy. There are free refreshments too! We meet in the Octagon (behind the church) and can't wait to see you there from 4 - 4 45 pm. Our next gathering will be on **Sunday, 5 May**.

You can follow our Facebook page (St Mary & All Saints Willingham) to see what's happening and when – www.facebook.com/SMASWillingham/.



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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.

Cancelling Appointments

We understand that sometimes plans change and you may find you are unable to attend the surgery for a pre-booked appointment. We respectfully ask that you contact the surgery by telephone to let us know if you can no longer make it. You will not have to hold for any period of time, just press **option 3** which will allow you to leave a message to let us know. Please do not cancel appointments last minute via email as, when we are very busy, we are unable to monitor the email inbox.

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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

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 be advised to email your self-referral form or telephone the service as early as possible following a positive pregnancy test.

Carers' Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 1 May** at the Willingham 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

No Mow May – Join the Movement and Liberate your Lawn

Why do we need No Mow May?

We've lost nearly **97%** of flower-rich meadows since the 1930s and with them vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies, are gone as well.

But your lawn can help! A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground. Best of all, to reap these benefits all you have to do is not mow your lawn in May and beyond!

How to take part

With over **20 million gardens in the UK**, even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land which, if managed properly, can deliver enormous gains for nature, communities and the climate.

This is why Environmental Groups are calling for people to get involved with #NoMowMay every year, and let wild plants get a head start on the summer. For more information and advice visit the website for the International Charity Plantlife at PlantLife.org.uk.

The WAG Sustainability Team

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The next meeting is **Monday 20 May at 8 pm** and the assignment is:

Bridges

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

RSPB – Fen Drayton Lakes

One hundred years ago, the land that would become Fen Drayton Lakes was a series of floodplain meadows in the river valley of the Great Ouse. This began to change when low-scale sand and gravel extraction started to take place during the war years of the 1940s for local military and agricultural use. Commercial extraction began in the 1950s and for the next 40-odd years the site became a large, active quarry exporting material for construction around the region.

Nowadays, Fen Drayton Lakes is an RSPB nature reserve made up of a variety of habitats comprising open water, reedbed and wetland mixed with grassland, scrub, and woodland. A huge variety of wildlife is drawn to the area with over 1,900 different species recorded on site to date, including 230 species of bird, 26 species of butterfly and almost 500 species of flowering plant.

As we head into the summer months, wildlife is all around, making it a fantastic time to visit. You're never far from water and wildlife here; it surrounds you wherever you wander. Explore the woods and catch glimpses of secluded bays and pools. You won't be able to miss majestic Mute Swans on the lakes, but you'll need to look a little harder to see the many colourful insects. The riverside meadows are alive with nature – reeds rustling, birds warbling, grasshoppers chirping and bees buzzing.

Events at Fen Drayton Lakes

- **Wild(ish) Camping for Groups** – a unique opportunity for groups to camp on site.
- **Wednesday Wander Guided Walk** – join our knowledgeable volunteers for a walk around the reserve.
- **Dusk Guided Walk** – an evening guided walk to discover the birds, mammals and insects which are more active later in the day up until dusk.
- **Willow Weaving Workshop** – using willow harvested from the reserve, try your hand at making a woven garden obelisk using traditional methods.
- **Guided Canoe Trail** – slink through the reeds on our new water-based trail to discover one of the harder to view lakes from a new perspective.

Events at Ouse Fen

- **Booming Bittern Guided Walk** – An evening guided walk around the newest reedbeds where Bitterns are making their homes.
- **Reedbed Ramble** – A guided walk around the newest part of the reserve to look at all the wildlife that is starting to colonise the site.

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

events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk

Phone – 01954 233260

Sudoku

Solution on Page 19.

2				5				
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Missing Vowels Quiz

Answers on Page 19.

These are places in Britain and their main rivers, with the vowels missing.

For example, LN DNN DTH MS would be London and Thames.

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| 4 PDS T WN DC ML | 10 DR BYNDD R W NT |
| 5 BR D NN DD | |
| 6 LD SNDR | |

John Lawrence

Whiff-Whaff anybody?

If you don't already know it, Willingham has a recently established Table Tennis Club, which hopefully will flourish. But it could have been so different — the game was invented initially as a Victorian parlour game for the rich, reportedly played on a dining table with cigar box tops and rounded champagne corks. Early names for the game were Gossima, Whiff-Whaff, Pom-Pom, Clip-Clap and others. Willingham Whiff-Whaff Club just doesn't have the same ring to it! Rubber or cork balls, both with unpredictable bounces, were the standard until about 1900, when celluloid balls were first used. The name Ping-Pong was actually trademarked by a British games manufacturer around this time.

So, if you fancy a game of Whiff-Whaff, or rather Table Tennis, see the contact details in the Village Directory at the back of this magazine or come along to Ploughman Hall at 7 30 pm on a Thursday.

John Lawrence



Young Readers' Corner

Did you know that **May 5 to May 11** is **Be Aware of Hedgehogs Week**?

Can you find out some facts about Hedgehogs and give the correct answers to this quiz?

- Hedgehogs like to sleep a lot. Do they sleep mainly at night or in the daytime?
- Do they hibernate from November to Mid-March or from July to September?
- It's nice to leave food and drink out for Hedgehogs, but which drinks are not good for them? Cows Milk, Water, Coffee, Fanta?
- Can Hedgehogs eat meat, or can they only eat vegetables?
- Can Hedgehogs see very well? Yes or No?
- Can Hedgehogs hear very well? Yes or No?
- How long can a Hedgehog grow? 20-25 centimetres? 120 -125 centimetres?
- How much can a Hedgehog weigh? 5.22 kg? 1.2kg?
- Is it true that they can run at speeds up to five miles per hour? Yes or No
- Is it true that all Hedgehogs are called Harry? Yes, No or Maybe

The answers are on Page 19.

Hedgehogs are very sociable animals Here is a picture of a friendly Hedgehog for you to colour.





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Sunday Services – in Church except where shown

- 5 May** 11 00 am Morning Prayer – Book of Common Prayer
– see page 8 for details
- 4 00 pm Family@4 – in the Octagon
– see page 8 for details
- 12 May** 11.00 am Holy Communion
- 19 May** 11 00 am Café Church – in the Octagon
- 26 May** 11.00 am Morning Praise

Family@4

A family friendly afternoon in the Octagon Hall for fellowship, fun and exploring faith together – see page 8 for more details.

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 11 May** 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 10 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 6 30 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.

Contact Details

Clergy:

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

Licensed Lay Minister:

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

5folds Administration Office:

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



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- 5 May** Celebration Service for our new Minister
- 12 May** Service for Families with Children
- 19 May** Service for Pentecost
- 26 May** Visiting Preacher: Richard Blackhurst

EVENTS

Coffee Morning

Every Wednesday, Open Door for Coffee and chat
10 am – 11 30 am

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

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk:
People from Biblical Times – The Apothecary with Jon Edney.

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 2, 16 and 30 May

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.

View from the Rose and Crown

At a loose end, and looking from my window,
What do I see?

A neat row of terraced houses, (modern),
The bridge over the lode,
The corner of Pound Lane (executive homes),
And the end of West Fen Road.

When Grace Haddow, publican's daughter
And therefore rarely at a loose end,
Looked from this window a hundred years ago,
What did she see?

A farmyard, with appropriate buildings,
The bridge over the lode,
The corner of Pound Lane (disreputable cottages)
And the end of West Fen Road.

But one particular summer's day
Someone was inspired to take a photograph
Of two groups of people, posed to look natural
But not quite managing it:
Seven men, leaning against a fence near the lode,
And a group of women and children
Looking down West Fen Road.

Mr Smith (for it was likely to be he)
Had rather failed with this second group.
The ladies of the village stand rigid,
Staring in hostile fashion at the men
Who are making a better job of casual mode.
The fence seems to help them with this interpretation
As they lean on it at the end of West Fen Road

Five of them are soldiers from the Hospital
Carefully ranged in order of height,
The other two, corralled I guess when passing by,
Are lads of the village
(Although one appears to be over 60);
He stands nearest to the lode
And is the only person smiling there,
At the end of West Fen Road.

A haycart is just disappearing at the top of the frame
And soon all those present will have walked out of the
picture too:
The anonymous soldiers to return eventually to France,
The long forgotten villagers to continue their daily round.
All that remains now of that view from my window
Is the bridge over the lode,
Just beyond Pound Corner
At the end of West Fen Road.

Anne Kirkman

Willingham Bowls Club

The 2024 season is now well under way but not at Willingham! The heavy rain that we have had this winter has not only affected the Bowls Club but also the other activities on the Recreation Ground. The last two years have been extremely difficult for the Bowls Club as we didn't start bowling in April as many clubs do; all our League Matches are away from home for the first few weeks leaving our home green to dry out a bit more.

It is a real shame that more cannot be done with the drainage at the Recreation Ground, I have made several enquiries to the Environment Agency, but they are not willing to try and resolve the issue. Cleaning out the Lode and Ditches down to the Old West River is expensive, but it used to be done by a group of Ditchmen responsible for all the ditches around Willingham. Water will always run to the lowest level, as the Dutch showed us hundreds of years ago whilst draining the Fens, so cleaning the ditches is possible.

We are still looking for new members. Our membership has grown so our situation is healthier, but new blood is always welcome. Our Membership Fees for this year are £40 for an adult, whilst there is no charge for those under 18 - so membership is not exactly expensive.

We will be offering sessions for a trial Roll Up to see if you want to continue. We have all the equipment, so you only need to have flat soled shoes. We have open roll-ups on Sunday mornings, 10 am to 12 noon and Wednesday afternoons from 2 – 4 pm.

If you are interested in trying Bowls, please get in touch by contacting us at the address below.

Dementia Group Bowls

Last year we offered free bowls sessions for people living with Dementia. These sessions were very successful. We didn't have a large group but those that attended and played Bowls had a really good time. It was good to see the smiles and enjoyment they were getting plus some exercise. We plan to do this again from the end of May. The sessions are free and we supply all the equipment, so all you need are flat soled shoes. These sessions will be on Wednesday afternoons from 2 – 4 pm. Free tea and biscuits will be offered. If you are interested, please contact us.

Terry Buckley – Club Secretary
terry.buckley@virginmedia.com

Thought for the Month

The clocks have changed, we've celebrated Easter and, since 20 March, we are in the season of spring. We might think that by the time we hit May, spring is all but done but summer won't officially begin its season this year until 20 June, so a bit of time to wait for now.

It seems to me that the changing seasons are important to us because they shape our lives and set out expectations on what may or may not be possible. For those involved in growing our crops the seasons allow a variety of foods to be sown and harvested. We tend to associate spring with the arrival of lambs, new signs of life in our plants and trees, warmer days (hopefully) and shorter nights. Our sporting calendar changes too with the coming of summer.

However, of course, our climate is becoming more and more confused, thanks to the harm the human race is doing to it and previous definitions of the seasons in a year are blurring. Add to that the availability of almost any food you want, when you want it from somewhere in the world and we live a very different life to our predecessors. I can remember food only available by season and the great excitement of the arrival of strawberries in the summer, new potatoes, winter vegetables and so on.

The Church also keeps its seasons. We find it helpful as it gives us structure to our year and allows us to think about our Christian journey, to study again the life of Jesus Christ and put it into context. Our seasons, like those in the wider world, help to root us and give us stability. The changing seasons help us to experience a variety of moods and the expression of those in our worship and our own spirituality. Seasons are important.

My favourite season is autumn – rich colours in the countryside, a new school year, anticipation of Christmas to come and so on. I wonder which is yours?

Canon Jan Payne

St Mary & All Saints Church

Wikipedia Editor Wanted

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

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

Nature's Names

Magpies – we often see them around the village and hear them chattering. Just as jackdaws used to be called *daws* before the pet name *Jack* was added, magpies used to be called *pies* until *Mag* was added.

The *pie* part of the name came from the Latin *pica*, and originally from the Indo-European word *pi*, meaning *pointedness*, possibly referring to the beak or the long tail. *Pie* was first used in English in the 1200s; *mag* was added in the 1500s, being one of the pet forms of *Margaret*. It wasn't until the 17th century that magpie became the common form. But why *Margaret*? This is where I distance myself from the reason – it was because Margarets were mercilessly symbolized as gossipers and chatterers. As was the bird.

Moving on... Magpies / pies were often used in literature. In the Shakespeare play, Henry VI says '*and chatt'ring pies in dismal discords sung...*' – the Bard of Avon used corvids a lot in his plays, usually to symbolize bad omens or witchcraft. They were thought to be possessed by the Devil himself!

Magpie superstitions are numerous. Many of us will know the 18th century nursery rhyme: '*One for sorrow, Two for joy, Three for a girl, Four for a boy, Five for silver, Six for gold, Seven for secrets to never be told.*'

It's tempting to add an eighth for our village: '*Eight for potholes to be filled*'.

As for magpies being thieves who will steal any shiny or not-so-shiny object, this isn't so. Numerous university researchers with far too much time on their hands have debunked the myth, and proved that magpies, while they will happily raid songbirds' nests, are no more likely to carry out such heists than any other bird.

John Lawrence

The Over Players

Our 2024 Spring Production will be an Old Time Music Hall, performed from **30 May to 1 June** at Over Community Centre. Before Comedy Clubs and Variety Shows were invented, Music Halls were affordable entertainment set in places with bars! If you have never been to one, it's a chance to experience a slice of history – fancy dress is entirely optional!



You can expect songs, dances and comedy sketches all brought together by a master of ceremonies leading the audience participation with a relaxed atmosphere and lots of raucous fun. Things might get a little risqué! If you're looking for a delightful blend of entertainment, nostalgia, and audience participation, then do buy a ticket.

The Box Office opens on **15 April**. See www.overplayers.uk for more details and to book your tickets when the Box Office opens.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is on **15 May** at 7 30 pm in the Octagon. Residents are invited to attend and get information on the activities in the village. Anglian Water are coming to present as will other local groups supported by the Parish Council, who will present reports and/or accounts. The County, District, and Parish Councils will also report to the public.

Speed Cushions (Bumps)

Following last year's survey of residents in Rampton Road which voted two to one in favour of speed bumps, the Parish Council recommended to County Highways to proceed with the scheme. When the details were published, comments resulted in a vote against it. The Parish Council conducted a further survey of all the residences along Rampton Road with more details of the effects around the decision. This resulted in a narrow (26-25) vote against these traffic calming measures. This was discussed at the April Parish Council meeting and the recommendation to Highways is not to proceed with them. The likely result of this is that the 20mph zone will start just south of Newington.

SpeedWatch

The village has a very active SpeedWatch group which operates mainly along Earith Road and Station Road (the B1050). To run more of these sessions including elsewhere in the village they are needing new volunteers. This normally involves an hour or so once or twice a month. Anyone interested in joining, please contact the team at this email address: speedwatchwillingham@yahoo.com.

Flooding

The council are continuing (with the help of some local experts) to liaise with Anglian Water and County Council to try and bring some resolution to the issues faced by the village.

Dogs

We have had complaints regarding increased dog waste both in and out of bags being left on Black Pit Drove and the Droveaway, off Haden Way, as well as elsewhere in the village. Please clear up after your dogs and use the bins around the village. Also please note that dogs are not allowed on the Recreation Field nor the QEII Play Field, but are on the Community Orchard, Barton Field, and the site on Meadow Road.

Earith Road and the Orchard

Can we remind residents to use the footpath provided to the Orchard and not the private roadway across the front of the bungalows.

Car Parking

Car parking around the school is an ongoing issue. Can we remind residents they cannot park on the single or double yellow lines, and even those with Blue Badges must not park dangerously nor near junctions. The civil parking enforcement programme is now active, and the village will have visits from the Council who will issue parking tickets to offenders.

Councillor Vacancy

We still have one vacancy and would encourage anyone who might be interested to contact us for an informal chat/more information. This is not an onerous position and gives residents the opportunity to influence and help others in the village.

Contact Details

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

Meetings

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

Council Office Details

Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP

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email clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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District Councillor (SCDC) Bill Handley's Report

Weekly Food Waste Collections

Weekly food waste collections are to become a reality for us all by 31 March 2026. Government funding is being made available to cover new food waste containers and specialist collection vehicles; I will give more details as soon as they are available.

Council Agrees Funding to Protect Cash Machines

SCDC has allocated up to £100,000 to better protect the District's cash machines from ram-raids, using funding from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Heavy-duty planters are to be installed in front of some cash machines to prevent or slow down the activity of the thieves. Not all locations will be suitable for the planters due to a lack of available space around them. The police are advising on priorities and the Co-op store in Cambourne will be the first to have the planters; we will monitor the success of the installation.

Statement of Community Involvement for Planning

SCDC, together with Cambridge City Council has formally adopted a new key planning document which sets out how they will help residents have their say on a wide range of planning matters during the next five years. The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is intended to increase public participation in the planning system, empowering residents to play an active role in shaping the future of Greater Cambridge. More detail can be found here: www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/about-us/statement-of-community-involvement.

East West Rail Community Conversations

East West Rail have organised 'community conversation events' over the next couple of months to talk about their plans. There are three in the Greater Cambridge area: Cambourne on **10 May**, Cambridge on **21 May** and Comberton on **22 May**. You can find out more here: www.eastwestrail.co.uk/news/latest-stories/community-conversation-events.

Bill Handley

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

Seasonal Eating in May

Eating seasonally means eating food grown locally that are naturally harvested in May. The following are often more affordable as they haven't had to be imported. What should you be looking for in May?

Look out for **Asparagus, Broccoli, Carrots, New Potatoes, Peas, Radishes, Rhubarb, Samphire, Spinach, Spring Onions and Watercress.**

District Councillor (SCDC) Dan Lentell's Report

On 27 March, South Cambridgeshire District Council met to deal with the single item - South Cambridgeshire Investment Partnership Investment at Cambourne - in a separate extraordinary meeting rather than as part of the already lengthy annual budget session previously reported to you.

Much of the meeting was held in closed session with the press and public excluded. The Council failed to anticipate a conflict of interest and continued with the meeting, with the result that there was not full compliance with the rules in so doing.

The Council's finance officer declared that he is a director of a company that stands to benefit from resolutions placed before us, even though he is only a director of the company as a result of his professional role at the Council. That does indicate a conflict of interest. I make no allegations of actual wrongdoing, however, along with others, I am simply pointing out that the rules which ensure transparency were ignored.

'Being a director of a local authority-controlled company requires officers and elected members appointed to those roles to operate in a completely different legal and philosophical framework to that they are used to inside their local authority ... Too often, this is not understood until problems arise, resulting in reputational and financial damage and in some cases, external intervention directly impacting on your authority.' – *Local Authority Company Review Guidance 2023*

The problem here arose because ONLY the relevant officer was in a position to explain the business on the agenda paper. The meeting could not go ahead if he had to leave the room. In a well-run and well-ordered Council, this conflict would have been anticipated and another officer would have been thoroughly briefed in order to allow regular proceedings to continue. That did not happen. This is precisely the kind of situation warned of in the guidance which discourages Councils from appointing senior officers to such roles.

I have been concerned for some time that South Cambridgeshire's handling of the CEO's undeclared conflict of interest – for example on the topic of the Four Day Week – has been self-defeating. Here is another example – entirely unrelated and entirely avoidable – in which the actions taken by the Council do not follow the letter or the spirit of the rules.

If matters are not always being dealt with at the highest level, with the highest levels of scrutiny and oversight – something the independent apolitical local government peer review of South Cambs says is not the case – then what confidence can other stakeholders have?

Dan Lentell

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County Councillor Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents,

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

Development Corporation to Decide the Future of Cambridge

The Government has set out more details of its plans for a huge expansion of Cambridge and the areas around it (with 150,000 more houses) in a document called *The Case for Cambridge*. A new Development Corporation called the Cambridge Delivery Group is to deliver the Government's vision for Cambridge. They will be a new and unaccountable body deciding the future of the city; some locally elected representatives will be on an advisory board, but it appears that decisions will be taken elsewhere.

Household Support Fund and Supermarket Vouchers

The Government's budget included an announcement that it would be extending the Household Support Fund for six months, but did not announce this in time for local Councils to include it in their budgets. So, the Council's Strategy Resources & Performance Committee has agreed to modify its spending plans. The supermarket vouchers will therefore continue to be issued for the next six months.

Cost of Living

The Council's Communities Social Mobility & Inclusion Committee (COSMIC) has approved an additional £150,000 to Cambridge Housing Society to deliver the Cambridgeshire Local Assistance Scheme, which supports Cambridgeshire residents facing unexpected financial difficulties. For more details, please see here: www.tinyurl.com/yc3k32wk.

Anglian Water

We have been urging Anglian Water to engage with residents regarding surface water and foul water drainage in Cottenham and Willingham. We are pleased that they will attend the Annual Parish Meetings, make a presentation and be ready to answer questions from residents.

Highways

I am pleased that the line markings along the High Street have been completed thereby hopefully improving access to their drives for residents.

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)

A number of visits by CPE officers have taken place in Willingham since its introduction. It has been requested that future visits are timed to coincide with school start/finish.

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.

Willingham Gardening Club

With Spring in full swing, it is arguably the busiest time of year for gardeners.

Following the March AGM, we were thrilled to see so many new and returning members sign up for the 12 months ahead. In a change to our plans, the April meeting of the Club was a hotly contested horticulture-themed quiz that diplomatically ended in a tie. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6 May**, with details of the speaker to be confirmed in due course.

Willingham Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meetings begin at 7 30 pm. There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members. 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.

Sudoku Answer

2	4	1	3	5	6	9	7	8
3	5	7	2	8	9	4	6	1
8	6	9	1	7	4	5	2	3
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6	9	8	5	4	3	7	1	2
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1	8	3	4	2	7	6	9	5
9	7	5	8	6	1	2	3	4
4	2	6	9	3	5	1	8	7

Missing Vowels Quiz Answers

- 1 Worcester and Severn
- 2 Ipswich and Orwell
- 3 Peterborough and Nene
- 4 Padstow and Camel
- 5 Aberdeen and Dee
- 6 Leeds and Aire
- 7 Norwich and Wensum
- 8 Ely and Great Ouse
- 9 Llangollen and Dee
- 10 Derby and Derwent

Young Readers' Hedgehog Quiz

- 1 They sleep in the day
- 2 November – March
- 3 Cow's milk to be avoided
- 4 They can eat meat
- 5 Poor eyesight
- 6 Good hearing
- 7 20 – 25 centimeters
- 8 Up to 1.2 kilograms
- 9 Yes
- 10 No

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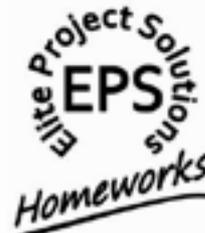
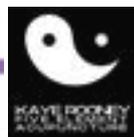
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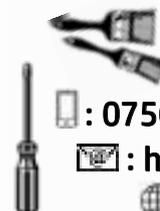


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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Wed 1 May	<i>Foul Murders of East Anglia</i> with Medieval World	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p8
Wed 1 May	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p9
Wed 1 May	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	3 45 – 4 45 pm, see p8
Wed 1 May	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 2 May	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Fri 3 May	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Fri 3 May	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Fri 3 May	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 pm
Sat 4 May	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Sat 4 May	Rosie in Stitches' Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 2 pm
Sat 4 May	Church Bell Ringing	Ely Diocese Bell Ringers	Parish Church	1 45 – 3 15 pm, see p5
Sun 5 May	Jazz Club	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Sun 5 May	Family@4 in the Afternoon	Parish Church	Octagon	4 – 4 45 pm, see p8
Mon 6 May	Talk	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p19
Wed 8 May	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sat 11 May	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p10
Sun 12 May	Five Pubs Challenge	Over Day Centre		See April's issue for details
Mon 13 May	<i>Ouse Fen</i> with Richard Taylor	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Tue 14 May	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p8
Tue 14 May	Annual General Meeting	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p8
Wed 15 May	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Wed 15 May	Annual Parish Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 16 May	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Sat 18 May	Talk: <i>People from Biblical Times – The Apothecary</i> with Jon Edney	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 – 9 am, see p12
Mon 20 May	Assignment: <i>Bridges</i>	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p10
Mon 27 May	Trip to Sutton Hoo	Willingham History Group	Sutton Hoo	See p7
Thu 30 May	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Thu/Sat 30 May/1 June	Old Time Music Hall	Over Players	Over Community Centre	See p14



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