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## Old Willingham



During the 1914 - 1918 World War many wounded soldiers were billeted in the village. The old Church Hall in Church Street was turned into a hospital and we know from carvings in the wall that some men were put at the back of the church nave. This poor fellow appears to be in some sort of outdoor shelter – perhaps erected temporarily to house patients. Since his upper body appears fine, we must assume his injuries were to the legs. Someone has thoughtfully put flowers on the table and, on the back wall, is a pocket watch, his badge and a poster with five faces, probably the King and important generals. Maybe these were intended to give encouragement – but perhaps they would just remind him who put him there!

See more photos at [www.oldwillingham.com](http://www.oldwillingham.com). If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or [oldwill@oldwillingham.com](mailto:oldwill@oldwillingham.com).

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## Francis Pullen



Earlier this year, Francis, our great friend and professional photographer, died. He was a founder member of Willingham Photo Club and attended every meeting. He critiqued our photographs, offering advice, encouragement and praise. Along with Stephen Salmon, he judged

the images in the Annual Exhibition, which he steadfastly manned – engaging with visitors and chatting to club members in quieter moments.

He gave the club many talks on aspects of photography, provided guidance and equipment for practical sessions, led photo tours around Cambridge and always provided entries for the club's assignments.

We will miss him enormously – his outstanding professionalism, his excellent sense of humour, his collapsible bike on the roads of Willingham, his deep knowledge of Cambridge and his warm, heartfelt greetings at every meeting.

I've gathered all his assignment photos in a gallery on the photo club website: [photo.ballandia.co.uk/other/francis-pullen/](http://photo.ballandia.co.uk/other/francis-pullen/).

*Derek Law*

## Willingham History Group

Meet the oldest person to represent Great Britain in International Speed Skating.

*Bones to Carbon Fibre* – a brief history of Fen Skating.

How do you cover over 150 years of skating history – from shaped bones to custom-made carbon fibre boots, some of the history and atmosphere of a typically Fenland pastime and sport?

David Smith was born and has lived all his life in Sutton. He started skating on the Fens at Bury Fen Earith, in the dark on a moonlight night, in the late 1970s. He won his first race at Sutton Gault in 1981 and started skating at the newly formed Fenland Indoor Ice Speed Skating Club, at the Peterborough Ice Rink, shortly afterwards. In 1984, David won the British 'Short Track' Junior Championships and set three British records on the way.

We had severe weather in the winters of 1985, 86 and 87, which made for fantastic skating conditions and Fen skating racing, at Bury Fen Earith, Welney, Baston Fen in Lincolnshire and Whittlesey.

David was quite competitive during those winters. In 1989 he started skating marathon races (12 miles) in Holland, which he continued to do until 2016, when he reverted back to the time trial race format, to compete in World Masters competitions, and for four years was the oldest person to represent GB in International Speed Skating.

David retired from competitive skating in March this year after 42 years.

Come to the Social Club on **Monday 24 June** at 7 30 pm to find out more.

Cost £4.50 on the door to cover the cost of the room.



## News from RSPB Ouse Fen Nature Reserve

### A New Quarry Partner

At Ouse Fen the RSPB are working in partnership with the minerals industry to transform the aggregates quarry at Needingworth into the largest reedbed in the UK. This will create a wetland home supporting priority conservation species like bittern and their reedbed neighbours. It's a great place for the community to connect with nature too. Having worked to do this very successfully with Heidelberg Materials for more than two decades, this year will see a new owner take over quarry operations and help develop the growing nature reserve. We look forward to working with Brice Aggregates, building on the great success of the project so far and the continued creation of Ouse Fen Nature Reserve.



### Recent Wildlife News

Winter wildlife highlights have included peak roost counts of 35 marsh harriers and up to 32 cattle egret, the latter still a relatively new colonist to Cambridgeshire. Another peak count was 40 bearded tits reported from Cuckoo Fen. Across the reserve up to four short-eared owls have been seen along with merlin, regular all winter, and a single sighting of a long-eared owl. Waders feeding on Berry Fen included 925 black-tailed godwit and 31 ruff with three white-fronted geese and seven whooper swan also dropping by. A few visitors have been lucky enough to encounter otters which are now regularly being seen up and down the valley now.

However, the news that has drawn most attention in recent months has been the starling murmuration over the reedbeds, mustering an estimated 100,000 birds. The reserve car park near Earith was filled by visitors flocking to see this amazing attraction.



Murmuration over Crane's Fen

## Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be something a bit different. On **Monday 10 June** we will be visiting the Margent Eco Farm and touring the house. This will be for members only.

### WI News

At our April meeting the topic was *All Things Spring Cleaning*. Our President, Jane, had some old and new pieces of equipment and members brought in old books. We began by discussing Mrs Beeton's advice from her best-selling *Cookery and Household Management* book, for example, starting from the top and removing everything. Another old book suggested using a lighted candle on a mattress to get rid of bedbugs. We learned about fascinating cleaning customs from around the world followed by a quiz and a poem – *Dust if you must*. A very enjoyable general chat followed, with us all reminiscing about our childhood and early married years' cleaning experiences.

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](mailto:willinghamwi28@gmail.com).

## TENNIS!

### Give it a Shot

The Swavesey and Over Tennis Club (SOTC) is holding free trial sessions at Swavesey Village College Sport Centre on:

- **Monday 3 June** – 6 30 to 8 30 pm
- **Friday 7 June** – 6 30 to 8 30 pm
- **Monday 10 June** – 6 30 to 8 30 pm

We are a small friendly club and are after new members – whether you are new to the game or a seasoned player. Our club nights are Mondays, 6 30 - 8 30 pm, plus most Fridays over the summer.

Tennis is great for fitness, very social and the SOTC is good value with low club fees. Annual membership is £35 for adults, £20 for under 19s and concessions, £60 for couples (with other membership options also available).

Email: [SwaveseyOverTennis@gmail.com](mailto:SwaveseyOverTennis@gmail.com), call Steve 07393 825027 or Melanie 07453 523999, or just drop into one of the trial sessions or any Monday club night at Swavesey Village College Sports Club, Gibraltar Lane, CB24 4RS.

See you there!

[swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc](http://swaveseyovertennis.wixsite.com/sotc).

## 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 do not 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.

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Contact [Arthurs.shed@Arhc.org.uk](mailto:Arthurs.shed@Arhc.org.uk) or 01223 675777 for details of sessions.

## Friends of the Rosie Hospital

[www.rosieinstitches.org.uk](http://www.rosieinstitches.org.uk)

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### Arthur Rank Hospice Community Voices Event

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Call 01223 675799, email [shan.zahra@arhc.org.uk](mailto:shan.zahra@arhc.org.uk) or sign up online at [arhc.org.uk/CommunityVoices](http://arhc.org.uk/CommunityVoices).

Light refreshments will be provided. Details will be shared upon registration.

## Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

This September, on two dates only, we are bringing canoeing to Fen Drayton Lakes. You will be led on an exploratory journey around islands and reed to experience the reserve from an angle never previously seen by visitors.

We are working in partnership with a well-respected watersports company to deliver this exciting event, so no previous experience of canoeing is required. You will be in expert hands and guided by a reserve warden with many years knowledge of the site and its wildlife.

As you paddle gently through the waterways, you'll find yourself immersed in a world teeming with life. Majestic bitterns stand sentinel in the reeds, their long legs perfectly adapted for wading through shallow waters as



*There's a network of channels to explore by canoe*

they hunt for fish. Moorhens dart among the reeds, their distinctive red bills and black plumage adding splashes of colour to the landscape. With patience and a keen eye, you may also catch a glimpse of an otter moving through the water, a real highlight of any visit to the reserve.

Canoeing offers a sustainable way to explore these delicate ecosystems without disturbing the wildlife. The quiet, non-intrusive nature of a canoe allows you to observe animals in their natural habitat without causing undue stress or disruption. It's a chance to become a mindful observer, blending seamlessly into the environment and experiencing nature in its purest form.

So consider grabbing a paddle, embarking on an adventure and letting the wonders of the natural world unfold before you.

To see further details and book tickets for this event, please visit: [events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](http://events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes).

### Other Upcoming 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.

### Volunteering Opportunities

We are looking for new volunteers to join our visitor engagement team here at Fen Drayton Lakes. In this role you will be giving visitors a warm welcome and finding out how you can help them enjoy their visit, whether that's pointing out where they can see wildlife, advising on which trail to go around or providing information about Fen Drayton Lakes and what makes the reserve a special place.

To find out more, please get in touch.

Email: [fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk](mailto:fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk).

Visit [rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/fen-drayton-lakes](http://rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/fen-drayton-lakes).

## Willingham Photo Club

[willinghamphotoclub.org.uk](http://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 on 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 17 June at 8 pm** and the assignment is:

*Machine Movement*

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

## READER'S LETTER

To Catholics in Willingham

As Catholics living in Willingham we find ourselves some distance from a Catholic church. Some can't get to church. Those who can travel may go to Mass at St Ives, Bar Hill, St Laurence's in Milton Road, or elsewhere in Cambridge. So, most of us never meet or know more than a few others. In fact, Willingham belongs to the St Ives Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart and the Parish Pastoral Council hopes to organise a meeting in the village to get to know us better and to bring us together.

This could be very helpful to us in a number of ways. First, we need to get an idea of how many people would come, and then we can decide on the best place to meet and what time suits most people.

Please let me know if you might like to take part by email: [jncorcoran@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jncorcoran@hotmail.co.uk) or text 07946 746801.

It will probably take a while to arrange but I would hope it can be either before the summer holiday season or very soon after.

With my best wishes to all.

Nick Corcoran

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## Nature's Names

What have the Romans ever done for us, apart from the sanitation, the medicine and the wine? Well, they introduced pet cats to Europe, in the first century AD. But where does the name *cat* actually come from?

The Latin *catta* replaced the early Latin word *feles* over a thousand years ago, and reached the English language via the Proto-Germanic *kattuz* and the Old French *chat*. Before then, the name probably originated in Africa, several thousand years ago, from the likes of the Berber language's *kadiska*. The name was extended to larger cats like lions and tigers around 1600 and, well before then, came the folklore about a cat's nine lives. Shakespeare's Mercutio referred to that myth in Act 3 of *Romeo and Juliet*.

What about *tabby cats*, with their striped or brindled coat? The word *tabby* is named after a textile manufacturing quarter of Baghdad, so called after Prince Attab. The cloth was known as *attābi*, a rather posh silk taffeta with a brindled pattern. This became the Old French *atabis*, modern French *tabis*, then English *tabby*. Samuel Pepys, in his diary entry for 13 October 1661, described his 'false taby wastecoate with gold lace'. It was around this time that *tabby* started to apply to cats of a similar colour and markings to the cloth.

The term *cat* has also had several alternative meanings — a jazz player, for example, a slang term first recorded in the 1930s. That might have been because both the animal and the musician are graceful, spontaneous and unpredictable, and often prefer to go out at night!

John Lawrence

**Sunday 30th June 2024**

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For details, to register and to donate if unable to attend, please view: [www.overdaycentre.co.uk/fundraising/bike-ride-2024](http://www.overdaycentre.co.uk/fundraising/bike-ride-2024) or call the Day Centre 01954 231807

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For more information visit:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/) [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/).

### Travel Information

As the summer holidays are fast approaching many of us are turning our attention to booking holidays and making our travel plans.

If you are planning to travel abroad, please consider whether you will require any vaccinations. By booking a Travel Clinic appointment (at least six weeks before your date of travel) with one of our practice nurses, they can offer a general travel consultation with advice. They are also able to administer the following vaccinations (free of charge): Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus Diphtheria and Polio and the MMR. For any other vaccinations we would recommend you attend MASTA, a private travel clinic, located on Hills Road in Cambridge. Please visit our website for further information and to fill out a Travel Questionnaire, which must be completed before your appointment.

For those who are on repeat medication, please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication to last for your time away, remembering to re-order with plenty of time before you travel and allowing at least three working days before collection. And, just in case of emergency, we would advise that you take a list of your repeat medication with you (your repeat prescription slip would be ideal).

Finally, just a reminder that the GP is unable to sign (as

### WILLINGHAM SURGERY

#### NEW OPENING HOURS

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

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### WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787

#### NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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

proof of identification) any passport applications and they will not write 'Fit to Travel/Fly' letters for our patients.

### Dr Syeda Bokhari, Dr Sunjesh Vaja, Dr Victoria Thomas

We are very excited to introduce to our patients the newest members of our clinical team and are sure that you will join us in giving the warmest of welcomes to Dr Bokhari, Dr Vaja and Dr Thomas. They are looking forward to meeting our patients and will be having their clinics across both the Willingham and Longstanton surgeries.

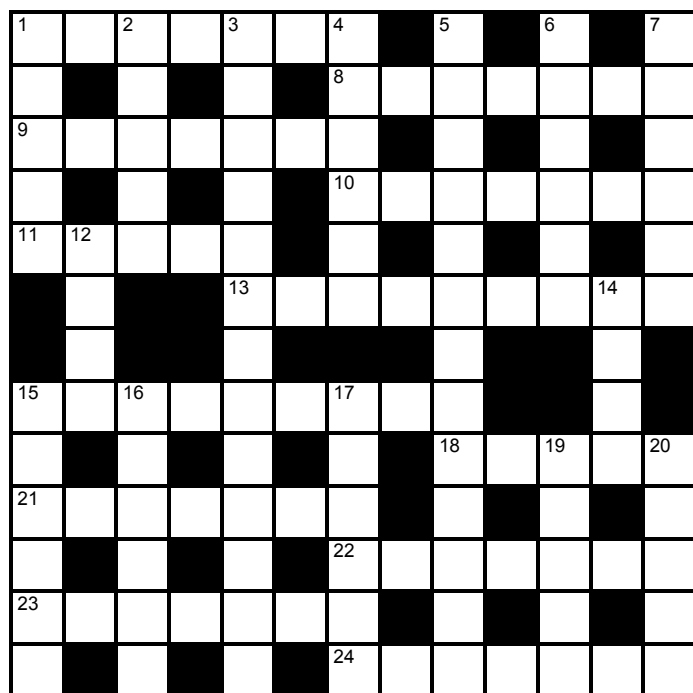
### Carers' Meeting

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 5 June** 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](mailto: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.

# General Knowledge Crossword by Willow

Solution on page 17.



## Across

- 1 Pulitzer prize winning novel by Toni Morrison (7)
- 8 Small guitar with four strings (7)
- 9 Machine which converts hard copy into digital (7)
- 10 Metric equivalent of 2.471 acres (7)
- 11 Victoria Beckham's maiden name (5)
- 13 Grand Slam tennis tournament (9)
- 15 Phone program (6,3)
- 18 Constellation named after a hunter in Greek mythology (5)
- 21 Archangel who announced the birth of Jesus (7)
- 22 On one's way in France? (2,5)
- 23 Marvel hero played by Robert Downey Jnr (4,3)
- 24 Give a name or right to (7)

## Down

- 1 City in southern Iraq (5)
- 2 Domesticated South American animal (5)
- 3 Six-time winner of 13 (5,8)
- 4 City in the north east of England (6)
- 5 Agatha Christie's Belgian detective (7,6)
- 6 Period between being charged and going to trial (6)
- 7 Longest river in Great Britain (6)
- 12 First James Bond film made in 1962 (2,2)
- 14 Midwestern US State, capital Columbus (4)
- 15 Newcastle United supporter (6)
- 16 Primate, native to Africa (6)
- 17 Dame Phillips, former dancer and Strictly judge (6)
- 19 Indigenous people in the Arctic (5)
- 20 Sibling's daughter (5)

## TV Comedy Quiz

Answers on page 17.

1. In *Friends*, what is the name of the cafe they frequent?
2. Which ex-Deputy Prime Minister made an appearance at Ness's wedding in *Gavin and Stacey*?
3. What was the name of Jim's original dog in *Friday Night Dinner*?
4. In *Men Behaving Badly*, who replaced Harry Enfield from Series Two?
5. In *Bad Education*, which character does Jack Whitehall play?
6. In *Ghosts*, on his death, which item of clothing was the ghost Julian not wearing?
7. In *Not Going Out*, what is the name of Lee's wife?
8. *Where Everybody Knows Your Name* is the theme song from which US sitcom?
9. In which fictional town is *Dad's Army* set?
10. Madness, Motorhead and The Damned all appeared in episodes of which sitcom in the 80s?

John Lawrence



# Young Readers' Corner

## J Quiz for June

Answers on page 17.

The letter J is related to either the question or the answer.

1. What is the name of the cowgirl in Toy Story?
2. What is the name of one of the four planets in the Solar System?
3. Which famous tennis tournament takes place in June each year?
4. Name the famous ex-Olympic athlete whose birth country is Jamaica.
5. What is the Christian name of the female children's author who wrote the Tracey Beaker books?
6. This author is famous for the Harry Potter books but what is her Christian name?
7. How many months begin with the letter J?
8. Name the scary film involving a killer shark.
9. Perhaps the most famous book written by Julia Donaldson.
10. Why is 20 June an important day this year?

It has been a very wet summer so far but hopefully now there are some warm sunny days ahead. Here is a summer picture for you to colour.



## Barrow Hill Roundhouse – Men's Breakfast Trip in April

In April a group of us from the Men's Breakfast Club went on a trip to Staveley near Chesterfield, Yorkshire. I had heard of this only remaining working rotating railway turntable in the country, last year.

My great grandfather Charles Reboul Sacré, designed steam locomotives in the 1850s. Starting as a 15 year-old apprentice engineer in 1831 in Boston and Peterborough, he ended up at the tender age of 23 as chief engineer of the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincoln Railway Company based in Doncaster. One of his engines was a massive 0-6-0 goods train (the middle figure 6 is the number of drive wheels). In five years 60 were built, and so successful was the design, they ran the Pennine coal runs continuously from the 1860s till the 1920s. \*\*

Barrow Hill Roundhouse comprises 24 'railroads', each radiating out from a huge centrally pivoted turntable capable of carrying at least 200 tons! Which is just as well as some of the diesel locomotives weigh in excess of 160 tons. Opening in 1870, Roundhouse operated until 1991 after 121 years continuous use. Finally double-ended diesel locomotives took over and redundancy loomed. With demolition threatened from a housing developer, it was rescued after several years of dereliction and, refurbished, opened to the public in 1998, the only working roundhouse railway in Great Britain.

There are steam days and talks throughout the summer, and recently, volunteers spent two years restoring the

signal box and levers to full working order for visitors to try out. There must be at least 45 locomotives on display, some steam shunters and mainline engines, many operational, or privately owned or being lovingly restored.



The museum includes displays of explosive charges which could be laid on the tracks to warn drivers of impending hazard on the line! Five hours wasn't enough time to see it all, especially with an hour for a good hot lunch in the café. From group feedback, a really good day out was had by all.

Later this year we shall follow up with a meal reunion, short talk, with film and photos, plus a short journey on my great Grandad's life (affectionately known as 'Hellfire Charlie' because of his booming north country voice).

All those interested, even if you did not go this time, are welcome. Watch this space!

*Pete Sacre, Willingham Men's Breakfast – see inside back page for details.*

*\*\* Source: Twenty Locomotive Men by T Hamilton Ellis*

## Willingham Men's Breakfast Programme for the remainder of this year

'Do you live to work or work to live...?'

'Do you work hard or smart?'

### Skills: Ancient and 21st Century

*Do you see a person skilled in his work ? He will stand in the presence of kings – Proverbs 22:29 – The Bible*

A reminder of Men's Breakfast Talks for the second half of this year.

Usually 7 45 am on the third Saturday of every month at Willingham Baptist Church, George Street.

Saturday	Title	Speaker	from
15 June	Leaders	Dan Lentell	Willingham

**June Special Men's and Women's Breakfast**  
– starts 8 30 am

20 July	Grower	Richard Blackhurst	Wistow
17 August	Soldier	Pete Sacré	Willingham
21 September	Fisherman	Stephen Leeke	Ely
19 October	Scribe	David Scott	Willingham
16 November	Evangelist	Kwaku Efah	Willingham
14 December	Teacher	Nigel Graham	Warboys

### Specials:

Summer BBQ and Barrowhill Roundhouse – meal and talk about our April Trip – Dates TBC

**Friday 25 October** 6 30 pm Fish and Chip Supper and Film – *The World's Fastest Indian* – starring Anthony Hopkins at Willingham Baptist Church – main hall

All welcome ... RSVP if possible for catering purposes.





# Willingham Library

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**Thursday: 4 – 7 pm**

**Friday: 10 am – 1 pm**

**Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm**

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## Engage in the Afternoon

**Wednesday 5 June, 2 – 3 30 pm, *Bats Past and Present***

Animal history researcher and library assistant Eric Halinski will be giving a talk about the evolution of bats. Learn what they eat, how they live and how they went from flying mice to Halloween icons as well as which bats we can see at night here in Cambridgeshire. Refreshments available, donations welcome.

## Family Lego Club

**Wednesday 5 June, 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. Activity is suitable for children aged four and over. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

**Tuesday 11 June, 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!

**The Summer Reading Challenge will return at the end of June.** The theme this year is *Marvellous Makers*. Further information from the library, online or in next month's *Willingham News*.

## Friends of Willingham Library

Contact [willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com) for further information.

## Family History Session

**Friday 7 June, 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. Someone will be available to offer advice if needed. If you are interested in attending and would like to know more, please contact us.

## Games and Social Afternoon

**Friday 7 June, 2 – 4 pm**

Come and join us for an enjoyable game of Scrabble, one of the other games we have at the library or bring a

favourite game of your own from home to share. Or you're welcome to just sit, chat and enjoy some company and refreshments.

## Second-hand Book Sale

**Saturday 1 June, 10 30 am to 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 19 June, 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

Sign up for the Library Service's monthly email newsletter to find out the latest about what's going on in your local libraries. [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news). The website also has Recommended Reading Lists and up-to-date news.

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# The Friends of Willingham Church

**Please support our next event:**

**A guided tour of Willingham Church, followed by tea with homemade cakes**

**Saturday 8 June, 3 pm £5 per person.**

**Are you curious about our medieval church?**

**Do you recognise 'Anglo Saxon' from 'decorated Gothic'?**

**Come and join us for our tour and tea afternoon.**

**Enjoy a guided tour of the church and learn interesting historical facts and information.**

Thank you to those of you who generously supported us by donating raffle prizes or buying raffle tickets at the WAG Ceilidh in April. It was a fun evening and we raised £130.

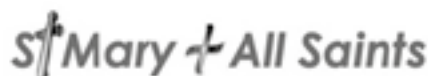
The Friends of Willingham Church is a Community Group, recently set up to help raise money to support the on-going maintenance of the fabric of the St Mary and All Saints Church building. The Church is a mainly 13th century building with Saxon and Norman features: it is Grade 1 Listed and contains nationally 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 email [Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com).

You can also find us on Facebook.

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## Sunday Services – in Church (except where shown)

- 2 June** 11 00 am Morning Prayer – Book of Common Prayer  
4 00 pm Family @ 4 – in the Octagon – see below
- 9 June** 11 00 am Morning Praise
- 16 June** 11 00 am Café Church – in the Octagon
- 23 June** 11 00 am Holy Communion
- 30 June** No service at St Mary & All Saints – 5 Folds Group service being held at Swavesey Church 11 am.

## Family@4

A family friendly afternoon for fun and exploring faith together. In May we talked about Noah and The Ark, with some great activities, games and songs for everyone in the family to enjoy. Who will it be about in June?

## Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 8 June**, 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 8 for further details.

## Friends of Willingham Church

The Friends of Willingham Church are holding an event on **Saturday 8 June**, at which the historic medieval wall paintings in our Church will be discussed and explained. There are further details of this event on page 12.

## 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](mailto:jenny@5folds.org.uk)

### Licensed Lay Minister:

Canon Jan Payne 07780 674563 or [jan.payne@northstowe.church](mailto:jan.payne@northstowe.church)

### 5folds Administration Office:

Colin Smith 01954 203459 or [admin@5folds.org.uk](mailto:admin@5folds.org.uk)



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## ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE

### Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

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

**2 June** Luke 5, Calls his Disciples

**9 June** Family Service

**16 June** Service for Fathers' Day

**23 June** Luke 5, Jesus Heals a Man with Leprosy

**30 June** Visiting Preacher, Richard Blackhurst

## EVENTS

### Coffee Morning

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

### Men's Breakfast: Saturday 15 June, 8 45 am

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk: Councillor Dan Lentell – *Nobody's Prefect*

### Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 13 and 27 June

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](mailto:secretary@willinghambaptist.org).**

## Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://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](http://www.rcdea.org.uk).

## Thought for the Month

It seems to be the case that here in the UK we have more words and expressions to describe the weather than most other countries – maybe with the exception of the parts of the world where there are a plethora of descriptions for snow!

Just lately, we have certainly had our fair share of variety, from unseasonably heavy rain which has left persistent puddles in the fields; cold, easterly winds which have delayed the greening of our trees and hedges; and the short periods when we have seen the sun and enjoyed some warmth have been rather too far apart! It's been an odd spring and has left many of us wondering what sort of summer we will get! The old sayings of March winds 'coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb' were certainly called into question, as was 'April showers bringing May flowers'..... the deluges still happening in May! It certainly leaves us wondering if we will get a 'flaming June'!

Of course, depending on the weather in the UK can be described as a 'fool's errand' which is why many people jet off to warmer parts of the world for their holidays. For most of us, there is little doubt that some of the recent weather is a result of the effects of climate change, and in a time of accelerated warming, leaves us wondering what we will be able to depend on.

Recently, a member of the village community died suddenly and family left behind found themselves in some confusion. However, in the middle of the shock and sadness, it was heartening how both the Christian community from our churches and other village groups rallied around to help in all sorts of practical ways, especially in the beginning with simple kindnesses such as the delivery of a few tasty, home cooked meals.

This was all village life at its best, and can happen not only when people have some knowledge of each other, but even if the family concerned isn't known. People can and do reach out to others in real kindness to offer practical support. This is something we really can depend on, and it is so lovely to see.

Of course, this community spirit of generosity was particularly evident during Covid when neighbours looked out for each other, and supported those whom the pandemic rendered especially vulnerable. However, it is good news and something to be very thankful for, that even now, post-Covid, that this spirit of care for others is still alive and well and something we can indeed depend on! Long may this continue, and may it be a real blessing to all who live and have associations with this lovely village of Willingham!

*The Rev Jenny Hill*  
*St Mary & All Saints Church*

## Willingham Welcomes

**New to Willingham?**

**Need contacts?**

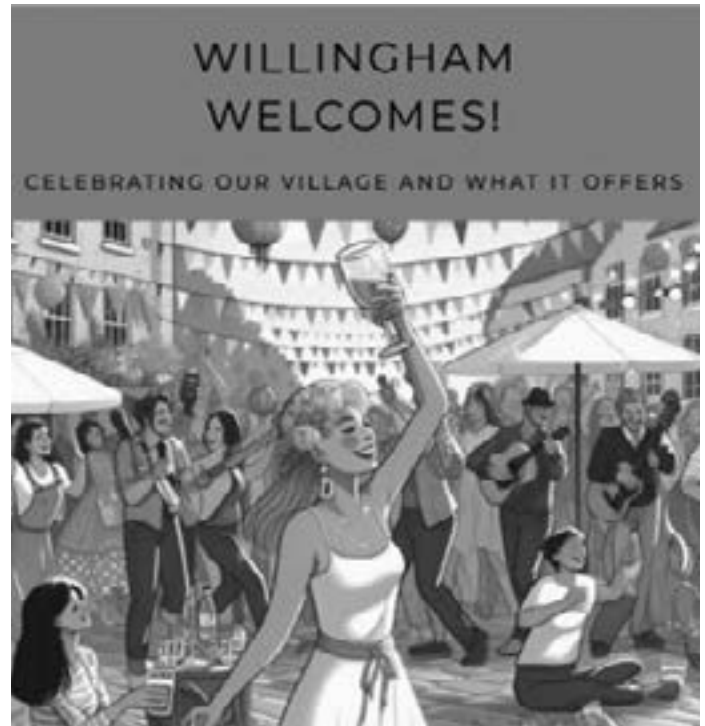
**Don't know what's around?**

**Or just want a fun day out?**

**Then please save the date and come to ...**

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With bar, burgers, ice creams, face painting, live music and as many stalls and information stands as we can muster, we are offering everyone a chance to get to know what there is to do and who to contact in the village.

Exhibitors already booked: Scouts, Guides, Friends of Willingham Library, Art Group, Photography Club, Willingham Action Group, Gardening Club, Women's Institute, Willingham Social Club / Jam Club (with acoustic performance), Over Day Centre, Willingham History Group, Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalos, Co-op Community and Member Participation Team, St Mary and All Saints, Baptist Church, Friends of Willingham Church, The Memory Café, Willingham Wheels Cycling Club, Willingham Community Pub Group, Willingham Youth Trust (Youth Club) and Men's Breakfast Club.

Others pending, including further sports clubs! More news next month.

Please get in touch if you want to exhibit or provide!

[wag@willinghamlife.org](mailto:wag@willinghamlife.org), 07787 530394

And see the Directory on page 23 for contact numbers of groups you may be interested in.



# District Councillor (SCDC)

## Bill Handley's Report

### Five-year Land Supply

A reassessment of the housing land supply has just been published which shows that we have six and a half years of housing land supply for the 2024-2029 period. This means that there will be no repeat of the loss of planning control as happened several years ago and which led to the approval, on appeal, of several developments that were outside of our agreed village framework.

### Low-income Family Tracker (LIFT)

As part of its support for the cost-of-living crisis, SCDC is to employ a new database platform called the Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT). This will allow the council to identify low-income families, so that they can be encouraged to claim the benefits to which they are entitled. The software is used by over 70 Local Authorities in England, including Cambridge City Council and once in operation it will, in the longer term, allow the council to make efficiencies.

### An Improved Homes for Ukraine Landlord Incentive Scheme

SCDC's Landlord Incentive Scheme offers incentives to landlords willing to let their properties to 'Homes for Ukraine' refugees. It is for an initial minimum six month tenancy and the amount offered varies based upon rent rates and property size. The scheme has recently been enhanced to make it more attractive to landlords and is fully funded from the government.

Further details can be found here: [tinyurl.com/4s5vw7j7](https://tinyurl.com/4s5vw7j7).

### Empty Houses

SCDC is encouraging people to bring empty properties back into use. They are collaborating with various entities to trace owners or agents and offer assistance in renovating empty properties.

If someone wishes to take on a property that has been empty for two years or more to improve it and make it their home, the Council's Empty Homes Officer can provide a letter, free of charge, so that you will pay only 5% VAT on renovation work instead of the usual 20% if you employ a registered builder. Further help and advice is available from Anna Nightingale, Empty Homes Officer: [nightingale@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:nightingale@scambs.gov.uk).

*Bill Handley*

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

### Poem for June

June is a sweet-smelling month  
and flowers, soft blossoms abound  
with the promise of a summer,  
having lunch in a picnic ground.

June is the half-way month  
heralding warmth of a summer sun  
with cricket and ball games  
and children having great fun.

*Christine Lacey*

# District Councilor (SCDC)

## Dan Lentell's Report

Think global. Vote local.

The results of the election for Cambridgeshire Police and Crime Commissioner are in. Darryl Preston, the former frontline officer and previous incumbent, will serve another four year term. So what? So, everything. This is the single most important job in our beloved county's crazy paving landscape of disjointed local authority. I don't know if there's an actual Bat Signal sitting on the Police Commissioner's desk but, if there is, it really does matter that the office holder is not an unqualified joker. Time and again Commissioner Preston has delivered for South Cambridgeshire in general and for Over and Willingham in particular, so I'll be popping a bottle of Smirnoff Ice to celebrate his narrowest of narrow wins.

Cards on the table, I was (once upon a not so very long ago) one of those who did not think very much of the whole PCC concept. Then I started seeing what a real-world difference an inquisitive, industrious and integrity-minded individual can make happen (and help stop from happening) in that all too overlooked role. So, the low turnout on Polling Day – just 25.6% overall was disappointing. Cambridge City had the largest turnout of our council areas (37.65%); Fenland had the lowest (17.44%); while we in South Cambridgeshire were on (25.37%). Up and down the land, the 24-hour Party Political People will have spent the following days poring over the local council and PCC results with an eye to the coming UK parliamentary general election.

In the meantime, I just want to say that for all the attention and focus we as a society put on our national pantomime at Wastemonster, it's local decision-makers who have the real power to blight or benefit us. Don't believe me? Take a wee shufti at your council tax bill, a document getting so heavy it no longer requires a paperweight in a near or moderate breeze.

Isn't it time to have a proper conversation about whether one English county requires quite so many separate councils? All those half-empty office buildings, top brass salaries and pensions come at a price and are a drag on efficiency like a breeze block tied to a carrier pigeon. Our underfunded and underperforming local corporate media outlets are overwhelmed, simply unable to comprehensively report the incomprehensible cacophony.

Shouldn't the power to determine Cambridge's path ahead be where the people can see it and hold it to account, not hiding away at a £1,000 a head conference in Leeds? Without a shift towards a slimmed down unitary authority model – Cambridgeshire North Great Ouse and Cambridgeshire South Great Ouse District Councils perhaps – our democracy and ourselves will continue to get poorer even as gentrification on an industrial scale tears at our social fabric and withers our body politic.

*Dan Lentell*

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# County Councillor Neil Gough's Report

## Dear Residents,

I hope that you are enjoying the longer evenings and the warmer weather. Here is my update of County Council matters.

### Domestic Abuse Survivors with Learning Disabilities

A campaign has been launched to find carers for people with learning disabilities who have experienced domestic abuse. It's a joint scheme between Cambridgeshire Shared Lives and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Partnership. It aims to recruit self-employed carers with the scheme paying their fees. Carers can offer support just for a few hours in the daytime, for an overnight stay or for an extended break. More details online here: [tinyurl.com/7hrursfy](http://tinyurl.com/7hrursfy).

### Vape Recycling

Vape recycling has been introduced at all of the Council's Household Recycling Centres. The new bins offer a safe, environmentally friendly way for residents to dispose of single use and reusable vapes. Anything containing batteries, including vapes, should never be placed in waste or recycling bins at home. Disposable vapes contain lithium-ion batteries which can catch fire if damaged. Three million vapes are currently thrown away each week across the UK; electrical items, including vapes, disposed of in the wrong bin, cause more than 600 fires every year in refuse collection vehicles and at waste sites.

### Peat Roads £5m Programme Underway

The Council's planned investment in maintenance includes £5 million specifically to deal with the worst of our peat-based roads which are deteriorating much more quickly than they used to.

Work has already started to recycle and stabilise sections of the A1101 between Littleport and Welney. In the coming twelve months another nine locations will also be treated, including stretches of the B1050 from Earith to Willingham and Hill Row Causeway in Haddenham.

In the longer term, however, the County Council will need around £300 million to fully solve these problem roads.

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](mailto:neilgoughcrw@gmail.com)

Neil Gough

# Willingham Gardening Club

There is a hemerocallis (daylily) for every garden, every gardener, for every taste and for every climate. After Paula Dyason's talk about hemerocallis at our May meeting, we quite agree. A true specialist, Paula introduced us to the diversity of hemerocallis, which offer a wide range of bloom sizes, foliage, scape height, form and bloom times. Paula herself has approximately 2,000 registered cultivars at her five-acre nursery, Strictly Daylilies, in Histon, and is one of the largest growers of daylilies in the UK.

We plan on having a car share trip to one of 'Strictly Daylilies' open garden events in July.

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](mailto:willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com).

Information can also be found on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub](https://www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub). There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members.

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## The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open every Monday morning in June from 10 am – 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 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!

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### Answers to TV Quiz

1 Central Perk 2 John Prescott 3 Wilson 4 Neil Morrisey  
5 Alfie Wickers 6 Trousers 7 Lucy 8 Cheers  
9 Walmington-on-Sea 10 The Young Ones

### Answers to J Quiz

1 Jessie 2 Jupiter 3 Wimbledon 4 Usain Bolt 5 Jacqueline  
6 Joanne 7 Three 8 Jaws 9 The Gruffalo 10 Summer Solstice  
or longest day

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### Answers to General Knowledge Crossword

Across: 1 Beloved, 8 Ukelele, 9 Scanner, 10 Hectare, 11 Adams,  
13 Wimbledon, 15 Mobile app, 18 Orion, 21 Gabriel,  
22 En route, 23 Iron Man, 24 Entitle.

Down: 1 Basra, 2 Llama, 3 Venus Williams, 4 Durham,  
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# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

At the Annual Meeting, all council posts are elected. The Chair and Vice Chair were re-elected, and all lead councillors remain in post. All councillors and their rôles are listed on the Council website. A new Council Buildings Committee was established, to look at the various challenges facing the Public Hall, Ploughman Hall and Pavilion – maintenance, storage, and possible future expansion.

## Parish Clock

We have been notified by residents that the chimes and the time shown on the clock are not currently synchronised. A service has been organised, which should rectify this and restore harmony.

## Duke of Wellington

A group of concerned villagers have gathered sufficient signatures to apply for an Asset of Community Value (ACV) listing for the Duke of Wellington, and the Council agreed to submit this for them as it might give more weight to the application. There is no guarantee that the application will be successful. If it is, an ACV only grants a six-month delay in any sale to allow the community to make a bid, but the Council is completely supportive of any endeavour which could restore this well-loved local.

## Flooding

The Council Chair and two local expert volunteers had a meeting with Anglian Water (AW) to address the ongoing flooding and associated problems which beset the village whenever there is heavy rainfall. It was a friendly meeting, AW explaining that the main problem is the currently very high water table. Legally, they are only consultees for planning applications (much like the Parish Council), and they cannot refuse to connect a new development's surface water drainage to the existing system. Additionally, when assessing flow rates for surface water, they must use 'dry weather flow.'

There are many actions to be taken, not least investigations of the Village Green, Bourneys Manor Close and Covent Garden. We will keep you updated.

## Cemetery Biodiversity

Following a request from the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, it was agreed to leave a small section of the cemetery (against the wall by the Social Club) occasionally unmown to improve

habitats for wildlife, wildflowers, insects, small mammals, amphibians and birds. This 'Wild Garden' will now be part of their 'Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme.'

## D-Day 80

This year will be the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings on Normandy. As part of the commemoration, the Council will be laying a special wreath on the War Memorial to coincide with the national event on **5 June**.

## Casual Vacancy

There is a vacant council seat. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk in the first instance for further information and/or an application form.

## Access to Barton Field

In the pages of *Willingham News* the Parish Council has repeatedly made it clear that visitors to Barton Field must not drive vehicles down Black Pit Drove. It is a bridleway. As this request has been repeatedly ignored, a sign was erected at the junction with Rampton Road but within a few hours it had been stolen. If you have any information about the theft, please contact the Parish Council so that the thief can be brought to justice.

## Meetings

Meeting dates are published on the website, the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street, at the Library and are listed below. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions.

The next meeting is **5 June at 7 30 pm**. Meetings are held in the Octagon behind St Mary and All Saints Church. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions

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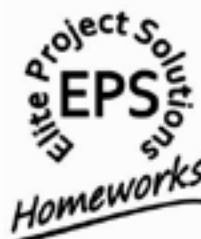
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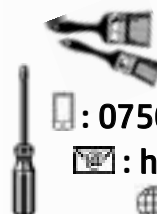


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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sat 1 June	Sale of Homemade Goods and Plants	Parish Church	Octagon	10 – 11.30 am, see p5
Sat 1 June	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p12
Sat 1 June	Bar Hill Community Market	Friends of the Rosie	Bar Hill	10 30 am – 2 pm, see p7
Sun 2 June	Family@4 in the Afternoon	Parish Church	Octagon	4 – 4 45 pm, see p13
Mon 3 June	Monthly Meeting	Gardening Club	Social Club	7 pm, see p17
Mon 3, Fri 7 and Mon 10 June	Tennis Club Trials	Swavesey and Over Tennis Club (SOTC)	Swavesey Village College Sports Club	6 30 – 8 30 pm, see p6
Wed 5 June	Wreath-laying for D-Day 80	Parish Council	War Memorial	11 am, see p19
Wed 5 June	Bats Past and Present Family Lego Club	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm 3 45 – 4 45 pm, see p12
Wed 5 June	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p9
Wed 5 June	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p19
Fri 7 June	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p12
Fri 7 June	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p12
Fri 7 June	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 - 10 30 pm
Sat 8 June	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sat 8 June	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p8
Sat 8 June	Guided Tour of Church	Friends of Willingham Church	Parish Church	3 pm, see p12
Sun 9 June	Jazz Club	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 10 June	Visit to Margent Eco Farm	Women's Institute	Margent Eco Farm	7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 11 June	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p12
Thu 13 June	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Sat 15 June	Talk: <i>Leaders</i> with Dan Lentell from Willingham (Men & Women's Special)	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	8 30 am, see p11
Sat 15 June	Coach Trip to The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	Gardening Club	The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew	See March issue
Mon 17 June	Machine Movement	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p8
Wed 19 June	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p12
Wed 19 June	Community Voices Event	Arthur Rank Hospice	Cambridge Central Library	11 am – 1 pm, see p7
Fri/Sun 21/23 June	Fen Edge Festival	Fen Edge Community Association	Cottenham Green	See March issue
Mon 24 June	David Smith – International Speed Skater	Willingham History Group	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Thu 27 June	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p13
Sun 30 June	Bike Rides	Over Day Centre	Starts in Over and Northstowe	See p8
Sun 30 June	Quiz Night	Over Day Centre	Over Day Centre	See March issue

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