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|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Friday 5 July</b>  | <b>Black</b>          |
| <b>Friday 12 July</b> | <b>Blue and Green</b> |
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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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## READER'S LETTER

Hello readers!

I received a suggestion from the Parish Council about reaching out to find any Lack family still living in the area. My father's family emigrated to Canada in 1913, and they were based in St Pancras; however, several branches of the family stemmed from Willingham as far back as 1748. I thought that it would be interesting to connect, find relatives and perhaps share a story, a photo, or two?

If there is any interest, I can supply names and dates, then hope for the best! My email address is below. Thanks everyone!

*Jane Pickering (née Lack) Barrie, Ontario, Canada.*

*Email: [pickeringjel@gmail.com](mailto:pickeringjel@gmail.com).*

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### Willingham Bowls Club Open Day

We are happy to participate in WAG's village event and we will have an open day for anyone wishing to try bowls on **Sunday 14 July**. If you want to try, we will open our green from **11 am** — just turn up and have a go! The only thing we insist on is flat-soled shoes, otherwise we will supply everything, including equipment and advice from our members.

Bowls is one of those sports that has the reputation for being for old people only — that is not so, as young players are welcomed and can achieve so much. Aged 18 and younger have free membership, so how about in the summer holidays? Mum and Dad, here's something you can do with your children! We look forward to seeing you!

*Terry Buckley, Club Secretary*

*[terry.buckley@virginmedia.com](mailto:terry.buckley@virginmedia.com).*



# Over Day Centre 5-Pubs Challenge Walk

**Sunday 12 May**

With a sunny day and gentle breeze, 214 walkers enjoyed the challenge of visiting the five pubs on the 12.5 mile walk, along the River Great Ouse, adjoining meadows, Fen Drayton Nature Reserve and Over Orchard, then back to the Community Centre at Over.

With 37 cakes baked by volunteers, and 22 raffle prizes donated by local businesses and friends of the Over Day Centre, walkers enjoyed a party atmosphere when they collected their well-earned finisher certificates, for this the 12th year of the 5-Pubs Challenge Walk. Thanks must go to the pubs: Pike & Eel, Needingworth; Ferryboat, Holywell; Three Tuns, Fen Drayton; White Horse, Swavesey; and Community Centre, Over. Thanks, too, to our generous sponsors Nick Uttridge (Builders) and Ashcroft Vets, whose contributions met event expenses so that all donations from walkers will go to the Over Day Centre — this year to enhance the garden areas around the Centre so that clients can enjoy gardening activities, including raised beds and a greenhouse. In all, a sum of very nearly £3,700 was raised.

Particularly pleasing was the good number of walkers who joined the walk for the first time from several local villages, as well as those who travelled some distance to join their families and friends in Over. We now look forward to the 13th 5-Pubs Challenge in May 2025.



## Willingham Women's Institute



The next meeting will be our **Summer Party on Monday 8 July** at 7 pm, at Jane's. (This is a members' only event.)

At our last meeting in May, Richard Taylor came to talk to us about the *RSPB Ouse Fen Nature Reserve*, where he is an Assistant Warden.

He told us about the history of the area, development of the site after gravel extraction and the RSPB's future plans. The management of the reed beds and surrounding habitats have been a great success. Increasing populations and the diversity of birds (including the elusive bittern), mammals, fish, amphibians and plants are evidence of this success. The starling murmurations at dusk have been spectacular this year (approx 100,000 birds), as have the numerous sightings of marsh harriers.

The future of the Ouse Fen Nature Reserve looks exciting, with expansion plans as more gravel is extracted.

We all agreed how lucky we are to have such a special place so close to home.

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).

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via The Over Players website [overplayers.uk](http://overplayers.uk).

## Update from Fen Drayton Lakes

Our year on the reserve is split into two halves: the autumn-winter habitat management season and the spring-summer breeding season.

During the colder months of the year there is plenty for us to do. With our volunteer groups, we are kept busy as we go around the reserve carrying out work to maintain or enhance areas for our key breeding species. Nesting islands and rafts on the lakes are cleared of vegetation, willow is removed from reedbeds, scrub is coppiced, and many other tasks are carried out to provide the ideal habitats for our target breeding species.

The spring and summer are when we get to see the results of all this hard work, as millions of birds pour into the UK to take advantage of the warmer weather for breeding. There is always some apprehension early in the season as we wait to see which species arrive on site to set up territories and nest. Many of our breeding birds are long distance migrants, spending the winter throughout Sub-Saharan and Southern Africa.

Some, like the Common Whitethroat, may have been in Nigeria for the winter. Averaging just 14g, this small bird will fly thousands of miles over its lifetime, often coming back to the same patch of scrub year after year to nest.



Common Whitethroat – Henry Cook

As the summer progresses, why not come down to the reserve to look for these, and many other charismatic birds around the trails.

### Upcoming events at Fen Drayton Lakes

**Wild(ish) Camping for Groups** – A unique opportunity for groups to camp on site.

**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.

**Wednesday Wander Guided Walk** – Join our knowledgeable volunteers for a walk around the reserve.

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

### 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](https://rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/fen-drayton-lakes).

## Volunteering in your Community

OWLS Community Car Scheme urgently needs your help. If you are recently retired, work part time or are unemployed, have a full driving licence and a couple of hours you could offer each week then please get in touch. You don't have to be available on a certain day or time each week. Drivers get 45p a mile in total and have to be DBS checked.

OWLS have undertaken almost 10,000 journeys since its formation, helping many elderly and people with poor mobility or health in our Community to attend medical appointments and occasional social visits. Customers are very appreciative and value the service, knowing that drivers are local friendly people who are giving their time to help others.

In recent months we have unfortunately lost several of our drivers due to changes in circumstance and health; we are now in a position where we can't meet demand for journeys and desperately need new drivers. Please help us continue this much needed Community service.

We would also like to recruit additional volunteer coordinators who answer the scheme's mobile and arrange journeys, for a fortnight at a time every eight to ten weeks (maximum five times a year). Could you help? For more information about becoming a driver or coordinator please ring the scheme's mobile on 07505 254363. Thank you.

### Willingham Photo Club

[willinghamphotoclub.org.uk](https://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 15 July at 8 pm** and the assignment is:

*Fast and Slow*

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## Councillors' Reports this Month

In an abundance of caution and following our obligations regarding political impartiality, the editors of *Willingham News* have taken the difficult decision not to include any County and District Councillors' reports this close to the General Election, on the basis that they could be construed as political, even though that may not have been the intention. Normal service will be resumed from next month!

*The Editors*

# 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 3 July, 2 – 3 30 pm, *Author Event*

We have two authors, Menna Van Praag and Emily Winslow delivering a joint talk. Menna, author of the *Sisters Grimm* trilogy and Emily, author of *Time to Write*, will share how they approach writing novels, how to tell stories vividly and engagingly, and how to write exciting plots. Refreshments served, donations welcome.

### Wednesday 31 July, 2 – 3 30 pm, *Pets as Therapy (PAT)*

An extra Engage event this month!

PAT is a national charity that enhances the health and wellbeing of thousands of people in communities across the UK. PAT strive to ensure that everyone, no matter their circumstances, has access to the companionship of an animal. Come along to meet a PAT volunteer and their temperament-assessed pet dog to find out more. Refreshments served, donations welcome.

### Family Lego Club, Wednesday 3 July, 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. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

## Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

Note that there is no Digital Buddy session in July, but it will resume in August.

## Summer Reading Challenge Sign-up,

### Saturday 13 July, 10 am – 1 pm

The challenge commences on **Saturday 20 July** for readers to come and tell us about their first book. The theme this year is *Marvellous Makers*.

## Friends of Willingham Library

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

## Family History Session, Friday 5 July, 10 30 am – 12 noon

The library computers will be available for research on Ancestry, Find My Past (access to these are free of charge at the library) as well as other genealogy sites. A volunteer will be available to offer advice if needed. If you would like to know more, contact us at [willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com).

## Games and Social Afternoon, Friday 5 July, 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. **Please note that we will take a break for August but will return in September with a change of afternoon to the second Wednesday of each month. The first one will be on Wednesday 11 September between 2 – 4 pm.**

## Second-hand Book Sale

This month our book sale will take place at the WAG Willingham Welcomes Event, on **Sunday 14 July, 12 noon – 4 pm** at the Ploughman Hall. We will have lots of books for sale at the usual price of 50p each or three for £1. Please come along to support us and the other stalls.

## Knit and Natter Afternoon, Wednesday 17 July, 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.

## Poetry and Prose Evening, Tuesday 9 July, 7 30 pm, The theme is *Journeys*.

This could be a life journey or a trip/holiday you have completed or are planning. Join us for an enjoyable and entertaining evening of poetry and prose. We would like you to bring along appropriate items and, of course, a poem or piece of prose to share. You are welcome to just come and listen, to read a piece you have chosen or have written yourself. 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 Editors*



## Sudoku

Solution on page 15.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 |   | 7 | 9 | 6 | 3 |   |   | 8 |
|   | 3 |   |   |   | 2 |   |   | 1 |
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|   |   | 5 | 1 |   | 6 |   | 9 |   |
| 1 |   |   |   | 4 |   |   | 6 |   |
| 8 |   | 3 |   | 5 |   |   |   | 7 |
|   | 4 |   |   | 8 |   |   |   | 3 |
| 7 |   |   | 3 | 9 | 1 |   | 8 |   |
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### Book Quiz

For the month of July, these are book titles starting with the letter J, but who is the author?

- 1 *Jabberwocky*
- 2 *James and the Giant Peach*
- 3 *Jane Eyre*
- 4 *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*
- 5 *Jamaica Inn*
- 6 *Jungle Book*
- 7 *Jude the Obscure*
- 8 *The Joy Luck Club*
- 9 *Jurassic Park*
- 10 *Jaws*

Christine Lacey

### Songs from Musicals

These songs were originally from which musical?

- 1 *Circle of Life*
- 2 *I Know Him So Well*
- 3 *A Million Dreams*
- 4 *I Have Confidence*
- 5 *Tell Me It's Not True*
- 6 *Revolting Children*
- 7 *I Dreamed a Dream*
- 8 *Some Enchanted Evening*
- 9 *Big, Blonde and Beautiful*
- 10 *Pink*

Answers on page 15.



## Young Readers' Corner

### Wordsearch (solution on page 15)

Find the names of these 15 birds, all of which are local to our village or surrounding nature reserves.

BITTERN BLACKCAP CROW CUCKOO  
DUNNOCK EGRET GOLDFINCH LAPWING  
MAGPIE MARSH HARRIER REED BUNTING  
SWALLOW TEAL TERN WREN



### Colouring

Here's a picture of sunflowers for you to fill-in! And some facts that you might not know about these useful plants. They turn their flowers from east to west to follow the sun. Sunflowers can grow to over four metres! The bloom of a sunflower has two parts — the centre is a disk of small brown, purple or yellow flowers packed together. The flowers around the outside are called ray flowers. Sunflower plants have many uses — the flowers make a yellow dye; the leaves are used to feed animals; the seeds that come from the disk flowers contain a sweet, yellow oil. Sunflower oil is used in cooking and in making soaps and paints. Many people eat dried or roasted sunflower seeds as a snack.



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# WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

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

**Please note the surgery will be CLOSED from 1 pm on Wednesday 17 July for whole staff training.**

When the surgery is closed please call 111 for medical assistance, or 999 for a life threatening emergency.

For Urgent Mental Health Support, please call 111 and select option 2.

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

## Pharmacy First Scheme

Patients can now get treatment for seven common conditions (see below) directly from their local pharmacy, without the need for a GP appointment or prescription:

- Sinusitis
- Sore throat
- Earache
- Infected insect bite
- Impetigo (a bacterial skin infection)
- Shingles
- Uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women

Pharmacy First will enable community pharmacists to supply prescription-only medicines, including antibiotics and antivirals where clinically appropriate. You can get treatment for these conditions by walking into the pharmacy or contacting them virtually. The pharmacist will be able to speak to you privately in a separate consultation room and they may perform an

## WILLINGHAM SURGERY NEW OPENING HOURS

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| 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 |

**Closed on Bank Holidays**

## WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787 NORMAL OPENING HOURS

|           |             |             |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
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| 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 |

examination or ask to access your medical records. The pharmacist will be able to recommend the best course of action on an individual patient basis, including issuing prescriptions for antibiotics or antivirals where necessary. By reducing the number of patients visiting a GP with common conditions, needing blood pressure checks or oral contraception, Pharmacy First aims to free up ten million GP appointments a year by next winter. This will give GPs time and space to see patients with more complex conditions, and we thank you for your support by using this new initiative.

## Stop! Do You Really Need It?

There has been a significant increase of uncollected information that has been requested by our patients. This includes private referral letters, To Whom It May Concern letters, Patient Summaries, GP reports and medical records. This type of work can be very time consuming and, as our GPs have to prioritise their clinical work, these requests put a great deal of additional pressure on them. We would ask that you take the time to consider whether your request for information is absolutely necessary and that you do need it.

## Carers' Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 3 July** 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.**

*Willingham Medical Practice*

## Rosie in Stitches

The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are raising money to help make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. We are selling all sorts of wonderful gifts online suitable for holiday crafting activities.

**Alternatively, come and shop in person at Bar Hill Fete and Festival**

**on Saturday 13 July from 2 to 5 pm**

**or**

**Waterbeach Community Market**

**Sunday 18 August from 10 am to 3 pm**

We share our extensive catalogue on our Facebook page for locally sourced, unique, beautifully crafted gifts and warm clothing and accessories. By using our online store you will be avoiding the crowded shops and keeping yourself safe. You can shop for new items on our website or donated items in our *rosieinstitches2010* eBay charity store, and vintage knitting patterns on our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone for raising donations for **Friends of the Rosie Hospital** with *#easyfundraising*! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of knitters, join our committee, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares. If you would like to donate some of your spare time, check out our website's volunteering page for some ideas.

Enjoy your summer holidays! Thank you for your continued support.

Avril Williams 01954 782431

[avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk](mailto:avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk)

Jo Hall 01954 780304.

## Willingham History Group

***The Iron Age Coins of Northstowe, with Dr Rodney Scarle***

Learn about the history of England's earliest coins, how coins were minted, their design and imagery and coin distribution in our area, which was a tribal borderland between the Ececi and the Catuvellauni. Coin finds from the excavation of Phases 1 and 2 at Northstowe also add to this picture. Dr Rodney Scarle helped the (then) CAU Finds Manager identify them!



Come to the Social club on **Monday 29 July at 7 30 pm** to find out more.

£4.50 on the door to cover the cost of the room and for Dr Scarle.

## Friends of Willingham Church

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

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

If you would like to become a member or find out more about us please email [Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com). You can also find us on Facebook.

### Please Support our Next Event:

We will be having a stall at the Willingham Welcomes event at Ploughman Hall and grounds on **Sunday 14 July, 12 noon to 4 pm**. Come along to meet us and take part in our *Treasure Hunt* game (£1 a go), and view our display explaining why we are fundraising for our beautiful church building. Donations very welcome.

Thank you to WAG for organising this event on behalf of the village.

### Guided Tour

On Saturday 8 June, Friends of Willingham Church ran an event to familiarise residents with the history of St Mary and All Saints Church. It proved to be very well attended, many people being unfamiliar with the detailed interior of the historic building. Jon Edney gave an entertaining and informative guided tour, inside and outside our medieval church, followed by tea and cake



in the Octagon. Some people were even brave enough to be roped in and accept a challenge — to try and ring the church bells — most will agree that it's not as easy as the experts make it look!



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

- 7 July** 11 00 am Morning Prayer – Book of Common Prayer  
4 00 pm Family@4 – in the Octagon – see below
- 14 July** 11 00 am Morning Praise
- 21 July** 11 00 am Café Church – in the Octagon
- 28 July** 11 00 am Holy Communion

## Family@4

A family friendly afternoon for fun and exploring faith together. In June we talked about how Jesus fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two small fishes. We also had some great activities, songs, games and even a fish race for everyone in the family to enjoy. What will it be about in July?

## Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 13 July**, 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 5 for further details.

## Prayers for Ukraine and World Peace

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, also for peace throughout our world. Every Thursday from 6 30 to 7 pm we offer a time to gather to pray for peace in Ukraine and in all areas of the world where there is conflict. Do join us, 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:


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## ACTIVITIES FOR JULY

### Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

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

- 7 July** Family Service
- 14 July** Luke 5, 27 – 39, Jesus Eats with Sinners
- 21 July** Luke 6, 1 – 16, Jesus Heals on the Sabbath
- 28 July** John 14, 1 – 14, My Father's House has Many Rooms

## EVENTS

### Coffee Morning

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

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

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk — farmer Richard Blackhurst, *The Grower*.

### Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 11 and 25 July

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).



## Willingham Rangers Gain Top Award

After years of hard work, Charlotte and Madeleine from Willingham Rangers achieved their Gold Awards, the top award you can achieve in Rangers. They had to gain all six theme awards as well as completing two additional challenges. During their time working towards this award they have been on camps, where they took part in activities including crate stacking, paddle boarding and kayaking. As part of the volunteering badge, they made, and decorated with pyrography, bird boxes for an initiative at Hunts Sailing Club as well as litter picking around our village. They organised a trip to the Cambridge Standing Tall trail as part of the events planner badge, and for the cooking badge had to adapt their favourite meals to be cooked with more healthy ingredients. One of their final challenges was to raise awareness of CamRARE, Cambridge Rare Disease Network, which they did by putting up posters alongside the Advent windows, having a QR code, which raised over £600.

The Rangers were presented with their awards by Claire Adams, Girlguiding Cambs East County Commissioner. Claire said, 'A lovely evening presenting two Rangers with their very well-deserved Gold awards. From many guiding nights away, lots of activities involving food, making amazing bird boxes and organising an evening giraffe hunting, these two have done amazingly well and thoroughly deserve their awards. They really are inspirational, as are all the leaders who supported them to achieve their awards. A massive well done!'



*Madeleine Hargraves and Charlotte Berry receiving their awards from Claire Adams, Cambs East County Commissioner.*



*Charlotte and Madeleine with their bird boxes.*

## Willingham Gardening Club

In June, we welcomed Ian Bradley from Wimpole Estate to tell us about the sustainability initiatives being implemented at the Estate. As part of its Green Recovery Project, the work at Wimpole focuses on three areas: nature conservation and restoration, tackling climate change and connecting people with nature. As part of this, the team at Wimpole has already created new woodland, wood pasture and agroforestry, installed the largest solar installation to date at any of the National Trust's properties in the UK, and built a five-and-a-half mile multi-use trail, intended for walkers, runners, cyclists and adapted wheelchair users.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 1 July**. We look forward to welcoming David Livermore to tell us about *The World of Alpines*.

### Coach Trip to RHS Garden Hyde Hall and Flower Show

On **Sunday 4 August**, there will be a coach trip to RHS Garden Hyde Hall and Flower Show. The cost of the coach is £24 for our Gardening Club members and £26 for non-members. If you would like to attend please email [willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com) for a booking form.

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 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.

## Fen Gallop 2024 — Sunday 7 July

The Fen Gallop evolved from the Willingham Fun Run, and has been raising money for the Willingham School Association and other local charities for a number of years, with 100% of the profits going to charity! For Willingham runners, we have a number of 'resident trophies'.

We have the Eileen Askew trophies which are awarded to our fastest male and female U16s in the four mile run; the Penry Jones trophy for the fastest male in the 10k; the Rene Gould trophy for fastest female in the 10k; the Glyn Smith veteran (50+) winner of the 10k.

All these trophies are in honour of Willingham residents and the amazing contributions they made to the village. Why not sign up to take part in the Fen Gallop today!

[www.evententry.co.uk/fen-gallop-2024](http://www.evententry.co.uk/fen-gallop-2024).

This year we are also very excited that the Willingham School Association have a Colour Run, which will take place after the 10k, for all the family. Why not come along? Enter for the Colour Run here: [willingham-school-association.sumupstore.com](http://willingham-school-association.sumupstore.com).

# Willingham Welcomes!

Ploughman Hall, 14 July, 12 noon until 6 pm

## Time to Make Contact!

Village residents are invited to meet the majority of local community groups and Willingham-based clubs and associations, experience the rich variety of activities that they offer and sign up if you are interested. We are banking on good weather to ensure a festive atmosphere, bolstered by burgers and hot dogs, a bar, Asian cuisine, face painting for the kids, the obligatory ice cream van and live music courtesy of the talented folk that make up the Willingham Jam Club. The leaflets are out, with one destined for every door in the village. No need to RSVP, just come as you are!

For further information, email: [wag@willinghamlife.org](mailto:wag@willinghamlife.org) or 07787 530394.

And a QR code for online updates:

**Confirmed Exhibitors** (at time of going to press):

Art Group, Baptist Church, Co-op Community and Member Participation Team, Fen Edge Community Association, Friends of Willingham Church, Friends of Willingham Library, Gardening Club, Guides, Men's Breakfast Club, Over Day Centre, OWLS Community Car Scheme, Photo Club, Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffalos, Scouts, St Mary and All Saints Church, The Memory Café, Willingham Action Group/Enviro, Willingham Bowls Club, Willingham Diamonds Netball Club, Willingham History Group, Willingham Parish Council, Willingham School Association, Willingham Social Club / Jam Club (performing live), Willingham Wheels Cycling Club, Willingham Wolves FC, Willingham Youth Trust (Youth Club), Women's Institute.



## MAGPAS Community CPR Session

**Saturday 20 July, 11 am**

**Baptist Church, George Street**

**In Willingham there are six defibrillators available to the public.**

**Do YOU know where they are?**

**Do YOU know when to use one?**

**Do YOU know how to use one?**

**Would YOU like to find out?**

A one-hour MAGPAS Community CPR Session will answer these and other questions, as well as providing the opportunity to learn and practice CPR technique, including the use of a defibrillator.

**Doing something gives someone a chance.**

Twenty places available. No charge. Donations to MAGPAS welcome.

**If you would like to book a place please contact:**

**Barry Digby 07757 323765**

# Poetry Corner

## Poem for July

I'd dance in the sky for July  
and sing in the trees like a bird.  
What a really sunshine word  
is the magical month of July.

I'd fly like a bright butterfly  
and glide as a swan in a stream.  
What a lovely time to dream  
in the beautiful month of July.

*Christine Lacey*

## A moment, in a history of moments

The tide's now turned in receding frills.  
Any castle I build will be safe for a while.

I've no bucket and spade,  
those were put aside years ago  
so I use my sandled foot to dredge a channel  
a metre long from the surf's edge,

then sculpture a fortress — more like  
Offa's Dyke than the grandeur of Windsor.

I stand aside and admire the creation,  
my back to the slap and grind of the ocean.  
Above, a frigate bird signs a lazy O,  
sees me tethered to the Earth.

It takes a beat for a wave to destroy my work,  
bulldozed as smooth as silk.

The tide continues its retreat with a shrug,  
as if to say *this is what happens*.  
But what if...  
what if I had built a Windsor?

*John Lawrence*

## The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open every Monday morning in July, from 10 am to 1 pm. Come and join us for company and free refreshments.

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 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, wool for knitting, or you can just chat to others in a comfortable and friendly environment.

Everyone is welcome, so please come and join us on Monday mornings. We look forward to seeing you!

## Thought for the Month

What's uppermost in your mind as we head into July? An anticipated summer holiday coming up soon? Or at least a break from work or school? Or the General Election in just a few days?

A holiday offers us a change of perspective, a change of pace, a change in routine, perhaps a change of diet; and most of us enjoy such a opportunity to do things differently for a couple of weeks a year. It is refreshing in several ways. Generally, however, we have a tendency to resist change, preferring the status quo. Few of us welcome anything that makes us change our behaviour, or challenges us to change the way that we think about people or things. We are creatures of habit, perhaps even opting for the same change of scene for our holiday destination every year.

Willingham finds itself in a constituency with a changed geographic area from when we last had the opportunity to elect a Member of Parliament. The boundaries have changed significantly and whoever becomes our MP will represent the whole community. The make-up of an electoral roll is always changing as young people become eligible to vote at 18, some older people die, and people move home; but the demographics of our new constituency have changed considerably as the new housing developments of Northstowe and Wintringham (St Neots) have brought many new people into our area. The needs and aspirations of our constituency will undoubtedly have changed from last time round, and hopefully we can view this as a refreshing change that reminds us we belong to a bigger, more complex society than just our village community.

Whatever the outcome of the election, the MPs heading to Westminster will have changed. We have the privilege of influencing who ours will be. For the sake of our community, I hope that you will use the vote you have.

*The Revd Dr Janet E Tollington*  
Retired United Reformed Church Minister

### Answers

#### Sudoku Answer

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

#### Answers to Book Quiz:

- Lewis Carroll
- Roald Dahl
- Charlotte Bronte
- Jules Verne
- Daphne Du Maurier
- Rudyard Kipling
- Thomas Hardy
- Amy Tan
- Michael Crichton
- Peter Benchley

#### Answers to Songs from Musicals

- Lion King
- Chess
- The Greatest Showman
- Sound of Music
- Blood Brothers
- Matilda
- Les Miserables
- South Pacific
- Hairspray
- Barbie

#### Young Readers' Wordsearch



## Nature's Names

Thrift, sometimes called sea pink, sea thrift or lady's pincushion, is an intriguing native plant. We probably won't see much of it around the village apart from in our gardens, as it's predominantly a coastal plant. (Phlox, a different plant family, is sometimes called thrift, just to confuse!)

The name *thrift* originates from *thrifask* in Old Norse (8th to 14th century) and then Middle English *thryfte* (11th to 15th century). Originally, *thrift* meant *thriving*. Today's meaning — 'to be frugal' — evolved around the 16th century. It's not known exactly why the plant gained its name from the 'frugal' meaning, but it's been suggested that the tight formation of the leaves may have been the inspiration. Or, just as believable, the fact that the plants can grow in harsh places (such as clinging to rock faces) with very little water. Thrift is a *halophyte*, a small group of plants which can cope with salty conditions; sub-species of it grow in salt marshes and even on heavily polluted ground. As long as it's not rich soil, nor damaged beneath regular footfall, the plant will thrive! Being salt-tolerant, they will also have fewer competitors.

In Robert MacFarlane's inspirational spell-poem book *The Lost Spells*, he says: 'In saltmarsh, dune, moraine... Thrift digs in, growing quietly on through drought and rain... Thrift's gift is... a glimpse of hope in the tightest of spots, the toughest of places.'

*John Lawrence*

## Proofreader and Editorial Coordinator Required

When I moved to Willingham, about 22 years ago, I enjoyed receiving the parish newsletter (now *Willingham News*) which kept me, as a new resident, informed of our village's activities. I then answered an advert for a proofreader and now, after more than 20 years, I have decided that I would like to pass the baton (red pen!) on to the next volunteer to do this role for *Willingham News*.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being a member of the editorial team and in playing a part in its development to our award-winning village magazine. I have worked with many editors who have ended up as friends. I also get a real sense of achievement when the finished article pops through my letterbox each month.

The role is to proofread each month (though an editor steps into my shoes if I'm unavailable), making sure that the style and content remains consistent from a rota of four editors. I also construct the What's On page. There is a detailed editorial guide which lays out the editing routine and house style. The new volunteer would be supported by me and the editors. So, please get in touch for more information, email [willinghamnews@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamnews@gmail.com).

*Jane Dowle*



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# Willingham News — the Process from Start to Finish

The editorial team is sometimes asked about the process of producing the *Willingham News* magazine. It makes sense to 'start at the very beginning'... but let's not, because one of the most important tasks in the process is right at the end — getting the magazines to each household. And for that we have to thank the deliverers. Without them, we're lost. The editorial and management team have always appreciated their crucial role.

Now we can go back to (almost) the beginning. The all-important adverts! The Advertising Coordinator, amongst other tasks, manages the contact with advertisers, the typesetter and the management team. We're always on the lookout for new advertisers, but our thanks go to the loyal local businesses — without them, it wouldn't be financially viable to produce the magazine.

There is a rota of five volunteer editors (one is a husband and wife team) who, three times a year, take on the role of reviewing all the copy that is sent to the *Willingham News* email address each month. While they aren't journalists, it's their job to make sure that there are enough items from our valued contributors to fill the month's edition, and that regular 'must-have' items such as the Medical Practice are included. The month's editor will check that items are suitable regarding content and length, that strict editorial guidelines are followed, and will then allocate each item to a page. Some months can be quite 'lean' (January is one), so the editor might look for additional material for the edition. The month's editor is responsible for sourcing a cover photograph relating to the village and environs. We have often used photos submitted by a village resident, maybe to accompany an article, or by WAG when special village events are due.

Following a strict schedule, the editor will send the draft

magazine copy to the typesetter, who will combine it with the advertisements for the month, rearrange accordingly, and return a proof. Our meticulous proofreader will then scan every detail of the proof, discuss corrections and changes with the editor, who will return it to the typesetter for a second proof to be produced and returned. This is quickly re-checked before the typesetter sends the copy to the printers. The timing between the submission deadline (the 8th of each month) and the final proof going to the printer, is typically around 12 to 14 days.

The printed copies are sent to the Distribution Coordinator, who is in charge of sorting the magazines into batches, getting them to the deliverers, and all the administration required to ensure that all goes well each month in that regard.

All except the typesetter and the printers are volunteers in the village. The management team, including editors, meet formally twice a year to discuss progress, problems, finances, and potential changes. *Willingham News* is registered at Companies House and is obliged to register accounts, so one of the management team has the responsibility of keeping track of the finances. There is also a representative of our Parish Council at the meetings — the Parish Council have always been extremely supportive of the magazine.

And that's it! About 50 volunteers are involved in producing and delivering *Willingham News*, and the process can be quite intensive at times, but it is definitely worth it when we see the result and hear the positive comments. This is where we must thank you, the reader, for your feedback, for sending in items (please continue to do so), and for making it all worthwhile.

*The Editors*

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## Community Orchard and Plantation

The orchard and plantation have been sitting in water throughout the winter and spring but, surprisingly, all the fruit trees have survived, although two apple trees had fallen and have now been lifted and reinforced with stakes. A few native trees such as whitebeam and holly have died and have been replaced, mostly with ash and hornbeam. Many bulbs, fritillaries and cowslips have flowered in the wild and woodland flower areas, including some that were planted last autumn and winter. Recently we have cut back the grass in some areas and planted a range of wild flowers to provide food for bees and butterflies. We are planning to lay one of the hedges this autumn, guided by an expert. We will be arranging practical hedge laying classes for those who are interested, so do get in touch if it's something you are interested in.

The orchard is managed by a team of volunteers, and we would particularly like to thank Graham Mumby who was responsible for establishing the orchard and has since been leading the volunteers. Graham's contribution to the village has been huge over the years. Once a leading light in the Willingham Amateur Dramatics Society (WAMADS), and heavily involved in the 2008 Village Survey (which led directly to the establishment of the Willingham Action Group), he eventually turned his talents to upgrading the village environment. He has recently retired from his 'WAG Enviro' management duties but still keeps in close contact with



*Graham providing his home-made cider punch at the Wassail. Photo courtesy of Julian Eales: [julespix.smugmug.com](mailto:julespix.smugmug.com).*

orchard activities, and continues to assist the team with his extensive expertise.

We welcome new members to assist with the management of the orchard and woodland, and with activities such as pruning, weeding, planting, grass cutting, etc. In addition we welcome visitors to our orchard, which is on the Earith Road; the entrance is on the edge of the village by the speed restriction sign. There are picnic areas with tables and benches, and there is a small car parking area. Dog bags and a bin are provided. Guided visits for small groups can be arranged and you can sponsor a tree with your own message attached to your adopted tree. For further information please contact Jeremy Sweet, email: [jeremysweet303@aol.com](mailto:jeremysweet303@aol.com).



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## Flooding

Five representatives from Anglian Water attended the annual parish meeting and made a presentation. It was mainly a PR exercise, leaving many questions unanswered. A response is still awaited on questions tabled. The council will keep pressing for replies to these as well as questions raised at a previous meeting between the council and Anglian Water. There is now a dedicated page on our website for flooding matters (accessible via the top-level menu *Flooding*).

The volume of surface water being discharged through the sewers is a contributory factor, but it has also been a bad winter and spring for rainfall, with ground water levels more than a metre higher than they were at the start of the millennium. The bottom half of the Recreation Ground has been unusable for much of the football season. The council is actively seeking more land which is less liable to flooding, for recreational use and for a new cemetery. They will consider renting or outright purchase. Please let us know if you can help.

## Grass Cutting

There have been a lot of complaints about the state of the grass in various public spaces, particularly the cemetery. Weather has been a major factor but also the loss at short notice of our major contractor. Action is in hand to arrange extra cuts and some ground improvements.

Regarding ground improvements, the Wolves Football Club plans to apply for a grant from the Football Foundation to cover pitch maintenance at a cost of £100,000. Two-thirds of this will be provided by the Football Foundation and the remaining third jointly by the Parish Council and the Wolves. This will result in a significant saving for us, and we are very grateful for the work put in by the Wolves in making this application.

## Open Spaces

The new pond at the Meadow Road site has been installed and is well worth a visit. The surface of Meadow Road has been improved making access easier (about half a mile from Rockmill End), and there is parking for several cars. Dogs are welcome but please clean up after them.

## EV Charging Points

The council is exploring the possibility of installing some electric vehicle charging points outside Ploughman Hall. Under the proposed scheme, offered by Cambridgeshire County Council, the parish provides the location but the other costs are met from the Government's local EV infrastructure fund.

## Police

A paper has been presented to us recommending the expansion of the police liaison role. Good communication is vital in securing general police support. The matter is due for further debate at the July meeting.

## Public Hall

The council has been notified of major problems with dampness in the walls and floors of the Public Hall. Investigations are ongoing but initial estimates indicate that remedial costs will be significant.

## D Day

A short service was held at the war memorial to mark the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings. A wreath was laid by the council chairman on behalf of the village. Canon Jan Payne, licensed lay minister of St Mary and All Saints Church, led the service.

## Election ID

To all of you planning to vote on **Thursday 4 July** please remember that you will need photo ID.

## Meetings

The next full council meeting will be in the Octagon at **7 30 pm on Wednesday 3 July**. Councillors' details can be found on the website, and below are details for the Chair/Vice Chair and Lead Councillors.

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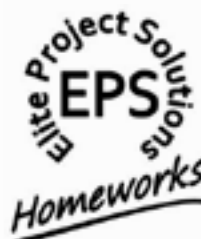
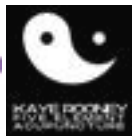
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# WHAT'S ON

| DATE               | EVENT  | ORGANISATION                         | VENUE                      | EXTRA INFO   |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Mon 1 July         | Talk: <i>The World of Alpines</i> with David Livermore                       | Gardening Club                       | Social Club                | Doors open from 7 pm, see p13  |
| Wed 3 July         | Talk: <i>Author Event with Menna Van Praag &amp; Emily Winslow</i>           | Engage in the Afternoon              | Library                    | 2 – 3 30 pm, see p8  |
| Wed 3 July         | Carers' Support Meeting  | Surgery                              | Surgery                    | 2 – 4 pm, see p10  |
| Wed 3 July         | Family Lego Club   | Library                              | Library                    | 3 45 – 4 45 pm, see p8   |
| Wed 3 July         | Parish Council Meeting   | Parish Council                       | Octagon                    | 7 30 pm, see p19   |
| Fri 5 July         | Family History Session   | Library                              | Library                    | 10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8   |
| Fri 5 July         | Games & Social Afternoon   | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library                    | 2 – 4 pm, see p8   |
| Fri 5 July         | Jam Club   | Jam Club                             | Social Club                | 7 30 – 10 30 pm  |
| Sun 7 July         | Fen Gallop 2024  | Fen Gallop                           | From the Recreation Ground | See p13  |
| Sun 7 July         | Jazz Club  | Jazz Club                            | Social Club                | 12 30 - 3 30 pm, see p5  |
| Mon 8 July         | <i>Willingham News</i> Deadline  | <i>Willingham News</i>               |                            | See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com                       |
| Mon 8 July         | Summer Party   | Women's Institute                    | Jane's Garden              | 7 pm, see p6   |
| Tue 9 July         | Poetry & Prose Evening<br>Theme: <i>Journeys</i>                             | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library                    | 7 30 pm, see p8  |
| Thu 11 July        | Community Lunch Club   | Baptist Church                       | Baptist Church             | Booking essential, see p12   |
| Sat 13 July        | Memory Box Café  | Parish Church                        | Octagon                    | 10 am – 12 noon, see p5  |
| Sat 13 July        | Summer Reading Challenge Sign-Up   | Library                              | Library                    | 10 am - 1 pm, see p8   |
| Sat 13 July        | Stall  | Friends of the Rosie Hospital        | Bar Hill Fete & Festival   | 2 – 5 pm, see p11  |
| Sun 14 July        | Bowls Club Open Day  | Bowls Club                           | Bowling Green              | From 11 am, see p5   |
| Sun 14 July        | Willingham Welcomes!   | Willingham Action Group (WAG)        | Ploughman Hall             | 12 noon – 6 pm, see p14  |
| Sun 14 July        | Second-hand Book Sale  | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Ploughman Hall             | 12 noon – 4 pm, see p8   |
| Sun 14 July        | Stall & Treasure Hunt Game   | Friends of Willingham Church         | Ploughman Hall             | 12 noon – 4 pm, see p11  |
| Mon 15 July        | Assignment: <i>Fast and Slow</i>   | Photo Club                           | Baptist Church             | 8 pm, see p7   |
| Wed 17 July        | Knit & Natter Afternoon  | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library                    | 2 – 4 pm, see p8   |
| Fri/Sun 19/21 July | Willingham Beer Festival   | Willingham Beer Festival             | Social Club                | <a href="http://willinghambeerfestival.co.uk">willinghambeerfestival.co.uk</a> |
| Sat 20 July        | Talk: <i>People from Biblical Times – The Grower</i> with Richard Blackhurst | Men's Breakfast                      | Baptist Church             | 7 30 - 9 am, see p12   |
| Sat 20 July        | Community CPR Session  | MAGPAS                               | Baptist Church             | 11 am, see p14   |
| Thu 25 July        | Community Lunch Club   | Baptist Church                       | Baptist Church             | Booking essential, see p12   |
| Mon 29 July        | <i>The Iron Age Coins of Northstowe</i> with Dr Rodney Scarle                | Willingham History Group             | Social Club                | 7 30 pm, see p11   |
| Wed 31 July        | Talk: <i>Pets as Therapy (PAT)</i>   | Engage in the Afternoon              | Library                    | 2 – 3 30 pm, see p8  |



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| <b>Local Representatives</b> | Allotments  |                        | clerk@willinghamcombinedcharity.org.uk              |
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|                              | Willingham Bee Group Chairman   | Steve Smith            | 07795 215071  |
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| <b>Clubs</b>                 | Friends of Willingham Church  | Rosemary Tiley         | friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com                 |
|                              | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)  |                        | willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com                  |
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|                              | Willingham Jam Club   | Julian Eales           | 01954 201818  |
|                              | Willingham Photography Club   |                        | derek@ballandia.co.uk                               |
|                              | Willingham Running Club   | Monica Garcia          | gcompass.monica@gmail.com                           |
|                              | Willingham Youth Club   | Jack Stinton           | enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org                  |
|                              | Women's Institute   | Vicky Baggaley         | 01954 201405  |
| <b>Sport</b>                 | Angling   | Colin Dodd             | 07773 719330  |
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|                              | Bowls Club  | Terry Buckley          | terrybuckley@virginmedia.com                        |
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|                              | Cycling Club – <a href="http://www.willinghamwheels.com">www.willinghamwheels.com</a> | Nigel Leaney           | nigel.leaney@outlook.com, 07979 518200              |
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|                              | Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)   | Jamie Smith (Sec)      | 01954 261141  |
| <b>Churches</b>              | Mothers' Union  | Mrs Sue Hayden         | 01954 260363  |
|                              | Baptist Church  | Jenny Ambrose          | secretary@willinghambaptist.org                     |
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