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Fen Gallop

The Fen Gallop Family Running Festival returned to a rather soggy and waterlogged Recreation Field for the 2024 instalment of the longstanding village event. Despite the watery conditions and some necessary course adjustments, the runners and volunteers were in high spirits, with nearly 400 runners taking to the multi terrain fenland course.



Start of 4-mile Run



Mark Sampson – Fastest Willingham Resident

The 10k and 4-mile chip-timed runs were blessed with almost perfect weather conditions, even though the forecast had predicted more rain and thunderstorms. Sadly, the highly anticipated Colour Run had to be postponed due to the afternoon forecast, but at the time of writing, Willingham School Association

was hoping to reschedule it in September.

A new overall 10k race winner, Sam Stratford, was crowned, for finishing the course in a remarkable 33:47. The 4-mile race had a new winner, with Ollie Anderson achieving a time of 25:52.

The Fen Gallop team has always been proud to present prizes to our own Willingham runners and the trophies themselves have been named and dedicated to past Willingham residents that have made a significant impact on the village.

The Eileen Askew Trophy winners this year were Leo Brittain and Olivia Smith for the fastest 4-mile U16s male and female Willingham residents. Both runners retained

their titles for a second year, and were awarded their trophies by Primary School Headteacher, Mona Paalanen.

The Penry Jones Cup was awarded to Mark Sampson as the fastest Willingham male resident for completing the 10k course with a chip time of 34:06, knocking milliseconds off his 2023 time.

The Rene Gould Cup was awarded to Lucy Willis as the fastest female resident, with a chip time of 52:05.

The Glyn Smith trophy was awarded to Jeremy Rodgers for our fastest veteran (over 50) in the 10k, with a chip time of 48:44.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our generous and loyal sponsors, Hockeys, Neil Marsh Health & Fitness and Cambridge Design Partnership. Thanks must also go to our enthusiastic team of marshals who played such a vital role out on the course, and to all of the volunteers and local businesses that helped to support our event. You know who you are!

The Committee is taking a summer break but we will be back together in October, ready to start planning a brand new Gallop for 2025.

Sunday 6 July save the date!

*Katy Gilbert
Fen Gallop Committee*



Olivia Smith – Presented with Eileen Askew Trophy by Head Teacher Mona Paalanen



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Eid-al-Adha Celebrations

What is Eid-al-Adha?

Marking the culmination of the annual Hajj pilgrimage and commemorating the willingness of Prophet Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God, Eid-al-Adha is a time of reflection, charity and unity. This year Eid-al-Adha fell on 16 June.



Eid-al-Adha Celebrations in Willingham

The local Muslim community, Willingham Muslims, gathered on 30 June to celebrate Eid-al-Adha as one of the most significant festivals in the Islamic calendar.

Willingham Muslims organised the celebrations and a feast in the Ploughman Hall and, in the spirit of inclusivity and harmony, Muslim neighbours from diverse backgrounds were invited to the celebrations, fostering a sense of togetherness and mutual respect. Attendees not only included people living in Willingham but also the surrounding areas.

As part of building interfaith relationships, we had great pleasure in welcoming Minister Kwaku Efah from the Baptist Church. We were also delighted to have local Councillor Dan Lentell come and give a talk, *Golden Words in a Dark Age*, on how coins from the Muslim world found their way to England in the early Middle Ages. Local residents Aisha and Sarwat gave a talk on the Cambridge Ladies' initiative that provides support and friendship by connecting women in Cambridge and the wider Cambridgeshire area through a variety of events.

Children were particularly excited, donning their finest clothes and engaging in various fun activities from games and crafts to storytelling sessions about the significance of Eid-al-Adha. There was even time for fun games for adults before everybody was invited to partake in a delectable array of dishes.

The event concluded with heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making the day special. Willingham Muslims look forward to continuing this tradition, strengthening bonds within the village and beyond and showcasing the rich cultural tapestry that makes our community so special.

Willingham Muslims

Willingham Brownies Sleeping with the Tigers

Well not quite ... but our Brownies did sleep (sort of) next to the tiger enclosure at Shepreth Wildlife Park on their recent sleepover. We had a fun-packed 22 hours at the wildlife park in May. We had two private tours of the park, one in the evening after all the visitors had left and some of the nocturnal animals had come out and one in the morning before the visitors arrived when we learnt lots of fascinating facts about the animals and how the park tries to enrich the lives of the animals there. Did you know that the maned wolf is not really a wolf but is more closely related to the fox, or that the yellow-breasted capuchins douse themselves in their own urine like we would wear perfume? We even saw a baby wallaby poking out of its mother's pouch to feed.



Feeding the meerkats

We also learnt about animals' feeding habits and where the animals in the park were on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List status of endangered species.

The highlight of the sleepover was making enrichment feeders out of egg boxes, straw and shredded paper and filling them with mealworms and then giving them to the meerkats. It was fun watching the meerkats find the feeders and then working out how to get in to get to the mealworms. The meerkats will not be replaced after the current batch as the park only takes animals that are endangered and meerkat conservation is a success story as they are no longer endangered.

*Lynn McGoff
Brownie Leader*

Willingham Women's Institute



We are having a Summer break in August.

On 10 June, there was a car sharing visit to Margent Eco Farm.

Gemma Fletcher invited us to visit her home, after coming to talk to us about it in November 2023.

Her father Steve Barron, a film producer in London, decided in 2015 that he wanted a better environment for his grandchildren to grow up in. He bought a farm with some old cattle barns on it, near Pidley and decided to convert them into living accommodation, with help from architect Poloma Gormley, using home-grown hemp.

Gemma and her young daughters showed us around Margent Farm. Their home was very impressive. The iron girders and brickwork of the original cattle barn have been extended with a huge timber framework, triple-glazed units and most importantly hemp building products. The outside walls are clad with Hempcrete. The two main rooms have vaulted ceilings and textured hemp walls. The super-efficient wall and ceiling insulation throughout the house was made from hemp as well.

The farm is a show home; a research and teaching facility for architects from around the world. Students built a 'Yoga House' in the grounds, in five days using hemp materials and similar construction techniques.

We saw the hemp growing in the fields, small seedlings at the moment but ready for harvesting in 90 days – an interesting, green alternative to traditional building products.

WI meetings will resume from September. 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.

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See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com. If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or oldwill@oldwillingham.com.

Fen Edge Twinning Association

The Twinning Association has had a hard time over the last few years, with Brexit making it harder for the French to come to England and COVID making it hard for anyone to go anywhere, but we are recovering. We expect to receive around 30 French visitors this November (only 12 came in 2022) and we are keen to give them a warm welcome.

As well as offering hospitality in our own homes, we plan, amongst other things, to take them to Bletchley Park and to host a group dinner in one of the colleges.

Every year, we hold a Quiz Night to help fund these group activities, and this year it will be held in Willingham at the Ploughman Hall. Teams of up to six people, or just come along and join a team when you get there.

When? **Saturday 14 September**. 7 pm for a 7 30 pm start. Finished by 10 pm.

Cost £10 on the door or £7.50 paid in advance. E-mail fenedgetwinning@gmail.com for pre-payment options (includes interval refreshments).

Tony Woodward
FETA Chairman

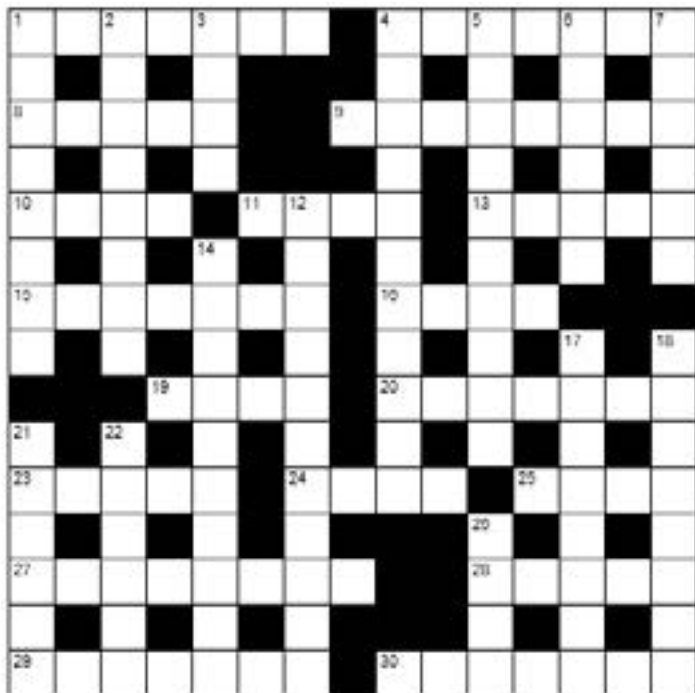
Cryptic Crossword

By Naxos

Answers on page 21.

Apples and Pears

Find 10 types of apple or pear among the answers.



Across

- 1 Wildlife TV presenter Chris with picnic instruction? (7)
- 4 Caved in as rabbit moved to the front (7)
- 8 Fractionally down in three halfway round (5)
- 9 Back plan about a long unruly shrub (8)
- 10 Threaten machine that creates wearable fruit? (4)
- 11 and 7 down Tediously continue after game, flower (10)
- 13 Inspiration for words of love after uncontrollable tear (5)
- 15 Cheat death initially as one of Cole's entertainers loses head (7)
- 16 Sees point before being positive (4)
- 19 Embrace baby talk with one's friends (4)
- 20 Eulogies sometimes come in a complete muddle (7)
- 23 Hammers presses (5)
- 24 Grate berries that have dropped from fruit (4)
- 25 Music to enliven when you're adding up (4)
- 27 Sanctimonious like Napoleon, say – about right! (8)
- 28 American has run inside triumphant to take illegal possession (5)
- 29 Sign of effort when light comes back on (2, 5)
- 30 Ignore 29 at socially distanced movie (5-2)

Down

- 1 Grease club member with amazingly kind play (4, 4)
- 2 Old flyer has easy start after agreement (8)
- 3 Sound of victory in the trench (2-2)
- 4 She blames PR disaster that Pythons were so described (11)
- 5 Meeting Queen, held in against barrier (10)
- 6 Perfect return after the Italian comes back for girl (6)
- 7 See 11 across
- 12 Description of James Bond, being Scottish, as a bit of a dish? (8, 3)
- 14 Hiding place for Spooner's reasonable predicament (5, 5)
- 17 Shut up about a tee that's green (8)
- 18 Fly in to spoil an almond sweet (8)
- 21 Merry companion will just beat leg (6)
- 22 Cowards follow the leader at French show (6)
- 26 Volcano starts ferment under Japanese island (4)

Codeword

By Willow

Answers on page 21.

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Olympics Quiz

Answers on page 21.

- 1 Which country will host the 2032 Summer Olympics?
- 2 In which year were the first modern Summer Olympics – 1880, 1896 or 1902?
- 3 To which Greek god were the ancient Olympic Games dedicated?
- 4 In the 2012 London Olympics, in which sport was GB's first gold medal won?
- 5 Cambridgeshire-born Daniel Goodfellow won bronze in the 2016 Olympics in which sport?
- 6 Which country has won most gold medals in Men's Hockey at the Olympics?
- 7 Which GB athlete won gold in the Decathlon in the 1980 and 1984 Olympics?
- 8 Steve Redgrave won gold medals in how many consecutive Olympics?
- 9 Medals used to be awarded for Sculpture in the Olympics. True or False?
- 10 At the London 2012 Olympics, how many medals did Andy Murray win?



Young Readers' Corner

Olympic Word Search

Answer on page 21.

Find 18 of the sports that will be taking place at this year's Olympics. If you want a little help you can check the complete list below the grid.



archery
athletics
badminton
basketball
canoe
equestrian

golf
gymnastics
hockey
judo
rowing
rugby

swimming
taekwondo
tennis
trampoline
triathlon
waterpolo

Olympic Cheats

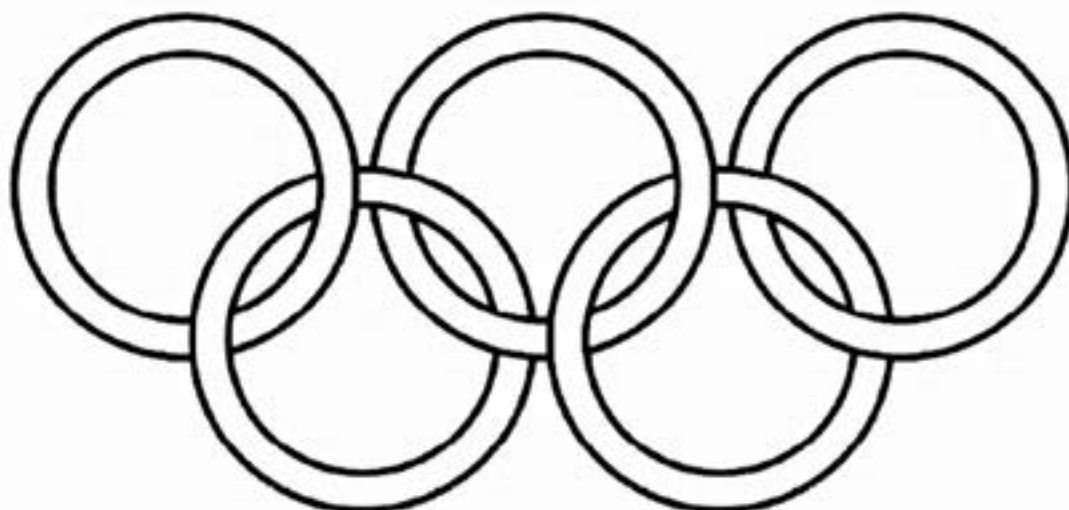
Let's hope that the Paris Olympics won't experience a repeat of the occasional (non-drug related) cheating that has occurred in the history of the Games. Keep an eye on the Marathon – why? Because in the 1904 Olympics in the USA, an American contestant, Fred Lorz, became too exhausted after nine miles and chose to accept a lift in his trainer's car for the next 11 miles before, reportedly, the car broke down and Fred felt recovered enough to walk/run the rest and be declared the winner. For a while, anyway, until his ruse was revealed and the race was then awarded to the next athlete, the real winner, Thomas Hicks, who himself was close to expiration at the end of the race – to sustain him, he'd been given brandy and a couple of doses of strychnine by his trainers, who had carried him part of the way. (The last known use of strychnine by athletes was, unbelievably, in the 2016 Summer Olympics.)

Going back awhile, to the year 67 CE, the Roman Emperor Nero bribed his way into becoming an entrant in the four-horse chariot race. To help him in his quest to win, he decided to use ten horses – Four? Ten? Whatever! If you're Emperor, who's going to argue with you? He won, despite falling off his chariot and not finishing. We can imagine that his armed guard, lurking behind the judges, might have had some influence regarding that decision!



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Engage in the Afternoon and the Family Lego Club

Neither of these sessions will take place this month as the children are on holiday from school. Apologies for any inconvenience caused, both will return on **4 September**.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session,

Tuesday 6 August, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm

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One in four children cannot read well by the age of 11. This hugely limits their life choices and life skills. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays. Children set themselves a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. It's FREE to take part, so sign up at the library or online. This challenge continues to run for the whole of this month.

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Family History Session,

Friday 2 August, 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 on the above email address.

Games and Social Afternoon

We are taking a break for August but will return in September with a change of afternoon to the second Wednesday of the month. The first one will be on **Wednesday 11 September, 2 – 4 pm**.

Second-Hand Book Sale,

Saturday 3 August, 10 30 am – 12 noon

We have a good variety of second-hand books for sale for the whole family. Excellent value at 50p each or 3 for a £1 so come along and stock up for all your summer reading.

Knit and Natter, Wednesday 21 August, 2 – 4 pm

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

Cambridgeshire Libraries News

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

Over Day Centre Bike Rides and Social

On Sunday 30 June, 87 riders raised £2,049.25 for the Day Centre. Such amazing support from our local cycle club members, families and individuals who enjoyed five rides though the South Cambridgeshire countryside, with starts at Over and Northstowe. The 100k ride worked its way from Over to Potton, Steeple Morden, Shepreth, Madingley, Northstowe and back to Over for the after-rides BBQ, bar and live music at the Over Community Centre. The 50k had the same start but returned back via Bourn and Caldecote to Over for the social. And the three family rides followed the busway cycle track from either Northstowe to Over, or Northstowe or Over to St Ives and back to join the party. All children who completed a ride were presented with a finisher medal to help make the event a memorable day.

Very grateful thanks must go to our most generous sponsors: Law & Lewis, joiners; All Eyes, spectacle makers; Redmayne, Miller, Rees, estate agents, and Fen Edge Community Association whose funds met all event expenses so that every penny of rider donations will go to the Day Centre this year to enable garden raised beds and greenhouse cultivation to be added to client activities. Very grateful thanks too to the providers of raffle prizes, the rides marshals, registration teams, Tesco Bar Hill for drinks and snacks for the family rides, first-aid, mechanical and broom-wagon supporters, photographer and graphic designer and Willingham Wheels and Swavesey & Over Cycling Club who planned the ride routes and signed them. In all, 168 signs were positioned to mark the various routes!!

In all, a lovely day, testimony to great community and local business involvement in support of the Over Day Centre charity. We look forward to you joining us for next year's event, **Sunday 29 June 2025**.

The Octagon Community Hub

As always, the Octagon Community Hub is open every Monday morning in August, from 10 am to 1pm. 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 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). 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!

Nature's Names

Ah, the wasp. Everyone's friend. Even the word sounds, well, aggressive. The word *wasp* originally meant *weaver*, originating from the Indo-European language *wobhes*, the source of the English *weave* or *web*. We can safely assume that it refers to the papery nest which some species of wasp build. The word travelled down the language family tree to West Germanic, where it became *waps*. The process of metathesis (a reversal of sounds in language) produced *wespe* and the English *wasp*. The Latin *vespa* originated down a different language branch from Indo-European, via Italic, and the common wasp is called *vespula vulgaris*.

When we're relaxing in a pub garden in late summer and a wasp fancies your pint of cider just as much as you do, think kindly of it. Easy to say if you're not the one trying to protect your precious drink! But wasps are ecologically valuable, extremely beneficial to the environment and to gardeners and farmers, acting as highly effective pest controllers and important pollinators. Interestingly, male wasps don't sting, but who's going to try and check their gender before swiping one away from their drink?

If you're slightly nervous of these little critters, the advice is not to read H G Wells' *The Food of the Gods*; it has wasps



which have been fed growth hormones, ending up ten times their usual size; similarly, don't watch the 2015 sci-fi film *Stung*, where the mutated wasps are much *much* bigger! Be reassured that such fictional wasps will not be bothering us around Willingham!

John Lawrence

Willingham Gardening Club

At the July meeting, the Club welcomed David Livermore, who gave a fascinating talk on alpine plants. Attendees were treated to vivid descriptions and stunning photographs of native alpine plants in a variety of locations, ranging from mountainsides in Turkey to dramatic peaks in Patagonia. David also shared valuable personal knowledge for recreating ideal alpine conditions in our own gardens, such as having well-drained, high-grit soil and as much ventilation in our greenhouses as possible. The Committee would like to thank David again for his time.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 5 August**, which, in a change to our regular scheduling, will not be at the Social Club as we will be having our members-only Summer Garden Party. If you are not a member but would like to attend, please contact us at the email below. The party will start at the normal time of 7.30 pm.

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 Gardening Club members and £26 for non-members. If you would like to attend, please email willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com for a booking form.

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

There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members.

Wasp

Mornings aren't great. I get miffed by folks who chirpily welcome the day and eulogise over perfectly toasted bread.

Today I'm slumped over a bowl of cereal, and now a wasp the size of Malta appears from nowhere, beats her queenly head zizzing against the kitchen window with an alarming lack of grace.

Outside, the leaves are turning and I know I'll have to clear them up.

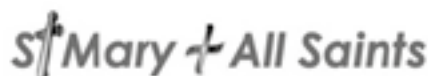
The sun snicks at the corner of the glass, and the wasp edges that way. I imagine the plague from next year's offspring, but I open the window then hunch over my bowl again, wait for the wasp to zizz its way out.

Give her time, somehow or other she'll find a place to winter – in a choir loft; under a bridge; a shed in someone's back yard – or maybe it'll be oblivion.

Meanwhile, let me stare at the last of my cornflakes as if I'm trying to foretell the future.

John Lawrence

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Sunday Services – in Church (except where shown)

4 August 11 00 am Morning Prayer – Book of Common Prayer
4 00 pm Family@4 – in the Octagon – see below

11 August 11 00 am Morning Praise

18 August 11 00 am Café Church – in the Octagon

25 August 11 00 am Holy Communion

Family@4

Our family friendly afternoons of activities and exploring faith together continue on the first Sunday of every month at 4 pm in the Octagon. We invite all the family to come and enjoy songs, activities, games and stories all accompanied by afternoon refreshments. Fun for all the family. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information on our upcoming themes!

Memory Box Café

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

Prayers for Ukraine 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.

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

Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at

www.sacredheart-stives.org. Mass is also held at 6 pm on Saturdays in the Octagon at Bar Hill, next to the church at Hanover Close, CB23 8EH.

For more information about the Diocese of East Anglia, see www.rcdea.org.uk.



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4 August Family Service

11 August Testimony Service 'In the Round'

18 August Family Service

25 August Testimony Service 'In the Round'

EVENTS

Wednesday Fellowship Coffee Morning

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

Men's Breakfast: Saturday 17 August, 7 45 – 9 am

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk: Pete Sacre: *The Soldier*.

Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 8 and 22 August

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: No meetings in August, returning in September.

For all events contact secretary@willinghambaptist.org.

Friends of Willingham Church

Thank you to everyone who came along to the church and supported us at the Tour and Tea Afternoon on 8 June. We had about 40 people attend and we raised £185 in entrance fees and £47.50 in our donation jar. Please look out for our next fundraising event in the autumn and our AGM that will be held in September.

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

The Friends Group is not part of the church organisation and most of the members are not part of the congregation. What links us is a desire to preserve the church building and wall paintings for future generations. We are looking for more members, fundraising ideas and practical support. If you would like to become a member or find out more about us please email Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook.

Thought for the Month

The Salt of the Earth

If someone tells you you're 'the salt of the earth' you probably take that as a compliment – but what does it mean? Well, it comes from the Bible (Matthew 5:13) where Jesus says, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste how shall its saltiness be restored?' This seems even less clear so let's dig deeper.

In the time of Jesus, salt was connected in people's minds with special qualities. Salt was related to purity. No doubt its glistening whiteness made the connection easy. The Romans said that salt was the purest of all things – the sun and the sea. Salt was indeed the most primitive of all offerings to gods and to the end of the day the Jewish sacrifices were offered with salt. So, people who are the salt of the earth, must be examples of purity.

In the ancient world, salt was the most common of all preservatives. It was used to keep things from going bad and rotting. So if people are going to be 'salt of the earth' they must have a certain antiseptic influence on

life; they must be the ones who by their presence defeat corruption and make it easier for others to be good.

But the greatest and the most obvious quality of salt is that salt lends flavour to things. Food without salt is sadly insipid and someone who is the salt of the earth must bring flavour to their own life and that of others.

Jesus is connecting these things to life and how, in following him, you can be purer, better and deeper in your life. The tragedy is that people have often connected Christianity with precisely the opposite. They have connected with that which takes the flavour out of life. We need to rediscover the radiance of the Christian faith. Christians must be diffusers of joy.

So if you are described as the 'salt of the earth' you may take it as a great compliment – but you'll have to live up to it!

*Rev Kwaku Efah
Baptist Church*

Cottenham Village College Parents, Teachers and Friends Association



Many of the young people of Willingham attend Cottenham Village College and we thought parents, grandparents, carers and friends might like to know about the Cottenham Village College Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (CVC PTFA). We are a new group established in 2023. Our mission is to ensure all students have as many opportunities as possible to enrich their learning and enjoy their time at the College. The PTFA aims to raise much-needed funds to provide the students at CVC with extra facilities, equipment and amazing experiences that they wouldn't otherwise be able to have.

We are very grateful to the Fen Edge Community Association for our start-up grant. The funds were used to pay for our initial outlay, including supplies for our first few events – the CVC Christmas concert, an online auction, doughnut sale, bingo night and recently the café at the Fen Edge Festival in June.

Throughout the year we will be organising a range of events, activities and initiatives that will draw together parents, teachers and children to raise money, strengthen the school community and bring the College further into the heart of the village.

We need your help! There are many ways you can support us:

- [Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is exactly what it sounds like! Over 8,000 brands will donate to us every time you shop with them via the [#easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website or app. These donations make a significant difference. Please sign up – it's completely FREE and only takes a minute: bit.ly/PTFAeasyfundraising.
- Make a donation or regular payment by visiting www.peoplesfundraising.com and searching for CVC PTFA. You can also use this website to create your own fundraising page if you fancy holding a bake sale or getting sponsored for a challenge!
- Help at events: we are always in need of enthusiastic volunteers to help us organise and run our events ... maybe you have some great suggestions for fundraising activities? Join our team of helpers by emailing ptfacottenhamvc@gmail.com.
- Prize donations and sponsorship from local businesses really help us to run top-quality events and raise more funds for the students, as well as raising the profile of your business locally. Please get in touch on the above email if you can help in any way.
- Give us your unwanted/outgrown uniform to sell, second-hand, at our events. Branded items only please (blazers, jumpers, ties and PE tops) can be dropped off at the College reception.
- We're also looking to collaborate with other local organisations for our fundraising activities and welcome suggestions and ideas.

To keep up to date with our activities and events, please 'follow' and 'like' our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/cvcptfa.



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For urgent mental health support, please call 111 and select option 2.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

Cases of whooping cough are continuing to rise. If you are pregnant, it's important to get the whooping cough vaccine to protect your new-born baby, as they are at greatest risk. Young babies with whooping cough are often very unwell and many are likely to need hospital treatment as it can lead to pneumonia and permanent brain damage.

The immunity you get from the vaccine passes to your baby through the placenta and protects them until they are old enough to be vaccinated at eight weeks old.

You can access a whooping cough vaccine from your GP and through some antenatal clinics. If you are more than 16 weeks pregnant and have not been offered the vaccine, talk to your midwife or GP and make an appointment to get vaccinated.

To find out more visit: www.nhs.uk/conditions/whooping-cough.

Updating Patient Records

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensure the records we hold for our patients are up to date, you may receive an SMS message from the surgery. We would like to assure our patients that these messages are not scams. The message will invite you to follow the link to a questionnaire asking you to confirm personal information such as your smoking status, BMI or ethnicity. If you have any concerns, or if you are unable to open the link, please telephone the surgery and our reception team will be happy to help.

Waiting Times

We apologise that, due to the increased demands on the GPs, there may be delays in being seen for your routine or emergency appointment. Please bear in mind that our staff are working hard to minimise this but it is always advisable to allow a little extra time, just in case.

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Over 65s Clinics

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Saturday 12 October at the Willingham Medical Practice

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Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

Saturday 19 October at the Longstanton Surgery.

Under 65s Clinic

(eligible if you are aged between 18 – 64 and have certain health conditions, are pregnant, live in a care home, are a main carer or live with someone who has a weakened immune system)

Wednesday 18 September at the Willingham Medical Practice.

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meetings

The PPG brings together patients, GPs and staff from a GP practice. They meet quarterly to discuss issues relating to their surgery and the services provided to patients. This allows GPs and staff to work with patients to plan services which best meet the needs of the people who use those services. All of our patients are welcome. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13 August**, 7 pm at the Willingham Medical Practice

Carers' Meeting at Our New Venue

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

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

Willingham Medical Practice

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

Willingham Bus Service

Your Parish Councillors continue to press for an improved bus service for Willingham and attended a meeting organised by the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority on new bus routes to be paid for by the Mayor's extra precept. They propose combining the 1A and 5A to make a return route from Bar Hill to St Ives via Longstanton, Willingham, Over, Swavesey and Fenstanton, which would be an improvement on the current one-way circular route. We pressed for increased frequency as well as evening and Sunday services. We also asked that the 8 route from Cambridge to Cottenham be extended to Willingham to provide a link to Cottenham. This would also provide a direct bus route from Willingham to Cambridge and we emphasised again the need for this. Having to take two buses is not conducive to getting people out of their cars.

Tiger Bus Scheme

Cambridgeshire County Council now has a scheme to enable under 25s to apply for a discount card. This will enable them to travel anywhere within Cambridgeshire for £1. Contact Cambridgeshire County Council for more information.

Hedge Cutting

Recent weather conditions have encouraged a lot of new growth in hedges. Many hedges in the village have grown over the pavement and at times over footpaths. This poses a risk to residents when using footpaths as they often have to use the road. Hedges can be cut and trimmed back at this time of year using hand trimmers only as we are still in the bird-nesting season.

Cemetery Matters

Grass cutting – our thanks go to MC Garden Maintenance who have taken over the contract to cut the grass at very short notice. We appreciate the effort which has been made to get the grass back to a manageable state.

Topple-testing – this is carried out to see if a memorial stone is unsafe. Last year and earlier this year this was carried out on all memorial stones. Those identified as unsafe were marked and the Council contacted the 'Burial Right Owners' whose details we had. Where the owners responded, remedial work has been carried out. Notices were displayed in the Cemetery identifying a time for work to be completed. Where there was no response the

memorial stones have now been laid flat on the grave as a health and safety matter.

Community Lifelines

The Parish Council pays for 14 'Community Lifelines' in Willingham which was run through SCDC. 'Sanctuary' has now taken over running this lifeline for people who are alone and may need emergency help. SCDC is keeping the programme running until 'Sanctuary' has all users up and running on their system.

'Open for Nature Day' – Free Event

'New Life on the Old West' is sponsoring an 'Open for Nature Day' on **Saturday 17 August**, 11 am – 3 pm. This is on Over Village Green. A range of free activities will be available for everyone. Email for more information: tate.oulton@camsacre.org.uk.

Flooding

Several Councillors recently attended a meeting with Anglia Water. Anglia Water explained that the 'water table' is still high and that they are doing all they can to ensure that pipes etc for which they are responsible are in good condition.

Contact Details

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

Meetings

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

Council Office Details

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For those new to the area, The Over Players is our local Amdram group, drawing membership from a very wide area including Willingham, Swavesey, Longstanton and Northstowe.

Are you keen to tread those boards? Maybe you prefer to be involved behind the scenes, perhaps you are interested in make-up, costumes, stage set construction or the technical side. Or maybe helping during the performances as stage crew, musician or chaperone? We are a lovely group and open to anyone year 7 or above (we have no upper age limit!). You will be given a very warm welcome in whatever capacity you are keen to try.

There are many opportunities to be involved so check out these dates for your diary. All events will take place either at the Church Hall in Over or at the Over Community Centre.

- **4 September** Read through 7.30 – 10 pm
- **8 September** Performance workshop 4 – 7 pm
- **11 September** Open auditions for lead roles (no audition for chorus members) from 7 pm
- **18 September** First rehearsal
- **10 – 14 December** Show dates

Contact: secretary@overplayers.uk for more information. Let the magic begin!

Swavesey Camera Club

Welcome Night – Thursday 5 September, 7 – 9 pm.

The Welcome Night is a chance to see some of the club members' work and to find out more about the club and it's FREE to visitors. We are always keen to encourage new members to join and pride ourselves on being a very friendly, welcoming club with activities to suit all abilities.

We will have guest speakers at some of our meetings covering a variety of subjects eg wildlife, infra-red photography, long exposure photography, visits to Cuba and Africa and landscape photography. We also have internal and external competitions. Something for everyone!

The full annual subscription this season (September 2024 – June 2025) is:

Adult £68; Concession £55 (Pension age); Youth membership £20; Guest visitor £4 per meeting.

The Club meets in the Carole Shaw room at Swavesey Village College every Thursday during College term time. To see some of our members' photos check out our website www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. If you would like more information about the club or you are thinking about joining us please get in touch by filling in the 'Contact Us' form on the website.

Maggie O'Moore
Swavesey Camera Club

READER'S LETTER

Standing as a Parliamentary Candidate

At 16.30 on 7 June 2024, candidate names for the general election were published. At 16.41, I received a barrage of questions from Over & Willingham Councillor Dan Lentell: Are you Bev White the Party of Women candidate? Will you come to our hustings? Can I have a photo? Where is your social media? Here is an invite to a local engagement. Dan's questions made me realise how woefully ill-prepared I was for this journey I'd embarked on three weeks before, after being told by an individual resembling a Cambridgeshire County Councillor, that we were 'a waste of f'ing space' while leafletting about women's rights.

Hustings were always going to be a challenging and hostile environment for a woman campaigning on rights, safeguarding and free speech, when the other candidates, the main parties and many of their supporters advocate for Self-Identification. I was pleasantly surprised therefore to be approached by several members of the public after each husting who would say, 'I won't vote for your party, but...', 'thank you for standing', 'well done', 'you're brave'. Anthony Browne's supporters were invariably on hand offering friendly conversation, which helped to alleviate the stress, especially as the online aggression and vitriol rose.

During the morning of Thursday 4 July, Dan sent a generic 'best wishes' message to candidates.

That evening, friends and I were approached by several people offering messages of support and encouragement. Causing us to reflect on why these same people, with experience in business, management or politics were unable to raise these issues themselves?

As expected, Party of Women didn't attract many votes, but campaigning did give me the opportunity to speak to many members of the public who were open, supportive and welcoming and I'd like to thank each of you. Thanks to Dan for your unexpected initial messages, Facebook posts, reminders and good wishes throughout the campaign.

Bev White





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District Councillor (SCDC)

Bill Handley's Report

General Election 4 July

Our newly elected MP is the Liberal Democrat candidate Dr Ian Sollom. The full result is on the BBC's website: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cg3j6eyyljdo.

Visit South Cambs Website

The Visit South Cambs website is for the local tourism, hospitality, leisure and independent retail sector. If you would like a free listing for your events, please use this link visitsouthcambs.co.uk to fill in the submission form or email visit@scambs.gov.uk.

Community Cooking Programmes

SCDC, in partnership with the Let's Cook Project, is delivering free sessions, aiming to help residents to improve their knowledge of, and confidence in, healthy eating and cooking options. For more information please contact Emma Jarvis on emma.jarvis@letscookproject.org.

Cost-of-Living Information

SCDC offers support and advice to help residents during the cost-of-living crisis. Topics covered include: benefits; money and debt; utility bills; food and health costs; the Age UK handyman service and support for anyone in distress. For more information, visit www.scambs.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support.

Community Hubs

Community Hubs continue to offer residents somewhere to socialise, take part in new activities and to receive information on cost-of-living support such as reducing bills, accessing financial support and how to stay healthy and well. A full list of Community Hubs can be found at: www.cambsacres.org.uk/projects/cambridgeshire-community-hubs-network.

Community Growing Grants

SCDC is awarding small grants of up to £500 to community groups to encourage the growing of vegetables. The grants are for local groups to buy essential gardening items and equipment. Anyone can apply for this grant, as long as they are able to demonstrate they have brought a group together to look after the project! Visit tinyurl.com/4hu6py7p.

Police Engagement

Cambridgeshire Police is currently undertaking a number of community engagement events. The next one is on **Wednesday 28 August** at 7 pm. You can register now for more details and to receive the meeting here: tinyurl.com/36ykca8z.

Bill Handley

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

District Councillor (SCDC)

Dan Lentell's Report

In May South Cambridgeshire District Council met for its annual meeting. The only significant piece of business in this largely procedural caucus was a discussion of HM Government's extension of the 'Best Value Notice' served on the Council as a result of the Four-Day Week trial. I know from my own lived experience how massively beneficial 4in7 working can be, especially for those of us with young families or other caring responsibilities. There are, in my opinion, plenty of better-

informed, more appropriate routes towards a better work/life balance available. My hope is that His Majesty's new Government will want to take one of those routes while also rigorously ensuring that local councils deliver local services, within a properly scrutinised process, delivering on their legal duty to provide best value for the money they spend.

Dan Lentell

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County Councillor

Neil Gough's Report

Dear Residents,

Despite the election, the CCC continues with matters that are in the ordinary course of business. I have summarised a few items that may be of interest.

Tiger Bus Scheme

Anyone under the age of 25 can now apply for a Discount Card which entitles them to travel anywhere within Cambridgeshire for £1.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) is developing the business case for 'bus franchising' meaning control for the bus service rests with CPCA rather than with the bus operators.

Good Life Fund, CPSL Mind

The Good Life Fund, partially funded by CCC, grants up to £1,500 to community members establishing groups that connect people – like book clubs or craft classes. To qualify, activities must promote wellbeing, involve at least four participants and rely on volunteer efforts. Further details can be obtained by emailing goodlifefund@cpslmind.org.uk.

Children's Services

Ofsted recently inspected Cambridgeshire's Children's Services. They say that CCC has created strong foundations to drive improvement in Children's Services, but the service overall requires improvement. The commitment to better outcomes for children is evident. However, there is still a considerable amount of work to be done.

New Recycling Provisions at Cambridgeshire Household Recycling Centres

Vape recycling has just been introduced at all nine of Cambridgeshire's Household Recycling Centres – including at Milton (tinyurl.com/2wfvv4k). Disposable vapes contain lithium-ion batteries which can catch fire if damaged. Three million vapes are currently thrown away each week across the UK.

CCC has also introduced coffee pod recycling at all Household Recycling Centres with new coffee pod bins to separately dispose of both aluminium and plastic coffee pods. Over 1 billion coffee pods are sold each year in the UK alone. Collected pods are shredded and cleaned of coffee. The shredded pods can be made into new products, while the coffee grounds are used to help create renewable energy and soil improver.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, views and issues. My mobile is 07919 990299 and email is neilgoughcrw@gmail.com.

Longer versions of the reports from Bill Handley and Neil Gough can be found in the Willingham News Extras section of the village website: www.willinghamlife.org.

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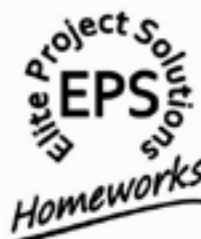
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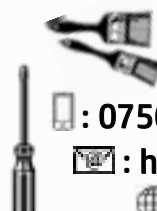


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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Fri 2 Aug	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Sat 3 Aug	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Sun 4 Aug	Coach Trip to RHS Garden Hyde Hall & Flower Show	Gardening Club	RHS Garden Hyde	See p11
Sun 4 Aug	Family@4	Parish Church	Octagon	4 pm, see p12
Sun 4 Aug	Jazz Club – Martin Nicless' Dixielanders	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm, see July's issue Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 5 Aug	Summer Garden Party (members only)	Gardening Club		7 30 pm, see p11
Tue 6 Aug	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p10
Wed 7 Aug	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Wed 7 Aug	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 8 Aug	Willingham News Deadline	Willingham News		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Thu 8 Aug	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Sat 10 Aug	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p7
Tue 13 Aug	Patient Participation Group Meeting	Patient Participation Group (PPG)	Surgery	7 pm, see p14
Sat 17 Aug	Talk: <i>People from Biblical Times – The Soldier</i> with Pete Sacre	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 – 9 am, see p12
Sat 17 Aug	Open for Nature Day	New Life in the Old West	Over Village Green	11 am – 3 pm, see p15
Sun 18 Aug	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Waterbeach Community Market	10 am – 3 pm, see July's issue
Wed 21 Aug	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Thu 22 Aug	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Fri/Mon 23/26 Aug	Cider Festival	The Black Horse, Rampton	The Black Horse, Rampton	Facebook: @theblackhorserampton

Puzzle Answers

Cryptic Crossword



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1 Australia; 2 1896; 3 Zeus; 4 Rowing; 5 Diving; 6 India; 7 Daley Thompson; 8 Five; 9 True (until 1952); 10 Two (gold in singles and a silver in mixed doubles).

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