

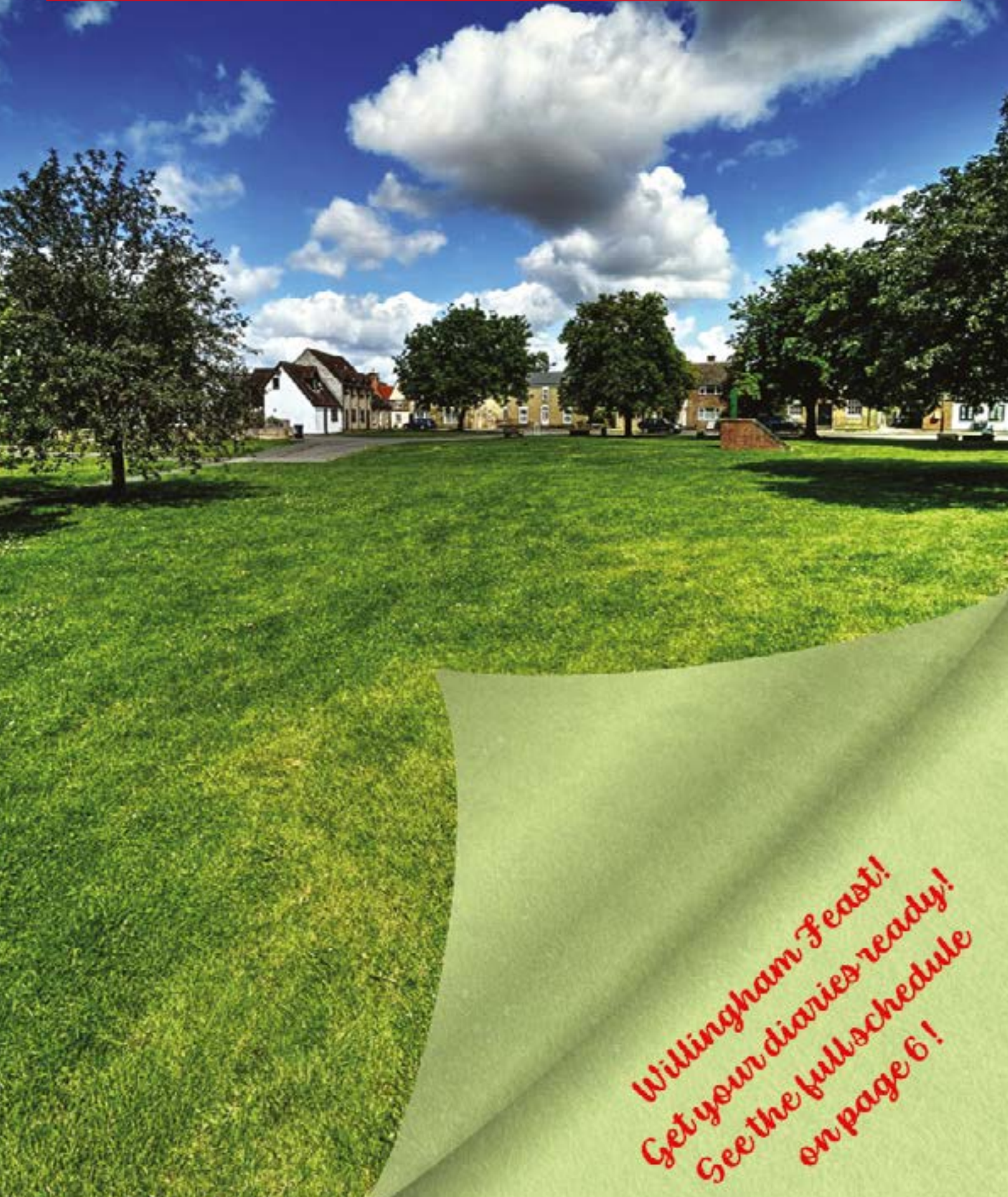
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## Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9 September** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.

Jeanette Moser will be coming to give us her talk, *Everyone Has a Story to Tell*, about her family history, her own interesting life, and self defence tips!

In July we had a lovely Summer Party in our President Jane's garden, with the rain kindly holding off until the end. The weather at the very successful Willingham Welcomes event was much more pleasant, and thanks to all who supported our WI tombola and refreshment stalls.

Why not join us in September? 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).

## Old Willingham



Many of you will have noticed that the exterior of this house, near the traffic lights on High Street, has recently been renovated by the current owners. It has been done using all traditional materials such as lime mortar, since it is a listed building. We would all agree that it is a real asset to the village. In this picture we see it being re-thatched in 1983 – a process which will have been done many times in its lifetime. It was originally three cottages in a row, and probably built in the 1600s. Reputedly, Oliver Cromwell evicted the original tenants and gave the houses on that side to his friends. Then, when monarchy was restored, these people were thrown out and the houses given to Cambridge colleges. It is not known when the three cottages were combined but they look set now for another 100 years!

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).

## Willingham Welcomes – a Summary

Conscious of the influx of new residents to the village in recent years, Willingham Action Group (WAG) invited every club, group and association in the *Willingham News* directory, plus organisations such as Over Day Centre and Fen Edge Community Association (FECA), to attend this inaugural 'recruitment and awareness fair' on 14 July.

On the amenities side, Carlo Verrecchia's ice cream was in high demand, while Sharda's Boys complemented Beaufort Box mobile bar and WAG's BBQ. There was music from Willingham Jam Club and Stone Cold Stumble, and a youngsters' dance display from Studio Fogg.

The feedback after the event was an overwhelmingly positive response.

**Room for Improvement:** Several groups noted that visitor numbers dwindled after 4 pm, suggesting that future events could be shorter or better structured. Additionally, clearer communication regarding equipment requirements and better signage, plus a handout showing where the exhibitors were located, could enhance the experience for both participants and visitors.

**Looking Forward:** Overall, the event was a testament to the strength of our community and the potential for growth when we come together. We look forward to addressing the lessons learned and making the next Welcoming event – probably in two years' time – even better.

**Credits:** Special thanks go to Linda Horne for her table storage and retrieval services, Rohan Platts for her fantastic donation of 34 bottles of wine for the WAG tombola (kindly run by the WI) and wine auction, the Co-op (Naomh Campbell) for a donation of Fair Trade goodies and soft toys, passed on to the WI for their own tombola, and FECA for the marquee. Thanks to everyone who participated and to all tombola customers, wine auction bidders, and the food stalls and other sellers who donated so generously to village funds!

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### Stone Cold Stumble

Social Club, **Saturday 21 September, doors open 7 30 pm**  
Members £3, Non-members £5 – for updates and ticket enquiries, see bar staff, phone 01954 260557 or go to [www.facebook.com/willinghamsocialclub](http://www.facebook.com/willinghamsocialclub).

### Wine Quiz and Dance

Social Club, **Saturday 28 September at 7 30 pm, doors open 7 pm**

Tickets £25 each from Cat Pawsey at [carolinepawsey@gmail.com](mailto:carolinepawsey@gmail.com).

Price includes **6 glasses of quality wine** (blind tasting) to test your palate (plus great leftovers at the end). Get a team of up to six or let Cat know you would like to be added to a team.

**Food:** Bread, cheese, meat, nibbles, etc. **Live music:** *Hoarse With No Name* – dance the night away!!

**Your Compère:** Clive Pawsey of Cambridge Wine Merchants.

### Social/Family Bike Ride

**Saturday 5 October**, starting from the Green at **10 am** and heading for St Ives/Houghton Mill (National Trust) tea room, turn round at either point. Shepherded by Willingham Wheels.

Estimated return time 2 pm, well in time to freshen up for the ...

### Ceilidh – a Fantastic Fun Evening

Ploughman Hall, **Saturday 5 October at 7 30 pm, doors open 7 pm**

Tickets £10 each – ticketing details on [www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup/](http://www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup/).

Price includes **ploughman supper** with choice of cheeses, plus pickles and apples. For special dietary requirements or allergy concerns, contact WAG at the email below. Bring your own drinks. Raffle in aid of Friends of Willingham Church – a most worthy cause! Caller: The excellent John Mullett. *Don't miss it!*

### Photography Exhibition

Public Hall, **Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 October, 11 am to 5 pm both days**. Come along and vote for the best of the best

in a display of photographic excellence. More details: [www.facebook.com/willinghamphoto](http://www.facebook.com/willinghamphoto).

### Harvest Festival and Church Lunch

Special service at St Mary and All Saints (SMAS) **Sunday 6 October at 11 am**, to give thanks for the food we grow and harvest. We will be remembering those struggling at this time. We'll also be taking a moment to think about our wonderful world and how we might look after it rather better. Do join us if you can – all ages welcome! Lunch will be served in the Octagon immediately after the service.

### Repair Café

Ploughman Hall, **Sunday 6 October, 1 – 4 30 pm**. We have some amazing repairers to help with sewing, jewellery, bicycles, electrical, computers, mechanicals and more. Teas, coffees and (possibly) cake will also be available! Please bring cash to make a donation if you can.

### Curry Night and Quiz

Ploughman Hall, **Saturday 12 October at 7 30 pm, doors open 7 pm**. Bar and mood music!

Swot up on Indian History and Culture, the Paris Olympics, Flags of the World, Capitals of the World and, our old military friend, General Knowledge! We may even get a music round together!

**Chicken biriyani** £20 each or **Veggie biryani** £15 each – for ticketing details, go to [www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup/](http://www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup/).

### Willingham Youth Trust Kids (and Parents) Halloween Disco

Ploughman Hall, **Saturday 26 October at 7 30 pm, doors open 7 pm**

For all ages! Families of up to three children and two adults £20; extra adults £8; extra children £6.

Bar, food, raffle, face painting, henna tattoos, fun and games – for ticketing and other info, keep an eye on [www.facebook.com/WillinghamYouthTrust](http://www.facebook.com/WillinghamYouthTrust) or use the channels below.

**Willingham Social Club Events, Library Event, Litter Pick, History Walk(s), Art Exhibition** – details to be confirmed! Latest news on [www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup/](http://www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup/).

Email: [WAG@willinghamlife.org](mailto:WAG@willinghamlife.org) Phone: 07787 530394. Don't hesitate to get in touch!

## Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG)

FEAG is a local group of amateur archaeologists in the villages of Cottenham, Rampton and Willingham. We meet regularly for interesting talks, usually by professional archaeologists, about digs where they have taken part, or of which they have excellent knowledge.

We also get invites to view live digs, and are guided by the professional on site, giving us in-depth insight into the discoveries they have made. We have also taken part in professional digs at development sites such as Northstowe, and carried out our own investigation of a Romano-British site just outside Cottenham.

These are details of our next talk: *Historic Building Mythbusting*.

Stories about old buildings tell of secret passages, ships' timbers used in the construction of buildings inland, spiral staircases that advantage right-handed defenders, doorways blocked in churches to keep the devil out... and much more!

In the words of archaeologist James Wright, 'Go to any mediaeval building in the land and there will be interesting, exciting and romantic stories presented to the visitor. They are commonly believed and widely repeated – but are they really true?'

James will tell us about truths behind the myths. Sometimes the realities behind the stories are even more remarkable than the myths themselves; these are the subject of his latest book *Historic Building Mythbusting*.

This special talk will be presented by the Fen Edge Archaeology Group and Cottenham Village Society at All Saints Church, Cottenham, on **Saturday 7 September, 2 30 pm**.

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**Wednesday 18 September** at the Willingham Medical Practice

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## Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

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## The Summer Reading Challenge Medal Ceremony

**Tuesday 17 September 3 45 to 4 45 pm**

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## Friends of Willingham Library Events

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## Games and Social Afternoon,

**Wednesday 11 September, 2 – 4 pm**

Come and join us for a relaxed game of Scrabble or one of the

other games we have at the library, or bring a favourite game of your own to share. Or you're welcome to just sit, chat and enjoy some company and refreshments.

## Second-hand Book Sale,

**Saturday 7 September, 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 three for a £1, so come along and stock up for all your reading needs.

## Knit and Natter, Wednesday 18 September 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, Tuesday 10 September, 7 30 pm

The theme this time is: *All About Families, Human or Furry!* Join us for an enjoyable and entertaining evening of poetry and prose. We invite you to bring some poems or prose that you have chosen or written yourself to share with the group. Or just come along and listen. Refreshments available, donations welcome.

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## Readers' Noticeboard

At the recent Willingham Welcomes event in the village, we were asked on the *Willingham News* stand if it's possible to post free notices in the magazine. We considered the issue of timescales — the magazine is prepared in the three weeks before you receive it, so urgent notices aren't practical — but we've taken up the idea, so let's see how it goes!

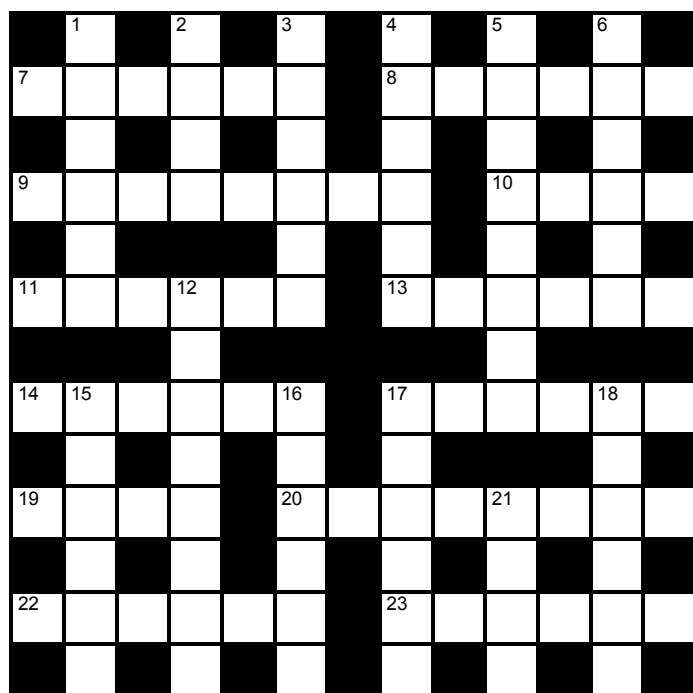
We can't guarantee that everything we receive is suitable for inclusion, and it doesn't replace paid-for advertising, but if you have a notice you'd like to 'pin' here, about 60 words maximum, please email [willinghamnews@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamnews@gmail.com). (The usual copy deadline of the 8th of each month applies.)

- *Elderly couple will be pleased to talk to and visit any lonely elderly people in their homes. Alternatively if the elderly people have transport they can visit us. First class references if required. John Holroyd-Doveton. Tel: 01954 232684.*
- *The Minister of our Baptist Church knows of a young family, linked to the church, both professionals with a child of six years, looking for a house or flat to rent in the Willingham area from the end of September. They currently live in the village in temporary accommodation. Can anyone help? Contact Liji and Jijo on [lijimathoorab86@gmail.com](mailto:lijimathoorab86@gmail.com) or Rev Kwaku on [Minister@willinghambaptist.org](mailto:Minister@willinghambaptist.org).*



# Quick Crossword by Willow

Solution on page 19



## Across

- 7 Unhurried (6)
- 8 Not paying attention (6)
- 9 Direct (8)
- 10 Most important (4)
- 11 Close to (6)
- 13 Sprinter (6)
- 14 Endured (6)
- 17 Basement (6)
- 19 Cab (4)
- 20 Balderdash (8)
- 22 Stern (6)
- 23 BA (6)

## Down

- 1 Concerning the teeth (6)
- 2 Information (4)
- 3 Mass (6)
- 4 Lead reporter (6)
- 5 Airport building (8)
- 6 Referee (6)
- 12 Acquired (8)
- 15 Filled with wonder (6)
- 16 Ass (6)
- 17 North American country (6)
- 18 Response (6)
- 21 Lip (4)

## Glastonbury 2024 Quiz

Quite a few Willingham people made it to Glastonbury this summer. Even if you didn't get there, here are questions about some of the better-known acts. If you think you don't know the answer, have a guess!

- 1 Which US singer said she wanted to enter stage on a stallion but wasn't allowed to, which didn't impress her much?
- 2 Name the Pyramid Stage headline band who were originally called *Big Fat Noises*, *Pectoralz* then *Starfish* in the 1990s.
- 3 Name the physicist who joined *D:Ream* on stage for *Things Can Only Get Better*.
- 4 Which girl band started their set with *Freak Like Me*?
- 5 Which band's set ended with the songs *Hey Jude* and *Long Tall Sally*?
- 6 Which artist's set list included *Perfect 10* and *Rotterdam*?
- 7 Which sixties legend sang *To Sir With Love* and *Shout*?
- 8 Who closed her set with *Houdini*?
- 9 Which band's penultimate song was *Blinded by the Lights*?
- 10 Which band included *Pulling Mussels from a Shell* in their set list?

Answers on page 19



# Young Readers' Corner

## Baby Animals Quiz

Can you match the names of ten animals to the most common names of their young, listed below.

For example, if you think a baby elephant is called a tadpole, write tadpole alongside elephant. (Here's a clue... it's not a tadpole!!)

**cub, fry, tadpole, foal, calf, joey, kit, peachick, cygnet, kid.**

- |            |       |            |       |
|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1 Elephant | _____ | 6 Lion     | _____ |
| 2 Goat     | _____ | 7 Toad     | _____ |
| 3 Seahorse | _____ | 8 Swan     | _____ |
| 4 Peacock  | _____ | 9 Kangaroo | _____ |
| 5 Squirrel | _____ | 10 Donkey  | _____ |

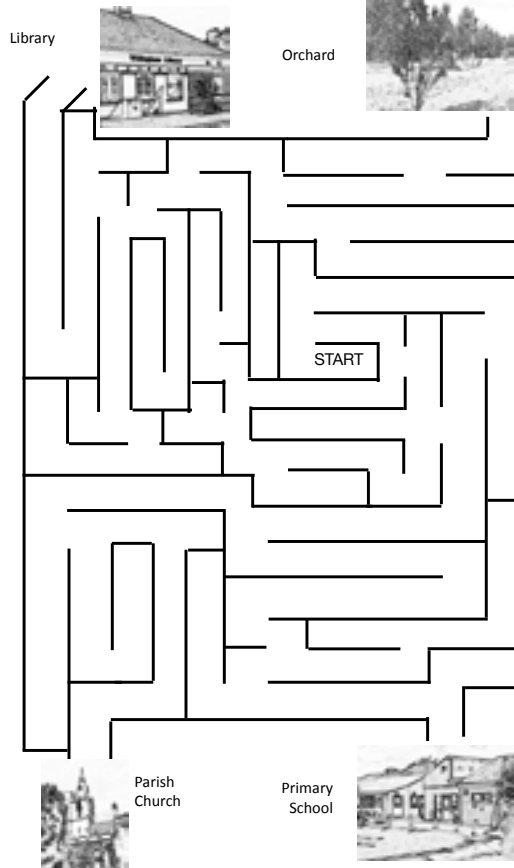
Answers on page 19

**Congratulations** to Louis and Camilla, the grandchildren of resident Karen Laurence, who tackled the Olympic Ring Colouring in last month's Young Readers' Corner, then shared their work with the editors of the magazine. Very impressive colouring and drawing, Louis and Camilla! Thank you for sharing it!

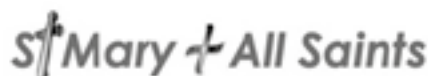
## Willingham Maze

Find your way from Start, to four of the places in our village!

Why not create your own maze after you've done this one?



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

- 1 September** 11 00 am Morning Prayer – Book of Common Prayer  
 4 00 pm Family@4 — in the Octagon, see below
- 8 September** 11 00 am Morning Praise
- 15 September** 11 00 am Café Church – in the Octagon
- 22 September** No service at St Mary & All Saints today.  
 11 00 am Joint 5folds service at All Saints Church, Longstanton Led by Venerable Alex Hughes – Archdeacon of Cambridge
- 29 September** 11 00 am Holy Communion

## Harvest Festival

As part of the Feast celebrations, there will be a traditional Harvest Festival Service on **Sunday 6 October** at 11 am, followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Octagon. See the October issue for further details.

## Gift Day

On **Saturday 5 October** the Church community will be holding a Gift Day to raise funds to support Church Services, Church life and our community activities. Displays and information will be available and members of the congregation will be on hand to receive gifts or advise how contributions can be made online.

## 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. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information on our future themes.

## Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 14 September**, 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, is 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 during daytime Church opening hours to pray for Ukraine and its people, and for all areas of the World where there is conflict. **Every Thursday from 6 30 to 7 pm** we offer a time to gather to pray for peace. 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:

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

### 5folds Administration Office:

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



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[www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org) and

**Minister: Rev Kwaku Efah**

## ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

### Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

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

- 1 Sept** Luke 6: 1–16. Jesus Challenges the Strict Rules about the Sabbath.
- 8 Sept** Family Service.
- 15 Sept** Luke 6: 17–26. Jesus Says: ‘Blessed are the poor’.
- 22 Sept** Luke 6: 27–38. ‘Love Your Enemies’.
- 29 Sept** Visiting preacher (to be announced).

## EVENTS

### Wednesday Fellowship Coffee Morning

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

### Men’s Breakfast: Saturday 21 September, 7 45 – 9 am

Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk: Canon Stephen Leeke: *The Fisherman*.

### Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 5 and 19 September

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).

## Social Club's Beer Festival Does it Again!

Our Social Club hosted the Annual Village Beer Festival on 19 — 21 July. It was another great success for the Club with 17 varieties of beer and cider (many from local breweries), great food and live music. Thank you to everyone who supported it; we had new members sign up, many happy customers, and all of the donated unused beer token value has gone to support Willingham Youth Trust.

Harri Beasley kicked things off with live music on Friday, with great food in the guise of hot pork rolls and chilli nachos. A busy night enjoyed by many, who took advantage of the evening sun. Beer, cider and Pimm's were flowing, along with nine varieties of gin. Saturday was another busy day with Wrapunzel serving Yorkshire pudding wraps and loaded roast spuds, which went down a treat. The Submarine Racers then took to the stage for three sets of covers, entertaining the crowd and keeping the dance floor full. On Sunday, as beers started to sell out, we had acoustic music in the marquee from Luke Linnet, who runs the Jam Club at the Social Club once a month, and a proper summer BBQ serving hotdogs and burgers from A Waller & Sons Butchers in Cambridge. What a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

We would like to say a massive thank you to Calibre Roofing and Brays Electrical Services, who were our headline sponsors, and Thompson Taraz Rand Accountants who sponsored our Gin, Pimm's and Prosecco Bar. Also a huge thank you to all of our barrel sponsors; their sponsorship really helps us run a good event for the community and we couldn't do it without their support.

Thank you to the bar staff, keeping glasses full and the atmosphere going, and a special thanks for all the committee members and volunteers who helped us set up and run the bars on the night. We couldn't make this event happen without our voluntary committee and members of our community pulling together.

If you are not a member of the Social Club and are interested in joining, pop in to get a membership form or message us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/willinghamsocialclub](https://www.facebook.com/willinghamsocialclub).

Don't forget to save the date for 2025 — we will be running the annual festival on **11 — 13 July**. If you are interested in sponsoring it, please contact [abby.freed@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:abby.freed@hotmail.co.uk).

## Nimble Fingers Craft Club

If you're interested in any sort of craftwork — knitting, embroidery, patchwork, cross-stitch, etc — and have a couple of hours to spare on a Monday afternoon, why not pop along to join our friendly group, to share crafting skills, to learn a new skill, and to enjoy the company of fellow crafters. Refreshments are provided.

£3 to cover the cost of the hall hire and refreshments.

**Mondays, 2 – 4 pm, Baptist Church.**

Contact Daphne on 01954 260568, or just pop along with your craft work, and introduce yourself!

## Willingham Men's Breakfast

At Willingham Welcomes, as one of the many stalls showcasing our growing and dynamic village, WMB (now in our 19th year) had a great day. After much banter with neighbours, the stall was set out with photos of walk-weekends, days out, speaking themes and What's On for the remainder of the year.

Some WMB members are not into weekends walking the hills and mountains of Wales or Scotland, but instead look forward to the camaraderie, the monthly catch-up with friends, meeting newcomers, the occasional day out and chinwagging about a shared interest or hobby over... okay, we are biased... the best breakfast in Willingham.

What we will plan next year is a dads and lads (from 10 or 11 years old) activity day out, so watch this space. It might be an idea to explore WMB first, so we are offering a **free breakfast** for the next six months to anyone who has not been before or for many years. We start early but it means men can get back to family or friends activities. Regular attendance is optional, of course.

**When and Where we Meet:** the main hall, Baptist Church, 7 45 am sit down, finish 9 10 am promptly.

**Usual Format:** Breakfast: cooked full WMB Special or cereal and fruit, tea, coffee, juice; dietary options too, on prior request. Then Notices and the Talk, usually around 20 to 30 minutes, then Q and A.

To book or to get in touch, contact Pete Sacré  
WhatsApp: 07758 098150 Phone: 01954 261655

Email: [whammensbrek@gmail.com](mailto:whammensbrek@gmail.com).

Group email: [wbc-willingham-mens-breakfast@googlegroups.com](mailto:wbc-willingham-mens-breakfast@googlegroups.com).

Web: [www.wbc-willinghambaptist.org/community](http://www.wbc-willinghambaptist.org/community).

### WMB Diary

**Saturday 21 September** — *Fisherman*, Stephen Leeke from Ely.

**Saturday 28 September** — day trip to local railway or aircraft museum, details to be confirmed.

**Saturday 19 October** — *Scribe*, David Scott from Willingham.

**Friday 25 October 6 30 pm** — cooked supper and film *The World's Fastest Indian*, starring Anthony Hopkins, showing at Baptist Church hall on a big screen.

**Saturday November 16** — *Evangelist*, Kwaku Efah from Willingham BC.

**Saturday December 14** — Christmas Breakfast and talk: *Teacher*, Nigel Graham from Warboys BC.

## Willingham Photo Club Open Photo Competition

Willingham Photo Club announces their first open competition

£25 Gift Voucher for winning image

Closing date

**30 November 2024**

See club website for details:

[photo.ballandia.co.uk/compo](http://photo.ballandia.co.uk/compo).



## Willingham Youth Trust: A New Beginning for our Youth Club

In the heart of our village lies an organisation that has been an important part of our community since 2010; the Willingham Youth Trust (WYT), a registered charity first set up by Willingham Action Group (WAG) as a youth club working alongside the Connections Bus Project. Ably managed by Jack Stinton, our enthusiastic youth leader, it continues to provide a space for young people to gather, learn and have fun. Recently, however, the Trust has faced difficult times, with participation dropping and activities becoming less frequent. Despite these challenges, we are pleased to announce a promising new start for the club.

Here's what we can expect as the Willingham Youth Trust begins this new chapter:

### Community Input

The WYT committee values community input and aims to create an inclusive environment. Regular meetings and feedback sessions will ensure that the activities and programmes reflect the interests of the young people in our village. Parents, guardians and community members are encouraged to share their ideas and get involved in the club's future. Please watch out for our Facebook posts at [www.facebook.com/WillinghamYouthTrust](https://www.facebook.com/WillinghamYouthTrust) for more information.

### Facility Lets

While the restructuring involves the Parish Council taking back control of the WYT rooms behind the Ploughman Hall, these remain available for lets by WYT until February 2025 – ideal for meetings, parties, workshops and similar.

Please see [www.willinghamyouthcentre.com/hiring-the-youth-centre](https://www.willinghamyouthcentre.com/hiring-the-youth-centre) for photos, and contact [enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org) for hire charges and further information.

### Support, Mentorship, Activities

Looking forward, the Trust would welcome a chance to partner with local professionals and organisations within the framework of a mentorship programme, providing our young people with guidance and support as they navigate their educational and personal journeys. The new WYT committee hopes to develop a range of engaging programmes. From sports and arts to technology workshops, there will be a variety of activities aimed at providing entertainment and education. These programmes will help our young members explore new interests and learn new skills. We are also hoping to deepen our contacts with local schools.

### Community Events

To bring our community together and generate much-needed income, the Trust intends to host events aligned to fostering a sense of unity and community spirit – as a start, look out for our WYT Disco as part of the Willingham Feast programme in October.

We extend our thanks to all community members who have supported the Willingham Youth Trust in the past. The community's involvement is key to the success of the youth club's revival. In particular, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Social Club (WSC) who kindly named Willingham Youth Trust as its chosen charity for this year's Beer Festival. As reported by WSC President, John Carey, its payment card and glasses returns scheme generated close to £200 for the Trust, with thanks to him, WSC Chair Tony Clews and all the WSC committee, staff, sponsors and volunteers – and especially to all the people who donated their glass deposits and unused card tokens to the cause.

If you too would like to help, please contact [enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org](mailto:enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org).

## Nature's Names

The name earthworm comes from the Proto-Germanic words *ertho* and *wurmiz* and, going back to the Indo-European language (around 5,000 years ago) from *er* meaning 'ground', and *wrmi*, from the root *wer*, meaning 'to bend'.

Worms are tremendously beneficial engineers in soil eco-systems, helping to create drainage and aeration.

They breathe through their skin, and are covered in tiny bristles called *setae*, which help them move around. They can't hear or see, but sense vibrations and changes in light. Earthworms have both male and female reproductive organs but they still need to seek out a mate to reproduce. It's not strictly true that cutting a worm in half will result in two – it can regenerate to a certain extent but most likely it will die. Worms don't have hearts as such; instead they have up to five sets of thicker blood vessels near the head, which act as pseudo-hearts.

If you're short of a riveting holiday read, look no further than Charles Darwin's 1881 catchily titled bestselling book *The Formation of Vegetable Mould Through the Action of Earthworms with Observation on Their Habits*. (It sold more than *On the Origin of Species*.) In it, Darwin gives us a slightly disturbing insight into his weird wormy experiments – 'Worms do not possess any sense of hearing. They took not the least notice of the shrill notes from a metal whistle, which was repeatedly sounded near them; nor did they of the deepest and loudest tones of a bassoon. They were indifferent to shouts, if care was taken that the breath did not strike them. When placed on a table close to the keys of a piano, which was played as loudly as possible, they remained perfectly quiet.'

Hmmm. Those images raise so many questions! But if you see someone in the village, in their garden, playing a bassoon or shouting at their lawn, don't worry – they're probably trying to charm a worm.

John Lawrence

## The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open **every Monday morning in September**, 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 home-made 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 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!

## Willingham's Golden Brownies



At our final meeting this term we were delighted to be able to present **Juliet, Isobel, Bronwyn and Sophia** with their Gold Awards. They are the first Brownies in our

village to have achieved this since the new Brownie programme began over five years ago. To get their award they had to complete six different theme awards covering *Be Well, Have Adventures, Express Myself, Know Myself, Skills for My Future* and *Take Action*. They then had to complete an individual challenge of running an activity for all the other Brownies, and visit Willingham Guides for a taster evening. Between them, they have gained an impressive 33 interest badges ranging from space and aviation, to dancing and performing. The girls are now going to be moving up to Guides in September to continue their guiding journey.

If you have a daughter, aged 7 to 9 years, who would like to join Brownies, or aged 10 to 13 years who would like to join Guides, then register her at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/) and one of the Willingham leaders will contact you.

Or, for more information about us, email [1stwillinghambrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stwillinghambrownies@gmail.com) or [willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk).

*Lynn McGoff*

*Leader Willingham Brownies and Guides*

## Gardening Tips for Autumn

September, late summer — the garden has been, and maybe still is, awash with colour; the dahlias in their every hue and form share ground with the fiery crocosmia, while the slender veronica adds height and texture. September is also an opportunity to undertake several jobs in the garden while still enjoying the warmth:

- Divide your herbaceous perennials.
- Collect and sow seeds from perennials and hardy annuals.
- Net ponds before autumn leaf fall gets underway.
- Have a tidy up! Clean out cold frames and greenhouses ahead of autumn sowing and growing. Store BBQs and paddling pools.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs, such as daffodils, crocus and hyacinths. Tulips are later, best planted in October and November.
- Continue to harvest fruit and vegetables.

Happy gardening!

*Rebecca Drewnicki*

## Willingham Gardening Club

In August, we hosted our annual Garden Party, an evening for our members to socialise and enjoy a Pimm's (or two!). We also had the opportunity to tour two of our members' gardens. A delightful evening.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2 September**. We look forward to welcoming back Nigel Start, this time with his talk *Keeping Chickens*. It's not to be missed!

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.

## Thought for the Month

### The Sower Went Out to Sow his Seed

September is a time of beginning and of ending: the end of summer, the start of a new year for school and college, when joy and enthusiasm, anxiety and trepidation unforgettably combine.

In the farming year it is a time of change too, and the same feelings arise. It's the end of the grain harvest and sowing of new crops has already started. In the fields around us, farmers are busy, mindful more than ever that the weather may turn against them as it did last year.

The story of the sower is one of Jesus' best-known parables. However, the story isn't about the sower; it is about the seed, and where it falls. The seed is broadcast, and some falls on rocky ground, some amid weeds, some by the path, some on good soil. (You will find the story in full in Chapter 13 of St Matthew's Gospel.) Jesus' companions ask him to explain — '... the seeds are his teaching, and where they fall are his hearers...'; some don't grasp it, some try but soon give up, some find there is too much going on in their lives to pay much attention. Some take hold of God's word and let it deep into their hearts.

Jesus was speaking not only to people who scattered seeds on the rocky fields of Galilee, but to us as well. Those grains fall on us too! Those who have heard Christ's words can listen more intently. Those who have let it slip can listen again. Those who have never heard can grasp hold and find their lives transformed.

The sower in the story may seem rather haphazard in the way that he scatters his seed, but good seed is precious, chosen to suit a purpose, and no-one sows without hope of a harvest. Jesus' message is for every one.

*Nick Corcoran, Catholic Church*

# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Recreation Ground Flooding

As mentioned often on this page, in recent months the lower Recreation Ground keeps flooding after heavy rain, even during the summer months — which has never happened before, although some older residents might know different! Several cricket matches have had to be relocated to Over. Our variety of village sports continues to grow; we are actively seeking additional land near the Recreation Ground that could be bought, leased, or rented to add to our current stock.

However, if our original Recreation Ground is ever going to be usable again, we need to look at causes and whether there is any way of mitigating them. Contributing factors include a generally higher water table and the under-pitch drainage pipes not functioning due to high water levels in the lode and silting up, most of which is outside our control. However, we have enlisted the help of a drainage consultant to look at options.

Meanwhile, although a complicated project, our Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) is nearing its final stages and we are keen to complete this. Our village already has a thriving netball club which would use the MUGA, and if there are any interested tennis players who would like to contribute to its development, we would like to hear from you!

## Wildlife Meadow, Meadow Road

This summer, an expert from the Lottery funded Cambridgeshire ACRE was able to give his time to add his expertise to help with our Meadow Road site. Visitors will already have seen the four newly dug pond areas at the top end of this Meadow. Although planting-up gives immediate aesthetic impact, in most cases it is best to allow the ponds to be colonised naturally. However, this will take longer, and doesn't look as nice at first, but it allows the species that 'want' to be there the best chance of success, and ultimately produces the most natural habitat. Also, planting to cover the surrounding banks quickly is subject to a big risk: a period of adverse weather (too dry, too wet, too cold, etc, which are increasingly common as a result of climate change) can kill off what we plant or put into the ponds. So, we hope walkers who enjoy that site will understand that a naturally evolved pond, along

with the banks, is far more likely to be able to buffer itself through tough periods. Meanwhile, we are planning more improvements to the whole Meadow to include seating, as well as a few changes to encourage further colonisation by animals and birds.

## Walking and Parking

The Community Orchard management has changed a little this spring, and we thank all who have helped, as well as those who are taking over their roles in order to ensure continuity. Dogs and their walkers continue to enjoy our Orchard, as they can access by car, or on foot along the new Earith Road pathway. The fruit trees, hedgerows, willow growing patch and wild flowers all add to an enjoyable walk.

The Wildlife Meadow welcomes dogs as well, and has parking at its entrance. Barton Field, however, does not have access by car along that driveway, and parking is along Rampton Road only.

## Cemetery

Work will commence over the next couple of weeks on the repair to the small gate at the back of the cemetery. The gate will be taken away for repair and then returned once work has been completed.

## Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be at **7 30 pm on Wednesday 4 September** 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.

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*Clerk: Mandy Powell*

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# History of the Bells in Willingham Parish Church

The six bells in Willingham Parish Church are 100 years old this year! Here is their potted history.

**14th Century** — the tower and steeple were added to the church, and it is reasonable to assume that there would have been a bell installed at the same time.

**16th Century** — Edward VI (reigned 1547 — 1553) ordered an inventory to be made of every church in the country. The inventory for our church showed, quote: 'In ye steple there iiij Bells and i sanctus bell'. The Sanctus bell was rung to inform people not present in church that the special part of the service (blessing of the bread and wine) had been reached.

**18th Century** — in 1755, the five existing bells were melted down and five new bells were cast in pits dug in the church grounds. The new bells were cast by the bell founder from St Neots and then hung in an oak frame. This frame gradually became unstable; ringers feared that, when ringing them, they would fall to the ground. Thus, for safety, the bell ropes were pulled by ringers standing in the main body of the church, not in the tower directly under the bells. If you look up at the stone arch, surrounding the glass screen at the base of the tower, you can see grooves made by the bell ropes, having been pulled in this way.

**20th Century** — in 1924, the five existing bells were again melted down, recast, and a sixth bell was added; the bells were hung in a new steel frame. The work was carried out by Taylors Bell Foundry at Loughborough, the cost being £580.2s.6d. The bells are tuned to the key of G. The smallest bell, known as the treble, weighs just over three cwt (152kg), diameter 64cm. The largest bell, known as the tenor, weighs nearly 12 cwt (610kg), diameter 100cm. The inscriptions on the 1755 bells were transferred to the new bells when they were recast in 1924. The fifth bell shows the inscription: 'The first time these bells rang was for Thomas Wallman's wedding. Joseph Eayre St Neots fecit'. The inscription was premature as, sadly, the first time the bells were rung was for the funeral of Thomas Wallman's fiancée. Thomas Wallman later died a bachelor.

## When are the Bells Rung?

The bells are rung for church services, including weddings and funerals, as well as practice nights and local and national events. When ringing for funerals or Remembrance Sunday, the bells are often half muffled, giving a distinct sound, alternating between the normal level of sound followed by a slightly softer (muffled) sound. The softer sound is achieved by putting a leather cover on one side of the clapper. Willingham bells are also rung by visiting ringers from many other towers wishing to ring this fine set of bells. They will often ring a quarter peal, about 1,250 changes, which takes about 50 minutes.

## Change Ringing

Change ringing developed in England in the 16th and 17th centuries. Before this, bells were rung in no particular order. Changing the order in which the bells are rung follows a strict pattern, so each ringer knows where they are in the sequence. With six bells, there are 720 possible different ways to change the order of the numbers 123456 — e.g. 214365, 241635, 426153 might be the first three changes. To achieve the level of control required for change ringing, wooden wheels were fitted to the bells with a rope going round the rim of the wheel, which enabled the bell to be rung full circle, through 360 degrees.

For more detail on bell ringing, see YouTube clip, *Discovering Bellringing*: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQ\\_zN3zw5\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQ_zN3zw5_s).

## Church Clock

The church clock was installed in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. The clock uses only some of the six bells to chime the hours and quarter hours; however, the sound of the clock chimes is not made using the clapper inside the bell, but by a large metal hammer hitting the outside of the bell.

# Friends of Willingham Church

Our first Annual General Meeting will be on **Tuesday 24 September, 7 30 pm in the Octagon behind the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend, please come along and find out more about us.**

**Refreshments available.**

Our next fundraising event will be **Friday 22 or Saturday 23 November**. Details to follow soon. Many thanks to those who came and visited us at our stall at the WAG Willingham Welcomes event in July and either donated or took part in our *Find the Treasure* game.

**To remind you who we are** — The Friends of Willingham Church is a Community Group, set up in summer 2023 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 One 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.

# Willingham British School Trust

**Congratulations** to every young person in Willingham who has gained their required academic grades and is now looking forward to starting a university course or apprenticeship programme this autumn. The Willingham British School Trust offers funding to help you, and your parents, to meet the additional, possibly unexpected, costs you may now have to meet. These costs might include items such as equipment, field trips and books.

Applications will also be considered from institutions and voluntary groups seeking financial support to meet the needs of our young people in innovative ways.

The Trustees meet regularly on a face-to-face basis. The next meeting to consider applications for funding is on **11 October**.

The application process is straightforward and easy — contact the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher (telephone: 07881 521041 / e-mail: [willinghambritishschooltrust@gmail.com](mailto:willinghambritishschooltrust@gmail.com)) for information on how to make your application.

## County and District Councillors' Reports

Due to the fantastic demand for space about village events and activities in *Willingham News*, it has not been possible to include the Councillors' Reports. These are available to view online on the Extras section of the website, [www.willinghamlife.org](http://www.willinghamlife.org). Here are the contact details for each of the Councillors.

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The Welcome Night is 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, e.g. wildlife, infrared photography, long exposure photography, visits to Cuba and Africa, and landscape photography. We also have internal and external competitions. There will also be members' nights covering various topics — so something for everyone!

**The full annual subscription this season (September to May 2025) is:**

Adult £68

Concession £55 (Pension age)

Youth membership £20

Guest visitor £4 per meeting

Come along and try us out!

The Club meets in the Carole Shaw Room at Swavesey Village College **every Thursday** during college term time. For further info and to see some of our members' photos check out our website:

[www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk](http://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, Committee member, Swavesey Camera Club*

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## Fen Drayton Lakes

As a nature reserve, Fen Drayton Lakes is managed with specific species in mind. These target species are determined in conversation with our ecologists and are based on the habitats present on site, the UK Red-list of endangered birds, and by the RSPB's list of priority species.

The mosaic of diverse habitats that make up our reserve, including lakes, reed beds, and woodland, means that we have a wide range of animals, plants and fungi on site. Each habitat has different target species that we aim to attract, whilst also drawing in many other species that make their homes in similar environs.

Our year is split between the breeding and non-breeding seasons. During the autumn and winter, when many of our breeding birds are down in Africa and other creatures are hibernating or just overwintering, we carry out large-scale work to maintain and improve our habitats. Much of this work is carried out rotationally around the site and following specific methods known to achieve the required results.

The culmination of this work is when spring comes around and we carry out our breeding bird surveys. The hope is that numbers of each species have remained stable, maybe even increased, and that areas where work was carried out in the preceding months are being used. Surveys often start early in the morning, none more so than for bittern. These specialist reed bed herons are territorial, with the males calling from pre-dawn and gradually quietening down as the morning progresses. Other species we survey include a variety of songbirds in the hedgerows and scrubby areas around the site; waders and waterfowl out on the lakes and wetland margins; gulls and terns on the islands and the man-made rafts.

As we enter autumn, we will be reviewing our breeding figures for the year and planning our work for the next few months to keep Fen Drayton Lakes in the best possible condition for our target species.

### Upcoming events at Fen Drayton Lakes

**Wild(ish) Camping for Groups** — a unique opportunity for groups to camp on the reserve.

**Wednesday Wander Guided Walk** — join our knowledgeable volunteers for a walk around the reserve.

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

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

## RAOB Billavincea Lodge

The Billavincea Lodge Number 8719 is a branch of the Cambridge and District Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (RAOB), which is a Province of the RAOB Grand Lodge of England. The Lodge meets every **Thursday from 8 pm** at the Social Club.

Known to its members as the 'Bufs', the earliest known date of a RAOB Lodge is 1822, which met for entertainment and social recreation at the Harp Tavern, near the Drury Lane Theatre, London.

Today, the RAOB is an international organisation for men, whose principal aims are friendship, charitable works, social activity, mutual support and care.

For further information about the Billavincea Lodge and the RAOB, contact the Lodge secretary at [dwplummer@hotmail.com](mailto:dwplummer@hotmail.com) or visit the RAOB online at [www.raobgle.org.uk](http://www.raobgle.org.uk).





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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](mailto:secretary@overplayers.uk) for more information. Let the magic begin!

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Across: 7 Sedate, 8 Dreamy, 9 Straight, 10 Main, 11 Almost, 13 Runner, 14 Lasted, 17 Cellar, 19 Taxi, 20 Nonsense, 22 Severe, 23 Degree.

Down: 1 Dental, 2 Data, 3 Weight, 4 Editor, 5 Terminal, 6 Umpire, 12 Obtained, 15 Amazed, 16 Donkey, 17 Canada, 18 Answer, 21 Edge.

#### Glastonbury 2024 Quiz

1 Shania Twain 2 Coldplay  
3 Brain Cox 4 Sugababes  
5 Bootleg Beatles  
6 Paul Heaton 7 Lulu  
8 Dua Lipa 9 The Streets  
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7 tadpole 8 cygnet 9 joey  
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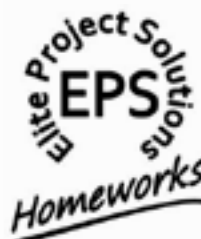
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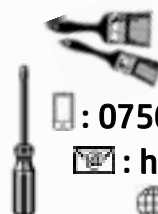


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Sun 1 Sept	Family@4	Parish Church	Octagon	4 pm, see p10
Sun 1 Sept	Jazz Club – The Louisiana Jazzband	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 2 Sept	<i>Keeping Chickens</i> with Nigel Start	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p13
Wed 4 Sept	<i>Folk Tales from the Fens</i> by Cambridge Storytellers	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p8
Wed 4 Sept	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p7
Wed 4 Sept	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p14
Thu 5 Sept	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p10
Thu 5 Sept	Welcome Night	Swavesey Camera Club	Swavesey Village College	7 – 9 pm, see p17
Fri 6 Sept	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Fri 6 Sept	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm
Sat 7 Sept	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p8
Sat 7 Sept	<i>Historic Building Mythbusting</i> with James Wright	Fen Edge Archaeology Group (FEAG)	All Saints Church, Cottenham	2 30 pm, see p6
Mon 9 Sept	<i>Everyone Has a Story to Tell</i> with Jeanette Moser	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Tue 10 Sept	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p8
Tue 10 Sept	Poetry & Prose Evening: Theme: <i>All About Families, Human or Furry!</i>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p8
Wed 11 Sept	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Thu 12 Sept	Author Event: <i>Secrets &amp; Suspense...</i> with Alison Stockham	Library	Library	2 pm, see p8
Sat 14 Sept	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p5
Sat 14 Sept	Quiz Night	Fen Edge Twinning Association (FETA)	Ploughman Hall	7 pm for 7 15 pm start, see p19
Sat 14 Sept	A Murder Mystery Evening <i>Who Killed the Vicar?</i>	Over Players	St Mary's Church Hall, Over	7 15 pm <a href="http://www.overplayers.uk">www.overplayers.uk</a>
Mon 16 Sept	Assignment: <i>Accessorise</i>	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8pm, see p19
Tue 17 Sept	The Summer Reading Challenge Medal Ceremony	Library	Library	3 45 – 4 45 pm, see p8
Wed 18 Sept	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p8
Thu 19 Sept	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p10
Sat 21 Sept	Talk: <i>People from Biblical Times – The Fisherman</i> with Canon Stephen Leeke	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p10
Sat 21 Sept	Stone Cold Stumble	Willingham Feast	Social Club	Doors open 7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 24 Sept	Annual General Meeting	Friends of Willingham Church	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Sat 28 Sept	Wine Quiz & Dance	Willingham Feast	Social Club	Doors open 7 pm for 7 30pm start, see p6





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	Willingham Community Planning Group		07506 385554 / communityplanning@willinghamlife.org
<b>Services</b>	Surgery		01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests	Weekdays 10 am – 12 noon and 3 – 4 pm	01954 207602
	Library		0345 045 5225
	Pharmacy		01954 261787
	Community Warden	Joanne Twinn	joanne.twinn@ageukcap.org.uk / 07812 496002
	Patient Participation Group	Chris Thornhill	07721 029494 / crthornhill@gmail.com
<b>Schools</b>	Primary School	Mona Paalanen	01954 283030
	Willingham Out Of School Club (3–6 pm only)	M Lenk	01954 283033
	School Governors Chairperson	Chris Shaw	chair@willingham.cambs.sch.uk
	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
	British School Trust	Ray Croucher	willinghambritishschooltrust@gmail.com / 07881 521041
<b>Children</b>	Beavers, Cubs and Scouts	Matt Haigh	adventure@1stwillinghamscoutgroup.org.uk
	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	Kate Van Dort	01954 201567
	Koala Kidz, Children's Day Nursery	Edith Jeffrey	01954 260046
	Brownies, Guides and Rangers	Lynn McGoff	willinghamguides@hotmail.co.uk
	TOPS (Baptist Church Toddlers Group)	Debbie Allen	01954 261581
	Little Rainbows Baby & Toddler Group	Tiko Pending	tmwale31@gmail.com
<b>Halls</b>	Ploughman Hall Bookings	Through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Wilford Furlong Centre		01954 261445
	The Octagon		admin@5folds.org.uk
	Baptist Bookings and Rentals	Jenny Ambrose	secretary@willinghambaptist.org
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	Willingham Youth Club	Jack Stinton	enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org
	Women's Institute	Vicky Baggaley	01954 201405
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	Cycling Club	Nigel Leaney	nigel.leaney@outlook.com / 07979 518200
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	Willingham Sports Pavilion	Through Parish Council	01954 261027
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Jamie Smith (Sec)	01954 261141
<b>Churches</b>	Mothers' Union	Sue Hayden	01954 260363
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