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Repair Café Ploughman Hall, Sunday 6 October, 1 pm - 4 30 pm

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Dan Lentell

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# **Old Willingham**



This sad scene shows an old building being demolished in the 1970s. It stood near the Library on the corner of Priest Lane and Green Street facing the Green. Originally it was two cottages built of brick but around 1950 the slightly eccentric owner, Mr Sutherland, knocked it into one and rendered over the bricks. He moulded inserts in the render which were painted black to make it look like an old timber framed house. In addition, he had three scenes of sailing ships at sea painted into the upstairs window holes. These are still visible in this photo. The huge inglenook fireplace at the back shows that the original building was very old. The man sitting on the windowsill is Jack Thorpe who lived in the house behind which remains to this day.

See more photos at <u>www.oldwillingham.com</u>.

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

## The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open every Monday morning in October, 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 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. We are also very appreciative that the bread we serve is now being donated by Boswell Bakery in the village. Thank you!

The Octagon is behind the Parish Church (just follow the path to the left of the Church entrance) and there is wheelchair access and no steps.

There are always magazines to read and borrow, jigsaw puzzles to do, board games and card games to play, colouring sheets to colour, wool to knit with or you can just chat to others in a comfortable and friendly environment.

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

# 20th Anniversary of OldWillingham.com Website

This October marks 20 years since the <u>OldWillingham.com</u> historic photo website was opened. The site provides a huge collection of village photos from 1895 to 1995 and other historical documents. It is based on the collection

of Dennis Jeeps, a local farmer and amateur historian, who died in 1999. Over many Dennis years, presented slide shows to raise money for the school and had an enormous set of



stories which he shared as the photos were shown. It was always a sold-out event. When Dennis died his collection of several thousand one-inch slides was passed to the *Cambridgeshire Collection* where they were safe but no longer easily viewed by the public.

In 2003, local resident Jon Edney attended a presentation given by curator Chris Jakes who brought some slides from the collection to show at an event in the Octagon. Jon was struck by the people around him exclaiming, 'There's so and so' or 'I remember that shop' and felt that somehow this knowledge should be captured. He concluded that the village needed a website where people could not only view the photos but add their comments and memories. Over the next nine months Jon borrowed boxes of slides from the collection and individually scanned about 4,000 slides and negatives. He then assembled them into the first website which was launched on 25 October 2004 at an event in the library. The first person to use the new website was Ron Jeeps, older brother of Dennis. The launch was featured on Anglia News whose presenter at the time, Tim Curtis, grew up in Willingham and appears on the site as a boy!

Over the past 20 years many locals have loaned more photos for scanning so that the collection has grown to just over 8,000 photos. In addition, many village members, some of whom have now passed away, were able to add comments, identifying people and places that otherwise would have been forgotten. In all, about 2,000 comments have been added.

The original front page is shown above but, over the years, web technology has changed and updates have been needed. A major reworking of the website was done at the end of 2023 updating to the latest web technology. It is hoped that the site can remain in operation for another 20 years and beyond, but we need to find a new curator, a committed individual with the technical knowledge and enthusiasm to keep the site alive. For now, the site is still maintained by Jon Edney at his own expense. If you are interested, please let us know.

#### www.oldwillingham.com.

# Singing and Drumming Group

Our Singing and Drumming Group meets in the Baptist Church Hall and on **Wednesday 9 October**, we wish to invite interested village residents to one of our weekly rehearsals, to showcase some of our repertoire and hopefully recruit further members.



# Eddington Arts on Saturday 12 October

#### Storey's Field Centre, Eddington 11 am – 5 pm

Come and check out Eddington Arts, a free event in the award-winning Storey's Field Centre, featuring a group of 25 local artists and craftspeople. From jewellery, metalwork, pottery, prints, woodwork, fine art and glass, there will be a wide range of quality and affordable items on sale. It's a great opportunity to meet the artists and hear about their techniques and inspiration. Enjoy a cuppa and home-bake served by Eddie's Community Cafe and relax to live music in the afternoon.

Why not sign up to one of the Eddington Arts creative workshops being run that day?

#### Tote Bag Block Printing 10 30 am – 12 30 pm

This hands-on event led by local intuitive and community artist, Sa'adiah Khan, will introduce you to both traditional South Asian techniques and innovative methods, allowing you to craft a one-of-a-kind tote bag to take home! <u>sadisoularts.sumupstore.com/product/tote-bag-blockprinting-workshop</u>.

#### Introduction to East Asian Painting 2 – 4 pm

Peter Cavaciuti has many years of experience in teaching and will guide you through the traditional techniques used in East Asian Painting. No experience necessary and suitable for aged 16 and above. All materials provided. See <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk</u> and search.

Free parking for 90 mins in Sainsbury's, or unlimited parking at Madingley Road Park and Ride.

For more details see our Instagram @eddingtonarts.

# Cambridge Community Arts Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

Cambridge Community Arts (CCA) is celebrating its 10th anniversary, marking a decade of transforming lives through the power of creativity, contributing to reduced loneliness across Cambridge and Fenland, while increasing selfconfidence, health, and wellbeing across our communities.

Reflecting on this milestone, Kate Collins, Chair of Trustees, shared, 'Our mission has always been to make the arts accessible to everyone, particularly those facing barriers to participation. We've seen first-hand the transformative power of creativity in bringing people out of social isolation and fostering personal growth. Every brushstroke and melody created in our programmes tells a story of resilience, passion, and hope.'

Since its inception, CCA has been dedicated to making the arts accessible to all. The organisation has impacted the lives of thousands through engaging workshops in visual arts, music and digital media, as well as inclusive community events. These courses have nurtured artistic skills, built confidence, fostered social connections and improved mental wellbeing. Often, CCA's courses serve as a stepping stone to further training, volunteering or employment. As the charity celebrates its 10th anniversary, it calls on everyone to support its mission through various means:

**Spread the Word:** Share CCA's story with friends, family, and networks to raise awareness about the importance of the arts and the critical role CCA plays in the community.

**Become a Corporate or Individual Patron:** Join CCA's group of donors, either as a corporate or personal patron, and share in the passion for empowering people creatively.

**Donate:** Contributions directly support CCA's courses, helping to reach more individuals and expand offerings. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a significant impact.

**Commission Workshops:** Support employee wellbeing and team building by commissioning CCA to deliver workshops, which subsidise their wider work.

Join CCA in celebrating its 10th anniversary and securing the future of this vital community resource. Visit the website to find out more or donate: <u>www.camcommarts.org.uk/10-years-cca</u>.

For more information, contact: Sophie Baillie on Sophie. baillie@consciouscomms.com 07766 707 069 or Keir Taylor on Keir.Taylor@consciouscomms.com 01223 421 831.

# **READER'S LETTER**

Last month's *Old Willingham*, featured Orchard Cottage in the High Street. The cottage has recently been transformed and I was very impressed by the work and photographed it in progress. I asked the owners, Mick and Mandy, if I could send these photos into *Willingham News*. They replied, 'It has amazed both of us that there has been such interest and enthusiasm over the re-thatch and re-render of our cottage with total strangers stopping to say such positive things and there was us thinking most people just pass through the village without taking much notice of the houses they pass! We are both extremely flattered with everyone's positive comments and enjoyed restoring the cottage to its former state, replacing the cement-based pebble dash render with traditional lime render with a lime and chalk finish'.



Derek Law

# Willingham Photo Club

willinghamphotoclub.org.uk

We are a friendly group of local amateur photographers at all levels of skill, experience and equipment. We meet at the **Baptist Church** every month where we share our photos taken on a given subject, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit, and sometimes give talks on various aspects of photography.

The next meeting is **Monday 21 October at 8 pm** and the assignment is:

Door Knobs

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

# The Friends of the Rosie Hospital

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

Alternatively come and shop in person at:

# Bar Hill Community Market Saturday 5 October and Saturday 2 November, from 10 30 am to 2 pm.

We are sharing our extensive catalogue on our Facebook page so you can grab yourself locally sourced, unique, beautifully crafted gifts and warm clothing and accessories for special friends and family. You can shop for new items on our website or donated items in our <u>rosieinstitches2010</u> eBay charity store.

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Friends of the Rosie Hospital with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. Five thousand shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping – at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up and share <u>www.</u> <u>easyfundraising.org.uk</u> today.

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

Thank you for your continued support

Avril Williams 01954 782431 avril@rosieinstitches.org.uk and Jo Hall 01954 780304.



## **Shoe Boxes**

Would you like to give a Christmas gift to a child who has never been given one before?

Each year, Samaritan's Purse sends hundreds of shoe boxes packed with goodies through *Operation Christmas Child* to those who otherwise would not receive a gift. This year they will give them to children in 120 different countries, from refugee camps in the Middle East to war torn Ukraine and remote villages in Africa and Central Asia.

If you would like to send a gift this Christmas, you can bring things such as school supplies, new toys (that will fit into a shoe box!) or personal care items (a bar of soap, toothbrush, hairbrush etc), but no sweets, liquids or creams, to the Baptist Church by **11 November**, when we hope to pack the boxes ready for collection.

Any questions? Phone Hilary Wyllie on 01954 260051 or 07711 885899.

# Willingham Gardening Club

Nigel Start's presentation in September highlighted the many benefits of keeping chickens in a garden. Here's a recap of the key points:

**Land clearing:** Chickens are excellent at scratching up the soil, turning it over and clearing away debris.

**Fertilising:** Their droppings can be used as a natural fertiliser, enriching the soil and promoting healthy plant growth.

**Fruit and vegetable production:** Chickens can help to control pests and create a more balanced ecosystem, benefiting the growth of fruits and vegetables.

**Waste reduction:** Chickens are highly efficient at consuming food waste, reducing the amount that goes to landfill.

**Egg production:** In addition to their other benefits, chickens can provide a steady supply of fresh eggs, up to 200 eggs per year!

It seems like chickens are a fantastic addition to any garden!

Mark your calendars for our *Gardeners' Question Time* on **7 October**! We'll have a panel of experts to discuss topics like flower gardening, vegetable cultivation, soil health, alpine plants, propagation and perennials! Send in your questions before the meeting or come prepared with questions on the night.

The 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.

Information can also be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub.

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



# 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 Feast Dates for Your Diary!

#### **Thurston Fun Fair**

The Green, **Thursday 3 – Saturday 5 October** All the fun of the fair in our own village.

#### Social/Family Bike Ride

**Saturday 5 October** Start from the Green at 10 am and head for St Ives/Houghton Mill (National Trust) tearoom, turn-round at either point. Shepherded by Willingham Wheels. Estimated return time: 2 pm.

#### **History Walk**

Meet at Library Saturday 5 October at 3 pm.

For an interesting and informative walk around the village which will take one to one and a half hours.

#### **Ceilidh – Dancing and Cheese Ploughman**

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

Tickets £10 each – ticketing details on <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>willinghamactiongroup</u>.

Bring your own drinks. Raffle. Ticket details at

www.buytickets.at/willinghamactiongroup/1372245.

#### **Photography Exhibition**

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

More details: <u>www.facebook.com/willinghamphoto</u>

#### Art Exhibition

Library, opening times: Saturday 5 October 3 to 5 pm Sunday 6 October 11 am to 3 pm.

All welcome to see local artworks from people in the village. Harvest Festival and Church Lunch

Special service at St Mary and All Saints (SMAS) **Sunday 6 October, 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, electricals, computers, mechanics 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!

Chicken biryani £20 per person / veggie biryani £17 per person. For ticketing details, go to <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>willinghamactiongroup</u> or

www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/67212.

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 up to three children, two adults: £20; extra adults: £8; extra children: £6.

Bar, food, raffle, facepainting, henna tattoos, fun and games – for ticketing and other information keep an eye on www.facebook. com/WillinghamYouthTrust or use the channels below.

Also Willingham Social Club Events, Library Event, Litter Pick See more news on <u>www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup</u>. Email WAG@willinghamlife.org, Phone 07787 530394 – don't

hesitate to get in touch!

Willingham Action Group

# Sudoku

Solution on page 17

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#### Anagrams in Willingham

Can you work out the place names in our village, hidden within these anagrams?

Answers on page 17

- 1 IF LORD WRONGFUL
- 2 RADIANT SOOT
- 3 CRABS TIP HUTCH
- 4 SIR LOOPY MARCH
- 5 PEDANT MORN
- 6 HALLO HUNG PALM7 DAD ROAM WOE8 LET CLAMS LILT9 NO WING NET10 REVERSE STILT
- MORN

#### **Mystery Photo**

This photograph was taken recently in the village. Do you know exactly where? No prizes, just the satisfaction of a good guess! The solution will appear in next month's issue. The photo has, by the way, been tweaked a little, so all may not appear as it seems in real life!





Halloween

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#### Halloween Film Anagrams

Answers on page 17

Can you work out the Halloween films hidden in these anagrams?

1 COUCH SOUPS 2 BOGUS POEMS 3 BOTHERS GUSTS 4 MOUSE THRONES 5 FIREMAN MOSTLY

## WILLINGHAM



Look out for the Scarecrows around the village. Perhaps make one with your parents. Register them before **6 October.** 

#### Pumpkins

How many pumpkins can you find hidden in the pages of the magazine?

# Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library 0345 0455225 Opening hours: Tuesday: 10 am – 1 pm and 2 – 5 pm Thursday: 4 – 7 pm Friday: 10 am – 1 pm Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

#### **Your Online Account**

Log in to your account at <u>www.cambridgeshire/gov.uk/</u><u>library</u>, using your library card number and PIN to see your loans, renew items, search the catalogue and reserve items. You can also access our online services with a wide range of eBooks, eAudio books, eComics and eMagazines – all free of charge. If you're not a library member yet, it's easy to join online or in person at any library.

#### Engage in the Afternoon Wednesday 2 October, 2 – 3 30 pm

#### Introduction to Electric Bikes

How do electric bikes work? How far can they travel? Come along to this month's talk, given by Stuart Eckersley from Spoke and Motor Electric Bikes, to find out the answers to these and other frequently asked questions. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat afterwards. Donations welcome.

#### **Family Lego Club**

#### Wednesday 2 October, 3 45 – 4 45 pm

Do you love Lego? Then come to the library and enjoy some time building with Lego or Duplo, term time only. This activity is suitable for children aged four and over who must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **Digital Buddy Drop-in Session**

#### Tuesday 8 October, 10 30 am - 12 30 pm

Struggling to access the web? Need help with an online application? Drop in to our library on the second Tuesday of the month to get help from our digital buddy for free.

#### **Friends of Willingham Library Events**

Contact: willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com for further information.

**Saturday 28 September to Saturday 5 October** (usual library opening times – see above)

To join WAG's Willingham Feast events, we will be having a week of themed paper-based games and activities for young and old in the library.

#### **Family History Session**

#### Friday 4 October, 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**

#### Wednesday 9 October, 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 from home to share. Or you're welcome to just sit, chat and enjoy some company and refreshments.

#### Second-Hand Book Sale

#### Saturday 5 October, 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  $\pm 1$ , so come along and stock up for all your reading needs.

#### **Knit and Natter**

#### Wednesday 16 October, 2 - 4 pm

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

#### **Cambridgeshire Libraries News**

Sign up for the Library Service's monthly email newsletter to find out the latest about what's going on in your local libraries. <u>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/librariesleisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news</u>.

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





# WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

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

#### **Surgery Closure**

Please note the surgery will be closed from 1 pm on **WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER** for whole staff training.

Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication to last, remembering to order your repeats at least three working days before collection.

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

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

#### **NHS Talking Therapies**

If you're struggling with your mental health, you are not alone. Trouble sleeping, drinking, or eating excessively can all be indicators that your mental health may need some TLC. The NHS can help you get your feet back on the ground.



NHS Talking Therapies can help



NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Talking Therapies (CPTT) provides a range of talking therapies for anxiety and depression.

If you're over the age of 16 years and registered with a GP, then you can refer yourself through their online form. There is no upper age limit, the service actively encourages referrals from people aged 65 or over, and you do not need to have a diagnosis of a mental health condition to refer yourself.

#### **Change of Personal Details**

Please let us know if you change your name, address or telephone number. A change of address may mean that you are outside our practice area and our reception team will advise you on this. It is important we have your up-to-date contact details in case we need to contact you at any time. You can update us by visiting <u>www.</u> willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk/practice-information/ change-of-personal-details/ or popping into the surgery and completing a change of details form for you and other members of your household, remembering to bring your photo ID for identification.

#### **Private Insurance Work**

The GPs will complete most private insurance documentation (eg claim forms for holiday cancellations, private healthcare questionnaires, factual medical reports etc) however, these are not covered under the NHS

#### WILLINGHAM SURGERY NEW OPENING HOURS

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

contract. As a result, because the GPs need to prioritise their clinical work, these types of requests may take a while so please allow 30 days for your request to be completed and be aware that charges will apply.

#### Vaccinations

**Saturday 12 October** Over 65s Flu Clinics at Willingham Surgery (*eligible if you are turning 65 on or before 31/03/25*).

and Saturday 19 October at Longstanton Surgery.

#### Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meetings

The next meeting will be **Wednesday 6 November**, 1 30 pm at Longstanton Surgery.

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 our patients are welcome.

#### **Carers' Meeting**

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 2 October 2 – 4 pm**, at our new venue, the Wilford Furlong Centre, where we will be holding a drop-in session. 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.

Willingham Medical Practice



# S Mary & All Saints

CHURCH STREET, WILLINGHAM www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13834

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

- **6 October** 11 00 am Harvest Festival Service a traditional Service, followed by a harvest Lunch.
  - 4 00 pm Family @ 4 in the Octagon a Harvest-themed, family friendly time of worship and fellowship with music, crafts and family fun.
- 13 October 11 00 am Morning Praise
- 20 October 11 00 am Café Church in the Octagon

**27 October** 11 00 am Holy Communion

#### **Harvest Festival Service**

Our Harvest Festival Service will follow a traditional format with a blessing for gifts of produce, brought on the day or in advance. Appropriate gifts will be donated to the Cambridge Food Bank after the service.

#### Gift Day

On **Saturday 5 October** the Church community will be holding a Gift Day to raise funds to support the life of the Church and our community activities through the year. Displays, information and light refreshments will be available and in the morning, while the Church is decorated for the Harvest Festival, visitors will be encouraged to help make some easy Harvest decorations (materials will be provided for this). Throughout the day members of the congregation will also be on hand to receive financial gifts, to advise how these gifts can be made, online or directly and to discuss any queries that visitors may have.

#### **Memory Box Café**

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 12 October**, **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 17 for further details.

#### **Octagon Community Hub**

The Octagon Community Hub is open **every Monday morning from 10 am to 1 pm**. Come and join us for great company and free tea, coffee, and biscuits. 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, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome.

#### **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 Licensed Lay Minister:

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

#### **5folds Administration Office:**

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



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#### SERVICES

#### Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

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

6 October	Do Not Judge Others
13 October	Family Service
20 October	The Centurion's Servant is Healed
27 October	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 19 October, 7 45 – 9 am** Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and talk: David Scott: *The Scribe.* 

**Community Lunch Club: Thursdays 3, 17 and 31 October** Book through Daphne on 01954 260568.

**TOPS Baby and Toddler Group:** Tuesdays at 9 45 am (term time only). Meet other families while the children play. For children up to the age of five. Contact Debbie Allen on 01954 261581.

Nimble Fingers Craft Club: Mondays 2 - 4 pm. Bring your crafts and join with others, learn a new skill or just chat. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

For all events contact secretary@willinghambaptist.org.

# Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at <u>www.sacredheart-stives.org.</u> 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 <u>www.rcdea.org.uk</u>.

## **Lily Bonus**



Sadly, Lily Bonus passed away on 26 July and her funeral service was held in the Church on 20 August. We believe Lily was our oldest village resident living to the remarkable age of 106. Her funeral was attended by over 100 people, reflecting the fondness and regard in which Lily was held. During her long and active life, Lily was very much involved with the church and in many village activities such as a playgroup which she helped start in the Church Hall. She used to do the flower arrangements in the church porch and was an active member of the WI and Mothers' Union. She loved swimming and was still swimming in her eighties! She had an incredible memory for dates, facts and details and retained this until she passed away.

Lily had six grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and two great, great grandchildren. A grandson and a great, great granddaughter delivered very moving but also amusing eulogies about Lily and it was evident that she was a much-loved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great, great grandmother.

She was an amazing lady.



# **Readers' Noticeboard**

#### **Open Eco Homes**

As featured in the South Cambs Magazine, there will be talks and tours of Eco homes in Histon, Willingham and other locations between **21 September and 20 October**. These are supported by South Cambs Zero Carbon Communities Grant and local charity, Cambridge Carbon Footprint, who will be offering free expert-led talks and tours. Advance booking will be required.

www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/open-eco-homes.

# **Friends of Willingham Church**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

We are running the raffle at the WAG Ceilidh on **5 October, 7 30 pm** at the Ploughman Hall. See you there!

That Rings a Bell, the History of the Town Crier.

Mike Wabe, professional Town Crier and highly entertaining speaker will perform at our next main fundraising event on **Friday 22 November at 8 pm**.

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Please arrive at the Octagon behind St Mary's Church from 7 30 pm.

Tickets at £10 per person will be available soon. Wine, soft drinks and various nibbles included. Contact: Friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com.

Saint Mary and All Saints Church mainly originated in the 13th century but has Saxon and Norman heritage. It is a Grade 1 Listed building that contains nationally important medieval wall paintings.

The Friends of Willingham Church is a community group, established in summer 2023 to raise money for the maintenance of the fabric of the church. Most of the group are not members of the congregation. What links us is a desire to preserve the church building for future generations. We are always looking for more members, fund raising ideas and practical support.

If you would like to become a member or find out more about us, please contact us by email or visit our Facebook page.

## A Summer Long Ago

These end of summer days! In still close haze each slow day inches by.

A random breeze to rattle the odd poplar leaf, that's all.

Children roam the streets, or sit on sun-warmed kerbs in easy groups,

No rivalry: school's long forgotten, this late August time. On the washes cattle stand in grassy flashes

And the Ouse brims meadow level,

Quicksilver to the pewtered sky.

Those last few summer days! So still, the straw fire smoke Stood like great pillars between field and cloud.

Now chill rain brings summer to an end: Sheeted combines wait to chew Through the last few bits of sodden wheat. Cattle huddle under thorns. Children fret again indoors. Parents long for school to start again and fight Through cramped excruciating shops for uniform.

Nick Corcoran

# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

#### www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

#### Willingham Feast

There are many events planned for Feast Week in early October. The dates for the Fair on the village green have been changed; they will be arriving on Monday 30 September and leaving on Sunday 6 October and they will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday as normal. Details of all the other events can be found on page 8 and on posters around the village.

#### Traffic

The County Council has referred all larger proposed 20mph zone schemes to their committee. The 20-mph zone for Willingham as proposed, is awaiting approval by officer delegation and has been influenced by the decisions for larger schemes.

The application for the Local Highways Initiative (LHI) for Willingham this year is a footpath along Over Road to High Gate Farm. The decision on this was due in the middle of the year but has now been further delayed to October. We don't yet know the details of the next round of LHI applications but have received several suggestions including more measures to reduce traffic speeds on Earith Road and Station Road, and yellow lines at junctions with the High Street to increase safety for traffic exiting from Bourneys Manor Close and Saxon Way, and the junction of Long Lane with Silver Street.

The Speed Watch group continues to be very active especially on Earith Road. Apart from recording traffic exceeding the speed limit, they also report vehicles identified as having no MOT or tax. The flashing signs are moved to new locations at irregular intervals and data loggers capture more accurate information of speeds and volume of traffic. If more residents can give an hour or so of their time at intervals to help the group, more sessions can be held especially in other parts of the village.

You can contact them on speedwatchwillingham@yahoo. com.

Details of the monitoring of traffic in the village can be found on the Community Road Watch website: www.roadwatch. org.uk/cambs/willingham/ where details are recorded going back to 2018.

#### Police

The police report to the Parish Council noted a decrease in anti-social behaviour during the summer, good news for us all! There are, though, still some isolated pockets around the village with young people causing a nuisance to homeowners. Hopefully parents will speak to their children and remind them to be respectful of their neighbours and others around them.

In addition to the Speed Watch group report above,

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has been carrying out speed checks in parts of the village, especially on Earith Road. We have not yet seen the results of this exercise.

#### Planning

The Parish Council receives weekly notifications from SCDC, the planning authority, of applications submitted or decided in the past week and of those ongoing. This is published on our website and the associated Facebook page. Although nearby residents are notified of applications, anyone can pass comment to SCDC on any application before the deadline. This is an opportunity to express your opinion prior to any development which may influence the decision on the application.

The Parish Council also holds planning committee meetings to give a collective view on all applications and parishioners are welcome to attend these meetings, usually in the Parish office at the Ploughman Hall. Details of these meetings are shown on the website and the notice board at the Public Hall.

#### Bird Nesting

Now the bird nesting season is over, can we remind residents it is a good time to cut back trees, hedges and shrubs that overhang the back of the pavement line. Also, any ground cover that has spread over the hard surface should be removed. This is important for the safety of all road users especially those with children and people using wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Many pavements are too narrow to be safely negotiated due to excessive growth alongside.

#### **Contact Details**

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

#### Meetings

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

#### **Council Office Details**

Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP Tel 01954 261027 email clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 1 pm (closed bank holidays).

Clerk: Mandy Powell

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J Watson	Green & Boundary – Lead Cllr	cllr.watson@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk	01954 200245

## **Fen Drayton Lakes**

As we head into autumn, another breeding season on the reserve has come to an end. As in previous years, this one has had mixed success with some species doing well and others sadly not doing so well.

A pair of grey herons successfully nested on site for the first time, fledging three chicks. As birds that usually nest communally, it is going to be interesting to see if they return next year and have other pairs join them.



Fledged Hobby chicks - Henry Cook

A hobby pair once again nested on site, fledging two chicks. Despite being aerial predators that spend a lot of time in the sky, they are amazingly unobtrusive when nesting and we weren't aware of them until quite late in the breeding season.

Our pre-dawn bittern surveys back in April quickly picked up two booming males: one each on Holywell and Elney Lakes. We were unable to conclusively confirm if either had attracted a female, but it is likely that at least one of them did as a bittern was seen regularly flying in and out of Holywell throughout the summer – behaviour typically associated with a female feeding young.

A nightingale was present and singing beautifully for a week in May before going silent and not being seen or heard again. We will be carrying out habitat management work for this species over the winter to hopefully attract them back for next year.

Turtle doves were once again present with two males calling on site and a third just south of the reserve. A family group was then seen in late August – fantastic news for one of the UK's most at-risk species.

Black-headed gull and common tern had a hard time last year being severely affected by avian influenza. This, together with issues of flooding, resulted in numbers of breeding pairs plummeting from their 2022 levels. This year saw an increase of both species, although it will take some time to get back to pre-avian influenza levels.

As the autumn and winter progress over the next few months, we will be busy carrying out habitat management work around the reserve to get it into the best possible condition for the 2025 breeding season.

#### **Upcoming Events at Fen Drayton Lakes**

**Wednesday Wander Guided Walk** – Ever thought you'd like to know more about the reserve and its wildlife? Volunteer-led guided walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday.

To see further details and book, please visit: <u>events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes</u>

Email: fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk.



# Nature's Names

The word for *cloud* in Old English (around 7th to 11th century) was *weolcen*, from which the Modern English *welkin* (a poetic term for sky) came about. Follow it along the language tree and eventually, past the Early Bronze Age, you'll find the Proto-Indo-European *welg*, meaning *wet*. Also in Old English was the word *clud*, the ancestor of the word *cloud*, which at that time meant a *lump of rock* — it's assumed that some clouds resembled lumps of rock and by the 15th century, the word *cloud* became the common term.

Many years after Wordsworth wandered lonely as a welkin, the term 'on cloud nine', meaning to be really happy, emerged — it originated from the illustrious Cloud Committee in 1896, at the Paris meteorological conference, where an official and universal register of ten main types of cloud was agreed — Cloud Number Nine on their list was Cumulonimbus, the granddaddy of all clouds. It's the thunderstorm cloud, the tallest, and can tower up to ten miles into the troposphere. 'On cloud nine' stuck in the minds of people, despite it being re-graded to number ten a few years afterwards. Cumulonimbus clouds can look quite majestic from afar, their fluffiness belying their destructive powers. They have been described as the Darth Vader of the cloud world!

John Lawrence



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We will have guest speakers at some of our meetings covering a variety of subjects, eg wildlife, infra-red photography, long exposure photography, 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 2024 – 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 Carol Shaw Room at Swavesey Village College every Thursday during college term time, 7-9 pm.

For further info and to see some of our members' photos check out our website <u>www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk</u>.

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

# Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 14 October** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.

Alan Osbourne will talk to us about *Rosalind Franklin, the Dark Lady of DNA.* She was an X-ray crystallographer, whose important work contributed to the discovery of the structure of DNA but she was not credited for it at the time.

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.



# **Christmas Greetings**

We know it is only the beginning of October, but we have to plan ahead when editing *Willingham News*!

Once again, we will have a Greetings page in the December issue. This year why not post your greetings to neighbours and friends in the magazine and in doing so support a local charity.

For £10, all of which will go to *East Anglia Children's Hospice*, you can place your greetings in a small box. Simply let us know what you want to say and we will do the rest, or personalise your box with your own design, font and words and send it to **willinghamnews@gmail. com** or leave it at the Library, addressed to *Willingham News* with your cheque, payable to East Anglia Children's Hospice. Alternatively, these can be posted through 54 High Street.

Your greeting needs to be with us by **8 November**, but you can send it in any time before then.

#### **Puzzle Answers**

A	nswers to Halloween
Fi	Im Anagrams
1	Hocus Pocus
2	Goosebumps
3	Ghostbusters
4	Monster House
5	Monster Family
A	nswers to Willingham
A	nagrams
1	Wilford Furlong
2	Station Road
3	Baptist Church
4	Primary School
5	Rampton End
6	Ploughman Hall

- 7 Meadow Road
- 8 Cattells Mill
- 9 Newington
- 10 Silver Street

#### Sudoku Answer

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

#### Willingham Memory Box Café invites people living with memory loss (from any cause) and their carers to join us for Music, Refreshments, Company, and Fun

on Saturday 12 October from 10 am to 12 noon in the Octagon (behind the Parish Church, with wheelchair access and no steps)

No charge Sponsored by St Mary & All Saints Church For further details please contact Frances Watts 01954 200542



# Fen Edge Twinning Association

A party of around 30 French 'twinners' plans to visit their Fen Edge hosts from **1 to 4 November** this year. While 30 is a small number when viewed against our long-term average, it is a considerable increase on recent years where first Brexit and then COVID caused a big decline in numbers.

To celebrate, the FETA committee has arranged a busy programme of social events, including a visit to Bletchley Park, receptions at both Rampton and Landbeach Village Halls and a special showing of *Chariots of Fire* with French subtitles at Cottenham Community Centre. We are extremely grateful to the Fen Edge Community Association which has provided a generous grant to help to defray the costs of entertaining our visitors.

People who are not yet members of the association but would like to know more about it will be welcome to attend any of the social functions (space permitting).

Contact fenedgetwinning@gmail.com for details.

# Saturday Lunch Club

The Over Day Centre is launching a new Saturday Lunch Club for residents of Over and the surrounding villages. Run entirely by volunteers, it will take place on the fourth Saturday of the month, straight after the Over Day Centre Memory Café.

The cost is just £10 per person and you'll enjoy a main course and dessert, plus tea and coffee. Food service will start at 12 30 pm.

All food is freshly prepared and we're happy to cater for any dietary requirements or allergies – please call Day Centre on 01954 231807 or 07710 694900, or visit our website: <u>www.overdaycentre.co.uk/whats-on/saturdaylunch-club</u>.

The menu for each Lunch Club will be available one month before, both on the website or at the Over Day Centre Memory Café.



# Thought for the Month

St Mary and All Saints Church has been at the heart of our community for approximately 1,000 years. It has always been a much-loved place of worship, but it would also have doubled as a community space for everyone to come together to meet, sell their produce and to shelter their livestock during rough weather! It has been a place where the most important of their life events were marked and celebrated – the marriage of young couples, the baptism of their children, and the place where they brought their dead to give thanks for lives and to pray for their souls.

Willingham was once an important village and a place for the Bishop of Ely to rest as he travelled between Ely and Cambridge across the dangerous fens. The bishop and his retinue would have brought money for his food and upkeep. This would also have brought financial resources into the village which would have helped to support the upkeep of the church building. New vicars came and each one enriched the inside with windows and the decoration of the interior, hence our very special wall paintings.

The church is still a wonderful resource for the villagers. Alas, the costs of maintaining the fabric and life of the church have not diminished and the endowments which once helped to care for the building dried up many years ago. We are grateful that there is a newly formed 'Friends' organisation to help us fund the care and repair of the building itself. However, the maintenance of the life of the church, including the cost of clergy, lighting and heating and so on, continues to be the responsibility of the parishioners. They are determined to ensure the church remains available for anyone in the community, who need its ministry. A varied programme of services takes place each Sunday and the church remains the focus for village families to mark the important milestones in life.

As we celebrate Harvest this year, we are holding a Gift Day on **5 October** inviting donations from everyone who values the life of our special parish church. Why not call in to have a chat, make a donation if you can – and perhaps help make some decorations for our Harvest services! Thank you!

Rev Jenny Hill

St Mary & All Saints Church



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# WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO	
Wed 2 Oct	Introduction to Electric Bikes	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p10	
Wed 2 Oct	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p11	
Wed 2 Oct	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	3 45 – 4 45 pm, see p10	
Wed 2 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p14	
Thu 3 Oct	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12	
Fri 4 Oct	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10	
Fri 4 Oct	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm	
Sat 5 Oct	Second- hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10	
Sat 5 Oct	Stall	Friends of the Rosie Hospital	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 2 pm, see p7	
Sat 5 Oct	Gift Day	Parish Church	Octagon	See p12	
Sun 6 Oct	Family@4	Parish Church	Octagon	4 pm, see p12	
Sun 6 Oct	Jazz Club – Bill Cornell's Golden Era Jazzband	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm, see July Rosie-Val 01954 789670	
Mon 7 Oct	Gardeners' Question Time	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p8	
Tue 8 Oct	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, seep10	
Tue 8 Oct	Willingham News Deadline	Willingham News		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com	
Wed 9 Oct	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10	
Wed 9 Oct	Singing and Drumming Group Open Rehearsal	Singers and Drummers	Baptist Church Hall	7 15 – 9 15 pm, see p6	
Fri 11 Oct	Quiz Night	Over Day Centre	Over Community Centre	7 30 pm, see p10	
Sat 12 Oct	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p17	
Sat 12 Oct	Eddington Arts Market	Eddington Arts	Storey's Field Centre, Eddington	11 am – 5 pm, see p6	
Mon 14 Oct	Rosalind Franklin, the Dark Lady of DNA, by Alan Osbourne	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p17	
Wed 16 Oct	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10	
Thu 17 Oct	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12	
Sat 19 Oct	People from Biblical Times – The Scribe with David Scott	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p12	
Mon 21 Oct	Assignment: Door Knobs	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 pm, see p7	
Fri 25 Oct	Supper & Film: The World's Fastest Indian	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	6 30 pm, see Sept	
Thu 31 Oct	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12	



# VILLAGE DIRECTORY

Council and	Parish Council		01954 261027
Community	County Councillor	Neil Gough	01954 261027 07919 990299 / neilgoughcrw@gmail.com
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	District Councillor	Dan Lentell	01954 713000 / cllr.lentell@scambs.gov.uk
	Willingham Community Planning Group		6 385554 / communityplanning@willinghamlife.org
Services	Surgery	07300	01954 260230
	Dispensary for repeat prescription requests	Weekdays 10 am – 12	
	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
Schools	Primary School	Mona Paalanen	01954 283030
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	School Association	c/o school	01954 283030
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Children	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
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	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
Sport	Angling	Colin Dodd	07773 719330
oport	Badminton	Emma Byrom	01954 202481
	Bowls Club	To be appointed	
	Cricket Club	R Ambrose	01954 610113
	Cycling Club	Nigel Leaney	nigel.leaney@outlook.com / 07979 518200
	Willingham Diamonds Netball Club	Emma Byrom	01954 202481
	Willingham Sports Pavilion	Through Parish Cound	
	Willingham Wolves (Boys & Girls Football)	Jamie Smith (Sec)	01954 261141
Churches	Mothers' Union	Sue Hayden	01954 260363
	Baptist Church	Jenny Ambrose	secretary@willinghambaptist.org
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