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Christmas Greetings from Students at the Primary School

We are grateful to the students of all Year Groups at the Primary School who provided us with some wonderful Christmas Greeting pictures. There were too many for us to include them all, but we have a selection on our magazine cover. Thanks to everyone who took part.

Willingham Women's Institute



Our Christmas Party, for members only, will be on **Monday 9 December at 7 30 pm** in the Social Club. We will be having wine and nibbles. There will be a juggling magic act to entertain us and a raffle, £1 a ticket.

In October, Alan Osbourne gave his talk on *Rosalind Franklin, the Dark Lady of DNA*. Rosalind (1920 – 1958) was a pioneering scientist, chemist, microbiologist and X-ray crystallographer. She studied at Newnham College, Cambridge, however at that time women were not allowed to graduate. In 1953 Watson and Crick declared they had discovered the double helix structure of DNA. In Alan's opinion the discovery was based on Rosalind's groundbreaking research, but she was not credited at the time because of her gender. It was an interesting talk about one of the first ladies of science who has at long last been recognised for her contribution to the discovery of DNA. Various scientific research buildings are now named after her in Cambridge and elsewhere in the world.

Why not join us in January? Our friendly group is open to all women. As well as our meetings, all members receive a copy of the monthly *WI News*, the national magazine, and can also join outings and activities organised by the Cambridgeshire Federation. You will be warmly welcomed for a taster session free of charge. To find out more, please contact willinghamwi28@gmail.com.

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Old Willingham



Roll over Bus number 5a – here is your ancestor picking up passengers on Church Street. The bus is parked opposite the church and these shops still exist pretty much unchanged (apart from their use). The shop on the left appears to be a tea shop – with signs for types of tea and cocoa in the window. It is not clear if they served tea or just sold it and the pile of goods on the pavement includes various chests and small furniture. The 'Ortona Motor Bus Company' was one of the first bus services in Cambridge, founded in 1907 with a second-hand Maudslay double decker – very likely the one shown here. Ortona buses adopted a smart leaf green livery with red wheels and body trim. In front of the bus is the ticket collector and he has plenty of work as it looks pretty full. Not great in the rain!

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com.

The Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open on Mondays from 10 am to 1 pm and extends a welcome to all. Please note that our last session in 2024 will be on **Monday 23 December**. We will be closed on **Monday 30 December** and will re-open as usual on **Monday 6 January**.

We provide free tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cold squash and biscuits. We also serve fresh soup and buttered toast at all sessions.

The Hub is supported with funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council through Cambridgeshire ACRE. The Parish Council and the Co-operative Community Fund have also provided financial help.

We gratefully receive donations of bread from Boswell and Son Bakers in Church Street and have also received some kind gifts of tea, coffee and biscuits from other people in the village. Donations are always appreciated as we make no charge for refreshments.

You will find the Octagon at the rear of the Parish Church. Please follow the footpath to the left of the Church gate. We are wheelchair accessible and have a Disabled toilet.

We have magazines, puzzles, knitting and colouring available for anyone interested but most people come for company and a chat. We would be very pleased if you could join us.

Willingham Gardening Club

Roses make beautiful additions to any garden, but establishing and caring for one can be a daunting undertaking. At the November meeting of the Club, Simon White, from the award-winning Peter Beales Roses, conveyed his wealth of knowledge for rose care in a talk that was in equal parts informative as it was entertaining. Some of the lessons learned include:

- Be brave with pruning! Pick a date early in the year (Valentines Day is a good reminder!) and prune back all dead, damaged or diseased shoots. Prune above a bud, making a 45-degree cut away from the bud so that water falls away from it. Don't be afraid to cut into old wood. Suckers (shoots that come from below the graft, often under the soil line) should be pulled out rather than cut.
- For multiple flowerings in a single year, deadhead often. Make the cut two to three sets of leaves down the stem, not just at the base of the flower.
- For nutrition, add banana peels to the soil and avoid mushroom compost!

The committee wish to extend our thanks to Simon for his time and expertise. Our next meeting will be on the **2 December** where we will have our members-only Christmas Social. If you are a member and do wish to come, please let us know by email. As there is no meeting in January, the first meeting in the new year will be on **Monday 3 February**.

Our Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meetings begin 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, contact 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.

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 16 December at 8 pm** and the assignment is:

Shooting Through Objects

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

Nature's Names

On the first day of Christmas my true love and all that? Consider this — partridges, the Common (but seriously endangered) English Grey variety, are mainly ground-dwelling birds, hardly likely to be found up a pear tree, as their reluctance to take to the wing is inbuilt. When they do fly, they're strangely noisy, which allegedly sounds like ... how do I put this delicately ... breaking wind. And that, reportedly, is how they got their name — going back way down the language tree, the Indo-European base *perd* (which meant 'to break wind') was the original stem of the word. Then there was the Greek *perdix*, the Old French *perdis*, morphing into English as *partrich*, although there were several variants of the spelling. (And therein lies a bunch of facts to mention at the Christmas Day dinner table as you tuck into your sprouts.)

The original *Twelve Days of Christmas* lyrics were based on a French song, from centuries ago, and were first published in English around 1780 in a children's book, *Mirth Without Mischief*.

The song itself was meant to be a memory game with forfeits. In the 1980s, a suggestion emerged that the lyrics had a religious connection, with secret meanings, but this has been debunked as a fanciful myth. In 1905, English composer Frederic Austin arranged the *Twelve Days of Christmas* to today's version of the jolly festive tune.

John Lawrence

Friends of Willingham Church

At the time of writing, our talk on 22 November has not yet taken place so we will report back about it next month. After that our next event will be in **March 2025**, so look out those details in the New Year as well.

The St Mary and All Saints Church building was mainly established 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 of 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. By joining the Friends, you will receive updates on our restoration projects and invitations to church events. We ask you to please support the Friends with a donation of £10 every six months (per household). We'd be very grateful if you would set up a standing order or make payments by BACS. For our bank details please contact the email address below.

So, if you would like to become a member or just find out more about us, our email is friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page.

Rosemary Tiley

Willingham Remembers

Sunday 10 November was Remembrance Sunday and many Villagers gathered at the War Memorial behind the Parish Church to attend a short open-air Service of Remembrance. Following the traditional format, the Service included a two minute silence, the playing of the Last Post and the laying of Wreaths at the Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council, local Churches and other local organisations.



After this Service more than 100 people moved into the Church for a fuller Remembrance Day Service, where the local Scouts and Guides Groups were able to parade their Ensigns and children from the school sang a specially rehearsed song for everyone.

Poem

We will not forget
The ones that went before.
The brave ones, the heroes,
The ordinary men.
We will not forget
What it was all for.
Let us remember them
Again and again.
As we come together
And the years pass by
We remember the sacrifice
Of those who lie
In fields where poppies grow
In this month of November.
For together today and for ever
We will remember, remember.

Christine Lacey

Willingham Primary School New Governor

We are looking to recruit a co-opted Governor onto the existing governing board to support the continued growth of the school. We are keen to further the links between the school and the wider community.

It is important to us as a school, that we create a culture of inclusion where everyone is welcome and has an equal opportunity to learn and grow. We want our governing board to reflect the diversity of the community in which the school is based, to ensure our Governors provide a wide range of perspectives and views to support the staff.

Do you have a passion for education and want to support the current and future generations of children and their families?

Could you help have a positive influence on the wider community?

If you are interested, or know someone who may be, we would love to talk to you. For more information please contact: Chris Shaw, Chair of Governors, chair@willingham.cambs.sch.uk or one of the other Governors, a full list is available on the school website: www.willingham.cambs.sch.uk.

Matt Unwin-Riches
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Willingham Photo Club Exhibition

As part of the Feast celebrations, our Photo Club held its usual exhibition at the Public Hall on 5 and 6 October. Over that weekend, there was a steady flow of visitors, 173 people in all (plus several canine pals!) calling in to view the photographs, all taken by members of our village's Photo Club. The comments left by visitors were extremely encouraging — *'very enjoyable, great photos', 'great mix of photos, great skill shown', very informative members, thanks for the chat', 'as inspiring as ever!', 'amazing quality of photos...'*

An example of one of the exhibits is shown here; this one was taken in Cambridge with a pinhole camera - making a pinhole lens was one of the fun experiments.



All the photographs in the exhibition, including the Best in Show and the Judge's Choice, can be viewed on the club's website www.photo.ballandia.co.uk/exhibitions-gallery/exhibition-2024.

The Club itself encourages new members. It meets once a month and is very informal, which would suit people who don't want a competitive element. The level of photographic equipment you use is almost irrelevant — members' equipment ranges from camera phones, compact cameras, to more expensive 'kit'. Each month there are discussions about photographs taken for the monthly assignments, all constructive and never destructive! Assignments are designed to be fun, to encourage us to keep our eyes open for photo opportunities when out and about. The club meets in the evening of the third Monday each month at the Baptist Church see page 6 for more details.

The Night Sky in December

There was a good reaction to the item about the November night sky over our village, so let's continue over the winter months — this time it's a snapshot about what we can expect to see with the naked eye (given a clear sky) over Willingham in December.

The New Moon is on the 1st and the Full Moon on the 15th of the month, the latter rising at dusk in the east with big and bright Jupiter close by and Mars rising a little later, lower in the sky. (The glare of the Full Moon will make Jupiter seem a little less bright!) Our Moon has a slightly oval orbit around the earth and in late December it reaches its furthest point from us and will appear slightly smaller. Venus, although quite low in the southern sky, will be shining as the second brightest object in the sky at that time before it sets before 6 pm in the southwest, with Saturn following nearby.

A notable meteor shower will be the Geminids, at a maximum around 14 and 15 December. This coincides with the Full Moon, so visibility might be restricted. However, these meteors are known to be bright, and of various colours due to the metallic content of the tiny particles from an asteroid. If the skies over the village are clear, and you are patient, you may be lucky! Also impressive might be the Ursid meteor shower, peak display on 22 December — this will be active all night, but the best trails will be just before dawn or just after dusk, right above our heads, maybe up to about ten meteors per hour.

If you're heading out to the pub at about 7 pm on Christmas Eve, and need a guiding star, or in this case planet, Mars will be rising low in the east and a much brighter Jupiter visible in the skies above Rampton, where there's likely to be a stable or two. You'll be in good company on your visit to the Inn, as the Star of Bethlehem was probably Jupiter, in retrograde motion, appearing to go backwards! Behind you to the west, if you've the inclination to turn and look, both Venus (great visibility) and Saturn (not quite so bright) will be setting in the west.

Luke Skywatcher

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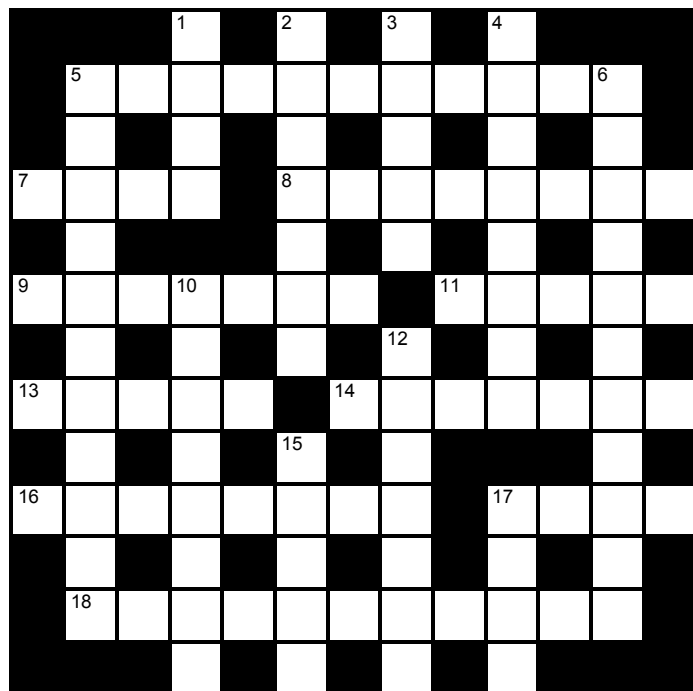
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Christmas Crossword

by Willow

Answers on page 19



Across

- 5 Ensemble piece for singers (6,5)
- 7 Christmas season (4)
- 8 They're pumped up ready for a party (8)
- 9 Winter wear (7)
- 11 Natale is Christmas here (5)
- 13 Number one brother (5)
- 14 Old fashioned child's toy (3,4)
- 16 Sounds of reindeers' hooves on 10 (8)
- 17 Winter fuel (4)
- 18 Big shop (11)

Down

- 1 Where Chris Rea's driving for Christmas (4)
- 2 Christmas decorations (7)
- 3 Beam (5)
- 4 Lots of different kinds (8)
- 5 Heard on Christmas morning (6,5)
- 6 Atmospheric luminescence (11)
- 10 Over which Santa may be seen (8)
- 12 Chocolate confection first made in 1922 (4,3)
- 15 Hope your Christmas will be this! (5)
- 17 One of the gospel-makers (4)

Christmas Number One Lyrics Quiz

by Herewill

These are opening lyrics to number one hits in the official Christmas charts over the years. Can you name the artist, title and year? *Answers on Page 19*

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|---|---|
| 1 <i>Snow is falling, all around me</i> | 7 <i>Candlelight and soul forever, a dream of you and me together</i> |
| 2 <i>Long time ago in Bethlehem, so the Holy Bible said</i> | 8 <i>Try to imagine a house that's not a home, try to imagine a Christmas all alone</i> |
| 3 <i>Boots check. Tool-belt check</i> | 9 <i>Call it love and devotion, call it the mom's adoration</i> |
| 4 <i>Skies are crying / I am watching</i> | 10 <i>You could hear the hoof beats pound, as they raced across the ground</i> |
| 5 <i>I found a love, for me, Darling, just dive right in and follow my lead</i> | |
| 6 <i>I saw him standing there in the bakery</i> | |



Young Readers' Corner

Christmas Around The World

In **Willingham**, children spend Christmas Eve full of excitement waiting for Santa Claus! They will leave out some carrots or sweets for Santa and his reindeer. Then, on Christmas Day, wake up early to see what Santa has left for them!!

Here's how people celebrate Christmas in some other parts of the world

Japan

Santa Claus is called: Santakukoru, Santa-san, or Santakuroosu

How to say Merry Christmas: Meri Kurisumasu

On Christmas Eve children have fun playing games, dancing, and of course, giving and receiving presents. You might be surprised to discover that KFC is one of the most popular ways to celebrate Christmas, when many families tuck into a 'Kentucky for Christmas.'

Italy

Santa Claus is called: Babbo Natale

How to say Merry Christmas: Buon Natale

In Italy, just like here in the UK, the children get to open their presents on Christmas Day – but, they also get more gifts some 12 days later (6 January) when La Befana visits and delivers either presents for the good kids, or a dreaded bag of coal for the bad ones...

Australia

Santa Claus is called: Santa or Father Christmas (but unlike in Willingham, often wears shorts!) They do normally say Merry Christmas. Christmas Day in Australia is a bit different because it falls right in the middle of summertime, so schools are shut for the long summer holidays. Because it's so hot swimming, surfing, and snorkelling are all very much part of their Christmas.

Venezuela

Santa Claus is called: Papa Noel

How to say Merry Christmas: Feliz Navidad

They have a Christmas tradition that is very unlike any other though on Christmas morning, children and parents from around the capital city of Caracas ALL go to church on their roller-skates!

Holland

Santa Claus is called: Sinterklaas

How to say Merry Christmas: Vrolijk Kersfeest

Dutch children are given presents on 5 or 6 December and believe that Santa travels by boat from Spain and is helped to complete his deliveries by his trusty assistant, Zwarte Piet. Sinterklaas rides a horse and fills the shoes left out by Dutch children with treats and goodies. If the children have been badly behaved, Zwarte Piet steals them and takes them off to Spain for a year!!!

Norway

Santa Claus is called: Julenissen

How to say Merry Christmas: God Jul

Norwegian children usually get their presents on Christmas Eve – although only after they've finished their evening meal and left porridge out for Julenissen.

Germany

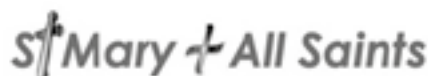
Santa Claus is called: Der Weihnachtsmann

How to say Merry Christmas: Fröhliche Weihnachten

The traditional Christmas foods are stollen, gingerbread, and sweet roasted almonds.

So, there you have it, a festive Christmas roundup for children around the world – which traditions would you love to take part in?

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1 December	11 00 am	Service of Morning Prayer – Book of Common Prayer
	4 00 pm	Christingle Service
8 December	11 00 am	Morning Praise
15 December	11 00 am	Café Church – in the Octagon
21 December	5 00 pm	Carol Service
22 December	11 00 am	Holy Communion
24 December	4 00 pm	Crib Service
25 December	11 00 am	Christmas Day – All Age Worship
29 December	11 00 am	Covenant Service – with friends from the other 5folds Churches

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 14 December 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 7 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. 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 4 to 4 30 pm** we offer a time to gather to pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East and for an end to conflict. Do join us, everyone is welcome.

Octagon Hall

The Octagon Hall is available for group and private bookings at a cost of £15 per hour. For further information and bookings, please contact Colin Smith at the administration office, Tuesday to Friday, 9 30 am to 12 noon, using the contact details shown below.

Contact Details

Clergy:

Rev Jenny Hill 07970 949331 or jenny@5folds.org.uk

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

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1 December Luke 7:18-35 – John the Baptist.
Service with Communion.

8 December Family Service.

15 December Luke 7:36-8:3: Jesus and the Faithful woman.

22 December The Christmas Story.

25 December Christmas Day Celebration.

29 December Visiting Preacher.

EVENTS

Wednesday Fellowship – Coffee Morning, 10 – 11 30 am

Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 21 December, 7 45 – 9 am

Christmas special – breakfast with chat. Talk by Nigel Graham of Warboys Baptist Church: *Teachers in the Bible*.

Community Lunch Club: Thursday 12 December

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

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



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Out of hours cover: Ring 111 Website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.net

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

Christmas 2024 – Surgery Opening Hours

Please note that we will be CLOSED at the weekends in addition to the bank holidays on **Wednesday 25 December, Thursday 26 December and Wednesday 1 January**. Normal opening hours will operate on all other days during the holiday period.

Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication. The last date for ordering repeat prescriptions in time for the Christmas holidays is **Thursday 19 December**. The last date for collection before Christmas is **Tuesday 24 December by 4 pm** at Longstanton Surgery and **6 pm** at Willingham. The last date for ordering repeat medication before New Year will be **Tuesday 24 December**. The last date for collection before the New Year is **Tuesday 31 December by 4 pm** at Longstanton Surgery and **6 pm** at Willingham.

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.

Details of local Pharmacies that will be open over the bank holidays will be posted on the surgery doors, and also on social media and our website.

Healthy You Falls Prevention

Falls are increasingly common as we get older, sometimes leading to injuries that can cost people their independence. The good news is that many falls can be avoided with the right help.

The Healthy You Falls Prevention Service is a FREE service for anyone aged 65+ living in Cambridgeshire or Peterborough and registered at a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough GP Surgery.

The service offers Falls Risk Assessments, which help identify falls risks before they become a problem, and FREE weekly strength and balance exercise classes to improve strength, stability and confidence in balance. They are also a great way to meet other people, receive support and build motivation.

For further information and to access the service, a self-referral can be completed by visiting www.healthyyou.org.uk/services.falls-prevention or by telephoning 0333 005 0093.

Contacting the Surgery

Emails to the surgery are not the appropriate route for our patients to make clinical contact with the GP and we ask that you do not convey any clinical information this way. This includes, for example, asking clinical questions, letting the GP know that you are changing doses of your medication or wanting to update the GP before attending an appointment with them. On receipt of such emails, our only response will be to ask you make a GP appointment.

Please also note that we are unable to book appointments via email or our AccuRx Patient Triage system. You are able to make your appointment via SystemOnline, by using the NHS App or telephoning the surgery and speaking to our reception team.

Pension Credits – are you claiming?

1,053 households in the South Cambridgeshire District Council area are entitled to Pension Credit due to their household income and are NOT claiming it – are you one of these? This amounts to £2,801,690 per year. If you are eligible, not only can Pension Credit payments be backdated three months, but you can also claim Winter Fuel Allowance. For further information

WILLINGHAM SURGERY NEW OPENING HOURS

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

Closed on Bank Holidays

WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787

NORMAL OPENING HOURS

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

about how to claim visit www.apply-for-pension-credit.service.gov.uk.apply-citizen-ui.start or telephone 0800 99 1234.

Vaccinations

The Flu Vaccine is available for all pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the influenza season), individuals aged 65 years or over (including those becoming age 65 years by 31/03/25) and individuals aged 18 years to under 65 years in a clinical risk group category.

The Nasal Flu Vaccine is available for all those aged two or three years on 31/08/24 (with a date of birth on or after 01/09/20 and on or before 31/08/22)

The RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) vaccine is available for individuals turning 75 years of age on or after 01/09/24. There is also a catch-up campaign for those with a date of birth between 02/09/1944 to 31/08/1949.

The Shingles Vaccine is available for individuals who are aged between 70 and 79 years and have never received a shingles vaccine, for individuals who reach the age of 65 or 70 years of age during the period 01/09/23 and 31/08/2028 (these individuals should be vaccinated on or after (but not before) their 65th or 70th birthday), individuals who are aged 50 years and above and meet the definition of severe immunosuppression and for those who are aged between 18 and 49 years and receiving a stem cell transplant

Carers' Meetings

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers support meeting on **4 December between 2 and 4 pm**, at the Wilford Furlong Centre, where we will be holding a drop-in session. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments are provided, there's no need to pre-book and it's completely FREE! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month and for more information please email: susan.lawson7@nhs.net.

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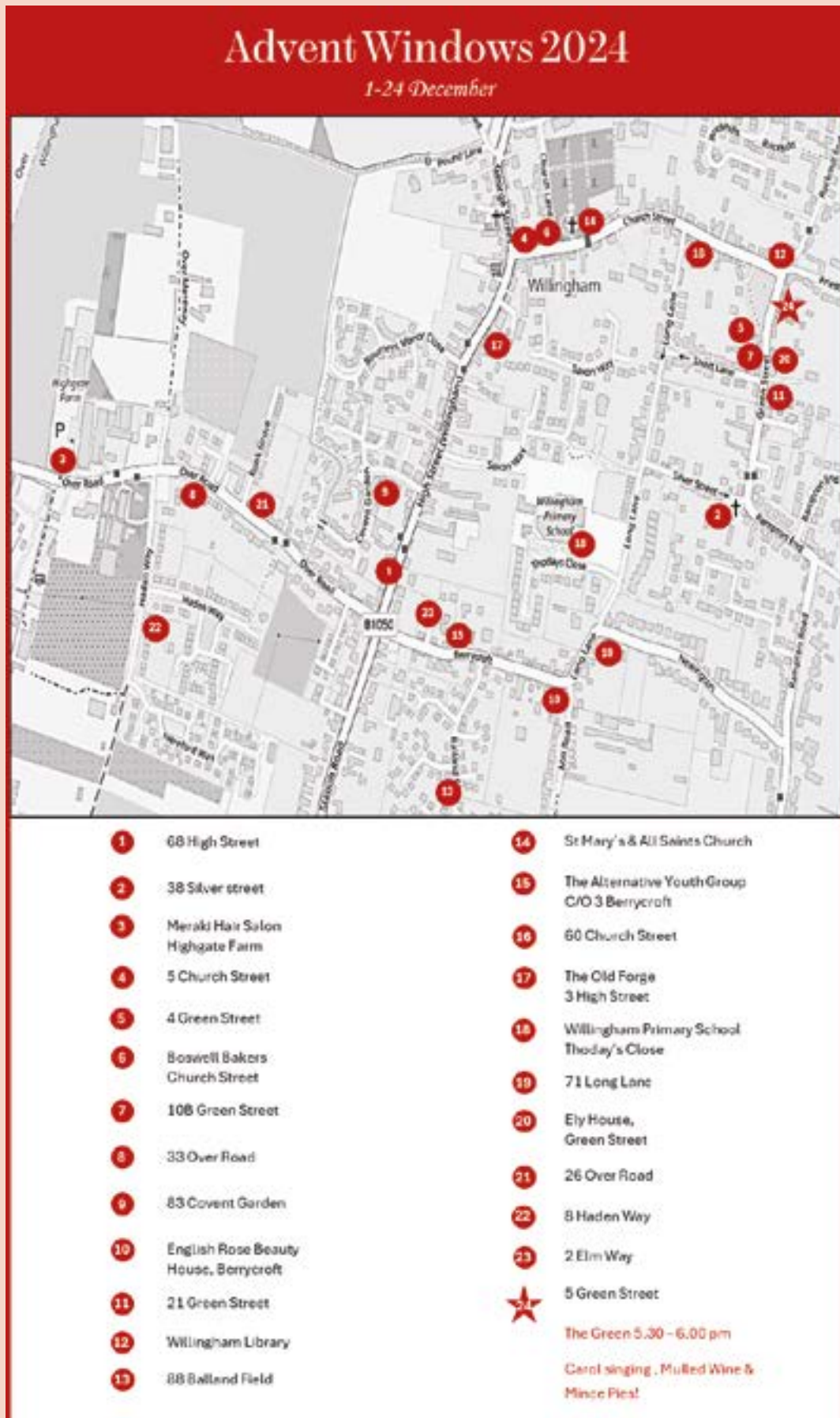


Advent Windows and Carols

The Christmas season starts with the light switch on at 41 High Street on Sunday **1 December at 6 30 pm**. Then, follow the map below to see dates that the decorated Advent Windows depicting different Christmas songs and Carols will be opening day by day leading to 'Carols on

The Green' on 24 December from 5 30 to 6 pm. All are welcome and there will be free mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies.

Sue Berry – Willingham Action Group



Scouts Fireworks Spectacular



In November a large audience enjoyed a truly spectacular fireworks event on the Recreation Ground. The photos above give a flavour of the wonderful colours on display.

The weather was kinder to us this year and hopefully everyone who came along was warm enough and didn't get wet. The burgers and sausages from Highgate Butchers were appreciated and the mulled wine warmed from the inside.

Many thanks to the Leader Team for their efforts to make the event a success, to Helen Lytollis for the lovely photographs and all the other supporters and friends that assisted with the event.

Tim Mead

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 Christmas or holiday crafting activities.

Alternatively come and shop in person at –

Bar Hill Community Market on Saturday 7 December and

Waterbeach Community Market on Sunday 15 December

10 am to 2 pm

We are sharing our extensive catalogue on our Facebook page where you can find details of locally sourced, unique, beautifully crafted gifts, warm clothing and accessories. By using our online store, you will be avoiding the crowded shops and keeping yourself safe. You can shop for new items on our website or donated items in our [rosieinstitches2010](#) eBay charity store, and vintage knitting patterns on our Facebook page.

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for Friends of the Rosie Hospital with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 5,000 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 www.easyfundraising.org.uk 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.

We hope you are all looking forward to the festive season. Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all the very best for 2025

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

Thought for the Month

Finding The Lost at Christmas

Believe it or not, Christmas Day only became a public holiday in Scotland in 1958, the year after I was born there. My father had to take a day off without pay to spend Christmas with his family. Even in Scotland, this has been forgotten and many Church of Scotland parishes celebrate Christmas services. We still celebrate New Year and heavy drinking is usually reserved for that time, which makes Christmas a more sedate and family affair. In fact, Christmas was meant to run from Christmas Day, the beginning of Christmas, to Twelfth Night on 6 January. Nowadays, far from Christmas beginning on Christmas Day, we are all exhausted at the very idea of Christmas. Mind you, there is one good reason why Christmas goods arrive early in the shops, which as people in retail will tell you, is because poorer people are able to gradually buy a little every week, to build up a good spread by the time Christmas Day arrives.

I am a Catholic priest, and a lot of my priestly life has involved hospital chaplaincy. For me Christmas often meant being with the sick and sometimes the dying. I always remember a sermon I once heard about a woman who lived on her own in Glasgow, who said that all her life she had felt overlooked, but that she never felt lonely on Christmas night because she felt close to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on the night that they too were overlooked. So how do you help people who are overlooked by the world? That's easy. You go to look for them. Christmas is a feast of a lost family in a lost world, but it is also a feast of finding the lost. The shepherds and the Magi could tell you that.

Fr. Euan Marley

St Michael's Dominican Priory in Cambridge

Willingham History Group

The History Group is returning with *The Bizarre History of Christmas and New Year*.

Considering the time of year wouldn't it be interesting to find out:

- Why is Santa normally shown dressed in red and white?
- Why do different countries celebrate on different dates?
- When was the last year that Christmas and New Year were celebrated in the same year?
- As Willingham was originally a Pagan settlement, what did they celebrate?

The answers may surprise you. To find out more, come to the Social Club on **Monday 30 December at 7 30 pm**. We charge £4 on the door to cover the cost of the room.



Willingham Library

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

0345 0455225

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Tuesday: 10 am – 1 pm and 2 – 5 pm

Thursday: 4 – 7 pm

Friday: 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

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Engage in the Afternoon

Wednesday 4 December, 2 45 pm (note change of time)

Father Christmas, Myths and Mistletoe

Come along and be entertained by an excellent speaker as you learn why the Jolly Old Elf is not impressed with mistletoe and why he's known by different names around the world. Also discover why we celebrate Christmas when we do and how the traditions that we currently associate with Christmas came about.

Enjoy refreshments and a chat afterwards. Donations welcome.

Family Lego Club

Saturday 14 December, 10 15 – 11 15 am

These take place the second Saturday of the month.

Do you love Lego? Then come to the library and enjoy some time building with Lego or Duplo.

This activity is suitable for children aged four and over, who must be accompanied by an adult.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

Tuesday 10 December, 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.

Family History Session

Friday 6 December, 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.

Second-hand Book Sale

Saturday 7 December, 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 £1, so come along and stock up for all your winter reading needs. Maybe a Christmas present or two as well!

Games and Social Afternoon

Wednesday 11 December, 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.

Knit and Natter

Wednesday 18 December, 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

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

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

New Home Fragrance and Gift Shop

Selbys of Cambridge have just opened their first store at Highgate Farm. The family trio of a mother and two daughters, from Willingham, have set up a brand-new venture to offer the village something different. Directly next door to Café Highgate, this new gift shop offers a wide range of gifts, wrapping, crafts as well as their range of home fragrances including hand poured candles and handcrafted home fragrances, which are all made here in Willingham.

The grand opening was on 21 September with many local residents coming along to support the family business. Selbys have created a platform for local artists, crafters and suppliers to showcase and sell their products in a physical shop as opposed to online.

Sally Freed, the shop owner, commented that 'It is so lovely to be able to offer a new retail space in the village for gifts, home fragrance and crafting. We are hoping to increase our range as time goes on and keep stock fresh with new ranges landing regularly. We hope to be a one stop shop for gifts, party supplies and home fragrances offering high quality products on your doorstep.'

The new store is open **Wednesday to Sunday 10 am – 4 pm**. Selbys will be hosting a Christmas Shopping Event on **Wednesday 4 December from 6 to 9 pm**. An ideal opportunity to get those stocking fillers and last-minute Christmas gifts.

Shop Location: Unit 1F, Highgate Farm, Willingham, Cambridge, CB24 5EU

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Village 20 mph Scheme

After thoroughly assessing all available information regarding the Speed Limit Order – including feedback from the consultation process and public comments—the County Council has formally approved the detailed design of the Willingham 20 mph speed limit plan through a delegated decision. Any requests for extending this limit can be considered in future projects. For instance, following the successful local highways improvement bid, which will see an extension of the Over Road footpath up to the Highgate Farm businesses, there is potential for expansion of the 20 mph scheme further to encourage active and safe travel to and from Highgate. The 20 mph scheme is scheduled to begin operating in February and, with police endorsement already in place, enforcement will commence as soon as the new zone is fully established.

Christmas Tree and Lights

The Parish Council extends its heartfelt thanks to the Co-operative Group for their generous donation of £200, which will go toward purchasing this year's Christmas tree. This contribution has made it possible for us to secure a beautiful tree, perfect for the Village Green and the heart of our community. Alongside the tree, the much-anticipated annual Christmas lights will soon be illuminating the Green, adding a magical touch as the village begins to celebrate the festive season.

Carols on the Village Green

Back by popular demand, we are excited to announce the return of a wonderful tradition this year: a festive gathering where parishioners and friends can come together to sing Christmas carols at the Village Green. This joyful event will be held on the late afternoon of **24 December**. We invite everyone to bring their family, friends, and holiday spirit to share in the music, enjoy some delicious mince pies and sip warm mulled wine as we celebrate the season. Let's make this a memorable evening filled with laughter, song and community cheer.

Clock Minder Needed

We are seeking a volunteer clock minder for the clock in the Church Tower, which is owned and maintained by the Parish Council. The clock is serviced annually and generally keeps excellent time, but it occasionally needs minor adjustments. This light-duty role involves climbing a narrow staircase and making the twice-yearly time changes for British Summer Time, which has already been completed this year. If you're interested in helping, please contact the Parish Council office for more details.

Ongoing and Recent Consultations

Residents are encouraged to stay informed about several consultations, some of which are still open, while others have already closed.

Currently open consultations include – (1) **East-West Rail Consultation** – This non-statutory public consultation on the proposed Rail link between Oxford and Cambridge is still open, with a deadline in late January. Residents can review current plans and

discuss potential environmental impacts. As this is a non-statutory consultation, there will be further opportunities for input as plans develop. (2) **Remote Meetings Consultation** – The Council is being consulted on the use of remote meetings to improve accessibility and increase attendance. This consultation aims to make Council Meetings more inclusive for residents and councillors who may face challenges attending in person.

Consultations that have now closed include – (3) **Bus Franchisement Consultation** – This consultation, outlining plans to improve bus services across the region with a focus on accessibility and efficiency, has now closed. It was shared online for parishioners and responded to by various councillors. (4) **Rural Crime Consultation** – Cambridgeshire Police conducted a consultation on rural crime to gather insights from residents and councillors about specific issues and locations, helping to allocate resources more effectively. This survey has now closed, but the Parish Council responded on behalf of the village, raising concerns, and providing insights into local issues. (5) **Fens Reservoir Consultation** – A private consultation for Councils has opened regarding the proposed Fens Reservoir near Chatteris. The Council has submitted a response highlighting potential traffic and transport concerns for the village, with the goal of preventing any disruptions. While the public cannot comment on this specific consultation, a third public consultation on the reservoir project will be held as it progresses.

Meetings

Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 7 30 pm in the Octagon. Next meeting: **4 December**. 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. January's meeting will be held on **Wednesday 8 January**, as the usual date of the first Wednesday in the month falls on a Bank Holiday. The Council has opted to delay the meeting by one week to ensure the availability of both Council members and residents. We encourage all residents to attend, as the Full Council Meeting is a valuable opportunity to stay informed about local matters, share input and engage with Council initiatives. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility with this adjusted schedule.

Contact Details

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

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email clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Clerk: Mandy Powell

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Willingham Men's Breakfast

Looking Back Over 2024

As a packed series of Talks covering Skills, from Farmer to Accountant, from Soldier to Evangelist, 2024 saw a talk each month covering ancient skills, from 2,000 years ago to modern day professions. A huge thanks to the speakers, all 12 of whom committed late in 2023 and delivered throughout 2024. This December we have The Teacher with the excellent Nigel Graham from Warboys Baptist Church.

So, Let's Reminisce on Other 2024 Events:

In February we enjoyed a Curry Night at the village's Bengal restaurant. In April a carload of us headed north to the sprawling Cophill Roundhouse Steam Museum near Chesterfield, where we saw the last remaining working rotating turntable supporting 80 ton locomotives. In June we spent a long weekend walking in the Peak District. We were surrounded by stunning scenery, enjoyed eight to ten mile walks and joined in the Sunday worship service in rousing voice!

In September several of us took a day trip to Snape Maltings, Suffolk with a ferry and guided tour of the secret, former Cold War testing island, Orford Ness. A fascinating well organised trip enjoyed by us all, the eldest was 80, and we even had a 'pope mobile' laid on for the less-able walkers.

In October, a small group of us drove to RAF Marham, the operational station currently where the F35s take off. This is where the iconic Canberra operated from the 1960s to the 1990s. We had an ex-RAF Canberra navigator, Tim, with us. It was just great hearing his stories as he chatted with ex RAF personnel at the museum. Thanks to Ron for organising this great trip.

At the end of October, we put on our first Supper and Film night. After a tasty meal we chose to watch *The World's Fastest Indian*, an uplifting, feel-good film starring Anthony Hopkins. His character told the true story of Burt Munro, a 68-year-old New Zealander, realising a dream to attempt a land speed record in Bonneville Salt flats, Utah. Everyone, including four ladies who joined us, enjoyed the inspiring evening with some lovely feedback. We will probably do this again next year.

So What Happens at a Men's Breakfast?

Meetings are held on the **third Saturday** of each month. Regular attendance is optional. Why not seize the opportunity to get to know men of all ages in the village with no hidden agenda, other than to serve the best value, fresh cooked breakfast in Willingham, followed by a topical talk!

We meet in the Main Hall at the Baptist Church. We have safe parking, access for wheelchairs and a disabled toilet. We sit down at 7 45 am and finish by 9 10 am. A donation of £3 is invited to cover the cost of breakfast (but free for first time visitors).

Usual Format:

Breakfast – a full cooked breakfast or cereal (please advise dietary needs in advance).

Talks – our theme of *Skills – Ancient and 21st Century* – finishes in January. Our final skills talk will be Police with ex-policeman John Gallagher MBE on *When God made 'Peace' (Police) Officers* followed by a Question and Answer session. Our talks usually last around 20–30 minutes.

To book or find out more, contact Pete Sacré

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Swavesey Camera Club

Our club restarts after the Christmas break on **Thursday 9 January from 7 – 9 pm.**

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The Club meets in the Carol Shaw room at Swavesey Village College every Thursday during College term time 7–9 pm.

For further information and to see some of our members' photos check out our website:

www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk.

If you would like more information about the club or you are thinking about joining us, please get in touch by filling in the 'Contact Us' form on the website.

Maggie O'Moore

Christmas Crossword

Answers

Across: 5 Choral music, 7 Yule, 8 Balloons, 9 Scarves, 11 Italy, 13 Abbot, 14 Rag doll, 16 Clatters, 17 Logs, 18 Supermarket.
Down: 1 Home, 2 Baubles, 3 Smile, 4 Assorted, 5 Church bells, 6 Candlelight, 10 Rooftops, 12 Mars Bar, 15 Merry, 17 Luke.

Christmas Number One Lyrics Quiz

Answers

- 1 *Merry Christmas Everyone* by Shakin' Stevens 1985
- 2 *Mary's Boy Child* by Boney M 1978 or Harry Belafonte 1957
- 3 *Can We Fix It? Yes We Can!* by Bob the Builder 2000
- 4 *Skyscraper* by Sam Bailey 2013
- 5 *Perfect* by Ed Sheeran 2017
- 6 *I Love Sausage Rolls* by Ladbaby 2019
- 7 *2 Become 1* by Spice Girls 1996
- 8 *Lonely this Christmas* by Mud 1974
- 9 *Rockababy* by Clean Bandit 2016
- 10 *Ernie, The Fastest Milkman In The West* by Benny Hill 1971

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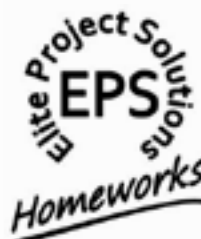
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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sun 1 Dec	Jazz Club – Tailgate Ramblers Christmas Jazzband	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm, Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Sun 1 Dec	Christmas Lights Switch On	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	41 High Street	6 30 pm, see p13
Mon 2 Dec	Christmas Social	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open at 7pm, see p6
Wed 4 Dec	Talk: <i>Father Christmas, Myths & Mistletoe</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 45 pm, see p15
Wed 4 Dec	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p11
Wed 4 Dec	Christmas Shopping Event	Selbys of Cambridge	Selbys, Highgate Farm	6 – 9 pm, see p15
Wed 4 Dec	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p17
Fri 6 Dec	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p15
Fri 6 Dec	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm
Fri 6 Dec	Talk: <i>Chapel Hill, Little Thetford</i> with Adam Lodoen	Fen Edge Archaeology Group	All Saints, Cottenham	7 30 pm, see Nov's issue
Sat 7 Dec	Christmas Peal of Bells	Parish Church	Parish Church	10 am – 1 pm
Sat 7 Dec	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p15
Sat 7 Dec	Stall	Friends of the Rosie Hospital	Bar Hill Community Market	See p14
Sun 8 Dec	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 9 Dec	Christmas Party	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Tue 10 Dec Tue/Sat	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library Over Community	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p15
10/14 Dec	Panto – <i>Sleeping Beauty</i>	Over Players	Centre	See Nov's issue
Wed 11 Dec	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Thu 12 Dec	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p10
Sat 14 Dec	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p7
Sat 14 Dec	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 15 am, see p15
Sun 15 Dec	Stall	Friends of the Rosie Hospital	Waterbeach Community Market	10 am – 2 pm, see p14
Mon 16 Dec	Assignment: <i>Shooting Through Objects</i>	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p6
Wed 18 Dec	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Sat 21 Dec	Talk: <i>People from Biblical Times – The Teacher</i> with Nigel Graham	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p10
Sat 21 Dec	Come & Carol	Swavesey Community Choir	St Andrew's Church, Swavesey	6 30 pm, see p8
Tue 24 Dec	Carols on the Green	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	The Green	5 30 – 6 pm, see p13
Mon 30 Dec	Talk: <i>The Bizarre History of Christmas & New Year</i>	History Group	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p14

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