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# Historic Cup Win for Willingham Wolves Men's Team

Willingham Wolves Men's team secured their first cup victory in several decades in emphatic style on Friday 28 March, defeating Hartford Rangers 7-3 in a thrilling final.

Managed by Elliott Aldhouse, the Wolves had a nervous start, conceding a goal within the first two minutes. However, they quickly found their rhythm, going into halftime with a 3-2 lead. A stunning seven-minute surge after the break saw the Wolves net four goals in quick succession, extending their lead to 7-2 before Hartford Rangers scored a late consolation goal.



*The winning team!*

The Wolves' goal scorers were Charlie Cambridge (4), Ross Munro, Archie Munns and Sam Johnston.

This historic win marks a significant milestone for the team, which is currently undefeated this season. Fresh from promotion last season, they have won 21 games in all competitions, drawing just two, and have already scored over 100 goals. The Wolves are aiming for further silverware in both league and county cup competitions. A huge thank you to our men's Team Sponsor, NGU Uttridge, for their continued support.

## Pathways for Young Talent

The Wolves are committed to developing young players, as demonstrated in the cup final in which two U17 Wolves players featured in the squad. The club offers a full player pathway, with youth teams from U6 upwards, in both male



*A proud father and son*

and female categories, providing opportunities to progress into the Men's and Ladies' teams. Get involved in your local club! Willingham Wolves is more than just a football club — it's a friendly

and welcoming community. We encourage all children in the village to get involved in football, and we're also looking for budding coaches and volunteers to support our teams. Our next big club event is the Willingham Tournament in June, and we would love to have more local involvement.

The team is constantly on the lookout for new players — whether you're looking to train for fitness or push yourself in a competitive and ambitious squad. Training sessions are open to all abilities and are led by a UEFA-qualified coach. If you're interested in joining the Wolves as a player, coach or volunteer please contact Jamie Smith at [jamie.smith@willinghamwolvesfc.com](mailto:jamie.smith@willinghamwolvesfc.com).

## Charity Match

We are also excited to announce a charity match on **19 July** at Western Park, Northstowe, in memory of Karen Monks and Peter Knowles. This special event will raise funds for Cancer Research UK and Papyrus, and we would love to see as many people from the village there as possible to support these important causes.

Congratulations to the team on their fantastic achievement. Here's to more success in the coming weeks!

*Photos courtesy of Chloe Smith*

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## Cubs Go Mad in the Orchard

On Wednesday 2 April some of the Willingham Cubs went with leaders Steve and Simon, plus youth leaders and helping parents, to the Community Orchard on Earith Road. They were set some tasks to help out the orchard team, which they completed enthusiastically in record time: tying ribbons to mark some wildflower meadow plots, cleaning and polishing the tree labels and collecting up pruning from the ground to add to a stick pile for bugs to hide in.

We talked about the origins of the orchard and its wildlife value, the bee area (although they were not very active that evening, too chilly!) the newly showing wildflowers

and the woodland versus the orchard sections. Many had already visited with family and made use of the seasonal fruits from the trees and hedgerows in autumn. Next there were some quizzing questions: how many of each are there... small wooden men? Owl boxes and benches? Next time you visit find the answers yourselves! All finished off with a frantic game of hide and seek, by which time the adults were cold and the children tired out. Thanks for coming everyone, and please return to see what more has popped up among the meadow and trees later in the spring.

*WAG Environment Team*

## Old Willingham



You may have seen photos of the huge building on George Street that was the original Baptist Tabernacle Church. This year is the 150th anniversary of its construction in 1875. This picture shows what it was like inside, facing George Street.

People came in through the two doors at the sides. In line with Baptist principles, which focus on the message of the Bible, there is a huge pulpit in the centre where fiery sermons could be preached to a large crowd. Although an interesting heritage building, by the 1980s the congregation was measured in 10s rather than 100s and the cost of upkeep was very high. The building was demolished in the 1980s and part of the plot was sold for housing. The proceeds were used to build the modern church we have today.

See more photos at [www.oldwillingham.com](http://www.oldwillingham.com).

## Readers' Noticeboard



### Fen Gallop Stalls

WAG are looking to arrange a Summer Fete on **Sunday 6 July** after the Fen Gallop. Any groups or stall holders interested in being involved please contact us on our email [willinghamactiongroup@runbox.com](mailto:willinghamactiongroup@runbox.com) or Facebook page.

### Bungalow Becoming Available

Willingham Combined Charity invites applications for a one-bedroom bungalow which is becoming available at Josiah Smith Bungalows in Over Road, Willingham.

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Completed applications must be received no later than **Saturday 31 May**.

## Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 12 May** at 7 30 pm at the Social Club.

Tony Brown will be coming to talk to us about his experience of *Donating a Kidney to a Stranger*.

At our March meeting we had a fun Bingo session. Thanks to Ronny Leach for being our caller and keeping us all in line (pardon the pun).

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

## Willingham Bowls Club

ROLL UP! ROLL UP! Willingham Bowls Club would love to see YOU!

If you have never tried lawn bowls, do come and give it a go. If you are a 'lapsed' player, retrieve those lawn bowls from the back of the cupboard and join us for a game.

Green maintenance together with preparation of the clubhouse and tearoom for the upcoming season is now in full swing so informal afternoon/evening/weekend roll ups will commence soon. Please see our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WillinghamBowlsClub](https://www.facebook.com/WillinghamBowlsClub) for all information regarding days / times of roll ups.

If you would like to have some fun together with a bit of gentle exercise, just turn up during one of our roll up sessions. All we ask is that you wear flat-soled shoes. We will provide everything else, including tea and biscuits!

## Trivia Corner

Who was it who once said, 'When a man tires of Lego he tires of life'? Okay, we may have got a word wrong. It might have been London, but the point still stands — who doesn't like Lego? (Maybe those who've stepped on their child's bricks in their bare feet?) However, here's a series of interesting trivia facts about these ubiquitous coloured bricks.

The Star Wars Millennium Falcon set, at around £700, is the most expensive to buy new, and a first edition has sold for nearly £12,000. Each year 36 billion bricks are manufactured. Lego makes over 300 million tyres each year, making them the biggest tyre producer in the world. Lego used to be called Automatic Binding Bricks until 1953. On his TV show *James May's Toy Stories* in 2008, James was the first person to construct and spend a night inside his full-sized two-storey Lego house, complete with Lego bed and working toilet — the house was made of 3.3 million Lego elements. And finally, it would take a stack of 40 billion standard Lego bricks to reach the Moon. It's fair to assume that, even in the Family Lego Club at our Library, it hasn't been tried and tested — we're sure the crew of the International Space Station would have reported it by now.

## What Colour was Thunderbird 2?

Friends of Willingham Church organised a Quiz Night in the Octagon on 28 March, and that was one of the questions. 'How many bones are in the adult human body?' was another. As you'll see on the accompanying photograph, brains were being tested throughout the evening, but it was hugely enjoyable. Very yummy food was provided to feed stomachs and brains, and a raffle raised nearly £200, much-needed funds. Ticket sales for the night raised an incredible £480.

Thanks go to those wonderful local businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes or food for the evening — namely the Willingham Co-op, Lot 25, Café at Highgate, Selbys Giftshop at Highgate and The Bushel Box Farm Shop.

Many thanks also go to everyone who supported the evening, prepared the food, and helped to raise funds. Most supporters are not members of the church's regular congregation; FOWC is a community group, established to raise money for the maintenance of the fabric of St Mary & All Saints Church. Our desire is to preserve the building for future generations. It mainly originated in the 13th century but has Saxon and Norman heritage; it's a Grade 1 Listed building that contains nationally important medieval wall paintings.

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So, if you would like to become a member or just find out more about us, our email is [friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com).

And if you need the quiz answers — Thunderbird 2 was green, and typically there are 206 bones in the adult human body.

Start swotting for the next FOWC quiz!



*You can almost hear the brains whirring!*

## The Octagon Community Hub

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There are magazines, books, puzzles, games, knitting and colouring to enjoy too.

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.

The Hub is supported with funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council through Cambridgeshire ACRE. The Parish Council, St Mary & All Saints Church and the Co-operative Community Fund also support us. We gratefully receive donations of bread from Boswell and Son Bakers in Church Street, and milk from the Co-op.

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Once you have completed the form, email it to their booking line admin team on [cuh.cmwnewbooking@nhs.net](mailto:cuh.cmwnewbooking@nhs.net) (all instructions are on the form).

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

*Willingham Medical Practice*

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**Friday: 10 am – 1 pm**

**Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm**

## Your Online Account

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## Meet Roxy, a Pets as Therapy Dog

**3rd Tuesday of the month (term time only)**

**Tuesday 20 May, 2 to 3 pm**

Come along and enjoy some time in the company of the gorgeous Roxy, a Pets as Therapy dog and her friendly owner. This is a drop-in session.

## Engage in the Afternoon

**Wednesday 7 May, 2 to 3 30 pm**

The details of this Engage session are not yet known. Please ask in the library or look for posters in the Post Office or library windows.

## Family Lego Club

**Saturdays 10 and 24 May, 10 15 to 11 45 am**

These take place the 2nd and 4th 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 13 May, 10 30 am to 12 30 pm**

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

## Friends of Willingham Library Events

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

## Free Library Birthday Celebration and Local History Event

**Wednesday 14 May, 7 30 to 9 30 pm in the Library**



To celebrate the 55th birthday of Willingham Library we will be holding a birthday celebration and local history evening. There will be a speaker for about 30 minutes and then a short time for questions. We will have some photos from *Old Willingham*, and books about Willingham and our library on display to be enjoyed. Also, a 'Spot

the Difference' — do you know how the two village signs differ? If anyone has their own photos, documents or memories to share we would love to see / hear them. We will serve refreshments including birthday cake and wine or soft drink. To book a place for the evening please message us on the above email or drop into the library and give your name to Jacob.

## Family History Session

**Friday 2 May, 10 30 am to 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 3 May, 10 30 am to 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. Come along to the library and stock up for all your reading needs.

## Games and Social Afternoon

**Wednesday 14 May, 2 to 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 21 May, 2 to 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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news).

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



## Codeword

Answers on page 17

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## Music Quiz

The following titles were hits for bands with a number in their names. For example, *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For* was U2. Can you name the bands who had success with the following titles?

Answers on page 17

- 1 I'll Be There (1970)
- 2 Stressed Out (2015)
- 3 Loco In Acapulco (1988)
- 4 Makes Me Wonder (2007)
- 5 Lessons In Love (1986)
- 6 Glad All Over (1964)
- 7 Love Shack (1989)
- 8 Rat In Mi Kitchen (1987)
- 9 The Sound (2016)
- 10 Good Morning Judge (1977)

## Dog Anagrams

Can you solve these anagrams of dog breeds?

Answers on page 17

- 1 mad latina
- 2 garden tea
- 3 write or let
- 4 here it stirs
- 5 agile chinless prank



## Young Readers' Corner

### Wordsearch

Who doesn't like cake! Try and find the 12 types of cake in this word search puzzle!

ANGEL APPLE BATTENBERG CARROT  
CHEESE CUPCAKE ECCLES GINGERBREAD  
JAFFA MADEIRA SIMNEL SPONGE

Solution on page 17

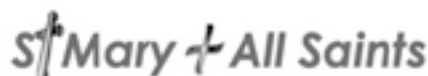


### A Picture to Colour!

Do you have a bike? And a helmet? Maybe you can make this picture the same colour as yours!



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## Services – in Church (except where shown)

- 4 May** 11 00 am Traditional Morning Prayer remembering VE Day. Further details below.
- 11 May** 11 00 am Morning Praise
- 18 May** 11 00 am Café Church – in the Octagon. See below.
- 25 May** 11 00 am Holy Communion – Revd Stephen Dove's first service in Willingham as Team Rector.

## Our New Team Rector

We are delighted to be welcoming Revd Stephen Dove to serve as Team Rector in the 5folds Group of Churches.

Stephen will be formally licensed at a service on **Thursday 8 May** at 7 pm in St Andrew's Church, Swavesey. His first visit to St Mary & All Saints, following his licensing, will be on **Sunday 25 May** at 11 am. Do join us for this Service and to meet Stephen after the service to help welcome him to Willingham.

## VE Day Service – 4 May

As part of the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE Day being hosted by the church, our morning service will, as far as possible, recreate the service held in 1945 in Westminster Abbey to give thanks for the end of the Second World War in Europe.

## Café Church – 18 May

Do join us for an informal and relaxed gathering around tables as we reflect on passages from the Bible together: prayers, music, videos (and toast?).

## Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 10 May** from 10 am in The Octagon with the usual mix of music, refreshments, laughter and fun. For everyone living with memory loss (or similar conditions) accompanied by a carer, friend or family member – free of charge. See page 7 for further details..

## Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open every Monday morning from 10 am to 12 30 pm. Come and join us for great company and free tea, coffee, and biscuits. There are always magazines to read and borrow, jigsaw puzzles, board games and card games to play, colouring sheets, 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. Also, on every Thursday from 4 30 to 5 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:

As the month of May is a period of transition between clergy, in the first instance please contact the 5folds administration office, who will then put you in touch with the appropriate clergy.

### Licensed Lay Minister:

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

### 5folds Administration Office:

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



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## 150th Anniversary of Willingham Tabernacle Baptist Church

On the weekend of **20 June** we will have events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church opening. There will be a comedy / magic show on Friday evening, a food fair on Saturday afternoon and an Old Willingham history talk in the evening. On Sunday there will be a celebration service. All welcome.

## ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

### Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

Friendly contemporary services with songs, prayers, teaching and activities for children. All welcome at any stage of faith.

**4 May** Luke 9:18-36 – *Jesus Reveals Who He Is*

**11 May** Family Service

**18 May** Luke 9:37-56 – *Storm Clouds Building*

**25 May** Visiting Preacher: Ian Marlow

## EVENTS

### Wednesday Fellowship – Coffee Morning, 10 – 11 30 am

Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

### Men's Breakfast – Saturday 17 May, 7 45 – 9 am

Breakfast and chat. Talk by Mike Day (MAF): *Friendship*.

### Community Lunch Club – Thursdays 8 and 22 May

Book through Daphne on 07919 024857.

### Women's Bible Study Group – 26 May

Last Monday of each month.

### 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 07919 024857.

For all events contact: [secretary@willinghambaptist.org](mailto:secretary@willinghambaptist.org).

## Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org). Mass is also held at 6 pm on Saturdays in the Octagon at Bar Hill, next to the church at Hanover Close, CB23 8EH.

For more information about the Diocese of East Anglia, see [www.rcdea.org.uk](http://www.rcdea.org.uk).



## VE Day – 80th Anniversary Events

### Saturday 3 May

Coffee morning and Sale in the Parish Church and Octagon and sharing of Memorabilia and Memories from World War 1 and World War 2, from 10 30 am. Display will remain in place for the week.

### Thursday 8 May

Proclamation and raising the Flag at 9 30 am. Derek Law, Chairman of the Willingham Parish Council will present the official VE Day Proclamation in front of the Parish Church, the National Ensign will be raised, the National Anthem will be sung and the Church bell ringers will join in with the national celebratory Peal.

### Saturday 10 May

Join in WAG's VE Day Picnic between 1 – 4 pm at Ploughman Hall and outside area. There will be patriotic bunting etc but everything else is 'bring your own'; feel free to dress in 1940s style. War period music will be played from a PA. Linda and Paul Hoayun will lead a tea dance inside the hall between 2 – 4 pm. There will be some instruction for non-dancers together with music indoors and outdoors. Also, tea and cakes will be on sale, hopefully with a choice of traditional 1940s recipes!

### Sunday 11 May at 11 am

Join in a Morning Service 1945 style – the service at the Parish Church will, as far as possible, re-create the official service held on VE day in London. There will be at least one very important difference, but you need to be at the Parish Church to find out what this is.

*Willingham Action Group*

## Mystery Photo

How did you do with April's Mystery Photo? It's the road sign to Rampton and Cottenham, at the bend/corner of Long Lane and Newington. This month's photo might be slightly easier, as it's not been 'manipulated'!



## Details of VE Day Events at the Parish Church

### Display and Coffee Morning, 3 May, Parish Church

There will be a VE Coffee Morning and Sale in the Parish Church and Octagon Hall on **Saturday 3 May**.

As well as the regular Produce, Craft and Bric-a-Brac Stalls, there will also be a 'Come and Taste' 1945 Stall!

### Display of Memories and Memorabilia of VE DAY

The Church plans to provide a display of Memories and Memorabilia, of events or personal memories of life 80 years ago, in May 1945 in the village, especially if they relate to VE Day itself, as part of the National 80 Year remembrance of VE Day. Copies of relevant documents and photos will be displayed on boards set out in the Church and in the Octagon Hall. There is a summary of topics and events that could be covered and a supply of these will be on the table just inside the front door of the Church. Please take one if you might consider providing memories to be part of this display. If you would like to discuss items to be displayed or need assistance in getting them to the Church, then please send your queries to the Warden Group at [WWG@gmail.com](mailto:WWG@gmail.com). The Church hopes to have the display ready by **3 May** and available for viewing throughout the following week.

## Nimble Fingers Craft Club

If you're into any sort of crafting such as crochet, embroidery, knitting, etc, how do you fancy a Monday afternoon chat and a cup of whatever you fancy, while you work on your latest creation while chatting to fellow crafters! If you have a couple of hours to spare, why not come along to join our friendly group, to share your skills or maybe learn a new skill.

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

**Mondays, 2 – 4 pm, Baptist Church**

Contact Daphne on 07919 024857, or just pop along with your craft work and introduce yourself!

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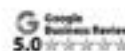
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## Fen Gallop

The Fen Gallop Family Running Festival is only a couple of months away, which is just long enough to get a training plan together if you've never taken part before! The Committee is now full steam ahead with the planning, so read on to find out more about this fabulous village fundraiser.

The midsummer event returns to the Recreation Ground on **Sunday 6 July**, and every member of the family is catered for. The 10k and 4 mile course follows a picturesque multi-terrain route through quiet country roads, bridleways and footpaths, and all entrants benefit from professional chip timing to ensure the most accurate results. For our younger runners, we offer a one mile run and, of course, there is a handmade wooden medal for every participant.

Previous 'Gallopers' will know that the post-run award ceremony is a wonderful opportunity to grab a drink from the bar and a bite to eat from the BBQ as the all-important race results come in and the winners are announced. There are plenty of prizes up for grabs, including the much-coveted 'resident trophies', awarded to our very own Willingham runners. The Penry Jones trophy is awarded to the first male in the 10k, the Rene Gould trophy for the first female in the 10k, and Eileen Askew trophies for the first U16 male and female runners in the 4 Mile run. The Glyn Smith trophy will be awarded to the first Willingham resident veteran (50+ years) in the 10k.

The Fen Gallop is an amazing fundraiser for the village, with thousands of pounds being donated to the local primary school and other youth groups each year, helping to provide vital equipment and experiences for our local children.

To sign up for either the 10k or 4 mile run, head over to [fengallop.co.uk](http://fengallop.co.uk) and give our Facebook and Instagram pages a follow to find out more about this community event!

Following on from the Fen Gallop this year will be a summer fete, based around Ploughman Hall. It will include live music, stalls, dancing, face painting and ice cream. More details to follow! If you or your group would like a stall at the event please contact [WAG@willinghamlife.org](mailto:WAG@willinghamlife.org).



## Nature's Names

Tulips were usually associated with April and May, but in recent years we've seen them flowering much earlier. Although they are native to Turkey, it's likely that their cultivation began in what is now Iran. The name originated from the Persian *dulband*, meaning 'turban', due to their resemblance to that piece of headwear. It was borrowed into Turkish as *tuliband*, then into early modern French as *tulipan*.

It was in the 16th century that Holland became synonymous with tulips. Bulbs with viral infections were stolen from Leiden University, and these pilfered 'broken' varieties with flames and stripes of different colours soon became the foundation of the country's thriving tulip trade.

Tulips in literature are frequent, as they often symbolise rebirth, perfection, and the power of love.

Seeing an array of tulips makes us feel good. Not so, it seems, for Sylvia Plath in her poem *Tulips*.

'Now I am watched... The tulips turn on me... The vivid tulips eat my oxygen... The tulips should be behind bars like dangerous animals...'

Plath's poetry isn't known for its jolly demeanour, but steady on, Sylvia. It's a bit harsh on tulips!

*John Lawrence*

## Poetry Corner

### Cherry Blossom

Cherry blossom Japanese  
Butterflying from the trees,  
Dancing, swirling near and far  
In the wake of every car  
And carpeting the pavement grey  
With beauty soon to fade away.

*James R Marron*

### Poem for May

May is like a singing bird  
delighting in the floral show.  
In the hedgerows and gardens  
flowers bloom wherever I go.  
May has laid her floral carpet,  
step gently near it as you go.  
May is like a singing bird  
delighting in the flower show.

*Christine Lacey*

Are there any other budding Willingham poets out there? Please send your poem to *Willingham News* and we might just publish it!

# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

[www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk](http://www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk)

## Annual Parish Meeting

This is to be held on **14 May** at 7 30 pm in the Octagon at the side of the church. This is the meeting we host on behalf of the parish. Local groups present their annual reports and this year we are trying to arrange for an officer from SCDC to come and talk about what the District Council are trying to do to combat fly tipping. This meeting is separate from the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on **7 May**, which forms part of the regular Parish Council meeting timetable.

## Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor which will be filled by co-option. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like more information of the role and how you can help your community.

Applications need to be returned to the office **by 1 pm on Tuesday 27 May**.

## Traffic

The proposed 20 mph zone for Willingham has been approved and the works should start soon. Hopefully, this will have started by the time you are reading this article.

The SpeedWatch group have started their sessions again in earnest after a quieter winter period. For more information on the traffic monitoring in Willingham, go to [roadwatch.org.uk/Cambs/Willingham/index.html](http://roadwatch.org.uk/Cambs/Willingham/index.html) where data going back to 2018 can be found. The flashing signs are moved to new locations at irregular intervals and there are plans to get more locations approved. 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](mailto:speedwatchwillingham@yahoo.com) for more information

There are plans by CCC Highways for some improvements in Willingham, notably resurfacing Earith Road from George Street to Roseberry Caravan site, and preparation for pavement treatments to Newington and Church Street. We are exploring the possibility of incorporating other speed reduction measures alongside this work.

The footpath to Highgate Farm is in the final design stages and paperwork should be completed in the near future. It was hoped this work could start soon. However, due to the amount of road closures along Over Road recently, the construction work may be delayed until later in the year to coincide with other operations which involve closing the road.

## Willingham Post Office

Graham Atherton, our longstanding Postmaster, is due to take his delayed and well-earned retirement at the end of May when the new owner takes over, all being well. We would like to thank Graham for carrying on running the business to ensure continuity of the much valued Post Office services in the village.

## Police

Recently, a 'Coffee with a Cop' meeting was held at the Parish Council offices. These informal gatherings provide an excellent opportunity for residents to discuss local concerns directly with police officers and foster stronger community relations. Various topics were discussed including anti-social behaviour, speeding (particularly along Earith Road), and parking in general and especially around the school. The local officer is keen to hold another session, and we will plan for this later in the year.

It is worth being aware that if someone is in a dangerous situation and cannot speak when they dial 999, if they press 55 when prompted it will alert the police to their need for assistance.

## Planning

There was concern recently when SCDC announced that, due to changes in the methods of calculating housing for the five-year plan, the council no longer met the requirements. This was similar to the situation several years ago when developers applied for sites and the planning officers could not refuse on grounds of overdevelopment. Fortunately, the position was soon resolved and SCDC is now compliant.

## Hedges Maintenance and Bird Nesting

The bird nesting season has started, but can we remind residents, if they can, to carefully cut back trees, hedges and shrubs that overhang the back of the pavement line without affecting any nests. Many pavements are still too narrow to be safely negotiated due to excessive growth alongside, especially of brambles.

## Contact Details

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

## Meetings

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

## Council Office Details

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## Thought for the Month

I know I must have been a horrid child. I can remember all too well how I had to be chivvied and cajoled into writing my thank-you letters to the honorary aunts who had sent presents for Christmas and birthdays. I had accepted their bounty greedily enough, but sulked over the chore of writing to them, sitting there chewing the end of my pen and not knowing what to put.

Did you ever have that feeling? Go on, be honest!

What I came to realise was that my parents wanted to teach me not only to be polite but to be grateful. We are not really grateful at all until we have taken the pains to say so. Sometimes it feels like a lost art. The nurses in the hospitals where I used to work were surprised and delighted whenever recently discharged patients came bounding back onto the wards bringing with them flowers and chocolates to say they were grateful. Not everyone thinks to do that. After all, a hospital can be a place where you once felt ill, lonely and apprehensive. Once you feel better again you just want to turn a page on all that and get on with your life.

The stories in the gospels are full of human touches. We all remember the ten lepers that Jesus healed, and how he remarked on the fact that only one came back to show his gratitude: 'Where are the other nine?'

When I visited a leper colony in the Philippines I was told that those who escape the ravages of the disease don't look back. It takes a lot of courage to set your face towards the place where once you were segregated, isolated and marginalised.

True religion teaches us gratitude for who we are and who has helped us to wholeness and happiness. The love of God has been poured into our hearts, and we are grateful.

*Father Bob, Blackfriars Cambridge*

## Puzzle Answers

### Codeword

1	S	2	Q	3	Z	4	V	5	N	6	F	7	K	8	O	9	P	10	U	11	H	12	Y	13	E
14	D	15	M	16	I	17	T	18	R	19	L	20	J	21	A	22	B	23	X	24	C	25	W	26	G

### Answers to Music Quiz

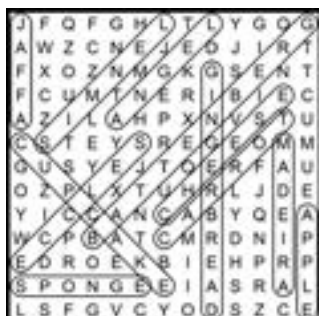
1 Jackson 5 2 Twenty One Pilots 3 The Four Tops  
4 Maroon 5 5 Level 42 6 Dave Clark Five 7 B52s 8 UB40  
9 The 1975 10 10cc

### Answers to Anagrams

1 Dalmatian 2 Great Dane 3 Rottweiler 4 Irish Setter  
5 King Charles Spaniel

### Wordsearch

Answer



## Defibrillators

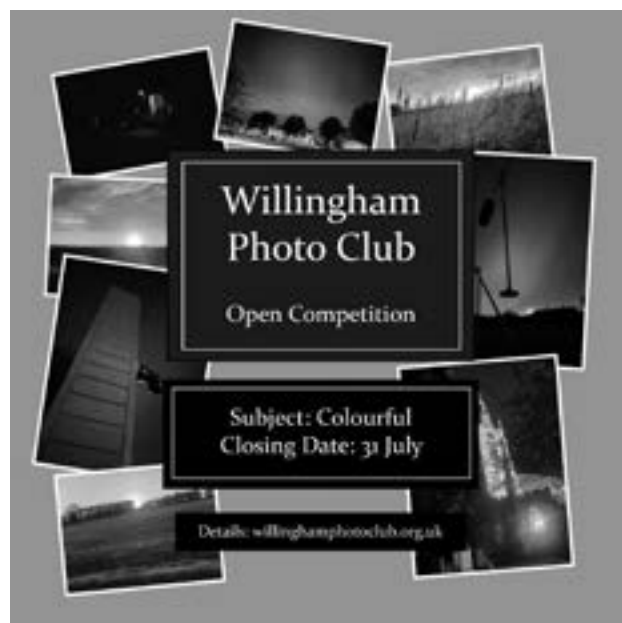
There are six defibrillators around the village, and now and again it's worth reminding residents where they are positioned. The code to open these in an emergency is obtained by calling 999.

- The Pavilion in West Fen Road (on outside wall)
- Willingham Social Club in Fen End (next to entrance door)
- The Library at 65 Church Street (left of entrance door)
- Willford Furlong Community Centre (left of entrance door)
- Willingham Primary School (left of entrance door)
- The old telephone box in High Street (just past traffic lights)



## Enter Photo Competition and Win a Prize

The Photo Club are holding an open competition for the residents of Willingham, with a prize for the best entry. The theme is *Colourful* and the entry form is on [photo.ballandia.co.uk/compo/](http://photo.ballandia.co.uk/compo/).





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## Inspirational Girlguiding Leaders Recognised

Two of Willingham's Guide and Ranger leaders received Outstanding Service awards recently at the Girlguiding Cambs East Awards Afternoon. Ranger Guides Maddy and Charlotte conspired with leader Lynn McGoff to say 'thank you' to Nikky Evans and Becca Rodgers by nominating them for the County Brooch (the 'Lily') which recognises and honours the outstanding service and dedication of leaders and volunteers within the county.



Becca and Nikky rose to the challenge of supporting Charlotte and Maddy to gain their Girlguiding Gold Award and adapted elements of the programme so that the girls' additional needs were taken into account, but it still presented a challenge. Maddy said: 'I really enjoyed my time in Rangers and my favourite part was making textile bags and pyrography.' You may have read of the Rangers' success in last July's *Willingham News*!

Last Saturday, over 100 guiding volunteers gathered in Ely for presentations of long service awards and County Thank You badges. At the end, two special guests were announced and, to Becca and Nikky's delight, it was their Rangers springing the surprise. The citation was read and certificates and brooches were presented along with bouquets. The citation was: 'For being an inspirational leader, making guiding inclusive and helping Rangers fulfil their dreams.'

Nikky explained: 'I was very surprised and delighted to receive this award for doing something that I enjoy so much. Creating alternative programme ideas was a fun challenge.'

Becca added: 'It was great to see the girls again. We do this for them, so it's amazing that they wanted to surprise us to thank us.'

## Willingham Gardening Club

On Monday 7 April, we welcomed back Gwenda Kyd who gave a fascinating talk on aromatherapy and the use of natural essential oils from plants to promote health and wellbeing. We learned that essential oils are extracted from various parts of the plants using a variety of methods depending on type, these range from steam distillation, extraction using solvents, to expression or cold pressing. Once the oils have been extracted they can then be used in a variety of ways, e.g., inhaled, applied directly on the skin or ingested.

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Our next meeting will be our annual gardening quiz (with prizes!) on **Monday 5 May**. We hope to see you there!

Willingham Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7 30 pm. New members are always welcome and can sign up for a membership now. If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email: [willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com). Information can also be found on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub](https://www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub). There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members.



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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Fri 2 May	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Fri 2 May	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm
Sat 3 May	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Sat 3 May	VE Day Coffee Morning and Sale	Parish Church	Parish Church and Octagon	From 10 30 am, see p13
Sun 4 May	VE Day 80th Anniversary Service 1945-style	Parish Church	Parish Church	11 am, see p12
Sun 4 May	Jazz Club	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 5 May	Annual Gardening Quiz	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p19
Wed 7 May	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p10
Wed 7 May	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p9
Wed 7 May	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p16
Thu 8 May	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Thu 8 May	Proclamation and Flag Raising	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Parish Church	9 30 am, see p13 and 19
Thu 8 May	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sat 10 May	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p7 and 12
Sat 10 May	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p10
Sat 10 May	VE Day Picnic and Tea Dance	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Ploughman Hall	1 – 4 pm, see p13 and 19
Sun 11 May	5 Pub Challenge Walk	Over Day Centre	Over Day Centre	10 am, see p19 April edition
Mon 12 May	Talk: <i>Donating a Kidney to a Stranger</i> with Tony Brown	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 13 May	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p10
Wed 14 May	Free 55th Birthday Celebration and Local History Event	Library	Library	7 30 pm – 9 30pm, see p10
Wed 14 May	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Wed 14 May	Annual Parish Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p16
Sat 17 May	Talk: <i>Friendship</i> with Mike Day (Ministry Aviation Fellowship)	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 – 9 am, see p12
Mon 19 May	Photo Club	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 pm, see p10
Tues 20 May	Pets as Therapy	Library	Library	2 – 3 pm, see p10
Wed 21 May	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Thu 22 May	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Sat 24 May	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p10
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