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## Old Willingham



This ramshackle, mysterious thatched building was on the corner of Long Lane and Church Street. You can just see the big black barn behind it at the top right. The photograph is undated but probably around the 1930s. The building looks old and dilapidated but has signs all over the front, the most obvious being Lyons Tea. Was this just paid advertising or was it a shop? We don't know.

If you look today you will see that the house on the left was extended out. Then a small house was built on the site, then this was also extended and a high roof added. All in the space of 100 years!

See more photos at [oldwillingham.com](http://oldwillingham.com). If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or [oldwill@oldwillingham.com](mailto:oldwill@oldwillingham.com).

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You will find the Octagon at the rear of the Parish Church. Please follow the footpath to the left of the Church. 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 Willingham Coop.

We make no charges for refreshments but donations towards the Octagon Replacement Kitchen Fund are always appreciated. With a new oven and hob we will be able to increase the range of light lunches offered.

We hope to see you in September!

### Nature's Names

The wren is a bird which, around our village and beyond, is heard more than it is seen, being quite elusive as it hunts on the ground beneath vegetation. Even in autumn, it is often keen to hold its territory, and does so with the help of its loud whistling and trilling, and an angry 'tic, tic, tic.' For a tiny bird that is about the same weight as a £1 coin, it can certainly belt out a song!

The name originates from *werna*, a name from the Old High German language. It morphed into Old English *wrenna*. In Old High German, the wren was also called *kuningilin* — translated as *kinglet* — due to the *King of Birds* fable in which it competed with the eagle for the bird that could fly the highest.

In terms of home building, wrens have a tendency of being opportunistic. They will make use of other birds' nests if possible, often a swallow's nest and even those of large birds like the heron.

If a male feels inclined to build, it will construct the outer parts of several nests, maybe up to eight or nine, and a chosen female, in their wren version of *Dragon's Den*, will select the best and finish it. Often the male wren will then try to attract another female and she will choose the best of what's left. Apparently, wrens have only a one-in-three chance of surviving through their first year; all this amorous behaviour can obviously be quite wearing.

In literature over the centuries there are many warnings of suffering coming to any person who harms a wren. In William Blake's *Auguries of Innocence*, which he wrote around 1800, he said, 'He who should hurt the little wren / Shall never be belov'd by men'. You have been warned!

*John Lawrence*



## Willingham Bowls Club

The accompanying photograph shows our Bowls Club team as County League Triples Division winners in 1994. We have different club tops now and the jackets that used to be worn are no longer standard. Many of the names of our winning team are remembered over thirty years later!

The members' names in the photograph are, left to right: Ray Rutherford, Gordon Sharp, Terry Jakes, John Munns, Lloyd Jeeps, Cameron Tainsh, Peter Piggott, Roger Bean, Neville Denson, Mark Law (Captain), Bruce Collett, Richard Law, Graham Lucas, Brian Dempsey, Bill Norman. Winning team members not in this picture are Peter Marriott and Eric Turner.

Our Bowls Club has quite a history and over the years has achieved much. There are still matches played alongside the informal roll-ups on Wednesday afternoons from 2 pm, and Sunday mornings from 10 am. Keeping the club active, as well as maintaining the green in flood or drought, has added to our challenges.

Please see our Facebook page for information about us: [www.facebook.com/WillinghamBowlsClub](https://www.facebook.com/WillinghamBowlsClub).



## Nimble Fingers Craft Club

Nimble Fingers Craft Club is starting up again after its summer break! How do you fancy a Monday afternoon chat and a cuppa while you work on your latest creation while chatting to fellow crafters? If you're into any sort of crafting, pop along and join us for a couple of hours, to share your skills or maybe learn a new skill.

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## Readers' Noticeboard



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## Mystery Photo

Comments from residents about each month's mystery photos range from 'too hard' to 'too easy'. On that basis, we've no idea how this month's photo will go down! Last month's picture was of the detail on the wall of the Bus Stop house on the High Street, just across the road from The Bank.

And here's this month's pic, where the editor obviously had some fun tweaking the image somewhat!



## Trivia Corner

Chocolate. Who doesn't like it? Not many, but here are some snippets of trivia associated with the confectionary. It was consumed as a cold or hot drink well before it became a solid treat. In England the drink was taken by intellectuals and thinkers – a nervous Charles II tried to close down coffee and chocolate cafés in the 1660s to discourage such alarming behaviour as thinking!

Reportedly, the first known shipment into Britain of cocoa beans, from a seized Spanish ship off our south coast in the 1500s, was mistaken on arrival for bags of sheep droppings and destroyed. It's understandable to ask yourself the question – why didn't they taste it first?

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And let's not get too far into the Snickers / Marathon wrangle. Snickers was the name of the bar in the USA but, obviously, Marathon was initially chosen for the UK market because 'Marathon' didn't rhyme with anything remotely saucy. Or so the story goes...

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The Willingham Feast is again on the agenda and here is a programme of related Autumn events scheduled – at this stage, most events are firm, some not so firm! Please note any events that take your fancy. Without your usual brilliant support, Feast descends into Famine, so thanks again!

Date	Event	Location
Saturday 20 September	Colour Run and Fete – Over 5s incl. adults 1 30 – 5 pm <a href="http://Willingham-school-association.sumupstore.com">Willingham-school-association.sumupstore.com</a>	Primary School
25 – 28 September	Fun Fair (Posters will appear around the village)	The Green
Monday 29 September	The Real Norman Conquest of 1071 An insight into Willingham's role — 7 30 pm	Social Club
Early October	Village Scarecrows Everyone is welcome to put up a Scarecrow	All Welcome
Friday 3 October	Teens Silent Disco – (11 up to 18 years) 7 30 – 10 pm £5 Tuck Shop (No Alcohol) Tickets: <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/uk/90637">www.trybooking.com/uk/90637</a>	Ploughman Hall
Saturday and Sunday 4 and 5 October	Photo Club Exhibition Saturday 11 am – 5 pm Sunday 11 am – 4 pm	Public Hall
Saturday and Sunday 4 and 5 October	Art Exhibition Saturday 3 – 5 pm Sunday 11 am – 3 pm	Library
Saturday 4 October	Adult Silent Disco £7 7 30 – 11 pm (With Bar)	Ploughman Hall
Sunday 5 October	Harvest Festival Service 11 am – Noon Harvest Festival Lunch 12 30 – 2 30 pm Suggested donation £5	Parish Church and Octagon
Sunday 5 October	Repair Café 1 – 4 30 pm	Ploughman Hall
Tuesday 7 October	Movie Night – timings tbc Tickets: £10 Adults, £5 Children	Porterhouse Tipi
Saturday 11 October	Memory Box Café 10 am – Noon	Octagon
Saturday 11 October	Street Food Truck Fest – 2 or 3 trucks Noon 'til late.	Duke Garden
Sunday 12 October	Bulb Planting 2 – 4 pm Volunteers (via Gardening Club)	Wilford Furlong
Friday 17 October	Murder Mystery Book Night – Author Talk and Snacks 7 30 pm 'til late Prebook: <a href="mailto:Willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com">Willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com</a>	Social Club
Saturday 18 October	Wine Quiz – run by Cat & Clive Pawsey, 7 30 – 11 pm £25 Contact: <a href="mailto:carolinepawsey@gmail.com">carolinepawsey@gmail.com</a> for tickets	Social Club
Friday 31 October	Carradine's Cockney Singalong 7 – 11 pm Free admission – restaurant reservations advised	Porterhouse



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Bryan Saddington will be coming to talk to us about his *Life and Times in the Fire Brigade*.

In July, we had a very enjoyable Summer Party at the Octagon with a buffet, raffle, quiz and a very sophisticated 'pass the parcel' – all good fun.

Our friendly, informal group is open to all women – just a few of us make jam and we only sing *Jerusalem*, as a tradition, at the Annual Meeting!

We usually have a speaker at our monthly meetings or an activity. 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.

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To find out more, please contact [willinghamwi28@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamwi28@gmail.com) or phone Vicky at 01954 201405. Hope to see you soon.

## Willingham Gardening Club

In August, the club enjoyed our summer garden party on a lovely sunny rain-free evening. This was a relaxed opportunity for members to chat and discuss all things going on in their gardens and allotments. The committee would like to thank one of our members who kindly hosted this party under a beautiful acer tree in their marvellous garden (*see photo*).

The next meeting will be on **Monday 1 September**, where we will have a talk from Simon White entitled *Beautiful Bulbs* at the regular time of 7 30 pm. We hope you are able to join us for what promises to be an informative and interesting evening.



The Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7 30 pm.

New members are always welcome and can sign up for a membership now. If you are interested in 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.

## Willingham Photo Club

On the evening of Monday 21 July, members of Willingham Photo Club gathered outside our Parish Church for an organised practical session, where they were encouraged to take pictures inside and outside the historic building. Some had never been inside, and were amazed at the centuries-old wall paintings and the unusual features of this gem of a church. One of the wardens, Gillian Macnaghten, couldn't have been more helpful, guiding the photographers as they sought out unusual angles and opportunities. One of the resulting photographs, of Victorian bibles, is shown here.



The club welcomes (and needs!) new members. You don't have to know anything about photography or own expensive kit — some members just use the camera on their phone and achieve stunning results.

The meetings are held once a month, on the evening of the third Monday, at 8 pm in the Baptist Church, and are friendly and informal. An assignment is set, and the results viewed the following month. There are occasional practical sessions, like this visit to the Parish Church. It's all fun, and the assignments are never too daunting – there's absolutely no expectation to take it all too seriously! Why not pop along for a taster at the next meeting? (See the ad below for the club.)





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Would you like help to lose weight? *Healthy You* offer a weight management service FREE of charge for those that are residents of Cambridgeshire. If eligible, you can register for *Slimming World*, *Weight Watchers* or the *Healthy You* programme for a duration of 12 weeks. To refer into this programme please call 0333 005 0093 or fill in the self-referral form via their website [Healthyyou.org.uk](http://Healthyyou.org.uk).

## Hospital Bloods

Unfortunately the surgery does not have the capacity to carry out hospital-requested blood tests. If you have been asked by your hospital consultant / clinic to arrange a blood test then please use the Phlebotomy Clinic at the hospital or the drive-through Outpatient Phlebotomy Service at the Newmarket Road Park & Ride, referring to your hospital clinic letter for further information. Please also note that the surgery does not carry out blood tests requested by private consultants or those required for private appointments.

## Repeat Prescriptions

Repeat medication can be ordered via SystmOnline, using the NHS App or by handing in paper repeat prescription slips to the surgeries at Willingham or Longstanton as well as the Willingham Pharmacy.

Despite any notifications received after ordering electronically, our

## 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

current turnaround for regular repeat prescriptions is THREE WORKING DAYS (this DOES NOT include weekends) so please be aware of this when ordering and give yourself plenty of time to ensure you don't run out of medication.

We will always help where we can with urgent orders. However, this is always subject to stock availability so we cannot guarantee we can fulfil a prescription quickly. In these circumstances we will be in contact to advise.

## Private Insurance Work

The GPs will complete most private insurance documentation (e.g. claim forms for holiday cancellations, private healthcare questionnaires, factual medical reports etc.) however, these are not covered under the NHS contract. As a result, because the GPs need to prioritise their clinical work, these types of requests may take a while so please allow 30 days for your request to be completed and be aware that charges will apply.

## Vaccinations

The Pneumococcal Vaccine is available year round for everyone who is aged 65 years and over.

The RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Vaccine is available year round for everyone who is aged between 75 and 79 years of age and for all pregnant women who are over 28 weeks.

The Shingles Vaccine is available year round for everyone who is aged between 70 and 79 years of age 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. Please note, when booking your second (booster) shingles vaccination, that this cannot be administered any sooner (even by one day) than six calendar months after the first vaccination was given.

## Carers' Meetings

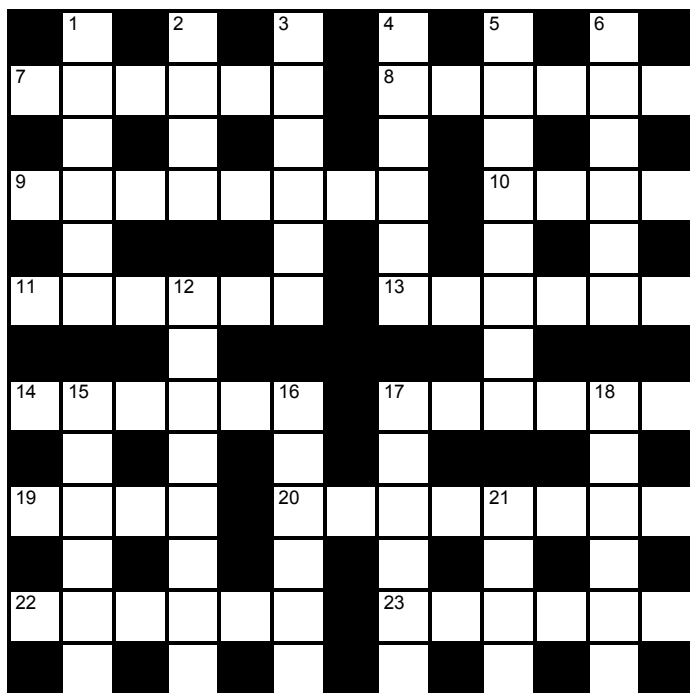
If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 3 September**, at the Wilford Furlong Centre in Willingham, where we will be holding a drop in session between 2 and 4 pm. Please come along and get some 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*

## Quick Crossword

by Willow

Answers on page 19



### Across

- 7 More affluent (6)
- 8 Far away (6)
- 9 Physical wounds (8)
- 10 Stand on hind legs (4)
- 11 Casual top (1-5)
- 13 Deeply quiet (6)
- 14 Shown to be true (6)
- 17 Receives accommodation and meals (6)
- 19 Spoken (4)
- 20 Appreciative (8)
- 22 First-born (6)
- 23 Keep (6)

### Down

- 1 Instruments (6)
- 2 Old-fashioned you (4)
- 3 Constable perhaps (6)
- 4 Emergency (6)
- 5 Rain protection (8)
- 6 Pressure (6)
- 12 Complex (8)
- 15 Seldom (6)
- 16 Numbers (6)
- 17 Department (6)
- 18 Spitting image (6)
- 21 Piece of cake (4)

## Missing Vowels Quiz

by Herewill

These are well-known popular music titles with animals or creatures in the name, preceded by the band or artist. The vowels are missing and the spaces are randomly placed. For example, MDN DT GRF T is Mud and Tiger Feet.

- 1 THC RND TH LV C TS
- 2 THBT LSND M THW LRS
- 3 TYL RSWF TND W HTHRS
- 4 LT NJH NND C RCD LRC K
- 5 LV SPR SL YN DH NDD G
- 6 T MJN SND W HT SNWP SSYC T
- 7 MTL FN DBT TFH LL
- 8 L DZP PLNN DB LC KD G
- 9 SRVV RND YFT HTG R
- 10 MR CN DHR SWTHN NM

Answers on page 19



## Young Readers' Corner

### Hello Young Readers and, maybe, Young Writers!

Have you ever wanted to write a book? Maybe you should start with writing a short story — here are some tips on how to get started.

*Don't just start writing and hope that somehow you might end up with a story. You need a plan!* First, you will need to have a good idea of the main character or characters — this is called a Character Profile. Here are some ideas : think of details of the character: their name, their hair colour, how tall they are, how they speak, their hobbies, their family, etc. Write all this on the first of the pages in a planning notebook. Then you need to think of a plot! The plot of a story is often called a 'Story Mountain' — it begins with the **opening**, in which you introduce your characters. Then the plot 'climbs' as you **build up** the story with something to be solved; then you create a **problem** or some difficulty for the character, making the story more thrilling. Then it's down the 'story mountain' as your hero solves the problem — this is called the **resolution**. To end, there's a **conclusion**, where all ends up okay... or, if you want to make it different, create a clever twist, in which something you wrote about earlier turns out to be not quite what it seemed.

So, on your plan, write down headings... Opening, Build-Up, Problem, Resolution, Conclusion.

To start, it might be useful to think about the character first then the problem they will have to overcome. To help you, look for inspiration in books of facts, newspaper headlines, people you see in the street, unusual things you see in a shop, a museum or even at home!

And don't rush! Keep a notebook, and eventually an idea will come. And maybe, in a future issue of *Willingham News*, you might see your story in print!

## Harry Potter Word Search

Are you a Harry Potter fan? See if you can find 12 names associated with the books and films!

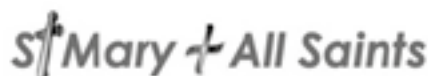
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HERMIONE  
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QUIDDITCH  
RON  
SNAPE  
VOLDEMORT  
WEASLEY

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## Services – in Church (except where shown)

- 7 September** 11 00 am Morning Prayer – Book of Common Prayer
- 14 September** 11 00 am Morning Prayer
- 21 September** 11 00 am Café Church – in the Octagon
- 28 September** 11 00 am Holy Communion

## Our New Team Vicar

We are delighted to be welcoming Rev Ed Green as he joins us as Team Vicar in the 5Folds Team of Churches from mid-September. His Licensing Service will be held at St Mary's Church in Over on **Tuesday 16 September at 7 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 13 September** from 10 am in the Octagon with the usual mix of music, refreshments, laughter and fun. Everyone living with memory loss (or similar conditions) accompanied by a carer, friend or family member – free of charge. See page 5 for further details.

## Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open Monday mornings from 10 am – 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

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 4 30 – 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 £16 per hour.

For further information and bookings, please contact Colin Smith at the administration office, Tuesday to Friday, 9 30 am – 12 noon, using the contact details shown below.

## Contact Details

### Clergy:

Rev Stephen Dove 07944 014521 or [stephen@5folds.org.uk](mailto:stephen@5folds.org.uk)

### Licensed Lay Minister:

Canon Jan Payne 07780 674563 or

[jan.payne@northstowe.church](mailto:jan.payne@northstowe.church)

### 5folds Administration Office:

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



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## ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

### Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

Friendly contemporary services with songs, prayers and fellowship.

- 7 September** Morning Service with Communion
- 14 September** Family Service
- 21 September** Morning Service of the Word
- 28 September** Visiting preacher

## EVENTS

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

Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

### Men's Breakfast – Saturday 20 September, 7 45 – 9 am

Breakfast and chat. Talk by Glenn Myers: *Personal Journey and Purpose*.

### Community Lunch Club – Thursdays 11 and 25 September

Book through Daphne on 07919 024857.

### Women's Bible Study Group

Last Monday evening 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 Church 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).

# Willingham Library

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

0345 0455225

## Opening hours:

**Tuesday: 10 am – 1 pm and 2 – 5 pm**

**Thursday: 4 – 7 pm**

**Friday: 10 am – 1 pm**

**Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm**

## Your Online Account

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

## The Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all children who have finished the Summer Reading Challenge this year. The awards ceremony for those who have completed the challenge will be held on **Tuesday 16 September** at 3.15 pm in the library.

## Engage in the Afternoon

**Wednesday 3 September, 2 – 3.30 pm**

Sorry, no information for this event is available at the moment. Please see posters around the village or ask in the library closer to the date.

## Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

**Tuesday 9 September, 10.30 am – 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.

## After School Lego Session – 2nd Thursday of the month, term time only

**Thursday 11 September, 4 – 5 pm**

Children four and over, with an accompanying adult.

## Family Lego Club – 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, term time only

**Saturdays 13 and 27 September, 10.15 – 11.45 am**

If you love Lego, then come to the library and enjoy some time building with Duplo or Lego. Children four and over with an accompanying adult.

## Meet Roxy, a Pets as Therapy Dog – 3rd Tuesday of the month, term time only

**Tuesday 16 September, 2 – 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.

A big thank you to all who have visited and supported these sessions, Roxy looks forward to seeing you again!

## 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).

## Friends of Willingham Library Events

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

## Family History Session

**Friday 5 September, 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 6 September, 10.30 am – 12 noon**

We have a good variety of second-hand books for sale. Fantastic value at 50p each or three for £1. Start stocking up for the autumn or even get a few early Christmas gifts!

## Games and Social Afternoon

**Wednesday 10 September, 2 – 4 pm**

Come and join us for a relaxing game of Scrabble or one of the other games we have at the library. Maybe bring a favourite game from home to share. Or you're welcome to just sit, chat and enjoy some company and refreshments.

## Knit and Natter

**Wednesday 17 September, 2 – 4 pm**

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

## Poetry and Prose

**Tuesday 23 September, 7.30 pm**

The theme for this session is 'FLOWERS'. Join us for an enjoyable and entertaining evening of poetry and prose. Bring along a poem or some prose to share, and maybe photos or pictures. Any flowery clothes? If so, please come suitably attired! If you're a budding poet bring your own poems to share or, of course, you are welcome to just come and listen. Refreshments available.

## Friends of Willingham Library

has a very special event planned for

**Friday 17 October at 7.30 pm**

Join us at the Social Club for an entertaining evening with Richard Reynolds, co-founder of *The Bodies in the Bookshop* in Cambridge.

He will present *My Life in Crime (Fiction)*.

This is a FREE event with wine or soft drink on arrival and a cold finger buffet for all.

The bar will also be open.

Please book your places by **Friday 3 October** by contacting the above email address or leaving your details with Jacob in the library.



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## Friends of Willingham Church

### We need your help!

It's an expensive business looking after a church that's hundreds of years old. St Mary & All Saints building needs urgent and expensive repairs. Keeping the church open depends on being able to maintain the church as well as pay the bills.

You can help by supporting the Friends of Willingham Church.

Our AGM is to be held on **Tuesday 7 October at 7 30 pm** in the Octagon Hall. All are welcome to attend for a review of our past year.

Why not join us? We are a community group, established in summer 2023 to raise money for the maintenance of the outside of the church building. Our desire is to preserve the church so future generations can enjoy it as much as we do. We would love to welcome some more members.

By joining the Friends, you will receive updates on our restoration projects when they get underway and invitations to church events. We ask you to please support the Friends with a donation of £10 every six months (per household) or whatever you can afford. You can set up a standing order or make payments by BACS.

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).

Our parish church, Saint Mary & All Saints 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.

These wonderful wall paintings will be the basis of our next fund-raising event. This will take place in November and will include an in-depth talk and tour of the paintings followed by seasonal refreshments served in the Octagon.

In the new year we have the return of our popular spring quiz. Dates and further details to follow.

## Poetry Corner

### Sweet September

They stand and call across the village street  
Discuss the shy grey-eyed September day —  
Her soft sunlight, clouds, warmth, windspeed  
And all else — making disparaging comparisons  
With her elder sister of a day before.

But the day will not stand for all their talk.  
Though not born yesterday, she knows  
What days must do: she shakes her curls and hurries on  
Scorning those who will not greet her with a kiss.

Things, meanwhile, indignant, take her part.  
They do not stir, but press on consciences  
And sullenly remain undone.

*Nick Corcoran*

## Fen Drayton Lakes

In September, on two dates only, the RSPB are bringing canoeing back to Fen Drayton Lakes. You will be led on an exploratory journey around islands and reeds to experience the reserve from an angle rarely seen by visitors. We are working in partnership with a well-respected water sports company to deliver this exciting event so no previous experience of canoeing is required. You will be in expert hands and guided by a reserve warden with many years' knowledge of the site and its wildlife.

As you paddle gently through the waterways, you'll find yourself immersed in a world teeming with life. Majestic bitterns stand sentinel in the reeds, their long legs perfectly adapted for wading through shallow waters as they hunt for fish. Moorhens dart among the reeds, their distinctive red bills and black plumage adding splashes of colour to the landscape. With patience and a keen eye, you may also catch a glimpse of an otter moving through the water, a real highlight of any visit to the reserve.

Canoeing offers a sustainable way to explore these delicate ecosystems without disturbing the wildlife. The quiet, non-intrusive nature of a canoe allows you to observe animals in their natural habitat without causing undue stress or disruption. It's a chance to become a mindful observer, blending seamlessly into the environment and experiencing nature in its purest form.

So, consider grabbing a paddle, embarking on an adventure and letting the wonders of the natural world unfold before you.

To see further details and book tickets for this event and all other upcoming events, please visit: [events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes](https://events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes).

### Other upcoming events at Fen Drayton Lakes

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

### Volunteering Opportunities

We have a variety of different volunteer roles on the reserve including our practical work groups, visitor engagement and breeding bird surveys. If you would like to find out how you could get involved, visit [rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/fen-drayton-lakes](https://rspb.org.uk/days-out/reserves/fen-drayton-lakes).



## Thought for the Month

Hello! I'm Reverend Stephen Dove, one of the new Church of England priests for the villages of Willingham, Swavesey, Longstanton and Over. I've come to the benefice from Northstowe, so not very far at all. I'm slowly getting to know St Mary & All Saints Church and the Willingham community. Midway through September I'll be joined by my new colleague Reverend Ed Green. Part of our role as parish priests is to support community life. We are here for the marking and celebrating of life events: weddings, baptisms and funerals. This is something St Mary & All Saints has done for its community for hundreds and hundreds of years, and I hope will continue to do so for many years to come.

You will hopefully find that the church is open during the day, and you are always very welcome to pop in and take a moment to rest or simply enjoy being in the space. I wonder if you've seen the rather fantastic and unique wall paintings that adorn the walls of the church? Many churches would have once been highly decorated like this and we are fortunate that ours have been rediscovered. Look up and you will see some beautifully carved wooden angels.

If you're looking to get to know some other people in the village, can I recommend The Hub on a Monday morning? This happens in The Octagon hall behind the church and is a space for conversation, toast and homemade soup! You would be very welcome to pop along and I hope you would very quickly feel at home.

Finally, you are so welcome to join us on a Sunday morning at 11 am for our weekly service, and stick around afterwards for a cup of tea.

*Rev Stephen Dove*

## Willingham History Group (WHIG)

### The Real Norman Conquest of 1071, Just Outside Willingham!

Ask almost anyone and they will say that England was conquered by the Normans at Hastings in 1066. However, they would be wrong. The conquest took many years to complete, only for the final Saxon hold-out on the Isle of Eels to be crushed in 1071 and yes, Willingham was very close to the Norman camp while they laid siege to the Isle of Eels.

Find out more at the WHIG meeting on **Monday 29 September** at 7 30 pm at the Social Club.

£4 on the door to cover the cost of the room.



## Family Fun Colour Run

The Willingham School Association are delighted to be hosting another Colour Run this year on **Saturday 20 September** at the Primary School.

It is a vibrant and fun-filled event where participants run, walk, or skip through a course set up on the school playing field while being showered with colour from powder stations sponsored by local businesses. In the last minute you can enter the central station for a full powder experience! By the end, all participants will be covered in a rainbow of colours.

It's a celebration of fitness, community, and creativity! Perfect for families, friends, and anyone who wants to enjoy a fun day out. There will be plenty to keep non-runners entertained. Food and drink will be available alongside stalls, activities and warm-ups from Stardust Dance Academy, back by popular demand! Gates, stalls, refreshments and registration open at 1 30 pm with the first heat at 3 pm.

Scan the QR code on the flyer to book. Entries close **Friday 12 September**.

Once entered, follow the link to the waiver form, one for each participant. Bring this with you to Registration on the day. The powder is from Event Colour Ltd, the UK's only Holi Powder manufacturer. EN71 Certified Powders are safe, non-toxic and made from natural ingredients.

We plan for the event to go ahead in all but extreme weather conditions. The rain will just add to the excitement and make the colours brighter!

Any further questions, please email [Willinghamschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:Willinghamschoolassociation@gmail.com).



# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

## Flowers on Graves

There was a recent BBC article regarding flowers on graves in Haddenham, but it also mentioned that Willingham had similar 'lawn only' regulations in place. However, our response is that in Willingham we do not put restrictions on the flowers or plants put on a grave space, provided they comply with cemetery terms and conditions and are not a safety issue. We have a wild growing area which is only cut at the end of each growing season, and our cemetery management is often commended by visitors.

## Postal Voting

If you are someone who relies on postal voting, you may be one of the 15,000 South Cambs postal voters whose applications are due to expire in January 2026, after their three operating statutory years. Voters are currently being contacted to invite them to reapply, but if you have any questions you may message the elections team on [elections@scambs.gov.uk](mailto:elections@scambs.gov.uk).

## Recreation Ground

Sadly, there was some nasty graffiti around the pavilion in July, which was swiftly dealt with by our excellent office team. Clear pictures of the perpetrators were captured on our CCTV. Fingers crossed, at the time of writing this has not been repeated.

Last July there was standing water on a very soggy lower recreation ground. This July it was so dry that, while one of the few grassy areas in Willingham that was still green due to it being low lying flood plain, it unusually showed clearly visible darker stripes marking the locations of drainage pipes into the lode. We photographed them with a drone for future reference.

It is lovely to see this open space being well used, and the cricket and football clubs are among those groups able to make good use of it. We would ask that the No Dogs signs please be respected, both there and on the QEII field: even small traces of dog faeces can be a health hazard.

## Safety on our Roads

The Council are hoping to introduce some give-way traffic calming on Earith Road near the Orchard. If the project goes ahead, it would be using S106 monies ring-fenced for specific highways issues. We would like some specific yes/no feedback on the idea. Please let the council office know by **25 September** whether you support the idea or not. Similar details will be found on the Facebook pages.

Thankfully the nesting season is ending and hedges can be cut back to help those using our cycle paths. It is a big thank you to the patient motorists who give more room for cyclists, and there are currently more on our village roads.

Horses also need to be afforded a similar margin when being passed. Also, can the drivers of horse boxes be given a gentle reminder that their box wheels are much wider than their vehicle pulling the box, meaning an even greater gap is needed when passing other road users.

## 20 mph Scheme Update

Although these new schemes need two years to really understand their effectiveness, teething problems can arise and those relating to roads in Willingham are being investigated. So please be patient, don't speed through – or worse, overtake – as such selfish driving can be really dangerous to all.

## Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Nature Recovery Strategy: a Survey

This Local Nature Recovery Strategy, i.e. planning how to create and enhance nature around our region, is now calling for responses via a survey by **11 September**. This is where you can have your say, [yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lnrs/consultation/?s=09](http://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lnrs/consultation/?s=09) or you may use this email [localnaturerecoverystrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:localnaturerecoverystrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) for direct contact with the team.

## Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy on our Parish Council and if you would like to be considered for co-option to this post please get in touch with the Parish Office. The closing date for this is **25 September**.

## 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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We will have guest speakers at some of our meetings, covering a variety of subjects such as wildlife, creative photography, landscape and travel photography and more. We also have internal and external competitions and there are members' nights covering various topics: camera gear, software, practical sessions and more — something for everyone!

The full annual subscription this season (September 2025 to May 2026) is: Adult £68, Concession £55, (Pension age), Youth membership £20. Guest visitor: £4 per meeting.

Come along and try us out! The Club meets in the Carol Shaw room at Swavesey Village College during College term time every Thursday 7 to 9 pm. For further information and to see some of our members' photos check out our website: [www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk). If you would like more information about the club or you are thinking about joining, please get in touch via the Contact Us form on the website.

*Maggie O'Moore*

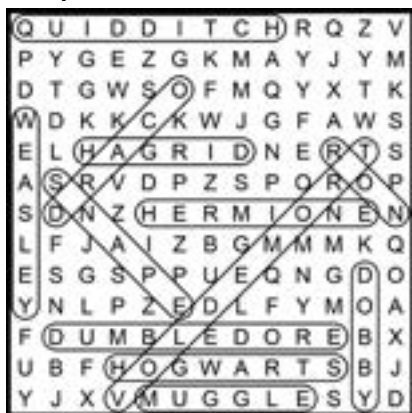
### Puzzle Answers

#### Quick Crossword Answers:

**Across:** 7 Richer, 8 Remote, 9 Injuries, 10 Rear, 11 T-shirt, 13 Silent, 14 Proved, 17 Boards, 19 Oral, 20 Grateful, 22 Eldest, 23 Castle.

**Down:** 1 Pianos, 2 Thou, 3 Artist, 4 Crisis, 5 Umbrella, 6 Strain, 12 Involved, 15 Rarely, 16 Digits, 17 Branch, 18 Double, 21 Easy.

#### Harry Potter Word Search



#### Missing Vowels Quiz

1 The Cure and The Love Cats 2 The Beatles and I Am The Walrus 3 Taylor Swift and White Horse 4 Elton John and Crocodile Rock 5 Elvis Presley and Hound Dog 6 Tom Jones and What's New Pussy Cat 7 Meat Loaf and Bat out of Hell 8 Led Zeppelin and Black Dog 9 Survivor and Eye of the Tiger 10 America and A Horse with No Name

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Mon 1 Sept	Talk: <i>Beautiful Bulbs</i> with Simon White	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p9
Wed 3 Sept	TBC	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p13
Wed 3 Sept	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Wed 3 Sept	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p17
Thu 4 Sept	Welcome Night	Swavesey Camera Club	Carol Shaw Room Swavesey Village College	7 – 9 pm, see p19
Thu 4 Sept	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Fri 5 Sept	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p13
Fri 5 Sept	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm
Sat 6 Sept	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p13
Sun 7 Sept	Louisiana Jazzband	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 8 Sept	Talk: <i>Life and Times in the Fire Brigade</i> with Bryan Saddington	Women's Institute	Social Club	Doors open 7 pm, see p9
Tue 9 Sept	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p13
Wed 10 Sept	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p13
Thu 11 Sept	After School Lego Session	Library	Library	4 – 5 pm, see p13
Thu 11 Sept	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	See p12
Sat 13 Sept	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p5 & p12
Sat 13 Sept	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p13
Mon 15 Sept	Photo Club	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p9
Tue 16 Sept	Summer Reading Challenge Awards Ceremony	Library	Library	3 15pm, see p13
Tue 16 Sept	Pets as Therapy	Library	Library	2 – 3 pm, see p13
Wed 17 Sept	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p13
Sat 20 Sept	Family Colour Run and Fete	School Association	Primary School	1 30 – 5 pm, see p7 & p16
Sat 20 Sept	Talk: <i>Personal Journey and Purpose</i> with Glenn Myers	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p12
Tue 23 Sept	Poetry & Prose Evening Theme: <i>Flowers</i>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p13
Thu 25 Sept	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	See p12
Thu 25 to Sun 28 Sept	Fun Fair	Willingham Feast	The Green	See p7
Sat 27 Sep	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p13
Mon 29 Sep	<i>The Real Norman Conquest 1071</i>	Willingham History Group	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7 & p16



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