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Old Willingham



Recently, this interesting photo was contributed to the site and shows the inside of the old Baptist Tabernacle Church on George Street. This may be a Sunday morning and possibly a special event. Two things are remarkable: first we see what the inside of this big church was like before it was demolished in the 1980s. There was a large upstairs gallery and, if it were like most churches, everyone would know where they sat each week. 'Woe betide' if you took their spot. The second remarkable thing is how full the church is, showing the importance of the church to the village in the 1950s. The church that now sits on this site would not hold half this many!

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

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

Each year, Samaritan's Purse sends hundreds of shoeboxes packed with goodies to those who otherwise would not receive a gift. This year, through Operation Christmas Child, they will go to children in more than 100 countries, from refugee camps in the Middle East to war-torn Ukraine and remote villages in Africa and Central Asia.

If you would like to give a gift this Christmas, you can bring things such as school supplies, new toys (that will fit into a shoebox!) or personal care items (a bar of soap, toothbrush, hairbrush, etc), but no sweets, toothpaste, liquids or lotions, to the Baptist Church by **Friday 7 November**, when we hope to pack the boxes ready for collection. If you have any spare shoeboxes, these would be useful to us as well, as we can cover them in Christmas paper!

Your generosity last year helped us fill over 100 boxes. Let's see how many we can do this year!

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

Hilary Wyllie

The Octagon Community Hub

Monday Mornings 10 am – 12 30 pm

Come and join us on Monday mornings in the Octagon where you will find someone to chat to if you would like some company. We offer tea, coffee and biscuits at all sessions. We also serve a light lunch which is often fresh vegetable soup and buttered toast, beans on toast or jacket potatoes. There are magazines, books, puzzles, games, knitting and colouring for you to enjoy as well.

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 Willingham Co-op.

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 October!

The Scarecrows are Making a Comeback!

Last year, over 40 scarecrows appeared around the village, delighting youngsters and adults alike. Some of them can still be seen around the village! This year, as part of the Willingham Feast in October, villagers have another chance to get creative!

Get ready to build a scarecrow and display it for everyone to enjoy. It's your chance to join in the fun. Just like last year, there are no rules and no themes, so you can let your imagination run wild. Whether you want to build a classic straw figure or something completely unexpected, all are welcome! A special thank you to the Garner and Wake families on West Fen Road, who have generously offered straw to help bring the scarecrows to life!

If you'd like to participate, register your address so that the community can come and find your creation!

To register your scarecrow, send a private message on www.facebook.com/WillinghamVillage/ or send an email to willinghamvillagepage@gmail.com.

Willingham Memory Box Café

If you're living with any form of memory loss or other illness please do come with a friend, family member or carer to join us for
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St Mary & All Saints Church Gift Day

Our Church is there for all, not just for services on Sundays and not just as an historic monument, but to support all for special occasions, celebrations and life's events, including those who want to come in, even if it's just for a few moments of peace.

As with all things, however, it does take a great deal of money to keep it running and open. We have all the usual expenses to cover – heating, lighting, insurance, cleaning, repairs, etc.

We are always very grateful for any donations that people can give for the Church to continue to support the community.

We are holding our annual Gift Day in the Church on **Saturday 11 October from 10 am to 2 pm**, when members of the Church will be on hand to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. Light refreshments will be available. So please do come along, even for just a few minutes. Any donations that you feel able to make by card, cheque or cash will be very much appreciated.

For further information contact us at wardengroupwill@gmail.com.

Willingham Warden Group

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 13 October at 7 pm** at the Social Club. We will be having refreshments on arrival and time to chat, before the speaker starts at 7 30 pm.

Peter Hains will be giving us the second part of his *Literary Tour of Cambridge*. The first part was very interesting and amusing, so we are looking forward to seeing him again.

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 have an interesting 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.

You would be warmly welcomed for a taster session to check us out, free of charge. To find out more, please contact willinghamwi28@gmail.com or phone Vicky on 01954 201405. We hope to see you soon.

The WI Quiz is back! Save the date!
Friday 23 January 2026

Open at 7 pm for a 7 30 pm start at the Social Club.

Ticket price £6 per person, teams 4 to 6 (contact willinghamwi28@gmail.com for a team entry form).

Duke Fest

Bringing the pub garden back to life at the Duke of Wellington

In August the garden at the Duke of Wellington pub burst back into life as it played host to the first ever Duke Fest. And, judging by the smiling faces and empty pint glasses, it won't be the last.

'It's fantastic to see the Duke garden back up and running,' was the sentiment echoed by many of the locals who turned out to enjoy four days of beer, barbecue, and brilliant live music.



The festival bar offered an impressive array of real ales and ciders to suit every palate, from dark caramel milds to crisp, hoppy golden ales and refreshing elderflower cider. Those who preferred the classics were also well catered for, with the pub's regular selection available inside.

Duke Fest was more than just a celebration of great drinks – it was a celebration of local community spirit. The ever-enthusiastic Willingham Wolves football teams manned the barbecue with flair, serving up top-quality burgers and sausages sourced from Highgate Butchers. Meanwhile, the festival shone a spotlight on local brewers, with standout offerings from Papworth Brewery (Earith), Milton Brewery (Waterbeach) and Foxhay Cider (Rampton) – made from apples grown right here in Willingham.

The atmosphere was electric throughout the weekend, thanks in no small part to the live music. On Saturday, Beerbelly delivered a lively set of crowd-pleasing covers, with Stingray following suit on Sunday.

From the clink of pint glasses to the sound of laughter and dancing feet, Duke Fest proved that the heart of Willingham's community is alive and well—and ready to party.

Roll on the next one!

Catherine Atkins

Willingham Feast Events Plan 2025

October Dates	Event	Location
All month	Village Scarecrows Everyone is welcome to put up a scarecrow	All welcome
Friday 3	Teens Silent Disco – 11 to 18 years old 7 30 – 10 pm £5 Tuck Shop – No Alcohol Tickets: www.trybooking.com/uk/FECB <i>Pre-booking essential!</i>	Ploughman Hall
Saturday 4	Adult Silent Disco £7 7 30 – 11 pm (With Bar) Tickets: www.trybooking.com/uk/FEEA <i>Pre-booking essential!</i>	Ploughman Hall
Saturday 4 Sunday 5	Art Exhibition and Artwork Sale – Free Entrance, Sat: 3 – 5 pm, Sun: 11 am – 3 pm	Library
Saturday 4 Sunday 5	Photo Club Exhibition – Free Entrance, Sat: 11 am – 5 pm, Sun: 11 am – 4 pm	Public Hall
Sunday 5	Harvest Festival Service 11 00 am – 12 noon	St Mary & All Saints Church
Sunday 5	Harvest Festival Lunch 12 30 – 2 30 pm 1 st come, 1 st served (Max 50) – cost £5 Wardengroupwill@gmail.com	Octagon
Sunday 5	Repair Café 1 – 4 30 pm	Ploughman Hall
Tuesday 7	Movie night, <i>The Greatest Showman Singalong</i> Pop into the pub for tickets: £10 Adults, £5 Under 12s	Porterhouse Tipi
Saturday 11	Street Food Trucks and Live Music 2 or 3 trucks – 12 noon until late	Duke of Wellington car park
Sunday 12	Bulb planting 2 – 4 pm Volunteers (with Gardening Club)	Village Green
Friday 17	Murder Mystery Book Night (run by FOWL) Author talk and snacks 7 30 pm until late Pre-book: Willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com	Social Club
Saturday 18	Wine Quiz (run by Cat & Clive) 7 30 – 11 pm Cost £25 Contact: carolinepawsey@gmail.com	Social Club
Sunday 19	Bulb planting 2 – 4 pm Volunteers (with Gardening Club)	Willford Furlong
Friday 31	Carradine's Cockney Singalong 7 – 11 pm Free admission / restaurant reservations advised	The Porterhouse



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Willingham History Group (WHIG)

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Friends of Willingham Church

It's an expensive business looking after a church that's hundreds of years old. Our parish church St 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.

The church community does not receive any funding from The Church of England; it is up to local people to pay for the upkeep of the church. English Heritage cannot support ongoing maintenance – they barely have enough funds to help those churches that are in danger of collapse.

You can help by supporting the Friends of Willingham Church. Our AGM is on Tuesday 7 October at 7 30 pm in the Octagon. All are welcome to join us for a review of our past year.

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. 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. If you would like to become a member or just find out more, please email us on the above address.

Our next fund-raising event will be on Saturday 8 November at 2 30 pm in the Church, £5 per person. We will be hosting a speaker from National Heritage who will present a talk about the wall paintings and other aspects of decoration within the church. Following the talk, we will be selling tea, coffee and home-made cakes in the Octagon.

To book please contact friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com.

Autumn Vaccination Clinic at the Hub

Willingham (Octagon) Community Hub is hosting an immunisation clinic for local people on Monday 3 November, 10 am to 12 noon. Save the date!

We're working with the Community & School-Age Immunisation Team that covers Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The team plan to offer vaccinations to adults, aged 65 and over, for:

- COVID: 75 and over or 18 – 74 years if severely immunosuppressed
- FLU: 65 and over
- PPV (Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Vaccine): 65 and over
- Shingles: 70 – 79 years
- RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus): 75 – 79 years

Flu and shingles vaccines may be given to 60 – 65 year-olds based on health conditions or medications.

There is no charge for the immunisations, and your health records will be updated on a national system which gets uploaded to all GP records.

Our friendly Hub team will have the kettle on for refreshments, so please do stay on and have a cuppa and a chat with us and find out more about our free community support.

Find us in The Hub, The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street, Willingham, Cambridge, CB24 5HS on Mondays from 10 am until 12 noon.

Sue Lines

October Events at Creative Grounds Café

Fridays 3 October and 10 October Craft & Cup

Adults only, 6 30 to 9 pm.

Relax with a glass of wine or prosecco and do something creative! Craft activities are available to purchase for anyone who wants to join in!

Booking: £5 per person, redeemable against your first drink. Non-refundable. Book your place at the café.

Sundays 5 October and 12 October Family Games Afternoon

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If you're eligible, you'll get a letter in October or November and most eligible people will be paid automatically in November or December.

If you haven't received a payment before, and believe you are eligible, you can contact DWP Winter Fuel Payment by telephone, post or online to make a claim.

For further information please visit www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment or telephone 0800 731 0160.

Be aware of potential scams related to winter fuel payment claims

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 SystmOnline, by using the NHS App or telephoning the surgery and speaking to our reception team.

Medication Changes

If you have been contacted regarding an unexpected change to your medication, this is likely to be due to an NHS policy to ensure that patients are receiving the most medically appropriate and cost-effective treatment. As a result, to keep up to date with the latest national and local guidelines, changes to treatment are sometimes necessary. If you have any queries or concerns these should be directed to Spirit Health by email to info@spirit-healthcare.co.uk or by telephoning their 24-hour helpline on 0800 881 5423.

Vaccinations

- The Pneumococcal Vaccine is available all year round for everyone who is aged 65 years and over.
- The RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Vaccine is available all 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 all 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 31/08/28 (these individuals should be vaccinated on or after

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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

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Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

(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.

Adult Flu Clinics – Support Your Surgery and Book With Us

Over 65s Clinic

(eligible if you are turning 65 on or before 31/03/26)

Saturday 11 October at the Willingham Medical Practice

Saturday 18 October at the Longstanton Surgery

Under 65s

If you are eligible (aged between 18 – 64 and have certain health conditions, are pregnant, live in a care home, are a main carer or live with someone who has a weakened immune system) please contact our reception team to book.

Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meetings

The PPG brings together patients, GPs and staff from the GP practice. They meet to discuss issues relating to their surgery and the services provided to patients. This allows GPs and staff to work with patients to plan services which best meet the needs of the people who use those services. All our patients are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 November**, 7 – 9 pm at the Willingham Medical Practice.

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 1 October**, 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.

Willingham Medical Practice

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Nature's Names

Someone once said that swans look as though they've been reading their own fan mail. And they certainly do, with their air of *Hey, look at me!*

The word *swan* is one of the oldest names which are still in use in the bird kingdom, having stayed the same spelling since Anglo Saxon times, and before. It is highly likely that it originated from the Indo-European base word for 'sound', which was *swen*. The fact that the name is similar in many European languages – Swedish is *svan*, Dutch is *zwaan*, German is *schwan* – indicates that the name was well and truly established before the Indo-European language 'tree' split into Germanic, Scandinavian, Baltic, etc.

You may well wonder why the word for 'sound' was applied to our most common resident species, the *mute* swan. It doesn't call in flight, unlike the visiting Berwick's and whooper swans, but can make quite a racket when on the ground!

Swans appear in books and poems in abundance. Their beauty and style suggest that they deserve their place in literature. But let us allow Spike Milligan to end this item, with his poem 'Down the stream the swans all glide' –

*Down the stream the swans all glide;
It's quite the cheapest way to ride.
Their legs get wet,
Their tummies wetter:
I think after all
The bus is better.*

John Lawrence



Young Readers' Corner

Willingham village has a celebration called The Feast in early October each year.

Here are some questions for you and the family to check out the background to our Feasts –

- What are *Feasts*? Are they...
 - Special meals with lots of food, often for many people
 - Limbs attached to your ankles
 - Managing to overcome really difficult challenges
- Can you guess what the Willingham Feast celebrations are all about?
 - The winner of the European cup
 - The end of the school holidays
 - The safe harvest of all the crops grown by the farmers and the villagers
- What are three of the main crops grown by farmers in Willingham?
 - Winter Wheat
 - Lemons
 - Beans
 - Parsnips
 - Spring Barley.

Answers on page 16.

Other countries all over the world have harvest celebrations as well. Here are some of them –

- The Chinese have a Mid-Autumn Festival, centred around family gatherings, eating mooncakes, and appreciating the full moon.
- Diwali is a special time for Hindus and other religions around the world when they celebrate the Festival of Lights, where families share sweets and festive meals, celebrating the triumph of light over darkness.
- The South Koreans celebrate Chuseok which is a harvest festival held in Autumn and involves communal feasts, gathering with family, and sharing traditional foods like songpyeon (rice cakes).
- In Nigeria the Igbo people celebrate the first harvest of the Yam crop with feasting, dancing and community celebrations.
- The Makgolokwe-a-Mafhleng people of South Africa celebrate Mokete wa Mokopu, which is a feast held during the melon harvest season, a key time for food and community.
- North African countries like Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania hold festivals on various dates to celebrate the harvesting of dates, olives and other crops.

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5 October	11 00 am	Harvest Festival Service
12 October	11 00 am	Morning Prayer
19 October	11 00 am	Café Church in the Octagon
26 October	11 00 am	Holy Communion

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 11 October**, from 10 am in the Octagon, with the usual mix of music, refreshments, laughter and fun. Everyone living with memory loss or other illness, accompanied by a carer, friend or family is welcome. See page 5 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 to do, board games and card games to play, colouring sheets to colour, wool to knit with or you can just chat to others in a comfortable, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome.

Prayers for Ukraine

We continue to keep an area set aside in Church for those who wish to spend some quiet reflective time to pray for Ukraine and its people during daytime Church opening hours. Also, **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. 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 to 12 noon, using the contact details shown below.

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5 October	Morning service with communion
12 October	Family service
19 October	Morning service of the word
26 October	Visiting preacher – Chris Webster

EVENTS

Wednesday Fellowship – Coffee Morning, 10 – 11 30 am

Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 18 October, 7 45 – 9 am

Breakfast and chat. Talk by David Scott: *Being Accountable*.

Community Lunch Club – Thursday 9 and 23 October

Book through Daphne on 07919 024857.

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.

Women's Bible Study group – Monday 29 October, 7 30 pm

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 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.

Willingham Gardening Club

On Monday 1 September, we welcomed back guest speaker Simon White with his talk *Beautiful Bulbs*. From crocuses to narcissi, galanthus (snowdrops) to tulips, Simon took us on a visual tour of some of the flowers to plant for a spectacular spring garden. It was also a great opportunity to get some top tips for autumn planting.

Here are some to get you started:

1. As a general rule, aim to plant bulbs 6 to 8 weeks before the first hard frost in your area.
2. Choose your location.
3. Prepare the ground, clearing any weeds and add any organic matter, such as compost and grit, to improve drainage and add nutrients to the soil.
4. Dig the holes using a spade or bulk planter, remembering to dig to the appropriate depth for the bulb you are planting.
5. Plant bulbs with the pointed 'nose' (where the shoot emerges) at the top and the flat 'basal plate' at the bottom.

Our next meeting will be our annual Gardeners' Question Time on **Monday 6 October**. Come prepared with your questions for our panel of experts!

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

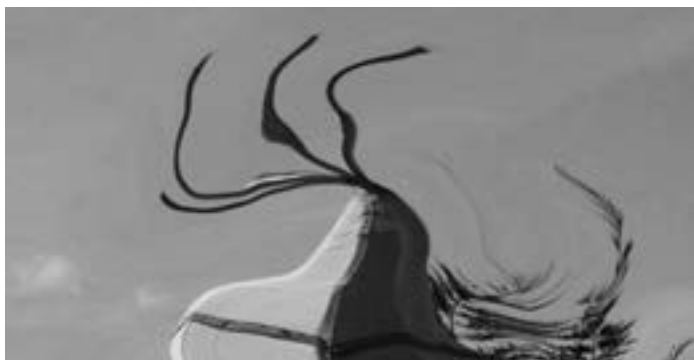
New members are always welcome and can sign up for a membership now. If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email: willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub.

Spring bulb planting in Willingham: WAG and Willingham Gardening Club invite you to join us to plant bulbs on The Green on **Sunday 12 October** and in Wilford Furlong on **Sunday 19 October**.

Mystery Photo

How did you get on with last month's Mystery Photo? We know some people struggled, so we can blame our mischievous photographer. It was the Long Lane name plate at the Church Street end.

Here's this month's Mystery Photo. Again, it's been tweaked somewhat. Good luck!



Willingham Social Club

Our Beer Festival does it again!

The Social Club hosted the Annual Village Beer Festival on 18 – 19 July. This year's event was dedicated to one of main organisers of the Beer Festival, Steve Smith, who is sadly no longer with us. It was another great success for the club (over 350 people attended) with 14 varieties of beer and cider (many of which were from local breweries), great food and live music. Thank you to everyone who supported it – we had new members sign up, lots of happy customers and all of the unused beer token value has gone to support Blood Cancer UK, along with a top-up by the club.

Graham Buxton kicked things off with live music on the Friday, with great food in the guise of burgers, hot dogs from A Waller & Sons Butchers in Cambridge, along with chilli nachos. It was a busy night enjoyed by many, who took advantage of the Friday evening sun. Beer, cider and Pimm's were flowing, along with nine varieties of gin.

Saturday was another busy day with the kitchen serving hot pork and stuffing rolls and chilli nachos. The Peg Leg Pub Band then took to the stage, entertaining the crowd and keeping the dance floor full.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Thompson Taraz Rand Accountants, who were our headline sponsors, and Calibre Roofing who sponsored our gin, Pimm's and prosecco bar. Also, a huge thank you to all our barrel sponsors – sponsorship really helps us run a good event for the community and we really couldn't do it without the support.

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

There have also been other charity nights since the Beer Festival. On 31 August the club held an Open Poker Evening, hosted by the Oakington Poker Society and Cambridge Pub Poker, which helped raise money for Cancer Research.

On Saturday 20 September we hosted a MacMillan Coffee Morning with all profit going to this wonderful organisation.

Jam Club resumed their monthly sessions on Friday 5 September. This is a free night and open to all musicians and singers of varying abilities. Sessions take place on the first Friday of each month, so do come along and participate or just listen to some great individual performances.

We have a wide variety of comedy and tribute nights this Autumn/Winter, along with free music nights, please check our Facebook page for further details.

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

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Looking Ahead to Christmas!

You might not want to be thinking of Christmas just yet but, once again, the December issue of *Willingham News* will include the Christmas Greetings page and we have to plan ahead. If you would like to save yourselves some time and effort, why not send in your greetings to us and we will publish them in a small box for you. No need then to rush around the village posting cards and wondering if you have forgotten anyone! You will need to get your greetings to us by **4 November**. Send them as an attachment to our email address willinghamnews@gmail.com or leave them at the library. It only costs £10 and all of this will go to East Anglian Children's Hospice. Make your cheques payable to East Anglian Children's Hospice and either leave these at the library or post through 54 High Street.

Poetry Corner

Autumn

The equinoctial gales have blown away
The last remaining shreds of summer,
And Autumn, this year a late comer,
Steps up to take her place on the year's stage;
Curating entertainments which include
Harvest Festivals, Halloween and Bonfire Night,
Backed up by hips and haws and blackberries,
Stubble and early dusks.
But all too soon the time arrives
When she must fight off Winter's tentative intrusions.
Christmas appears in embryo
In shops and streets and malls;
Flyers come daily through the door
For cards which feature robins, holly, snowmen
And the Corpus Christi Clock.
Poor Autumn does her best to stem the flow
But she is running out of time;
Why, even the village drama group
Is now rehearsing its annual pantomime.

A Kirkman



Thought for the Month

This summer, we travelled to New York to attend a family wedding. Naturally, we were excited – not only for the celebration but also for the chance to explore New York City. The children were thrilled at the prospect of seeing in real life the landmarks they had only encountered through screens – on TV, online, or in movies.

But alongside the excitement came a sense of unease. With shifting U.S. immigration policies and increased scrutiny of travellers, especially Muslims, even routine travel required extra preparation. Stories of valid visa holders being denied entry or detained prompted advice from friends and family: clear your social media, avoid certain apps, or leave devices behind altogether.

Thankfully, our experience at JFK was smooth – no extra screening, no questioning, no discomfort. It felt like a normal immigration process, and our faith or background didn't draw any special attention.

Still, I couldn't help but reflect on what it must be like to live in the U.S. as a Muslim. The media coverage of Muslims in America often seems to me to be more negative than that of other religious or ethnic groups.

Yet, conversations with our family members painted a different picture. They spoke of feeling fully integrated into their communities and as American as anyone else. In New York, where the Muslim population is close to one million, it's common to have three or four mosques within a 10-minute drive. These mosques serve diverse congregations: Americans with roots in dozens of countries, united in faith and community.

Compared to the UK, where Muslims face their own challenges, the U.S. experience seems more fraught with travel-related anxiety. For now, still, I returned home with a deeper awareness of how current policies have turned what was once a routine journey into one that demands courage, preparation, and reflection.

In the end, the trip was deeply rewarding. New York's energy, diversity, along with catching up with family and attending the wedding – which stretched over several days – offered a rich and affirming experience.

Kashif Sheikh
Willingham Muslims



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NOTE – The Library Service has a NEW and UPDATED SPYDUS APP. It has new features to help you manage multiple library accounts and search the catalogue. The existing app ceased to work in August 2025. Please see poster in the library window for the new app or ask inside.

Engage in the Afternoon

Wednesday 1 October, 2 – 3 30 pm

Sorry, no information for this event is available at present. Please see the poster in the library window or ask inside closer to the date. Or you can check www.library.live/whats-on where updates are regularly posted re events in all libraries.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

Tuesday 14 October, 10 30 am – 12 noon

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 9 October, 4 – 5 pm**

Children four and over please, with an accompanying adult.

Family Lego Club

Saturdays 11 and 25 October, 10 15 – 11 45 am

If you love Lego, then come to the library on the second and fourth Saturday of the month, term time only, and enjoy some time building with Duplo or Lego. This activity is suitable for children aged four and over with an accompanying adult.

Meet Roxy, a Pets as Therapy Dog

Tuesday 21 October, 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!

Family History Session

Friday 3 October, 10 30 am – 12 noon

The library computers will be available for research on Ancestry, Find My Past (access to these are free of charge at the library) as well as other genealogy sites. A volunteer will be available to offer advice if needed. If you would like to know more contact us on the above email address.

Second-Hand Book Sale

Saturday 4 October, 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 8 October, 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 15 October, 2 – 4 pm

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

Cambridgeshire Libraries

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.

Friends of Willingham Library Events

Contact willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com for further information.

On **Friday 17 October** at 7 30 pm we have a very special event planned. 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 by leaving your details with Jacob in the library.

Sudoku Answer

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

Young Readers' Quiz

Answers

1. Special Meals
2. Safe Harvest
3. Winter Wheat, Beans, Spring Barley

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Council Update

As summer draws to a close, we want to take the opportunity to update you on a number of issues and developments in and around the village. Some are matters of real concern that we need everyone's help with, while others are positive stories that remind us of the strength of our community spirit.

Fly-tipping and Bamboo

We have recently been made aware of a disappointing instance of fly-tipping at the end of Priest Lane. Among the items dumped was a large quantity of bamboo, which appears to have been cut with a chainsaw and discarded carelessly. This is troubling for two reasons. First, bamboo is not native to our wild environment and can spread extremely quickly, causing long-term damage to the natural balance of our hedgerows and verges. It does not belong in our countryside, and once established, it can be very difficult to control. Second, it is possible that a resident paid a tradesperson in good faith to remove this waste, not realising it would be illegally dumped rather than taken to a licensed facility.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to check that anyone you hire to dispose of rubbish is properly registered and that you ask where the waste will end up. A few extra minutes of diligence can help protect our village, reduce the eyesore of illegal dumping, and save you from potentially being held responsible if your waste is traced back to you. If you notice suspicious dumping, please report it promptly so that it can be dealt with quickly. Together, we can keep our lanes, hedgerows, and gateways free of this blight.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Another issue that has caused real concern over recent weeks is a rise in anti-social behaviour. Residents have reported groups of young people kicking and banging on front doors, as well as vandalism at the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. We are saddened to say this has included graffiti, a broken bike shelter, and a smashed pavilion window. These acts cause both financial costs to the community and unnecessary upset to those directly affected.

Even more worrying, CCTV footage shows a group with a slingshot, appearing to target birds. This is cruel and deeply distressing. It is unacceptable to damage property, but it is especially concerning when the welfare of wildlife is put at risk. We have reported these incidents to the police and requested additional patrols in the area. We will continue to work closely with local authorities, but we also ask for your support: please remain vigilant, report concerns swiftly and talk to young people in your families about the serious impact of such actions. Small choices can have big consequences, and it is important that we all play our part in fostering respect for our shared spaces.

B1050 – Shelford Road Safety Concerns

We have also been discussing at length the state of the B1050 Shelford Road by the river. Conditions have worsened significantly and over the past year several accidents have been reported. This is no longer a matter of inconvenience; it is now a clear danger. We are unanimous in our view that this is an urgent safety hazard and cannot be allowed to deteriorate further.

The council has therefore agreed to write formally to the county council, the local highways authority, and our Member of Parliament to press for immediate action. While we recognise that repairs will take time and investment, we believe this issue requires a clear and committed response without delay. It is only a matter of time before a more serious accident occurs, and we do not want to look back and feel that we could have done more to draw as much attention as possible about this issue to the relevant authorities.

Community Orchard Success

On a brighter note, we are delighted to share that it has been a bumper year for fruit at the community orchard. The trees have flourished, and many of you have been able to enjoy the harvest. From apples and pears to delicious plums, the variety and abundance this year has been something special.

The orchard is a space we can all take pride in – a reminder of what can be achieved when we come together to create something lasting and positive for the whole village. We would like to thank everyone who has helped with its care. These contributions make a real difference. We encourage more residents to visit, enjoy the fruit, and use the orchard as a place to meet, walk, and relax. It is a living symbol of our community spirit and something that will continue to benefit us all for years to come.

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.)

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Huntingdon and Northstowe Hockey Club are excited to be back on the astro at Northstowe Secondary College for the 2025 – 2026 season. Pre-season training started on 20 August, and we were treated to a lovely sunset – we are more used to training under floodlights once the darker evenings draw in. Ahead of our Saturday matches starting, we enjoyed volunteering at Bug Hunter Waters Parkrun and meeting residents at the Northstowe Running Festival.



We have welcomed new players to our first few training sessions of the year and there is still the opportunity for members to join us throughout the season. Whether you have never played before and fancy giving hockey a try, or you played in school and haven't picked up a stick since, please get in touch by emailing hello@huntingdonandnorthstowehockeyclub.com. Perhaps your daughter plays at school and wants more opportunities to practice her hockey skills. In fact, we have quite a few mothers and daughters in the club! Training is on Tuesdays from 7 – 8 30 pm and the club is open to women and girls aged 12+.

We play our home league matches (East Hockey Division 4NW) on the astro at Northstowe Secondary College. Below are the dates for the first half of the season.

- Saturday 27 September v Long Sutton 2
- Saturday 11 October v Bourne Deeping 2
- Saturday 25 October v Cambridge City 7
- Saturday 15 November v Cambridge Nomads 2
- Saturday 29 November v Cambridge South 5
- Saturday 6 December v Pelicans 2

Push back is at 10 30 am and we would love to have supporters there to cheer us on. Please do come along and support your local hockey team!

Rosalyn Hart

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Fen Edge Twinning Association

Appeal for new members

Our friends in Avrille (a small town in the Loire Valley, France) are always keen to host visitors from the Fen Edge Villages. They love to show off their historic sites, their beauty spots and their culinary expertise and they cater for special interest groups (singers, walkers, sporty types etc.) with enthusiasm. This year they played host to a coach-load of youth footballers, laying on a tournament in their honour.

Despite BREXIT and COVID, which both made our exchange visits more difficult, enthusiasm for Twinning seems to be getting stronger in Avrille. Unfortunately, this is not happening over here.

Clearly the association has not been spreading the good news as effectively as it should, and it needs new members to both join in the fun and to help spread the news.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact fenedgetwinning@gmail.com or come along to our Quiz Night on **3 October** at 7 pm in Cottenham Village Hall and meet the team.

Pauline and Tony Woodward

Night Sky

Night Sky over our village is back! At this time of year, skies get darker, and objects are easier to spot. We have tended to cover those visible with the naked eye and, in the past, have concentrated on the Moon and the planets – all basic stuff, but this time let's look at a group of stars bright enough to be seen with the naked eye: it's The Pleiades (pronounced Ply-a-dees).

This star cluster is an interesting spectacle in the autumn and winter sky. It is also known as The Seven Sisters, as the seven brightest of this star cluster are commonly visible between October and April. Having said that, only six of the 'sisters' can often be picked out – one of the seven is frequently quite shy, fluctuating in brightness. They all appear blue, due to their high temperature and immense energy, with a surrounding ethereal glow of an interstellar dust cloud which the cluster is ploughing through.

And yet, the visible seven are merely part of the 1000 plus stars in the cluster – all are about 440 light years away from us; they are only youngsters (100 million years old) on the grand scale of the universe. You could use a stargazing app to pinpoint the cluster. Early in the month, for instance, despite the Full Moon of 6 and 7 October, it can be seen rising in our eastern sky. By the 20 October, with a New Moon, the sky will be darker, while The Pleiades will be even more visible. Binoculars and a steady hand, away from the streetlights in our village, will reveal much more of the cluster – it's a delightful sight!

If you're after a pointer, you may be familiar with the three stars of Orion – follow the line of that 'belt' upwards, past a bright reddish star (Aldebaran) and there's The Seven Sisters! The Sisters feature in stories and myths way back to the Bronze Age, and they appear frequently in folklore around the world. There are even supposed links to the origins of our modern-day Halloween.

Happy star cluster gazing!

Luke Skywatcher

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
October	Feast Events			See p7
Wed 1 Oct	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p16
Wed 1 Oct	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Wed 1 Oct	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p17
Fri 3 Oct	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p16
Fri 3 Oct	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm
Fri 3 Oct	Quiz Night	Fen Edge Twinning Association	Cottenham Village Hall	7 pm, see p19
Sat 4 Oct	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sat 4 Oct	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p16
Sun 5 Oct	<i>Golden Era Jazzband</i>	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 6 Oct	Gardeners' Question Time	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open 7 pm, see p13
Mon 6 Oct	<i>Once Upon a Time</i> — Box Office Opens	Over Players	Over Community Centre	Performances on 9 to 13 Dec. Book: 01954 232985
Tues 7 Oct	AGM	Friends of Willingham Church	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p9
Wed 8 Oct	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p16
Thu 9 Oct	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	see p12
Thu 9 Oct	After School Lego Session	Library	Library	4 – 5pm, see p16
Sat 11 Oct	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p5
Sat 11 Oct	Gift Day	Parish Church	Parish Church	10 am – 2 pm, see p6
Sat 11 Oct	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p16
Mon 13 Oct	Talk: <i>Literary Tour of Cambridge – Part 2</i>	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 14 Oct	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p16
Wed 15 Oct	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p16
Fri 17 Oct	<i>My Life in Crime (Fiction)</i>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p16
Sat 18 Oct	Talk: <i>Being Accountable</i> by David Scott	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p12
Mon 20 Oct	Assignment: <i>October Fest</i>	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p15
Tue 21 Oct	Meet Roxy, a Pets as Therapy Dog	Library	Library	2 – 3 pm, see p16
Thu 23 Oct	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	see p12
Sat 25 Oct	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p16
Mon 27 Oct	Talk: <i>The Castle in Rampton...</i>	History Group	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p9



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