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February 2026



Local Resident Looking Forward to Spring

Winter Scenes

Here are some winter scenes from around the area to enjoy as we head into Spring.



Photos by Sara Asbury, John Lawrence and Teresa Weston

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Friday 13 February **Black**

Friday 20 February **Blue**

Friday 27 February **Black**

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Carols on the Green

The joint Parish Council and Willingham Action Group (WAG) 'Carols on the Green' took place on Christmas Eve once again in chilly conditions. The Parish Council-supported event provided mince pies and mulled wine and the assembled crowd of about 350 folk was in very fine voice indeed, singing a range of traditional carols. Donations totalling £100 were taken on the night in aid of Cancer Research and this sum was supplemented by further online donations after the event.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event in any way. See you next time. Happy New Year to all.

Simon Clark



Willingham Music Night



Acoustic workshop

Photo by Ben Palmer

On **Friday 6 February**, the Jam Club returns to the Social Club with a new name: Willingham Music Night.

Since restarting at the beginning of 2024, the night has evolved into something quite different from your usual jam session and we felt that a name change would better encapsulate what the night has now become. Each evening starts with the acoustic workshop where we play through a handful of simple songs together. Chord sheets are posted online in advance and we take time before each song to ensure everyone is familiar with the chords. This is a fantastic opportunity to play as part of a group in a zero-pressure setting, learn new songs and pick up tips from fellow musicians.

After a short break we move to the stage. This part of the evening is for anyone that would like to play on stage in more of a gig setting. Solo artists, duos and bands are all welcome to put themselves forward for a short slot and if you would like to perform with other musicians on stage, we can help facilitate this.

We close each night with a variety of musicians on stage together, sharing solos and vocals in a truly collaborative and spontaneous end to the evening.

The night is free to attend and open to musicians of all styles and abilities and those that just like to listen. All are very welcome – and the bar is open all evening. We'd love to see you on **Friday 6 February!**

Luke Williams

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Willingham Photo Club
willinghamphotoclub.org

Interested in Photography? Come and join us at our friendly club

Our next meeting is on Monday 16 February at 8 pm in the Baptist Church

For further details please contact dereh@bolandia.co.uk

Old Willingham



This photo shows how things have changed and yet stayed the same. The photo is at the top of High Street looking down Station Road. According to research, the style of the Cadbury's Cocoa and Chocolate sign is typical of 1900 – 1905. Of course there are no cars, no traffic lights, no road markings. Also there are no pavements – just a sort of gully separating the road from the pedestrian area. The buildings on the left are small pubs: the Black Horse and the Black Bull. Both are demolished now and the Porterhouse stands on the site. On the right is a village store which seems to carry the name 'Cole' at this time. This remained an active store up to the 1980s and has happily been converted into a house after many years under threat of demolition.

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com. If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High St or oldwill@oldwillingham.com.

Friends of Willingham Church

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Friday 27th March
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
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Teams of up to 6 people
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included
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Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9 February**, from 7 pm at the Social Club with refreshments available and time to catch up. At 7 30 pm Graham Wylde will give his talk entitled *Maggie's Letters* – a fascinating insight into life in Victorian times.

At our Christmas Party, we had an excellent buffet prepared by Lynne Sadler. Mike Wabe then entertained us with his wonderful rendering of *The Christmas Carol*. With a few sound effects and subtle costume changes, he really made the story come to life and got us into the festive mood.

The evening finished with a raffle. Thank you to everyone who brought in prizes.

Looking for friendship, laughter and something new?

Our informal, warm and welcoming group is open to all women – whether you like listening to interesting speakers, activities or simply enjoy a chat over a cuppa. No need to make jam (unless you want to) and we only sing Jerusalem once a year, as a tradition at our Annual Meeting.

When? The 2nd Monday of every month (except August).

Where? The Social Club.

Arrive from 7 pm for refreshments and a natter, 7 30 pm for a speaker or activity.

Come and meet us for a taster session. No charge for your first visit, just a warm welcome.

All members receive an online copy of the monthly *CFWI News*, the national magazine, and can join the many outings and activities organised by the Cambridgeshire Federation.

Hope to see you soon.

Find out more: willinghamwi28@gmail.com or call Vicky on 01954 201405.

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Come and have some winter cheer!

Men's Breakfast Group

Here's a look back to the Men's Breakfast Group trip to the British Museum last October, led by fellow breakfaster and Hebrew lecturer Dr Dave Baker from Cambridge, our own personal guide.

Here we are looking at ancient artefacts from the 6th Century BC (Iron Age 2) just before the fall of Jerusalem. To set the scene, Babylonians, under their king Nebuchadnezzar, invaded Judah and laid siege to the capital, Jerusalem, circa 600 BC. Ancient clay tablets are on display here, written in Hebrew as letters sent from outposts of Lachish, about 30 miles from Jerusalem. The clay fragments are from field reports sent to the commander of this military outpost, who was monitoring the attacks on Jerusalem.



Here's to trips scheduled for 2026!

Willingham History Group The Rise of Willingham

Richard the Lionheart and the Third Crusade

Last year Willingham History Group arrived at the early 12th Century with the forgotten civil war and the castle at Rampton where Willingham would have been on the front line of King Stephen's defences against the outlaw Geoffrey de Mandeville based on the Isle of Eels or Ely. During the 12th Century the bishopric of Ely began its ascension when the Lord of the Manor of Willingham was in fact the Bishop of Ely!

So, Willingham Rectors over the next 500-year period held important offices of state that included Baron of the Exchequer of Ireland, the King's



Ely Cathedral

Ambassador to France and the King's Messenger to Rome.

This February we will be moving onto the late 12th Century. This is the time of Richard the Lionheart, when the Round Church in Cambridge would be nearing completion and the Willingham Rectors would have been trusted with greater and greater national responsibilities.

Find out about 12th Century Willingham at the WHIG meeting on **Monday, 23 February** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. £4 on the door to cover the cost of the room.

Men's Breakfast Group Programme for 2026

MY HERO

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
Jan 17	My Father – Headmaster	John Gallagher MBE
Feb 21	My Hero (tbc)	Geoff Pake
Mar 21	My Father – Bletchley Codebreaker	Malcolm Wylie
	Followed by a trip and tour to Bletchley Park itself – book here*	
April 18	My Hero (tbc)	Richard Todd
May 16	My 'Surrogate' Father & Friend	Richard Blackhurst
June 20	The Local Mission Field	Dan Holland
	**June Special – Our Annual Men's & Women's Breakfast – sit down by 8 30 to 10 am	
July 18	Capability Brown	Mike Day
Aug 15	My Grandfather – WW1 Pilot	Pete Sacré
Sept 19	My Father – Living in Papua, New Guinea	Rev Johannes Roth
Oct 17	My Hero	David Scott
Nov 21	My Hero	Nigel Graham (<i>Warboys BC</i>)
Dec 19	Christians in Sport	Graham Daniel (<i>CEO & former professional footballer</i>)

Regular Breakfasts: All men welcome. Free if first time, no booking necessary (except Specials**)

Start: 7 45 am/Finish 9 15 am prompt

Where: Willingham Baptist Church, George St, Willingham
Car park to rear, disabled access and facilities, audio loop; dietary on request.

Breakfast: Full cooked or light option available, hot and cold beverage included.

***Details/Activities/Day trips:** See website and poster ads on notice boards, *Willingham News* etc.

Contact: Pete Sacré.

Website: willinghambaptist.org/community. Follow links to Community Activities/Mens Breakfast.

Email: whammensbreakfast@gmail.com.

Group email: wbc-willingham-mens-breakfast@googlegroups.com.

Willingham Gardening Club

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2 February** where we look forward to welcoming speaker Geoff Hodge with his talk: *Happy House Plants – The Indoor Jungle*.

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 joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email: willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com. Information can also be found on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub. There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members.

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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 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.

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Volunteer Opportunity: Chair of the Patient Participation Group (PPG)

We are looking for a new Chair for our Patient Participation Group (PPG). The PPG is a group of patients who work with the practice team to help improve services, share patient views and support the development of the practice. As Chair, you would lead meetings, help set agendas, and act as a key link between patients and the practice.

Any patient registered with Willingham Medical Practice, who is interested in representing patient views and helping shape local healthcare services, can apply. No previous experience is required, just enthusiasm, good communication skills and a willingness to get involved.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sharon Unwin, Practice Manager. We would love to hear from you and welcome new voices to the PPG.

NEW SURGERY OPENING HOURS

Willingham Medical Practice		Longstanton Branch Surgery	
Monday	8 am – 6 30 pm	Monday	8 30 am – 1 pm & 2 30 pm – 6 pm
Tuesday	8 am – 6 30 pm	Tuesday	8 30 am – 1 pm
Wednesday	8 am – 6 30 pm	Wednesday	8 30 am – 1 pm
Thursday	8 am – 6 30 pm	Thursday	8 30 am – 1 pm
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Wednesday	8 30 am – 1 pm	2 pm – 6 pm
Thursday	8 30 am – 1 pm	2 pm – 6 pm
Friday	8 30 am – 1 pm	2 pm – 6 pm

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Patient Participation Group (PPG) Meeting

The PPG brings together patients, GPs and staff from a GP practice. They meet to discuss issues relating to their surgery and the services provided to patients. All of our patients are welcome.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 March**, 7 – 9 pm at the Willingham Medical Practice.

Carers' Meetings

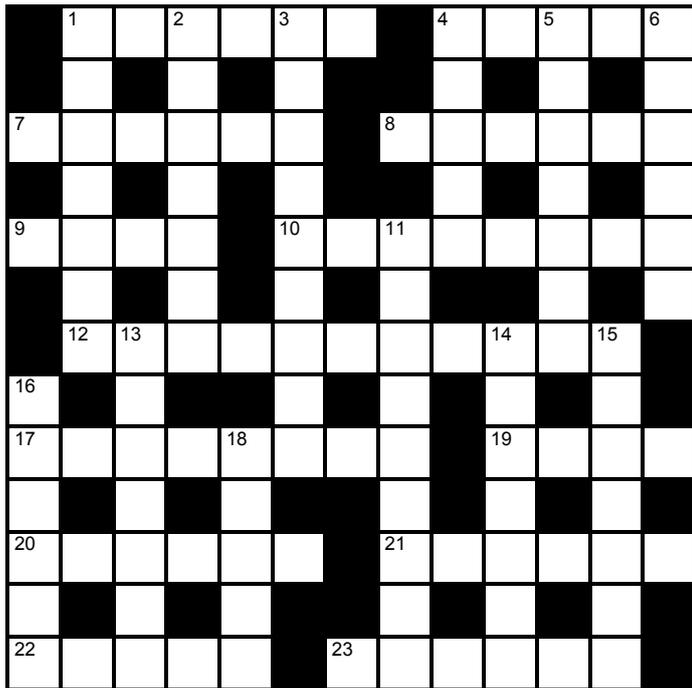
If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 4 February** at the Wilford Furlong Centre in Willingham, where we will be holding a drop-in session between 2 and 4 pm. Please come along and get some support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

Willingham Medical Practice

Quick Crossword

by Willow

Answer on page 19



Across

- 1 Bear (6)
- 4 Part of a flower (5)
- 7 Badger (6)
- 8 Tropical bird (6)
- 9 Agitate (4)
- 10 Precipitation (8)
- 12 Piece of creative work (11)
- 17 Microscopic organisms (8)
- 19 Sign (4)
- 20 Rubber (6)
- 21 Spike of frozen water (6)
- 22 Bear (5)
- 23 Concurred (6)

Down

- 1 Stretchy (7)
- 2 Chart (7)
- 3 Body of water (9)
- 4 Savannah (5)
- 5 High wind (7)
- 6 In the recent past (6)
- 11 Mimicking (9)
- 13 Collection of fruit trees (7)
- 14 Hero-worship (7)
- 15 Provoked (7)
- 16 Thing (6)
- 18 Adversary (5)

What Were the Prices? Quiz

by Herewill

Answers on page 19

Here's a quiz for anyone, whatever age you are – you can either try and remember or, if too young, have a stab at the answer... it's about guessing the retail price of the following items in the stated year. At the end of the twelve items the prices are listed in random order for you to match. But try and have a guess first, to see how close you are, then choose one from the random-ordered list. Guidance for the 'youngsters': 'd' = an old penny (240 to the pound), 's' = a shilling (12 old pennies), and a guinea was 21 shillings. Decimalisation of the currency took place in 1971.

- 1 Ford Prefect car in 1950
- 2 2lb bag of sugar in 1973
- 3 First class stamp in 1972
- 4 Daily Mirror newspaper in 1950
- 5 Gallon of petrol in 1980
- 6 Austin Healey Sprite car, basic model, list price in 1965
- 7 Sony Walkman personal stereo, mid-range version, in 1985
- 8 Average house price in 1960
- 9 Ekco 17 inch TV in 1959
- 10 Raleigh Tourist 29 bike in 1962
- 11 Dandy comic annual for 1982
- 12 Roll of Izal smooth-finish toilet paper in 1958

And here are the prices in random order:

£1.28 / 65 guineas / 1s.2d / £20.15s.7d / £2,189 / 1d / £1.60 / 3p / £611.15s.5d / 10p / £68.90 / £371

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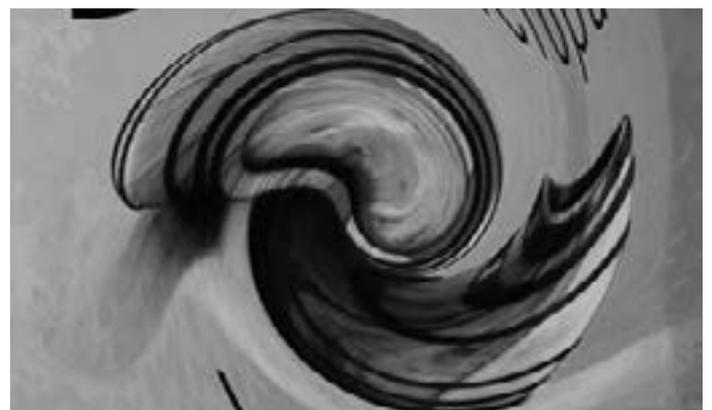
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Mystery Photo

How did you do with January's Mystery Photo? It was challenging, according to some fans of the regular item. It was, in fact, a photo of the wall of Berrycroft Stores, turned on its side and reversed.

This month, our mischievous photographer has been equally sneaky in the digital darkroom, but we can reassure you that it was taken in the village – with a subsequent dash of image distortion.

(If you need a clue... it's on a sign!)



Nimble Fingers Craft Club

Mondays, 2 to 4 pm, Baptist Church

How do you fancy a Monday afternoon chat and a cuppa as you work on your latest creation while chatting to fellow knitters or 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. Refreshments are provided. £3 to cover the cost of the hall hire and refreshments.

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



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Here's a bear-themed picture for you to colour.



Famous Bears Word Search

A famous fictional bear is 100 years old this year. Can you guess which one? The answer is on page 19. In honour of that birthday, here is a word search of 15 famous fictional bears. See if you can find them all. If you want to make it more difficult, cover over the list of bears to be found.

Answer on page 19.



- | | | |
|-----------|------------|----------|
| Baloo | lorek | Rupert |
| Barnacles | Paddington | Smokey |
| BooBoo | Po | Sooty |
| CareBear | Pooh | SuperTed |
| Fozzie | Pudsey | Yogi |

February Quiz

by Herewill

Answers on page 19

Here's a quiz about historic events which took place in the month of February.

- On 2 February 1665, British forces captured which Dutch colony in North America and renamed it after its new governor?
- On 2 February in North America, which weather-lore tradition is celebrated?
- On 4 February 2004, Facebook was created by whom?
- What first appeared on the streets of London on 5 February 1958?
- He died on 6 February 1783 and is still considered to be one of the greatest English landscape gardeners. Who was he?
- She was beheaded on the orders of Queen Elizabeth I on 8 February 1587. Who was she?
- Which future president was released from Victor Vorster prison, after 27 years of captivity, on 11 February 1990?
- On 15 February in this year, Britain went decimal. What was the year?
- Who announced their engagement on 24 February 1981?
- On 26 February 1797, the Bank of England issued the first... what?



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Services – in Church (except where shown)

1 February	11 am	Holy Communion
8 February	11 am	Café Church – in the Octagon
15 February	11 am	Holy Communion
22 February	11 am	Morning Prayer – Book of Common Prayer

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 14 February** 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 6 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** at 4 30 pm, we offer a time to gather to pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East and for an end to conflicts worldwide. Everyone is welcome.

Octagon Hall

The Octagon 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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1 February	Service with Communion
8 February	Family Service
15 February	Service of the Word
22 February	Visiting Preacher

EVENTS

Wednesday Fellowship – Coffee Morning, 10 – 11 30 am

Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 21 February, 7 45 – 9 15 am

Community Lunch Club – Thursday 12 and 26 February

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 23 February, 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, at Hanover Close, CB23 8EH.

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

Thought for the Month

February begins in churches across the world with the celebration of a festival called Candlemas. The story is read, as recorded by the gospel writer Luke, of Jesus' parents, Mary and Joseph, bringing the infant Jesus to the temple as was the custom in the Jewish religion at the time. During this visit the family meet Simeon who is so elated at this interaction he proclaims some glorious words which perhaps you have heard read at a funeral: 'Now Lord, let your servant depart in peace...'

In my role I have lots of conversations about peace, particularly with people reflecting on the lack of it in the world today and how troubling this can be. I wonder where you find peace or what brings you peace in your life? Not just peace in the sense of quiet or a few moments of silence but peace in the sense of contentment. In church we sometimes refer to a phrase written by Saint Paul where he talks about a peace which passes all understanding. That feeling of calm despite all that might feel disruptive. Like standing in the eye of the storm, with the ability to see all that is turbulent around you but finding a strange sense of tranquillity about it. I wonder what brings you this sense of peace in life?

It is often my hope that in seeking peace in my own life, I can try and bring peace to others too. I wonder where you bring peace to the lives of others? To your friends, family, neighbours? What might this do for our corner of the world, if we sought to leave those we interacted with in a place of peace?

Stephen Dove

Team Rector, St Mary and All Saints

OWLS Community Car Scheme Update

OWLS provided almost 1,000 journeys in 2025 to people living in Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey who needed to attend medical appointments or make other necessary journeys, but were unable to access other means of transport.

We urgently need more drivers to meet increasing demand. Are you retired or about to start retirement or perhaps working part-time? Drivers do not have to commit to regular days/times but being able to do just one journey a week is really helpful.

Drivers use their own cars and receive 45p a mile in total. A DBS (free) check is required and additional insurance cover is provided by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

The OWLS mobile is manned by a rota of volunteer coordinators who have the phone for a fortnight at a time. We would also like to have an additional coordinator to help with this.

Can you help maintain this very important community service?

PLEASE ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 for an informal chat, without commitment.

You're Not Alone: Why Northstowe's Peri/Menopause Support Group is a Game-Changer

Hot flushes in the middle of a meeting? A sudden wave of anxiety while doing the weekly shop? Forgetting a close friend's name thanks to a cloud of brain fog? If this sounds familiar, you aren't 'losing it' – you're likely to be experiencing one of the many stages of menopause. While these symptoms are a natural part of life, they can often feel isolating, confusing and physically exhausting.

It's More Than Just 'The Change'

Many people associate menopause strictly with women in their 50s. However, perimenopause – the transitional phase leading up to menopause – can begin much earlier. It is common for women in their early 40s (and sometimes late 30s) to start noticing changes in their sleep patterns, mood and cycle. Understanding what is happening to your body is the first step towards feeling like yourself again.

Why Join This Group?

Navigating hormone replacement therapy (HRT), herbal remedies or lifestyle changes can feel overwhelming when you're doing it alone. Our local group, based in Northstowe, was created to bridge that gap, offering a warm, welcoming space to share experiences and find clarity. Anyone from Northstowe, Willingham and surrounding villages is welcome to attend! Here is what you can expect from our monthly meetups:

- Peer support: real conversations with women who truly 'get it'. Sometimes, just knowing you aren't the only one struggling with night sweats can be a huge weight off your shoulders.
- Expert information: we provide helpful resources regarding symptoms and the various medical and holistic options available to alleviate them.
- A safe space: whether you want to ask questions, share a laugh about the 'joys' of hormones or just sit and listen, you are welcome here.

Meeting Details

We meet on a monthly basis at the Cabin in Northstowe. No matter where you are on your journey – whether you're just starting to notice changes or you're well through the transition – we'd love to have you join us. And what's more, it's FREE to attend!

Take the first step: you don't have to navigate this transition in silence. Knowledge is power, and community is the best medicine. Come and join us at The Cabin in Northstowe at 6.30 pm. The next speakers are:

18 February – Amanda Ryder – Nutritionist

18 March – Ingrid Fawcett – Midlife 360

Join the online group for updates on speakers: www.facebook.com/groups/3813030578975892 or you can contact us by email on northstowe.community@scamb.gov.uk.

Nature's Names

Ah, the sparrow – there are many species of this common little bird (on every continent except Antarctica) but the house sparrow is the one we're most likely to see around our village.

The word *sparrow* originates from the Proto-Germanic *sparwan* or *sparwaz*, which became Middle English *sparwe*. In subsequent years, the spelling in literature changed – in 1400 it was often *sparus*; 1500 saw it as *sparoo*; by 1529 it was *sparowe* – it wasn't until the early 1800s that *sparrow* became the most common spelling.



Their numbers have been in steep decline in recent years, especially in England. They are regarded as the cheekiest of garden birds, having a close and almost fearless relationship with humans. They are often considered as one of the scruffiest-looking birds, especially the young and the moulting adults, being mostly brown and grey. The Scottish poet Norman MacCaig, in his poem *Sparrow*, describes it thus:

He's no artist.

*His taste in clothes leans towards
the dowdy and second hand...*

The poem later sums up the bird's resilience, spirit, and entertaining character –

*But when the winter soft-shoes in,
and these other birds –
ballet dancers, pedants, architects –
die in the snow
and freeze to branches,
watch him happily flying
on the O-levels and A-levels
of the air.*

John Lawrence

The Night Sky in February

Venus is back! From this month until September, we'll see why it has earned the nickname Evening Star. Around the 18th of the month, low in the twilight of the western sky, a sliver of waxing crescent moon will be visible between a sparkling Venus and a fainter Mercury, with Saturn following a little higher in the sky.

A familiar sight in our night sky is Orion's Belt, three neatly aligned stars visible during our winter months. These three stars have been amongst those used for navigation and literary inspiration for centuries. They form an asterism, which can be described as an observable pattern of stars, just like the well-known Plough. The objects in the belt are Alnitak, Alnilam and Mintaka. And here's where it gets interesting – the three objects might look like they are nicely lined-up stars of similar distance and appearance. Don't be fooled! Starting from the lower left, Alnitak is 736 light years away, and is a triple star system. In the middle is Alnilam, a single blue supergiant

My sheepdog has gone AWOL

Once my scattered thoughts were rounded up
Like sheep controlled by an invisible dog
Who guided them through my brain
To settle in a fold of paper,
or proceed decorously via my mouth
To pastures new.
But lately the sheepdog has not been around,
And in his absence members of the flock
Are ignoring the accepted procedure
And trotting off at random,
God knows where.

Anne Kirkman

Children in the Presence of Snow

This day, the stuff has been delivered
in quantity and consistency
for the creation of an acting deity.
If we had real eyes we'd have used them,
but for now two pebbles will do;
a pair of old specs driven hard into the head.

It's not until the implanting
of the Hula Hoop mouth
with its startled O

that we begin to imagine
the waft of gin on its breath
and a vexed please get me out of here.

Our veneration is cut short by a slow
easy thaw, saving a kicking
from a neighbour's prickly child,
or the chance of going to war
with the unworthies
over our indivisible creation.

John Lawrence

star 1,250 light years away, and on the upper right we have Mintaka, which is a quintuple star system 692 light years away. Each of the three objects outshines our own Sun by more than 200,000 times!

If when you're walking around the village after dark and spot Orion's Belt, just below it you might also make out the fuzzy patch of the Orion Nebula, one of the few nebulae we can see with the naked eye. Also known as M42 or Messier 42, it's about 1,340 light years away. It's a stellar nursery, comprising dust, gas and about 700 young stars. (For 'young', read 'a couple of million years old'!) This 'maternity ward', the closest to Earth, has enough gas and dust to make another 100,000 stars. If you are lucky enough to have a clear sky over the village, little ambient lighting and a pair of binoculars or a small telescope, you will be well rewarded with this beautiful sight.

Happy nebula gazing!

Luke Skywatcher

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Thursday: 4 – 7 pm

Friday: 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

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Postage Stamps

The Library now has a used stamp collection box.

Did You Know That 2026 is a National Year of Reading?

The aim is to encourage people of all ages to read for pleasure. With the message 'Go all in!' the campaign invites us all to read more deeply into topics we already care about. As we go all in to find out about what we love, there's a chance to experience how the act of reading can benefit mental and emotional wellbeing. Already a keen reader? Fantastic! Please help people you know to discover the joys of reading for pleasure and purpose, by sharing and talking about books and reading. At Cambridgeshire Libraries we'll be highlighting the National Year of Reading throughout 2026.

Engage in the Afternoon

Wednesday 4 Feb, 2 – 3 30 pm

Gardening, Climate Change and Us

Climate change is having a major impact on gardens, plants and wildlife. Clive Boase from Climate Change Gardening is visiting us to talk about these effects, and, most importantly what we can do with our gardens to make a difference.

ADVANCE NOTICE that the **4 March** 'Engage' is going to be *Cyber Escape Room*. Can you crack the case before time runs out? You're part of a top cyber investigation team. After taking down a notorious cyber gang your detective chief inspector has been accused of fabricating the evidence. Solve the puzzles in 30 mins to prove the DCI's innocence and lock the criminals away for good. Work in teams of up to 5 people. The fastest team wins. **This needs to be pre-booked please.**

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

Tuesday 10 February, 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

Thursday 12 February, 4 – 5 pm

2nd Thursday of the month, term time only. Children four and over please with an accompanying adult.

Family Lego Club

Saturday 14 and 28 February, 10 15 – 11 45 am

2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, term time only. 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

Tuesday 17 February, 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!

Friends of Willingham Library Events

Contact willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com for further information.

Family History Session

Friday 6 February, 10 30 am – 12 noon

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

Second-Hand Book Sale

Saturday 7 February, 10 30 am – 12 noon

We have a good variety of quality second-hand books for adults and children for sale. Still at the great price of 50p each or three for £1.

Games and Social Afternoon

Wednesday 11 February, 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 18 February, 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.

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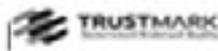
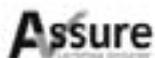


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The Past Year

20 mph Zone

A 20 mph zone was established in the village with clear markings to inform drivers of the change and increase road safety. Many road users are following the speed limit. Unfortunately, some drivers still use unsafe speeds in the village. Residents interested in traffic calming in Willingham, should go to www.Roadwatch.org.uk/cambs/willingham/index.html. There is a group in the village who they can be put in touch with.

Police Liaison

A successful 'Coffee with a Cop' meeting was facilitated in the Parish Council Office. This was an excellent opportunity for residents to discuss concerns directly with Police Officers and foster stronger community relations. This is important, especially in the light of some recent antisocial behaviours in Willingham. 999 calls are sometimes made by people in a dangerous situation, and they are unable to speak; in this instance pressing 55 when prompted, will alert the police to their need for assistance.

Defibrillators

There are now six defibrillators in different parts of the village:

- Library, Church Street (on the front wall facing the Village Green)
- Pavilion – West Fen Road (on outside wall)
- Social Club – Fen End, (next to entrance door)
- Wilford Furlong Community Centre (left of entrance door)
- Primary School (left of entrance door)
- The Old Telephone Box in the High Street (just past the traffic lights)

Flooding

Meetings with the Multi Agency Group for Flooding continue to be attended by the Parish Council Chair and a local expert. Recent works at the crossroads have resulted in some improvement in this area, for which we are grateful.

VE Day, Thursday 8 May 2025

To commemorate this event 30 years on, a 'Proclamation' was read on the threshold of the Parish Church by the Chair of the Parish Council, Derek Law. Many residents attended to listen to the Proclamation and pay their respects. The Parish Church had displays of residents' experiences and memories of the time which was especially useful for the younger element who gathered at this time.

Fen Gallop Fun Run and 'Meet the Village' Event

These two events were supported by the Parish Council at the end of June. In spite of the rain the events were successful and well attended by residents. The 'Fun Run' raised funds for Village Charities.

Parish Council Vacancies

A few vacancies have arisen, for a range of reasons, through the year. It is encouraging that several residents have been willing to step forward and give their time to the worthwhile cause of endeavouring to provide and maintain village facilities for all ages.

Cemetery – Custodian Shed

The 'Custodian Shed' was surplus to requirements and in need of

constant monitoring of the roof. The Parish Council decided to demolish the shed as the land which it covered could provide more plots for the burial of local residents. The area will be seeded and the grass cut.

Going Forward This Year

Footpath to Highgate Farm

Unfortunately, this was delayed due to the amount of road closures on Over Road in the past few months. We are looking forward to seeing this important work completed this year.

Main Cemetery Path

The main path will be renewed in the coming months.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

A new application will be put into planning for the amended works which will now be required to cope with wet weather conditions when they are experienced.

Eco Credentials

The Parish Council will continue to provide and foster areas in the village to enable a range of wildlife and plant life to flourish. There is ongoing work which replaces dead trees and shrubs and hedgerows. Currently these spaces can be found in the following areas:

- Trees planted on the QEII field
- The Meadow Road site now with a pond
- The Community Orchard, which is well established and maintained, to continue to provide a range of environments
- Barton Field on Black Pit Drove
- The cemetery, hedges, bird boxes, an area of long grass and its abundance of mature trees
- Gardening Club, summer flower tubs around the village.

Minor Highways Bid

We look forward to the works still to be carried out from last year, with respect to parking in the village. This is especially important in the area round the school. If you have any comments to help us to seek ways to improve traffic safety and flow in the village, please email the Parish Office: clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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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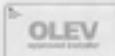
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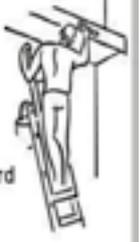
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The Octagon Community Hub

Monday mornings 10 am – 12 30 pm

Come and join us on Monday mornings in the Octagon, behind St Mary and All Saints Church, where you will find someone to chat to if you would like some company. We offer free tea, coffee, and biscuits at all sessions. We also serve a light lunch which is often fresh home-made soup and buttered toast or beans on toast or jacket potatoes.

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

Please follow the footpath to the left of the Church gate and you will find the Octagon behind the Church. We are wheelchair accessible and have a disabled toilet. We make no charges for our refreshments, but donations towards the second phase of the Octagon Improvement Project are always appreciated.

Scam Awareness Talk at the Community Hub

On **Monday 9 February** we have a special session of advice and information on how to protect yourself against scams and online fraud. Nigel Sutton, Cambridgeshire Constabulary's Fraud and Cyber Security Advisor, is coming to talk to us and his information and advice is open to all local residents. Even if you are not online, Nigel will have good tips and advice on staying safe on our doorsteps, on our landlines and on our mobile phones.

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We are delighted to have been chosen by the Co-op to receive a percentage of sales this year from Co-op members who nominate us online as their charity of choice. Please do nominate St Mary and All Saints Octagon Community Hub if you are a Co-op member and haven't yet nominated a charity. The link to our Cause Profile Page is: www.membership.coop.co.uk/causes96044.

Do come along and have a cuppa and a chat with us from 10 am. The Octagon, St Mary and All Saints Church, Church Street, Willingham, Cambridge, CB24 5HS.

Reader's Letter

Dear all at *Willingham News*

Willingham News Readers, thank you for being amazing!

We want to express our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support, and in particular for your recent fundraising achievement of £130, raised from your Christmas Greetings page. Your generosity means so much to us.

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Why not join us and help raise these much-needed funds? 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 6 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.

And don't forget the FOWC Quiz Night on **Friday 27 March**.

Answers

Quick Crossword Answers

Across: 1 Endure, 4 Petal, 7 Harass, 8 Parrot, 9 Stir, 10 Rainfall, 12 Composition, 17 Bacteria, 19 Omen, 20 Eraser, 21 Icicle, 22 Teddy, 23 Agreed.

Down: 1 Elastic, 2 Diagram, 3 Reservoir, 4 Plain, 5 Tornado, 6 Lately, 11 Imitating, 13 Orchard, 14 Idolise, 15 Needled, 16 Object, 18 Enemy

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February Quiz Answers

1 New Amsterdam (renamed New York, after the Duke of York) 2 Groundhog Day 3 Mark Zuckerberg 4 Parking Meters 5 Lancelot 'Capability' Brown 6 Mary Queen of Scots 7 Nelson Mandela 8 1971 9 Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer 10 One pound note

Bears Word Search

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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Sun 1 Feb	Jazz Club	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 2 Feb	Talk: <i>Happy House Plants – The Indoor Jungle</i> with Geoff Hodge	Gardening Club	Social Club	From 7 pm, see p7
Wed 4 Feb	Talk: <i>Gardening, Climate Change and Us</i>	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 – 3 30 pm, see p15
Wed 4 Feb	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p9
Wed 4 Feb	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p17
Wed 4 Feb	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Fri 6 Feb	Family History Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p15
Fri 6 Feb	Willingham Music Night	Willingham Music Night	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm, see p5
Sat 7 Feb	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p15
Mon 9 Feb	Talk: <i>Maggie's Letters</i> with Graham Wylde	Women's Institute	Social Club	From 7 pm, see p6
Mon 9 Feb	Talk: <i>Scam Awareness</i> with Nigel Sutton	Community Hub	Octagon	10 am – 12 30 pm, see p19
Tue 10 Feb	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am - 12 noon, see p15
Wed 11 Feb	Games and Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 - 4 pm, see p15
Thu 12 Feb	After School Lego Session	Library	Library	4 – 5 pm, see p 15
Thu 12 Feb	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Sat 14 Feb	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p6 & 12
Sat 14 Feb	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p 15
Mon 16 Feb	Meeting – Assignment: <i>Low Angle</i>	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 - 10 pm, see p5
Tue 17 Feb	Roxy, 'Pets as Therapy' dog	Library	Library	2 – 3 pm, see p15
Wed 18 Feb	Talk with Amanda Ryder	Peri/Menopause Support Group	The Cabin, Northstowe	6 30 pm, see p13
Wed 18 Feb	Knit and Natter	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Sat 21 Feb	<i>My Hero</i> with Geoff Pake	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 – 9 15 am, see p7 & 12
Mon 23 Feb	<i>The Rise of Willingham</i>	History Group (WHIG)	Social Club	From 7 30 pm, see p7
Thu 26 Feb	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Sat 28 Feb	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 - 11 15 am, see p15

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