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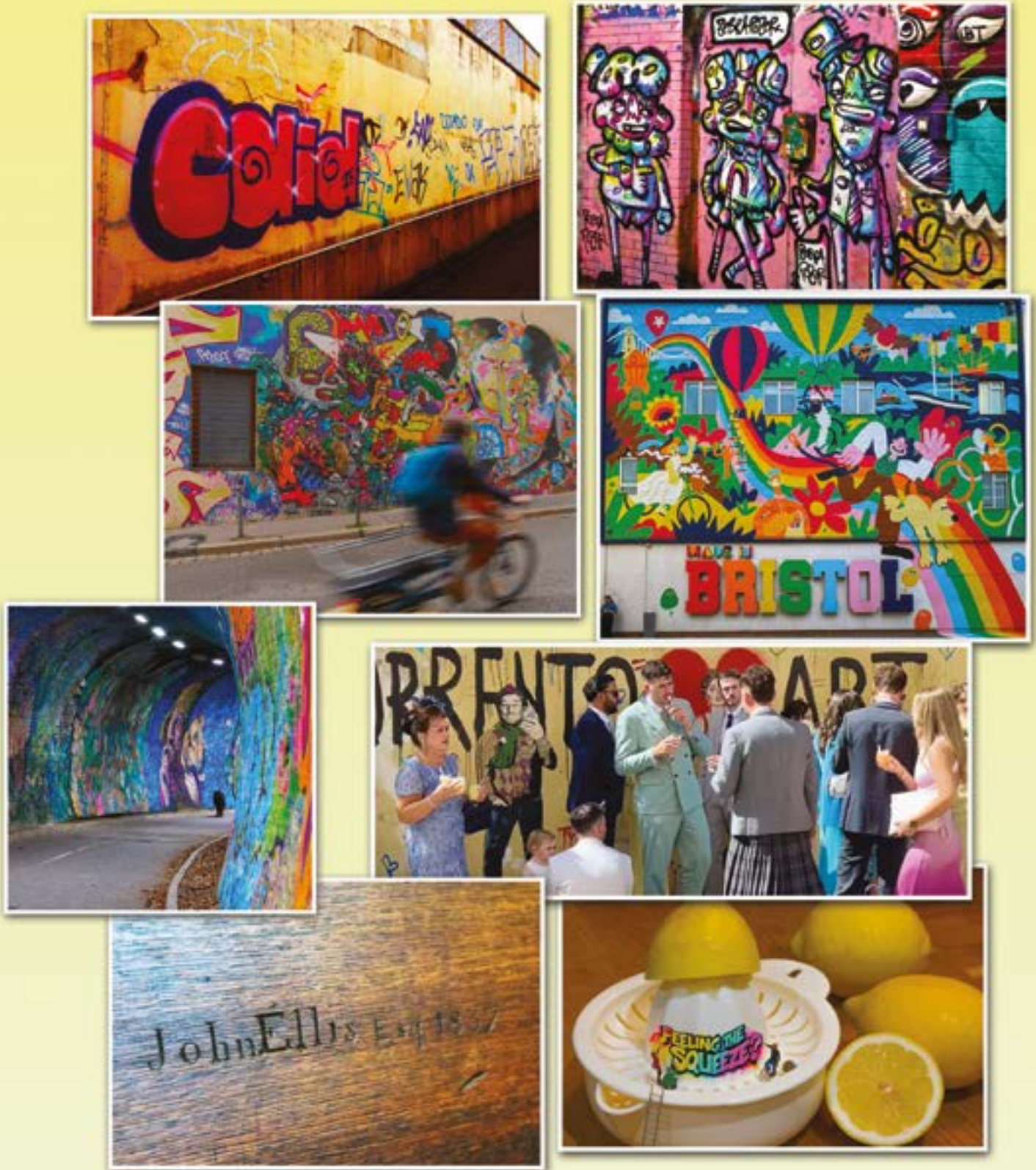
April 2026



Rainbow over Willingham!

Willingham Photo Club

Willingham Photo Club runs monthly assignments – not competitive, it's just for fun and to stretch powers of observation and creativity, then to share the results with fellow members. A recent assignment was *Graffiti*, and some obviously travelled far and wide to find interesting subjects. Here's a sample!



Clockwise from the top right: 'Graffiti Tunnel' under Waterloo Station / Bristol / Sorrento wedding party / graffiti fun in the kitchen / old graffiti on bench in Pembroke College / Edinburgh / Lyon / Cambridge. You can see all assignment photos on photo.ballandia.co.uk.

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Monday mornings 10 am – 12 30 pm

Come and join us on Monday mornings in the Octagon, behind St Mary & 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 vegetable soup, pasta or filled jacket potatoes. We make no charges for our refreshments, but donations towards the second phase of the Octagon Improvement Project are always appreciated.

There are magazines, books, puzzles, games, knitting and mindful colouring to enjoy. We also have regular visits from our Village Agent, who is supported by Cambridgeshire ACRE. She can offer confidential and free of charge independent advice and support covering different issues, as well as help you access a range of services, etc.

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 look forward to seeing you in April.

Please note that we will be open on Easter Monday 6 April.

Covid-19 Day of Reflection

The Covid-19 Day of Reflection took place on Sunday 8 March, and the South Cambridgeshire District Council kindly provided our village with a tree and a plaque. On that day at 11 am, our Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Derek Law, installed the plaque at the base of the tree. Here is the speech that Councillor Law gave:

'This month will be the sixth anniversary of the first UK COVID lockdown. We are here today to dedicate this tree to the memory of those we lost and in gratitude to those who gave their time and energy to support our communities. On behalf of Willingham, I wish to express our sincere thanks to all the volunteers of the Willingham Love Hub, and specifically to Katja Gauci and Stephanie Prior who were the driving force behind it. They did so much to keep people in contact and help those isolated to get prescriptions and groceries.

Let us pause to remember the sacrifices made by many, to pay tribute to the health and social care staff, frontline workers and researchers, and to acknowledge the grief, resilience and community spirit which emerged during the pandemic.

Let this tree be a focal point for peace, a place where future generations can come to pause and reflect. We dedicate this tree as a symbol of remembrance and the hope of the future.'



Willingham Gardening Club

In March we held our Annual General Meeting, an opportunity to look back and reflect on the previous year. 2025/26 was another successful year for the Gardening Club and we would like to express our gratitude to our members and anybody who has supported the club over the last 12 months.

The AGM was followed by a fascinating talk on trees by local tree surgeon Ben Hudson, who shared his own stories about maintaining and caring for trees along the River Cam; he offered helpful tips on how to do the same in our own gardens.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6 April**. Come and join us to learn about the history of horticulture in Willingham with old photographs, tools and lots of memories.

A reminder that memberships will be renewed from April. Membership will remain at £20 for 12 months.

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

New members are always welcome and can sign up for a membership now. There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members.

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.

Reader's Letter

Histon & District Angling Society have been collecting water quality data for The Angling Trust since 2022, results being added to the national database. The poor state of our rivers and streams has been well-documented. The samples collected have been from the Willingham Lode at West Fen Bridge adjacent to the Recreation Ground. The Lode then discharges into the Old West River. The sample levels of both nitrate and phosphate are well above the levels which signify good quality, even going above the meter's top measuring level. High levels of both nitrate and phosphate produce excessive algae and weed growth, with the result that only the more tolerant weeds survive. Without good healthy water, all river life from the smallest insects to fish, birds and mammals will suffer.

The main source of pollutants is the Over Water Recycling Centre, which gets overloaded and discharges untreated water regularly. During 2023, it overflowed 101 times for a total of 1881 hours. 2024 wasn't much different. (Anglian Water and The Rivers Trust publish real time data of overflow discharges.)

One can only wonder – how safe is the water which runs through the village?

Colin Dodd

Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 13 April** from 7 pm at the Social Club, with refreshments available and time to catch up.

At 7 30 pm Katy Lynn from Molten Wonky is coming to give us a talk on *Handmade Fused Glass*. She will be bringing items for sale.

In February, Graham Wylde gave us his charming talk *Maggie's Letters* and an interesting brief history of the postal system. Graham is a keen philatelist and some time ago he bought a set of Penny Red stamps, still attached to their envelopes. An unexpected bonus was that the sender's letters were still inside – they were from Maggie, when she was 8 to 15 years old. During 1871–78 she wrote to her father while she was on holiday with her aunt (her mother had died when she was born). The affectionate, humorous letters were beautifully written and gave us a personal peek into her life as a child in Victorian times. Graham's 'love' for Maggie has encouraged him to continue researching her life.

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.

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 free taster session. Hope to see you soon.

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

Willingham Memory Box Café

If you're living with any form of memory loss or other illness, and would like to join us please come and join us to sing or just listen to songs of the 60s and 70s and, at the same time, relax and have Refreshments, Company, and Fun.

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WAG – Upcoming Village Events and Activities

Willingham Action Group (WAG) is busy organising community events and activities for 2026.

With the popular village fête planned to follow the Fen Gallop on 5 July, we'd love to hear from any local groups or businesses who would like a stall, as well as any volunteers who'd like to get involved.

Further plans are afoot for our extensive Feast celebration through October and November.

Upcoming village events and activities include:

Ceilidh, 11 April, 7 –11 pm, Ploughman Hall. £12

An evening of dancing (with a caller) and a ploughman's supper.

For more information and to book visit:



Easter trail, 12 April, 2 30 – 4 30 pm,

Community Orchard. Free (donations welcome).

Fun family activity, where we expect another visit from the Easter Bunny.

Repair café, 19 April, 1 – 4 30 pm, Ploughman Hall. Free (donations welcome).

Get things fixed, refill station and recycled crafting.

For more information and to keep up to date visit our Willingham WAG Facebook page:



Contact: events@willinghamlife.co.uk.

Friends of Willingham Church

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As we write this, we don't know how much response we have received from the people of Willingham regarding the need for more committee members. But thank you if you did come forward to offer your support.

The same applies to our quiz on **Friday 27 March**. Please see next month's *Willingham News* for reports on both.

Meanwhile, we're always looking for new Friend members. If you join us, you will receive updates on the building restoration projects when they get underway. This will not be for a while yet – although we've raised quite a good amount so far, and received a very generous donation from a Willingham resident, we must discuss with the PCC what aspect of the exterior of the building we need to spend it on. They are waiting for a visit from an architect in May this year to assess the building and to report on what needs to be done urgently, then arrange for it to be carried out. We will then pass on the money needed to either pay for it, or pay for part of it, depending on the cost.

We would ask you to please support the Friends with a donation of £10 (or more) every six months. You can set up a standing order or make payments by BACS.

If you would like to find out more, please email us on the above address.

April Fools!

April Fool's Day is pretty much a global event; the origins are disputed but it obviously started, many years ago, when it was announced in Cambridgeshire that the incidence of pot holes had been eliminated forever.

Probably one of the historically better-known April Fool's jokes, broadcast by the BBC in 1957, was when the Panorama reporter (Richard Dimbleby) was sent to cover the 'Spaghetti Harvest' in Switzerland. A lady was shown plucking cooked spaghetti strings from a tree and dropping them into a wicker basket. (See accompanying photograph.) It was watched by an audience of eight million viewers and believed by many, at a time when most people had only eaten spaghetti out of a tin. The producer of the programme later said that 'I think it was a good idea for people to be aware they couldn't believe everything they saw on the television...' – it could be argued that, today, his view still holds true!



Again at the BBC, on the first day of April 1976, the astronomer Patrick Moore informed radio listeners that an alignment of Pluto and Jupiter would result in a gravitation pull and cause people to be lighter at a precise time of the day. People were invited to jump in the air at that time to test it. Many listeners phoned in to say it had worked, they had jumped and experienced a strange floating sensation. The power of suggestion!

The Independent newspaper, in 2010, included a report that the Circle Line of the London Underground was seriously being considered as the new location for a particle accelerator, like the Large Hadron Collider at CERN.

At *Willingham News*, of course, we're far too sensible to prank our readers. But we are keen to share our award-winning magazine with royalty, so will be presenting King Charles and Queen Camilla with the latest issue when they pop into our village library, to return their well-overdue loan books and pay their substantial fines, on their way to Sandringham on April the first.

Calling all Residents!

The editors of *Willingham News* try to make sure that each issue contains as much about our village as possible. We're also happy to include items sent in from our neighbouring villages when there is space available in the issue. **However, as volunteer editors, we are very reliant on what is sent in to us.**

Of course, there is no absolute guarantee we can publish everything, but if you have stories about local events, village memories, news from individuals, clubs and organisations, etc, please send them in to willinghamnews@gmail.com, as an email attachment.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Editors

The Willingham British School Trust

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held at 7 30 pm on **24 April**. This will be the Trust's Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Baptist Church, George Street.


In addition to receiving annual reports from the Trust's officers and the audited accounts for the 2025/2026 financial year, the Trustees will also consider applications for financial support. The Trust has funds available to support applications from:

- young people attending a university or further education course and have encountered unexpected costs associated with their course such as equipment, field trips and reading lists. Awards for travel expeditions are also available.
- those who represent a Willingham community group seeking funds to support their educational activity.



Applications are also welcome from the governors and staff of the local schools attended by Willingham's children.

At their meeting in January, the Trustees made an award to support the activities provided at the Baptist Church Sunday School. Four individual awards were made to young people seeking support for their vocational and travel ambitions.

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2026 is a National Year of Reading, supported by all libraries.

The aim is to encourage people of all ages to read for pleasure.

Engage in the Afternoon

Sorry, no Engage session this month as it is the school Easter holidays.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

Tuesday 14 April 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

Sorry, no Lego session this month as it's the school holidays.

Family Lego Club

Saturday 25 April 10 15 – 11 45 am: just one session this month because of school holidays.

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

Meet Roxy, a Pets as Therapy Dog

Tuesday 21 April 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!

Postage Stamps – the Library now has a used stamp collection box.

Friends of Willingham Library Events

Contact willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com for further information

Poetry and Prose Evening

Tuesday 21 April 7 30 pm

The theme this time will be *Spring Delights*.

Join us for an enjoyable and entertaining evening of Poetry and Prose. Choose a poem or prose that is related to *Spring Delights* and share it with the group. Or you can just sit and listen and enjoy the company.

Please wear something appropriately bright or floral or bring something along to show off the vibrant colours of spring. Refreshments available.

Family History Session

Sorry no session this month as the library is closed for Easter bank holiday.

Second-Hand Book sale

Saturday 4 April 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 8 April 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 April 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.

Old Willingham

A huge Thank You to Jon Edney who supplied us with *Old Willingham* items in the last few years.

Apologies to readers – due to the ill-health of our new

contributor, it couldn't be included in this issue, but we plan to continue this popular feature in future months.

Sustainable Willingham

Spring has arrived and we're excited to see our beautiful natural spaces coming to life – the Community Orchard, the trees and hedges on the QEII Field, and the pond on Meadow Road. Our village has always cared deeply for the environment and, this Spring, we're focusing on how we can do even more to nurture and protect our surroundings. In the Community Plan 2025, we acknowledged our impact on the planet, particularly in relation to waste. One of the actions in the plan is to promote waste prevention, improve recycling efforts, and keep our village clean through community events like litter picks. The state of the planet can sometimes feel overwhelming, but remember, every small action can have a ripple effect. So together, we can create big change as individuals and as a village community.

We feel it is important to highlight something that really stood out from the Youth Survey undertaken for the Community Plan 2025; 75% of our young people worry daily about the state of the planet. Our young people's biggest concern after schoolwork is the climate crisis, and that's a powerful message. They're not just concerned about their future, they're worried about our future too. So to all our young people, we hear you, and we want to help. We're here to support you, listen to your ideas, and work together to shape a future that's sustainable and hopeful.

Sustainable Willingham is a friendly, welcoming group of residents focused on exploring sustainable living, and we'd love for more of you to get involved. Whether you're passionate about reducing waste, learning new skills, or just want to be part of something positive, there's a place for you here.

In the meantime, we're so excited about what's to come! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Willingham's eighth **Repair Café 19 April** and our very first **SWISH (Clothes Swap) 15 May**.

Email: willinghamsustainability@gmail.com. Facebook/Instagram @SustainableWillingham.

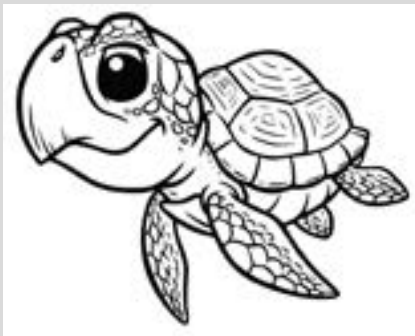
Readers' Noticeboard



Turtle Update

We have the latest news on the turtle rescued by Steve Foreman and reported on last month.

You'll be pleased to know that Stevie, the turtle, is doing well. She is swimming about and gaining weight. We'll keep you updated!



Nature's Names

The nightingale is a spring / summer visitor to south-eastern England (our village is close to the edge of its current range) and, if you hear one, you'll be mesmerised. Their singing ability is pretty much unmatched in the bird world; their songs are emotive,



complex and melodic. They generally choose to sing at dusk and during the night, often from dense scrub as protection from predators, and it's highly likely to be an unpaired male trying to attract a partner.

The origin of their name goes back two thousand years to the Proto-Germanic language – *nakht* (night) and *galon* (to sing), the latter going back to the Proto-Indo-European root *ghel* (to call).

In Old English (450-1100 AD) it was *nihtegale*. The modern spelling includes an extra 'n', of course, and this was added by the 14th century in a linguistic process called excrescence, which is the addition of a sound to make the pronunciation of a word easier.

In the Old English Anglian dialect, the *næht* was how 'the dark part of a day' was described – this dialectic variant of Old English is considered to be the 'forefather' of the modern Scots language.

The literary / poetic name for the nightingale is *philomel*, from the Greek *philomela*, from *philos* (loving) and *melos* (song). *Philomela* is a character in Greek mythology, who was turned into a nightingale after a bit of a nightmare life.

In literature, the bird has inspired countless poets, composers and storytellers over the centuries. Musically, many singers have glorified the bird – the one-and-only Nat 'King' Cole sang about hearing the bird singing in Berkeley Square, yet it was much more likely to be a robin, as nightingales characteristically would avoid urban places. And yet, in days of yore, thousands of nightingales were trapped, caged and sold on London's market stalls. Maybe it was an escapee in the Square?

Let's end, as we sometimes do, with almost-local poet John Clare – this time with lines from his poem *The Nightingale's Nest* (1832)...

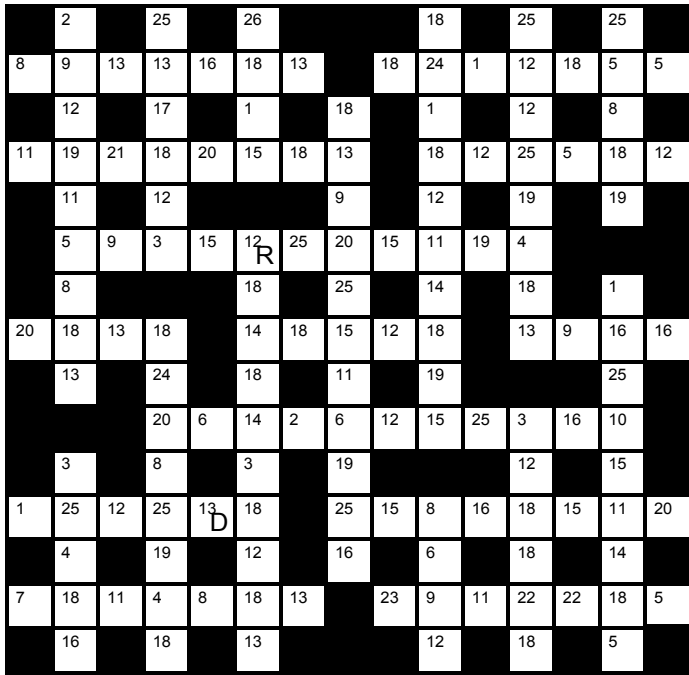
*... While nightingales to Summer's life belongs,
And naked trees and Winter's nipping wrongs
Are strangers to her music and her rest.
Her joys are evergreen; her world is wide ...*

It bangs on for over a hundred lines and wrongly assumes that the melodious bird was female. But, to be honest, it's actually quite an engaging and charming poem about this unique and beautiful bird.

John Lawrence

Codeword

Answers on page 19



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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Quiz: What Comes Fourth?

by Herewill

The title says it all... what comes fourth in each of the following ten sequences.

For example: Houston / Chicago / Los Angeles / ? – the fourth would be New York, as the sequence is counting up to the most populated US city. Good luck!

Answers on page 19.

1. April / June / September / ?
2. TTLS / HIWWYA / UATWSH / ?
3. Genesis / Exodus / Leviticus / ?
4. Income Tax / Kings Cross Station / The Angel Islington / ?
5. ...Galaxy / ...Universe / ...Everything / ?
6. $40 = 5 / 20 = 6 / 10 = 3 / ?$
7. Valet / Dame / Roi / ?
8. A1(M) / M5 / M1 / ?
9. McFadden / Dooley / Fletcher / ?
10. ... back, Jack / ... new plan, Stan / ... coy, Roy / ?

April Quiz

by Herewill

1. What is the name of Brunel's steamship which made its maiden voyage to Boston on 8 April 1838?
2. What is April's birthstone?
3. On 13 April 1953, the first James Bond novel by Ian Fleming was released. What was the title?
4. On 14 April 1865, who was shot by John Wilkes Booth?
5. On April 10, 1925, which novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald was first published in New York City?

Answers on page 19



Young Readers' Corner

Paddington Quiz

Have you read the Paddington books or seen the films? If so, here are some questions for you to try and answer. Then there's a drawing of Paddington to colour in – if you want to, you can use colours which Paddington doesn't normally wear!

1. From where does Paddington get his name?
2. What is his favourite food?
3. What is the name of family he stays with?
4. Where does Paddington keep his sandwiches?
5. Which country is Paddington from, and where in the world is it?
6. What was written on the label around Paddington's neck when he arrived?



Dinosaur Jokes!

Question: How many dinosaurs can you fit in an empty box?

Answer: One — after that, the box isn't empty!

Q: What do you get when a dinosaur sneezes?

A: Out of the way as quickly as you can!

Q: What's as big as a dinosaur but weighs nothing?

A: Its shadow!

Q: What do you get if you cross a pig with a dinosaur?

A: Jurassic pork!

Q: Why did the dinosaur take a bath?

A: To become ex-stinked!

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Services – in Church (except where shown)

3 April	11 am	Good Friday Service – see below for details
5 April	11 am	Easter Sunday – Service of Holy Communion
12 April	11 am	Service of Holy Communion – including a baptism
19 April	11 am	Service of Holy Communion – including a baptism
22 April	9 30 am	Service of Morning Prayer – see below for details
26 April	11 am	Service of Morning Prayer – based on the Book of Common Prayer

Good Friday Service

A creative time of worship exploring the story of Good Friday, with activities for all ages, including making the Easter garden and ending with hot cross buns. There will also be space for adults who prefer to reflect more quietly on the themes of the day.

Wednesday Services of Morning Prayer

On each Wednesday a short Morning Prayer Service is held at 9 30 am in one of the four 5folds Churches.

Services in April are: 1 April, Over; 8 April, Swavesey; 15 April, Longstanton; 22 April, Willingham; 29 April, Over. Everyone is welcome.

Prayers for Ukraine and World Peace

We continue to keep an area set aside in Church for those who wish to spend some quiet reflective time 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 conflict worldwide. Everyone is welcome.

Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on Saturday 11 April 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, toast and a hot light lunch. 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. Also available is advice and guidance about finance. 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.

Contact Details

Clergy:

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5 April	Easter Sunday, service with communion
12 April	Service
19 April	Family Service
26 April	Service

EVENTS

Wednesday Fellowship – Coffee Morning, 10 – 11 30 am

Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 18 April, 7 45 – 9 15 am

Breakfast and chat. Speaker Richard Todd – *My Hero*. To book contact Pete on – whammensbrek@gmail.com.

Community Lunch Club – Thursday 9 and 23 April

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 27 April 7 pm

For all events contact: secretary@willinghambaptist.org.

Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Mass at 5 pm Saturdays, 9 and 11 am Sundays.

Mass is also celebrated at 6 pm on Saturday in the church at Hanover Close, Bar Hill, CB23 8EH. www.olem.org.uk.
For more information about the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia, See www.rcdea.org.uk.

For Holy Week and Easter services, see websites.



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WHEN THE SURGERY IS CLOSED PLEASE CALL 111 FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, OR 999 FOR A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY

FOR URGENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, PLEASE CALL 111 AND SELECT OPTION 2

Easter / May Bank Holidays – Opening Hours

Please note the surgery will be CLOSED for the long Easter weekend including the bank holidays on Friday 3 April and Monday 6 April as well as the bank holidays on Monday 4 May and Monday 25 May.

Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication to last, remembering to order your repeats at least THREE WORKING DAYS before collection.

Your Local Pharmacist

If it's not an emergency, you might be able to head to your local pharmacy rather than attending a GP appointment. Your local pharmacist can help you with a range of services, advice and treatment – from blood pressure checks to vaccinations, and from advice on minor illnesses and injuries to over-the-counter medication.

Just walk in and speak to their team.

Travel Information

As the summer holidays are fast approaching many of us are turning our attention to booking holidays and making our travel plans.

If you are planning to travel abroad, please consider whether you will require any vaccinations. By booking a Travel Clinic appointment (at least six weeks before your date of travel) with one of our practice nurses, they can offer a general travel consultation with advice. They are also able to administer the following vaccinations (free of charge): Hepatitis A, Typhoid, Tetanus Diphtheria and Polio and the MMR. For any other vaccinations we would recommend you attend the Willingham Pharmacy and Travel Clinic or MASTA, a private travel clinic, located on Hills Road in Cambridge. Please visit our website for further information and to fill out a Travel Questionnaire, which must be completed BEFORE your appointment.

For those who are on repeat medication, please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication to last for your time away, remembering to re-order with plenty of time before you travel and allowing at least three working days before collection. And, just in case of emergency, we would advise that you take a list of your repeat medication with you (your repeat prescription slip would be ideal).

Finally, just a reminder that the GP is unable to sign (as proof of identification) any passport applications and they will not write 'Fit to Travel/Fly' letter for our patients.

In Case of Emergency

Please do not present at the GP surgery if you suspect that you are having a heart attack, a stroke or any other medical emergency. The surgery does not offer a walk-in emergency service and we do not have the lifesaving equipment or medication that is needed in such circumstances. In the case of an emergency dial 999 immediately or present at Accident and Emergency at the hospital. Alternatively, the Minor Injuries Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely is open for patients with injuries that need attention but are not critical or life threatening.

Volunteer Opportunity: Chair of the Patient Participation Group

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
Friday	8 am – 6 30 pm	Friday	8 30 am – 1 pm
Closed on Bank Holidays			

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Monday	8 30 am – 1 pm	2 30 pm – 6 pm
Tuesday	8 30 am – 1 pm	2 pm – 7 pm
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

LONGSTANTON DISPENSARY OPENING TIMES

For Collection of Prescriptions		Telephone Line	
Monday	8 30 am – 1 pm & 2 30 – 4 pm	Monday	10 am – 12 & 3 – 4 pm
Tuesday	8 30 am – 1 pm & 2 30 – 4 pm	Tuesday	10 am – 12 & 3 – 4 pm
Wednesday	8 30 am – 1 pm & 2 30 – 4 pm	Wednesday	10 am – 12 & 3 – 4 pm
Thursday	8 30 am – 1 pm	Thursday	10 am – 12
Friday	8 30 am – 1 pm & 2 30 – 4 pm	Friday	10 am – 12 & 3 – 4 pm

Please note that when the GP surgery is closed our patients are unable to collect letters from or drop off samples with the dispensary team.

Please telephone 01954 207602 for any medication queries or hospital discharge concerns but NOT requests for repeat medications

Vaccinations

- The Pneumococcal Vaccine is available year-round for everyone who is aged 65 years and over.
- The RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Vaccine is available year-round for everyone who is aged between 75 and 79 years of age and for all pregnant women who are over 28 weeks.
- The Shingles Vaccine is available year round for everyone who is aged between 70 and 79 years of age and have never received a shingles vaccine, for individuals who reach the age of 65 or 70 years of age during the period 01/09/23 and 31/08/28 (these individuals should be vaccinated on or after (but not before) their 65th or 70th birthday), individuals who are aged 50 years and above and meet the definition of severe immunosuppression and for those who are aged between 18 and 49 years and receiving a stem cell transplant. Please note, when booking your second (booster) shingles vaccination, that this cannot be administered any sooner (even by one day) than six calendar months after the first vaccination was given.

Carers' Meetings

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 1 April**, 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

Mystery Photo

It seems that last month's Mystery Photo was somewhat easier than previous months. It was of one of the motifs on the wall of the child care agency on the High Street.

This month, hopefully, will be identifiable if you are in the habit of walking around the village. Maybe you've already spotted our roving photographer furtively lurking and taking snaps of the most unlikely subjects. So far, an arrest for suspicious behaviour has been avoided...



Roll up your Sleeves for Spring Covid Boosters!

The Octagon Community Hub is hosting a Covid booster session for local people on the morning of **Monday 27 April**, 10 am to 12 noon.

We're working with the Community & School-Age Immunisation Team that covers Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The team plan to offer boosters to:

- adults aged 75 and over
- Individuals aged six months and over who are immunosuppressed

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 refreshments available so please do stay on and have a cuppa and a chat with us and find out more about our free community support.

The Octagon Community Hub is on Monday mornings, 10 am to 12 30 pm, at The Octagon, St Mary & All Saints Church.

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Poetry Corner

A Poem for April

The umbrellas are up for April showers,
The garden is full of spring flowers.
January, February, March flown by
And here at last a clear blue sky.
Look out your t-shirts and your frocks,
Your bridal wear and clean white socks.
It's April, month of spring flowers,
Little lambs and April showers.

Christine Lacey

My Sonnet XVIII

Shall I compare thee to a plumber's mate?
Thou art my neighbour (and a woman too)
Yet that won't stop me asking for a date
But only when you've cleared my blocked-up loo.
Sometimes too hot the radiators burn.
Alack! So does our own complexion glint,
We've tried to give the thermostat a turn,
Perchance, whilst thou art here, please take a squint.
I shy from asking favours of a wench,
But your possessions make you quite a find,
The only one round here that's got a wrench.
O, could I watch you work, be thou so kind,
So long as I can breathe, mine eyes can see,
Your plumbing skills quite pleaseth me.

John Lawrence

Easter trail!

Free fun family activity! Walk around the orchard to find the hidden letters and receive a small prize for correctly guessing the hidden word in the trees!

Sunday 12th April
2.30pm — 4.30pm

Willingham Orchard, Earith Road

For information on this and other activities visit
<https://www.facebook.com/willinghamactiongroup>



Open Circle Singers and Drummers

Open Circle is a fantastic community of people who come together in the village to sing and to play Djembe drums. Some people just sing, others just drum; some even do both though not always at the same time!

We have recently renamed ourselves as Open Circle Singers and Drummers from the original Over Community Singers and Drummers. We originated in and practiced in Over, but we are now Willingham-based, although our current members come from surrounding villages and even as far as Cambridge. Our practice venue on a **Wednesday evening at 7 pm** is Willingham Baptist Church, which has a lovely spacious hall.

Our musical director is Agi Peach, a very talented, enthusiastic and welcoming teacher. Everyone is welcome to come along to a session to try us out. No auditions needed, very reasonable fees charged and no requirement to read music either. Our repertoire is varied and includes songs from all over the world. If you would like to try traditional West African drumming with a Djembe, you can come and borrow a drum to start. It's really good fun. We perform at various times of the year, at local festivals, churches and schools and you may see us at the Fen Edge Festival this year or, near Christmas-time, in Willingham. There is no requirement to perform if you don't want to, although you may find it hard to resist.

Our website opencircle.uk gives most of the details you need and an initial contact can be made through email enquiries@opencircle.uk, or just turn up on a Wednesday at 7 pm; new members always welcome!

Flower Arrangements at the Parish Church

The Parish Church flower arranging team is mounting flower arrangements to celebrate the 100th birthday (21 April) of the late Queen Elizabeth II, reflecting on the great years of her life.

These will be displayed between **17 and 27 April** in St Mary & All Saints Church during the church's usual opening hours.

The late-Queen's wardrobe was famously vibrant, earning her the nickname The Rainbow Queen! Her colour choices were often strategic or symbolic. One of the Queen's favourite flowers, the lily of the valley, symbolises purity and trustworthiness. One of her favourite poems was The Gate of the Year (God Knows). It was of particular significance to her and was featured in the Order of Service for her funeral.

Her reign began during continued post-war rationing. She oversaw the largely peaceful transition of the British Empire into the Commonwealth of Nations, and she navigated the monarchy through a rapidly changing social landscape, modernisation into the digital age, and shifting media scrutiny.

Please pop in and view the arrangements, a celebration of the late Queen, on the above dates.

Fen Edge Twinning Association

Hosts Wanted

Our friends in our Twin Town of Avrille in France remain keen to host large numbers of visitors from the Fen Edge villages, but our membership has been falling of late, and we have only been able to find hosts for 38 visitors for this year's exchange visit.

The French visitors will arrive on **Friday 1 May** and we have a full programme of events planned for the weekend. They will be welcomed by members of our Parish Councils and by our MP at a reception in Rampton Village Hall. Nibbles will be accompanied with Foxhay English Cider. On Saturday we have a group visit to Ickworth followed by a group dinner in the evening.

On the Sunday, hosts will entertain their guests as they see fit; a number of guided tours of local attractions will be available to those who wish to use them. The French visitors will begin their return journey shortly after breakfast on the Monday. We are confident that the visit will be a very enjoyable experience for all concerned, but it would be even better if we had more hosts!

To find out more, please contact fenedgetwinning@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook.

Also, please come along to our **Annual Quiz Night** at Landbeach Village Hall on **15 May**, start time 7 pm for 7 30 pm. For details, see posters around the village or on our Facebook page.

Night Sky

Night Sky will be taking a break until autumn, but there are highlights during the next few months that you may want to note. May is an excellent month for Venus, brilliant to the naked eye and three-quarters lit up if you see it through binoculars or a small telescope. It's better viewed in the twilight, rather than after dark when the planet will appear more dazzled and difficult to make out any detail.

The bright star Vega will be a familiar sight over the summer months, high in the sky and usually the first visible star as darkness falls, passing almost overhead. Vega is around 25 light years away; it was our Pole Star about 12,000 years ago, and will be again in another 12,000 years, due to changes in the Earth's axis.

On **12 August**, we'll experience a partial eclipse of the Sun of more than 90% in the UK. **Never look at the Sun directly**, especially through binoculars or a telescope, as it can permanently damage eyes. For naked eye observing, you can obtain special eclipse spectacles.

On **7 September** there will be a partial eclipse of the Moon, about 93%, but this will happen just as the Moon rises over the horizon. As it gets higher, it moves out of the Earth's shadow, but it will still be a sight worth catching if you can.

Happy Moon gazing, until the Autumn!

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Retirement of the Parish Clerk

It is with deep appreciation and considerable regret that the Parish Council announces the forthcoming retirement of our Parish Clerk, Mandy Powell, who has given notice of her intention to stand down in June, following many years of distinguished service to the council and to this community.

The role of Parish Clerk is one that is rarely fully visible to the public, yet it underpins the effective functioning of everything the council does. From the management of correspondence and statutory compliance, to the support of councillors in their decision-making and the meticulous administration of our meetings, she has discharged her duties with unwavering professionalism and exceptional dedication. The council is, in every meaningful sense, a more capable and well-regarded body for her long stewardship of it.

We are pleased to confirm that our very capable Deputy Clerk, Amy Rudderham, will be taking over as Clerk in her place and we have every confidence that the council will continue to be served with the same dedication and expertise.

On behalf of all members of the Parish Council, and of the many residents who have benefited directly or indirectly from her commitment to this community, we extend our sincerest thanks to Mandy and our very best wishes for a long and thoroughly well-earned retirement.

Forthcoming Local Elections

Elections for both district and parish councils are approaching this coming May, and the Parish Council would encourage any resident with an interest in public service to consider putting their name forward.

The parish council is the most local tier of elected government in England and, as such, is uniquely placed to represent the interests of the communities it serves. Councillors are responsible for representing the views of residents, supporting the upkeep and development of local facilities and open spaces, consulting on local planning applications, and contributing to decisions that shape the long-term character of the parish. The commitment required is modest, ordinarily one evening meeting per month, alongside occasional additional responsibilities but the contribution to local life can be considerable.

No prior experience of public office is required, and new councillors receive appropriate support and guidance as they take up their responsibilities. Any resident wishing to find out more, or to express an interest in standing, is warmly invited to contact the Parish Council office at their earliest convenience.

Highway Maintenance and Potholes

The condition of local roads this winter has given rise to widespread concern among residents, and the Parish Council is conscious that potholes in particular have been a source of significant frustration. It should be noted that the maintenance and repair of public highways is a matter for the county council, not the parish council, but we will always seek to raise residents' concerns through appropriate channels.

The deterioration of road surfaces this winter has been driven by a combination of factors. Prolonged cold and wet weather accelerates the freeze/thaw process, causing water to penetrate existing cracks and break apart the surface from within. Persistent rainfall further reduces the available windows for effective repair, increasing the likelihood of

failure. These challenges have been compounded by limited road space for closures in parts of the county and highways authority resources that are under considerable strain, all resulting in slower response times, longer periods between inspection and repair, and higher failure rates when action is taken.

Reporting a pothole: Residents are encouraged to report highway defects directly to the county council via its online reporting tool (highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/en-gb), which is available on the county council's website. Online reports create a formal record of the defect and initiate the inspection process.

Making a claim for vehicle damage: Residents whose vehicles have sustained damage as a result of a highway defect may wish to pursue a formal claim. To do so, it is advisable to gather clear photographic evidence of the defect, note the precise location, date, and time, and retain any receipts for repair work carried out. Claims should be submitted through the county council's highways claims procedure (www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults/making-a-highways-claim).

Highgate Footpath Improvement Works

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that, following a considerable period of work and negotiation on behalf of residents, the improvement works to the Highgate footpath have now been formally approved and a programme of works confirmed.

Works are scheduled to commence within a window from 13 April and are expected to conclude by 14 May. They will be carried out under multi-way traffic light management, thereby avoiding the need for a full road closure, this is an outcome the Parish Council identified as a priority from the outset of discussions and is pleased to have secured.

Pedestrian access to Highgate will be maintained throughout the duration of the works via the rear of the farm shop, ensuring that Highgate remains accessible on foot to all residents and visitors during the construction period.

The Parish Council is grateful for the patience residents have shown whilst these arrangements were put in place, and looks forward to the delivery of a much-improved footpath for the benefit of the whole community.

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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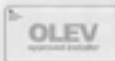
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Sunday 26 April 1 30 – 4 30 pm *Rampton Trail: A Space Odyssey*

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Save the dates:

- **Tea on The Green** in Rampton – **Saturday 7 June** from 3 pm.
- **Rampton Relay – Sunday 8 September** from 2 pm.

Answers

Codeword Solution

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

Answers to What Comes Fourth Quiz

1. November (the last of the year's 30-day months)
2. LADITS (*Like a diamond in the sky*, the next line of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
3. Numbers (4th book in the Old Testament)
4. Chance (the next square on the classic London Monopoly board)
5. Fish (the last word of the title of the fourth book of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* 'trilogy')
6. $5 = 4$ (Halving the first number each time, then the number of letters in that number)
7. As (Jack, Queen, King, Ace in French)
8. M6 (Longest of the motorways in England)
9. Bailey (*Strictly Come Dancing* series 15 to 18 winners)
10. Just get yourself free (the ends of the first four lines of the chorus of Paul Simon's *50 Ways to Leave your Lover*).

April Quiz Answers

- 1 Great Western 2 Diamond 3 Casino Royale 4 Abraham Lincoln 5 The Great Gatsby

Answers to Paddington Quiz

- 1 Paddington Station 2 Marmalade sandwiches 3 The Browns 4 Under his hat 5 Peru, South America 6 'Please look after this bear. Thank you.'

Thank You Deliverers!

In February the *Willingham News* team held an informal get-together in the Octagon for the deliverers, as a thank you for their dedication to the task over the years.

Some couldn't make it, so it's fitting to include in this issue a thank you to all on the delivery team. This includes David Young who, each month, sorts and bundles over 2000 magazines into batches, and to Nigel Ayling and Alan Jakes who then drop them off at the deliverers' houses.

And to the deliverers themselves, a huge thank you for getting the magazines to the residents in all weathers. It's always very much appreciated!

The Editors

Thought for the Month

**The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!
This is the Day of Rejoicing.**

There is a story told about the 19th century gas lamplighter in the streets of London. A newspaper reporter once asked the lamplighter if he ever grew weary of his work on the cold, lonely winter nights. He replied, 'Never. For there is always a lamp ahead of me to lead me on.' 'But,' added the reporter, 'what about when you have put out the last light?'

'Then,' replied the lamplighter, 'comes the dawn.'

We have journeyed 40 days through Lent and now, on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the beginning of a new dawn. Jesus' victory over sin and death ushers in a dawn of new hope for all humankind. Those who remain united to him shall no more lie buried in the tomb of evil habits, discouragement or doubts. That's why St Paul, writing to the Colossians, exhorts them to '... seek what is above' (Col 3:1) and not get lost in the things of the world.

At this Easter season, let us look at our Lord and understand the fact that no power on earth could prevent Jesus from rising from the dead; the spirit of God within him was all-powerful. There are various expressions in scripture: 'The Father raised him up'. 'The spirit of God raised him' and 'He rose by his own power', amount to the same thing: Jesus rose from the dead because he was God.

To be saved, it is not enough that we confess that Jesus rose from the dead; we must rise with him from death in sin to a new life in Christ. Jesus wills to communicate to us his life, his peace and his joy. But we must enable him to do so by opening our heart to him through repentance. He is all powerful. One thing he will not do – to force his way into anyone's heart.

Each encounter with the Risen Lord prepares us for that final revelation of his at our death, when he will share with us his life, peace and joy, as much of them as our heart will be able to contain.

Alleluia! Christ is risen and we have risen with him!

A very Happy Easter to you all!

God Bless us all!

Fr Trindade J Monteiro, Priest-in-Charge, Sacred Heart RC Church, St. Ives.



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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Wed 1 April	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p13
Wed 1 April	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p17
Sat 4 April	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am - 12 noon, see p9
Sat 4 April	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Sun 5 April	Jazz Club	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 6 April	Talk: <i>History of Horticulture in Willingham</i>	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p5
Wed 8 April	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p9
Thu 9 April	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Sat 11 April	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am - 12 noon, see p6 & 12
Sat 11 April	Ceilidh	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Ploughman Hall	7 – 11 pm, see p6
Sun 12 April	Easter Trail	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Community Orchard	2 30 – 4 30 pm, see p6 & 14
Mon 13 April	Talk: <i>Handmade Fused Glass</i> with Katy Lynn from Molten Wonky	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 for 7 30 pm, see p6
Tue 14 April	Digital Buddy Drop-In Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p9
Wed 15 April	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2– 4 pm, see p9
Sat 18 April	Talk: <i>My Hero</i> with Richard Todd	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 – 9 15 am, see p12
Sun 19 April	Repair Café	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Ploughman Hall	1 – 4 30 pm, see p6 & 10
Mon 20 April	Meeting	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p19
Tue 21 April	Roxy 'Pets as Therapy' Dog	Library	Library	2 – 3 pm, see p9
Tue 21 April	Poetry and Prose Evening Theme: <i>Spring Delights</i>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p9
Thu 23 April	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Fri 24 April	Trustees Annual General Meeting	Willingham British School Trust	Baptist Church	7 30 pm, see p7
Sat 25 April	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p9
Sun 26 April	<i>Rampton Trail: a Space Odyssey</i>	Rampton Village	Village Hall	1 30 – 4 30 pm, see p19
Mon 27 April	Covid Booster Session	Community Hub	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p14

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