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# Celebrating the late Queen Elizabeth's 100th Birthday

Here are some of the displays and flower arrangements prepared by members of the St Mary and All Saints Church flower arrangers and exhibited in the church to celebrate

the late Queen Elizabeth's 100th birthday. See page 5 for further details.

*Photos by John Lawrence*



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## 100th Birthday Floral Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II

Hard on the heels of a busy Easter, the St Mary and All Saints Flower Arrangers created special arrangements of flowers in the church to celebrate our late Queen Elizabeth's 100th birthday.

While working on the celebration, we found it interesting to compare the contextual difference in the lives of both our Queen Elizabeths.

Queen Elizabeth II (modern monarch) was known for her colourful, consistent and practical wardrobe, which aimed for maximum visibility.

Queen Elizabeth I (historical monarch): famous for the 'Rainbow Portrait' (c 1600 – 1602), in which she is depicted wearing a heavily symbolic gown adorned with eyes and ears (to show that she sees and hears all) and holding a rainbow. It is well worth a 'Google search', which will show the colours and details of this famous painting.

The photos on page 2 show some of the arrangements on display around the church. The titles and comments for these arrangements are:

1. 'The Gate of the Year (God knows)' – a favourite poem of the late Queen written by Minnie Louise Haskins
2. 'Queen's Reign' – major milestones in her reign and the historical context
3. 'Rainbow Queen' – rainbow wardrobe, often strategic or symbolic, and famous tea party with Paddington Bear
4. 'Queen's Jubilees', including her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

Carol Bailey

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At our May meeting, we welcomed Kim O'Brien who gave a talk entitled *Dahlias from tubers to vase*. Kim is a florist and prominent local gardener who has appeared at several *Gardener's World* live events. She is also a regular columnist for the *Amateur Gardening* magazine. Drawing on 26 years of experience growing dahlias, Kim shared a wealth of knowledge with the club, including propagation from tubers, cuttings and seed, winter storage and when and how to deadhead.

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 1 June**. We will be joined by Robert Smit, who will speak to us about making and maintaining a pond.

The Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meeting begins at 7 30 pm. There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members.

New members are always welcome and can sign up for a membership now. If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email: [willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com).

Information can also be found on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub](https://www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub).

### Coach Trip to Sissinghurst Castle Garden

We are delighted to announce that on **Saturday 27 June** we will be running a coach trip to National Trust's Sissinghurst Castle Garden.

The cost of the coach and entry to the garden is as follows:

- Members of National Trust + WGC Members: £29
- Members of National Trust + Non-Members of WGC: £31
- Non-Members of National Trust + WGC Members: £48
- Non-Members of National Trust + Non-Members of WGC: £50

Pick up will be from Willingham Green at 8 30 am. Return from Sissinghurst at 4 pm.

Please email [willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com) for a booking form.

## Friends of Willingham Church

friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com

Would you like to help us raise much-needed funds for the maintenance and restoration of our beautiful church building? We want to preserve the church so future generations can enjoy it as much as we do.

We will be fundraising at the WAG Fete on **5 July** from 11 30 am to 3 30 pm. There will also be an event in the autumn. Please look out for details on social media and of course in upcoming editions of *Willingham News*.

You can also help us by becoming a member of our Friends group. 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 do join us, you will receive updates on the building restoration projects when they get underway.

The restoration will not start immediately as, although we've raised quite a good amount over the last two years, and received a very generous donation from a Willingham resident, we must discuss with the Parochial Church Council what aspect of the exterior of the building we can spend it on. They are waiting for a visit from an architect this summer to assess the building and to report on what needs to be done urgently and 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 amount it will cost.

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## Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 8 June** from 7 pm at the Social Club, with refreshments available and time for a chat.

At 7 30 pm Fran Saltmarsh will be talking to us about *Fig Leaves and Feather Boas* – a look at the history of fashion.

We had a very colourful April meeting when Katy Lynn from Molten Wonky came to talk to us about *Fused Glass*. She began by telling us about her lifelong love of shapes and bright colours. After gaining a degree at the Chelsea School of Art, she developed an interest in stained glass – a 'messy business' and completed a number of commissions inspired by her extensive travels.



After having a family, Katy set up a business using the cleaner fused glass technique. Coloured glass shapes are cut out and put onto a special, clear glass background and heated until just molten and fused together. She brought beautiful, colourful examples of her work for us to see and buy including sculptures, seasonal decorations, ornaments, flowers and jewellery.

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**When?** The second Monday of every month (except August).

**Where?** The Social Club.

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## Early Education in Willingham – Part 2

The subscription school continued throughout the 18th century in spite of a financial crisis in the 1720s and a problem in appointing a schoolmaster in 1743. This difficulty arose because of the profound disagreement between the established church and the dissenters of the parish. Upon the death of Mr Holmes, the last schoolmaster, the Rector Reverend Reynolds received a petition from some of the villagers recommending Mr John Bensted Junior as a fit person to succeed him. However, when informed that the said Mr Bensted was a dissenter, Mr Reynolds revoked his appointment and at a meeting of his parishioners, which took place in the chancel after morning service on 24 July 1743, he recommended his curate, the Reverend Mr Thomas Ibbot, as schoolmaster. It does not seem to have been an ideal choice as Ibbot was described by William Cole as 'being somewhat disordered in the head and made worse by the perverse humour of the people of this parish, who for the most part are a factious set of persons, fanatically inclined, and consequently censorious of all those of another mode of worship.'

Soon after Ibbot's appointment, the school was moved from the church to a building called Greves House situated in Church Street, opposite the present-day Willingham House, where it occupied the two front rooms. This area was insured by the trustees for £40, fortunately as it turned out, since this part of the building burnt down in 1831 and they were able to use the insurance money to build a new schoolroom on the site, which was capable of housing 60 children.

To be continued in future issues of *Willingham News*.

Anne Kirkman

## The Octagon Community Hub

**Monday Mornings 10 am – 12 30 pm**

If you haven't tried out the Octagon Community Hub yet, why not come and visit us one Monday morning in June? We serve tea, coffee and squash throughout the morning and a light lunch at 11 45 am. We make no charges for our refreshments but donations towards the second phase of the Octagon Improvement Project are always appreciated. We are now in the process of updating the toilet facilities and replacing the hall curtains to benefit all those who use the Octagon.

You will always find someone to chat to if you would like some company. 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.

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

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 June.

## Nature's Names

We get a lot of this in our part of the world – sky! Going back thousands of years, this word is descended from the base-word *skew*, which meant 'to cover'. In Old English (about 450 – 1066 AD) that dome above our heads was called *heofon* (heaven, of course); after that, sky was used more frequently, borrowed from the Old Norse word for 'cloud' or 'the abode of the gods'.

*Sky* and *heofon* were somewhat synonymous over the centuries, but eventually *heofon* became more associated with spiritual aspirations.

Delving into a word's history can take us into some weird and unexpected places, no less so than this ... one of the earliest written records of the word *sky*, from the early 13th century, was in the glossary of *Ancrene Wisse*, a lengthy manual for anchoresses (recluses who have chosen to live their solitary life in a cell connected to a church, like the one in our own parish church). It's natural to ask the question, if an anchoress was destined not to see anything other than their cell walls, why should the sky be mentioned in their comprehensive manual? Especially as the word is notable by its absence in translations of the Bible up to the King James Version.

The manual contains a multitude of rules they should follow – one particular 'sin' was about spending too long looking out of any window, should they be lucky enough to have one. It cautions thus: 'Love your windows as little as possible, and see that they are small.' It also reassures the anchoress of their responsibilities – '...without us, all the world (is) blazing in black flame up to the welkin...'. (*Welkin* was a variant of an Old English word for cloud or sky). They certainly took their vocation seriously. See the article on Willingham's anchorite cell on page 13 for an insight.

Now let Edward Thomas round off this sky-based ramble with selected lines from his poem *Two Peewits*.

*Under the after-sunset sky  
Two peewits sport and cry...  
Over the ghost who wonders why  
So merrily they cry and fly,  
Nor choose 'twixt earth and sky...*

Maybe not his best work but impressively persistent in his rhymes with sky!

John Lawrence

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# Willingham Action Group

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This is a free event and a great opportunity to explore the wild meadow and its wide range of wildflowers and plants which attract several butterfly species and a range of wonderful nesting birds. More information about the meadow is on our facebook event page via the QR code below.

Dress appropriately for the weather including a good sun hat and bring plenty of water if hot. Please wear suitable footwear for uneven ground and overgrown areas. We welcome wheelchair users and pushchairs and are happy to offer advice or support to help you plan your visit.

Visit our facebook event page for more information and to let us know you are coming.

Find us: *Google map*: Willingham Community Wildlife Meadow, Meadow Road, Willingham

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Car parking provided.

## Willingham Village Fete

As spring moves into summer, we are gearing up for our Village Fete on **Sunday 5 July**. Following on from the Fen Gallop, we will be over the road at the Ploughman Hall from 11 30 am to 4 30 pm. Expect music and entertainment, stalls and games as well as a bar and food. Entry is free, so come and join us.

### • Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help on the day, from setting up/packing up, to BBQing or manning the bar. Please offer as much or as little time as you can; more hands make less work, so if you can help for even 30 minutes let us know at: [events@willinghamlife.co.uk](mailto:events@willinghamlife.co.uk).

### • Want a Stall?

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The Parish Church has kindly agreed for us to use its porch as the location for a 'drop box' for donations and this will run from **Monday 1 June**. Anyone can help themselves to items in the larder box, no questions asked.

The larder box will generally be available behind the

right-hand lattice iron gate during the hours that the church porch is open – most days from 10 am till 4 pm, often later, but there will be occasions where access will be restricted because of church events. We will post information on the Willingham Life website where possible to keep information up to date.

Donations are welcome but these must initially be limited to non-perishable items only, such as canned food, unopened packets and toiletries. All items must be 'in-date'. These can be delivered directly into the larder box. A team of volunteers will regularly check the space to ensure only appropriate items are available and to ensure all goods are in date.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the day-to-day monitoring of the larder, or if you want further information, please contact us at: [communitylarder@willinghamlife.co.uk](mailto:communitylarder@willinghamlife.co.uk).

## Easter Trail

Our free family event was a wonderful treat at the end of the school holidays. It was great to see so many of our families enjoying the activities at the Community Orchard, where they met the Easter Bunny (see photo on the cover) on his return visit and completed the Easter Trail to win a prize.

## Ceilidh

Who says the English don't know a Stripping the Willow from a Gay Gordon?



April saw another sell-out ceilidh in the Willingham events calendar. From beginners to seasoned experts, lots of laughter and fun-fuelled chaos was had. Looking forward to the next one already.

## Repair Café

From bikes to laptops, trousers to lawn mowers, all things that could be fixed and loved a



little longer appeared. Our amazing repairers welcomed the community once again at the Willingham Repair Café, fixing 42 items. With a pop-up refill station and the most amazing cakes and crafts while you wait, this was another great event. Look out for our next one as part of the Willingham Feast calendar of events.

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## Sudoku

By Willow

Answer on page 17

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## World Cup Word Search

Answer on page 17

In this word search you will find the 20 highest-ranking countries that will be at the 2026 World Cup, starting on 11 June. So it's likely that one of these countries will be the eventual winners. See if you can work out which are the 20 countries and, going across or down or diagonally, see if you can find all 20 countries in the grid.

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## Young Readers' Corner

### A Poem for June

For June is here with floral show  
A bouncy happy month to know  
and people everywhere they cheer  
for Summer, Summer now is here.

For Spring had woken up again  
with warmth and soft misty rain  
Now June is here and Summer sun  
has brought its magic to everyone.

Chris Lacey

### The Month of June

Here is a short quiz about the month of June (see page 17 for the answers).

1. How many days are there in June 2026?  
31, 28 or 30?
2. Which day has the shortest night?  
21, 16, 28?
3. Is it true that June starts winter in the northern hemisphere and summer in the southern hemisphere?  
Yes/No
4. Friday 5 June 2026 is a day of international celebration. Can you guess what is celebrated on that day? Is it:  
National Doughnut Day?  
National Chocolate Pudding Day?  
World Juggling Day?
5. Can you make up a rhyme/verse about the month of June and write it in the space below?



# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

## Election and Casual Vacancies

There were fewer applications for councillors than available seats for the recent local elections. This meant no vote was needed for the Parish Council and all applicants are now elected Parish Councillors. There are now three vacant council seats and applications to fill them are invited. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk in the first instance for further information and/or an application form. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, where council roles are decided, was delayed a week for the election and was not available before the News deadline. A full list is available on the Council website.

## Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

The Council has finally received planning approval to build a MUGA on the recreation ground. It will be available to use as either a single tennis court or single netball court and will have full height fencing and floodlights and will have a dedicated footpath from West Fen Road. It will be funded mainly through targeted S106 money given to the Council as a condition of local housing developments. Our enormous thanks go to (now retired) Councillor Linda King, who has shepherded this project for many years while negotiating multiple setbacks.

## Highgate Farm Footpath

Another long-awaited development now nearing completion is the footpath to Highgate Farm which will be complete by the time this edition of *Willingham News* is distributed. The footpath project was part of the Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) Local Highway Improvement (LHI) programme, sponsored by Willingham Parish Council (WPC) and jointly funded by CCC, WPC and a generous contribution from the owners of Highgate Farm. Villagers will now be able to access the many businesses there safely without having to use their cars. We have also been successful with our recent LHI bid to add new double yellow lines to various sites in the village but have yet to receive any indication of a date for this work to be carried out.

## Village Green Bench

After the arson attack which destroyed the bench on the Green, the Council applied for a grant to cover the cost of a replacement. The grant has been approved, and the new bench has been ordered, so keep an eye out for the new, all metal, seating.

## Deputy Clerk

As we have previously noted, our long-standing Parish Clerk, Mandy Powell, will be retiring in June and our Deputy Clerk, Amy Rudderham, will be taking over as Clerk. Following recent interviews, we are pleased to report that we have appointed Sophie McNally as new Deputy Clerk, and we wish her a warm welcome as she joins our capable office team.

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting, chaired by the Parish Council but a village meeting, was held on 22 April. The meeting minutes and all reports submitted by local groups are available on the Council website – see Documents > Annual Reports.

## 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

Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP

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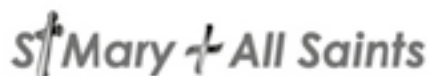
email [clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Opening hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 1 pm (closed bank holidays)

*Clerk: Mandy Powell*

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CHURCH STREET, WILLINGHAM

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13834](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13834)

## Services – in Church (except where shown)

- 7 June 11 am** Holy Communion  
**14 June 11 am** Café Church – in the Octagon Hall  
**21 June 11 am** Holy Communion  
**28 June 11 am** Morning Prayer – Based on the Book of Common Prayer

## 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 June are: **3 June**, Swavesey; **10 June**, Longstanton; **17 June**, Willingham; **24 June**, Over. Everyone is welcome.

## Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 13 June** from 10 am in The Octagon with the usual mix of music, refreshments, laughter and fun. Everyone living with memory loss (or other illness) accompanied by a carer, friend or family is welcome. See page 5 for further details.

## Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open **every Monday morning** from 10 am to 12 30 pm. Come and join us for great company and free tea, coffee, 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.

## 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.

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

### Licensed Lay Minister:

Canon Jan Payne 07780 674563 or [jan.payne@5folds.org.uk](mailto:jan.payne@5folds.org.uk)

### 5folds Administration Office:

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



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Minister: Rev Kwaku Efah

## Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

Friendly contemporary services with songs, prayers and fellowship.

## 7 June Service with Communion

## 14 June Service

## 21 June Family Service

## 28 June Service

## EVENTS

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

Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

### Men's Breakfast – Saturday 20 June, 7 45 – 9 15 am

Breakfast and chat. Speaker Dan Holland – *The Local Mission Field*. To book contact Pete on: [whammensbrek@gmail.com](mailto:whammensbrek@gmail.com).

### Community Lunch Club – Thursdays 4 and 18 June

Book through Daphne on 07919 024857.

**TOPS Baby and Toddler Group – Tuesdays at 9 45 am** (term time only). Meet other families while the children play. For children up to the age of five.

Contact Debbie Allen on 01954 261581.

### Nimble Fingers Craft Club – Mondays 2 – 4 pm

Bring your crafts and join with others, learn a new skill or just chat. Contact Daphne on 07919 024857.

### Women's Bible Study Group – Monday 29 June, 7 pm

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

## Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Mass at **5 pm Saturdays**, and at **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](http://www.olem.org.uk).

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

## Poetry Corner

### The River

My father didn't know how to swim  
and I never asked why. As a child  
I would sit on the riverbank, not talking  
to him, because that's what we did, not talk.  
I could have said Fancy a paddle?  
or ask why eye-contact with water  
was as far as it goes. But I never did.  
I'd often stoop, let the river sluice  
between my fingers, open and close the gap  
to test the range of notes,  
let the hiss and murmur  
charm me into my dreamworld.  
And when we walked away, my hand in his,  
the memory of water-chasing-water  
floated in my head, and I'm thinking  
about a churn of froth over a submerged rock.  
Had he seen it? Had he heard it?  
Was he transfixed by the foam rising, falling,  
then spinning away in a breathless descent  
until out of our sight? A slight tightening  
of his grip said Yes. And when we reached home,  
my mum, discharged from lookout duty  
at the window, would always ask,  
How was the river, did you dip your toes?  
and we'd both shake our heads. No words,  
because that's what we did, not talk.

*John Lawrence*

### The Way Through the Woods

They shut the road through the woods  
Seventy years ago.  
Weather and rain have undone it again,  
And now you would never know  
There was once a road through the woods  
Before they planted the trees.  
It is underneath the coppice and heath,  
And the thin anemones.  
Only the keeper sees  
That, where the ring-dove broods,  
And the badgers roll at ease,  
There was once a road through the woods.  
Yet, if you enter the woods  
Of a summer evening late,  
When the night-air cools on the trout-ringed pools  
Where the otter whistles his mate,  
(They fear not men in the woods,  
Because they see so few.)  
You will hear the beat of a horse's feet,  
And the swish of a skirt in the dew,  
Steadily cantering through  
The misty solitudes,  
As though they perfectly knew  
The old lost road through the woods.  
But there is no road through the woods.

*Rudyard Kipling*

## Willingham's Anchorite Cell

We have an anchorite cell within the Parish Church as is described in the Nature's Names article on page 7. You can see from this photograph that the window available to the occupant was very small as was required. It must have been a very hard life within this austere room where even the roof was built in stone as well as the walls.

The anchorite lived off food donated by villagers and supplied through the small window. There was a door to the room (you can see this on the right hand side of the photograph) but this was only to be opened a small amount to enable the occupant to 'peep out' to watch the priest at the High Altar during a service but would ensure that the anchorite could not be seen by the congregation.

Why not visit the church to look at this special room and get an idea of what it would have been like to live there!







# WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

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Website: [www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.net](http://www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.net)

Community (District) Nurses: 0330 726 0077 Health Visitors: 0300 029 5050

**A&E IS NOT AN ALTERNATIVE TO A GP APPOINTMENT**

**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**

## Volunteer Opportunity for 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.

## Annual Medication Reviews

ALL patients prescribed repeat medication require an ANNUAL REVIEW, typically held during their birth month. Regardless of the number of medications on your repeat prescription, it is a legal requirement to review your medication annually with a GP. Not only is the GP legally responsible for prescribing your medication, but this is also a good opportunity to discuss any concerns or ask any questions you may have. If you fail to attend this appointment it may affect you receiving your regular monthly medication. Please note that, even if you are under a hospital consultant for any condition, you will still be required to attend this appointment.

## Suspected Breast Cancer Self-Referral Service

Patients with worrying breast cancer symptoms can now be referred directly to specialist clinics in hospital, without needing a GP appointment. The new self-referral service is available via NHS 111 online or the NHS App and means patients do not need to wait for a GP appointment and subsequent hospital referral, offering eligible patients' faster access to diagnostic care. Patients complete an online symptom assessment via NHS 111 online. Those who meet the eligibility criteria are offered direct self-referral to the specialist breast service at Addenbrooke's, Peterborough City or Hinchingbrooke Hospitals. Those who do not meet the criteria are provided with advice and signposted to alternative services that can help with their symptoms.

To access the new breast referral service, patients can visit NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk>.

## Travel Plans

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' letters for our patients.

## Contacting the Surgery

Emails to the surgery are not the appropriate route for our patients to

## 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**

## WILLINGHAM PHARMACY Tel: 01954 261787

### NORMAL OPENING HOURS

|           |                |                |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| 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*

make clinical contact with the GP and we ask that you do not convey any clinical information this way. This includes, for example, asking clinical questions, letting the GP know that you are changing doses of your medication or wanting to update the GP before attending an appointment with them. On receipt of such emails, our only response will be to ask you make a GP appointment.

Please also note that we are unable to book appointments via email or our AccuRx Patient Triage system. You are able to make your appointment via SystmOnline, by using the NHS app or telephoning the surgery and speaking to our reception team.

## Carers' Meetings

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 3 June**, 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](mailto:alaine.bunce@nhs.net).

We are pleased to be welcoming Becca Perkins, a Care Advisor in the community for Caring Together, to our June meeting and look forward to her presentation, which will start at 2 pm and last for approximately 45 minutes.

Willingham Medical Practice

# Willingham Library

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

0345 0455225

**Opening hours:**

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

**Thursday: 4 – 7 pm**

**Friday: 10 am – 1 pm**

**Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm**

## Your Online Account

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

## National Year of Reading

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 – News

To reflect the changing needs of the community and library users, we have taken the decision to conclude the monthly 'Engage' sessions. These will be replaced by larger, less frequent events. These will take place across a mix of evenings and daytime sessions. If you have a particular topic of interest, can recommend a speaker or have any queries on this matter please contact Terri Lewis, Area Library Manager. ([Terri.lewis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Terri.lewis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)).

## Stay and Play

An exciting new activity for young children is coming soon to the library. It's called 'Stay and Play' and is for 0 – 4-year-olds with parent/carers. It will commence soon on a Friday morning in the library. Please check library windows and social media for updates.

## Digital Buddy Drop-in Session

**Tuesday 9 June, 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 11 June, 4 – 5 pm**

Second Thursday of the month, term time only  
Children aged four and over with accompanying adult.

## Family Lego Club

**Saturday 13 and 27 June, 10 15 – 11 45 am**

If you love Lego, then come to the library and enjoy some time building with Duplo or Lego.

Children aged four and over with accompanying adult.

## Meet Roxy, a Pets as Therapy Dog

**Tuesday 16 June, 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.

## Postage Stamps

The Library now has a used stamp collection box.

# Friends of Willingham Library Events

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

## Friends of Willingham Library Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 2 June, 7 30 pm at the Library.**

**All welcome, members and non-members**

**Refreshments available**

## Poetry and Prose Evening

**Tuesday 23 June, 7 30 pm**

The theme will be *Anything Goes ... again!*

Join us for an enjoyable and entertaining evening of poetry and prose. Choose a poem or some prose that you love, your favourites, whether they are happy, sad or a little bit mad! Bring one or two guests along and share with the group. Or you can just sit and listen, enjoy the company and partake in our delicious refreshments.

## Family History Session

**Friday 5 June, 10 30 am – 12 noon**

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

## Second-Hand Book Sale

**Saturday 6 June, 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. If anyone has any **large print** books that they no longer want, please consider donating them to the sale or to the library.

## Games and Social Afternoon

There will not be a session in June, but we hope to return in July.

## Knit and Natter

**Wednesday 17 June, 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 giving help and advice to others where wanted. Refreshments available, donations welcome.

## Cambridgeshire Libraries

Sign up for the Library Service's monthly email newsletter to find out the latest about what's going on in your local libraries: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news).

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



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## Thought for the Month

*'So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.' Matthew 7:12*

These words from Jesus, so simple, so familiar, are perhaps the most famous he ever spoke. Standing at the very summit of the Sermon on the Mount, they have been called the centre of all his teaching. Scholars have searched the wisdom of every age and tradition, and while many voices have said, 'Don't do to others what you wouldn't want done to yourself,' only Jesus turned it around into something positive: 'Do to others what you would like them do to you'. That small difference changes everything. The negative version is OK. We can avoid hurting others without serious difficulty.

But the positive form? This requires something altogether deeper. It requires us not just to restrain ourselves but to reach out, to forgive as we long to be forgiven, to encourage as we long to be encouraged, and to notice as we wish to be noticed. Instead of avoiding negative things, we will look for things to do. By doing so, men and women reflect the love of Christ within their hearts. They can never do it until selfishness dies within their hearts.

Here in Willingham, we know what this looks like. It is the neighbour who stops when your car won't start. It is the person who checks on someone living alone. It is the quiet kind of kindness on the village green or along the fen path that nobody sees but the one who needed it most.

Jesus isn't simply offering a moral guideline; he is inviting us into a whole new way of life. A life where self steps aside and love takes over.

What a village we could be. What a world.

*Kwaku Efah and Jon Edney*



## Scott Watson (later known as Scott Watson-Thomas)

**26 March 1984 – 12 March 2026**

Scott will be known to many who lived in Willingham during the 80s. He went to Willingham Primary School until his final year there when we decided to move to Kenya.

Scott lived a free and active life in Kenya, mostly outdoors, swimming, windsurfing and messing about on Prawn Pond with his friends. He went to Silversands Academy, a small Muslim international school in Malindi on the north coast of Kenya.

When Scott was 14, I brought him back to the UK to do his GCSEs. He went to St Bede's School in Cambridge. He decided that instead of doing physics at Long Road he would rather be a chef! So he started a training course at the Hotel in Impington. From there he did various jobs in bars, nightclubs and at the Cambridge Court. He joined Cambridge University Assessment in 2014, where he was still employed.

Scott met Becci and they married in 2023. They have three children – Josh, Alex and Charlotte.

In 2021 the cancer Scott had had several years previously returned. He was put on to a plan of treatment, which was successful until October 2025, when it ceased to be effective.

Scott was known by many as kind, loving, dependable and had many more attributes. He left his young family too early and will be missed by all.

*Ann Watson*

## Trivia Corner

So far, there have been no reports of seriously embarrassing misprints in *Willingham News*, but spare a thought for the printers of the 1631 *King James Bible* reprint. They missed quite an important word in Exodus 20:14; the seventh commandment read: 'Thou shalt commit adultery'. Oops!

Most copies were retrieved and burnt on the orders of King Charles I, but some survived. It was dubbed *The Wicked Bible* thereafter.

### Sudoku Answer

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### World Cup Word Search Answer



### Young Readers' Quiz Answers

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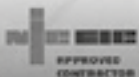
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## The Fen Edge Twinning Association

The Fen Edge Twinning Association was pleased to welcome 34 citizens of Avrille for the weekend 1 to 4 May. While all five Fen Edge Villages are equally important to both the Association and our French visitors, it had been decided that this year's visit focus on showing off the delights of just one of them. Rampton was chosen.

Our visitors arrived at Rampton Village Hall at 6 pm on Friday and were welcomed by the Association chairman, Tony Woodward, and by several local dignitaries including Alison Wedgbury and Anne Moller (Cottenham Parish Council), Yasmin Deter (Cambridge County Council), Hanan McKeand (Head of Cottenham Village College) and by Charlotte Cane (our MP). A light buffet was served, accompanied by locally fermented Foxhay English cider, served in wine glasses by Gavin Cameron, the man who makes it in Rampton.

Following the reception our guests left with their individual hosts and were entertained by them until 9 30 am on Saturday when the group assembled again outside Cottenham Village College for a trip to Ickworth. We had four and a half hours to explore the house and grounds before returning to freshen up for dinner at Ely Golf Club.



On Sunday we returned to the Rampton theme. A picnic lunch on Rampton Village Green had been planned, but weather dictated that the picnic should be taken in the Village Hall instead. After the picnic we moved to the ancient, thatched church where Alison Wedgbury gave a very informative talk about the history of the church and its graffiti. This was followed by a short talk about and demonstration of bell ringing. We left the church and took the short walk across a field to 'Giant's Hill'. This ancient monument could be passed unnoticed by the uninitiated, but we had an expert on hand to explain its history and point out the features that have survived the ravages of time.

On Sunday evening, hosts got together in small groups for 'last night parties' before our guests' departure early on Monday morning. It was clear from the fond goodbyes that the weekend had been thoroughly enjoyed by both hosts and guests.

To find out more, please contact [fenedgetwinning@gm](mailto:fenedgetwinning@gm).

## Mystery Photo

Many readers knew the location of last month's Mystery Photo – it was on Berrycroft, from outside the Porterhouse, complete with deckchairs on the lawn ready for summer.

This month's picture, according to our tame photographer, might be too easy. And yet, we've heard that before!



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## WHAT'S ON

| DATE         | EVENT                                                                             | ORGANISATION                         | VENUE                     | EXTRA INFO                                               |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Mon 1 June   | Talk by Robert Smit, <i>Making and Maintaining a Pond</i>                         | Gardening Club                       | Social Club               | Doors open from 7 pm, see p5                             |
| Tue 2 June   | Friends of Willingham Library AGM                                                 | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library                   | 7 30 pm, see p15                                         |
| Wed 3 June   | Carers' Support Meeting, including presentation by Becca Perkins, Caring Together | Medical Practice                     | Wilford Furlong Centre    | 2 – 4 pm, see p14                                        |
| Wed 3 June   | Parish Council Meeting                                                            | Parish Council                       | Octagon                   | 7 30 pm, see p11                                         |
| Thu 4 June   | <i>Willingham News</i> Deadline                                                   | <i>Willingham News</i>               |                           | See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com |
| Thu 4 June   | Community Lunch Club                                                              | Baptist Church                       | Baptist Church            | See p12                                                  |
| Fri 5 June   | Willingham Music Night                                                            | Willingham Music Night               | Social Club               | 7 30 - 10 30 pm                                          |
| Fri 5 June   | Family History Session                                                            | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library                   | 10 30 am – 12 noon, see p15                              |
| Sat 6 June   | Second-hand Book Sale                                                             | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library                   | 10 30 am - 12 noon, see p15                              |
| Sun 7 June   | Jazz Club                                                                         | Jazz Club                            | Social Club               | 12 30 – 3 30 pm<br>Rosie-Val 01954 789670                |
| Mon 8 June   | Talk: <i>Fig Leaves and Feather Boas</i> with Fran Saltmarsh                      | Women's Institute                    | Social Club               | 7 30 pm, see p6                                          |
| Tue 9 June   | Digital Buddy Drop-in Session                                                     | Library                              | Library                   | 10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p15                             |
| Thu 11 June  | After School Lego Session                                                         | Library                              | Library                   | 4 – 5 pm, see p15                                        |
| Sat 13 June  | Memory Box Café                                                                   | Parish Church                        | Octagon                   | 10 am – 12 noon, see p5                                  |
| Sat 13 June  | Family Lego Club                                                                  | Library                              | Library                   | 10 15 – 11 45 am, see p15                                |
| Sun 14 June  | Café Church                                                                       | Parish Church                        | Octagon                   | 11 am, see p12                                           |
| Sun 14 June  | Willingham Wildlife Walk                                                          | Willingham Action Group              | Community Wildlife Meadow | 3 pm, see p9                                             |
| Mon 15 June  | Photo Club                                                                        | Photo Club                           | Baptist Church            | 8 – 10 pm, see p17                                       |
| Tues 16 June | Pets as Therapy                                                                   | Library                              | Library                   | 2 – 3 pm, see p15                                        |
| Wed 17 June  | Knit & Natter Afternoon                                                           | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library                   | 2 – 4 pm, see p15                                        |
| Thu 18 June  | Community Lunch Club                                                              | Baptist Church                       | Baptist Church            | See p12                                                  |
| Sat 20 June  | Talk: <i>The Local Mission Field</i> with Dan Holland                             | Men's Breakfast                      | Baptist Church            | 7 45 am, see p12                                         |
| Tue 23 June  | Poetry and Prose Evening                                                          | Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL) | Library                   | 7 30 pm, see p15                                         |
| Sat 27 June  | Trip to Sissinghurst Gardens                                                      | Gardening Club                       | Leaving from the Green    | 8 am departure, see p5                                   |
| Sat 27 June  | Family Lego Club                                                                  | Library                              | Library                   | 10 15 – 11 45 am, see p15                                |
| Mon 29 June  | Women's Bible Study Group                                                         | Baptist Church                       | Baptist Church            | 7 pm, see p12                                            |

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