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Firework Spectacular! See page 17

Photo by John Lawrence

Above: at the time of going to press, we haven't yet seen all the scarecrows which will pop up around the village, but here's a selection. Our residents have such good imagination! We wish we had space for more.
Below left: our Photo Club has monthly assignments. Recently it was 'Happiness', and here are just two of the imaginative images taken by members. (See page 5 for news of their exhibition.)
Bottom right: our Gardening Club recently ran a chilli plant competition, and this is a photograph of the amazing results! (See page 5 for Gardening Club news)

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Friday 6 November	**Black**
Friday 13 November	**Blue and Green**
Friday 20 November	**Black**
Friday 27 November	**Blue and Green**

(Dates correct at time of going to press)

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Willingham Women's Institute

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 9 November** from 7 pm at the Social Club, with refreshments available and time to catch up. At 7 30 pm, Mel from Creative Grounds café will be teaching us how to make Origami Christmas tree decorations, to help us start thinking about the approaching festive season.

The speaker at our September meeting was Sara Phipps with her very amusing talk about *The History of Bingo and the Lingo*. We found out that Lotto was played in Italy as early as 1530 and in France in the 18th century. Beano became popular in America in the 1900s using beans to cover the called numbers. Housey-Housey was played in the UK military camps in World War 1, and Bingo as we know it today soon became very popular in the 1960s, played in Bingo Halls, clubs and at the seaside.

The 'lingo' for the numbers, developed originally to distinguish between similar sounding numbers (eg 15 and 50) was extended to visual similarities, rhymes, dance and films, links to the USA, size units, government and military references. In the UK we usually play with 90 numbers (USA 75); there are caller names for most of them and players' responses to many.

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 second 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 Gardening Club

Whilst the majority of garden jobs at this time of year usually involve tidying up the remnants of the earlier seasons, it is also a prime occasion to plant bulbs for next year. At our September meeting, we shared knowledge in an engaging 'question time' format across a range of topics. We also saw the conclusion of our chilli plant competition, with some excellent examples of horticultural prowess on display! (See page 2 for a photo!)

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 2 November** when we will welcoming back Jim Paine who will be giving us a talk entitled *The Secret Life of Plants*.

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

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

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

Willingham Photo Club

As mentioned in last month's *Willingham News*, this year's Photo Club exhibition is to be online only, on the club's website, showcasing the members' photography over the past year. Previous exhibitions always attracted many visitors, who were very complimentary regarding the standard of photos on display. We're hoping you take the time to visit the online exhibition. Use this QR code, or via the website photo.ballandia.co.uk/exhibitions-gallery/exhibition-2026/.

Meanwhile, if you're interested in joining the Photo Club, the meetings are on the third Monday of each month at the Baptist Church at 8 pm. New members are always welcome, whatever your skill level and your photographic equipment. It's never too serious and it's always fun! (Membership is £20 for six months, first month free.)

Community Advent Sing-along

1 December 7 pm

To coincide with the much anticipated annual crossroads Christmas Lights switch on, there will be a community advent sing-along on 1 December with the choir and drummers of Open Circle Singers and Drummers (OCSD) at the Baptist Church Hall from 7 pm, lasting about 45 minutes. Families are very welcome.

Please come for some lively music, singing and some light refreshments to get you in the mood for the Christmas season. Stroll up the road to the hall on the left past the Co-op. Any proceeds will go to a local charity, just turn up!

Nature's Names

This is a time of year when the poppy, a symbol of remembrance, reminds us of the sacrifice of others. But where does the word poppy come from? As with many word origins, the mists of time make it tricky to pin down the exact history of the word, but most likely is the Old English (5th to 11th century) *popig* or *popæg*, which descended from the West Germanic (1st to 4th century) *papua*. The Latin *papaver* is in the mix too, none of those words being too far from our modern word.

The poppy is one of the most successful global 'weeds'. So much so, that no-one is really sure from where it originated. It's as old as agriculture itself, and beyond. Poppy seeds have been found in relics from Egyptian dynasties dating back over 3,000 years.

British folklore names include thunderclap and thunderflower, reflecting the ancient belief that a poppy must not be picked, as that action will cause storms – something that, strangely, our TV weather presenters never seem to warn us about.

Poppies have long been symbols of blood, growth and new life. In terms of its beauty, the Victorian writer and polymath John Ruskin said this of the poppy: '*… it is painted glass, it never glows so brightly as when the sun shines through it.*'

Development of agricultural herbicides after the Second World War virtually eliminated poppies from farmland and fields. But a single poppy can produce 17,000 seeds or more, and these can lie buried and viable for several decades, waiting for the right time (maybe after tilling or ploughing) to emerge and flower.

Fields in France and Belgium were churned and crater-scarred in the First World War, soldiers of both sides cut down in their thousands. In this month of remembrance, maybe we should try to imagine a sea of emerging poppies carpeting the torn-up Flanders fields, and recall the first few lines of the well-known war poem by volunteer medical officer and poet John McRae:

In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

John Lawrence

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Willingham Bowls Club

It's time to hang up your outdoor bowls kit now the 2026 season has ended! The flooded green did actually dry out well in the end and other clubs have really enjoyed visiting our club. We are very happy that, following the annual event when we play Longstanton, the Wilstanton Cup is back in our hands. Added to that, we have had quite a successful Business House League team season this year and feel that 2026 has been rewarding.

At the close of the season there are a few maintenance issues to deal with but roll-ups have now ceased and we look forward to a fresh start next year. Lawn mowers and machinery are all being serviced, and the side boards and clubhouse undergoing repair work. The green is now being managed by our dedicated keepers – which is made a bit trickier when squirrels and rabbits find the area popular out of season!

So, keep a look-out for roll-up notices and joining information again in the spring, when we can welcome members of all ages to enjoy this village club for another summer of green bowls.

The Octagon Community Hub

Monday Mornings 10 am to 12 30 pm

As usual, the Octagon Community Hub will be open every Monday morning in November. Tea and coffee, with toast and jam or marmalade, is served from 10 until 10 30 am, and a light lunch like jacket potatoes, soup or pasta is available at 11 45 am. In between, tea, coffee and squash are on offer.

We make no charges for our refreshments, but donations towards the second phase of the Octagon Improvement Project are always appreciated. Replacing the hall curtains in readiness for winter is our current priority. New curtains will benefit all those who use the Octagon.

There is always 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.

Why not come and join us in November? We look forward to seeing you.

Christmas Greetings Reminder

There is still time to send in your Christmas messages for inclusion on a Greetings page in the December issue of *Willingham News*. Email your greeting to us by **Wednesday 4 November** at our address, willinghamnews@gmail.com. The cost is £10, all of which will go to our chosen charity the Arthur Rank Hospice. Post your cash in an envelope with your name through 54 High Street.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF WILLINGHAM:
Remembering Our Fallen in World War One

While researching Willingham's First World War story, I expected to find enough material for one evening's talk. Then I discovered the Cambs Suffolks, whose Somme story demanded an evening of its own. The October talk, *Sons of Cambridgeshire and the Somme*, follows some of Cambridgeshire's lads to the Somme; in November, we bring the story home to Willingham.

Our sons and daughters grew up here, walked these streets and worked on local farms, in village trades or in munitions factories. They served in different services and fought on different battlefields. Some returned home wounded; most returned permanently changed by their experiences, whilst others never returned. Families waited for letters and telegrams. Some learned a loved one had been killed; others heard only that a son, daughter, brother, sister or husband was missing. The war also came to Willingham. The old Church Hall became an auxiliary hospital, with additional patients cared for at the Rectory. Local Voluntary Aid Detachment nurses tended wounded and convalescing servicemen.

Our accompanying then-and-now photographs were taken from the old Church Hall, looking across Church Street. It shows servicemen in their hospital blues gathered beside a vehicle loaded with pots and pans. The modern sleek car in the 'Now' picture makes an interesting counterpart to the old vehicle with its pots and pans. Same house, very different vehicle!

The man in the centre of the 'Then' picture may be a doctor, or simply another patient. We cannot be certain because no names were recorded. In another hundred years, will people know who we were? *Old Willingham's* planned new website will put names to faces so future generations know who was who.

A First World War grave in Willingham Cemetery contains two sisters, reminding us that wartime service and loss belonged to our women as well as our men. Interestingly, the two sisters are not named on the village war memorial.

Join us at the Social Club on **Monday 30 November** at 7 30 pm. Admission is £5, payable by cash or card. Everyone is welcome.

Willingham Parish Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 28 November 10 am to 12 noon

Stalls with cakes, pastries, pies
biscuits, preserves, Christmas items!

We look forward to welcoming you!

Advent Sunday Service at the Parish Church

While shops have been preparing for Christmas since mid-summer, in the Church's year we wait until Advent Sunday to begin our formal preparations. Over a period of four weeks, leading up to Christmas Day, we get ready, with appropriate readings, prayers, hymns and songs. Each Sunday we light candles on our Advent wreath, starting with just one until all four are lit.

If the build-up to your Christmas feels a bit overwhelming, why not take an hour out and join us at St Mary & All Saints Church on **Sunday 29 November at 11 am** for our Advent Sunday Service. All ages welcome – with something for children to take home too.

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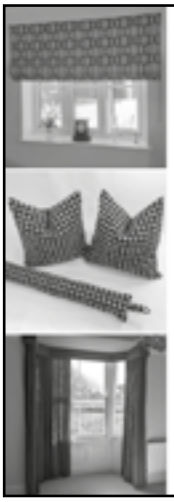

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Have You Ever Wondered…?

…why you forget what you were doing when you walk into another room? You get up from the sofa with a very clear purpose. You walk into the kitchen and… nothing. You stand there staring hopefully at the kettle. Why did you come in here?

Sounds familiar? Scientists have actually studied this, and it even has a name: the 'doorway effect'.

In experiments, researchers found that people sometimes became worse at remembering something after moving into a different room. One theory is that our brains naturally divide life into separate 'events'. Moving somewhere new can signal that one event has ended and another has begun, so your brain updates what it thinks is important. In other words, your brain may have mentally started a new chapter before you've finished the last one.

But the case isn't quite closed. More recent research has struggled to reproduce the doorway effect consistently. It suggests forgetting may be more likely when our brains are already busy with other things. So the doorway itself may not magically wipe your memory. It could simply be that changing surroundings, combined with everything else competing for your attention, gives that fleeting thought an opportunity to escape.

Which is all very scientific. Unfortunately, it still doesn't tell you why you're standing in the kitchen.

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Please note that the library will be having work carried out on the outside of the building this autumn, with scaffold, but it is open as usual doing this time.

2026 is a National Year of Reading – supported by all libraries. The aim is to encourage people of all ages to read for pleasure.

Under 5s 'Stay and Play'
Friday mornings 10 15 – 11 15 am

This is for under fives with parents / carers. Come and enjoy playing with some traditional toys.

Digital Buddy Drop-in Session
Tuesday 10 November, 10 30 am – 12 noon

Struggling to access the web? Need help with an online application? Drop into the library on the second Tuesday of the month to get free assistance from our Digital Buddy.

After School Lego Session
Thursday 12 November, 4 – 5pm

Children aged four and over with accompanying adult.

Family Lego Club
Second and fourth Saturday of the month,
Saturday 14 and 28 November, 10 15 – 11 45 am

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

Meet Roxy, a Pets as Therapy Dog
Tuesday 17 November 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.

Cambridgeshire Libraries

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Friends of Willingham Library Events

Contact willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com for further information

The History of a Willingham Fruit Farm
Wednesday 4 November at 7 30 pm

Free talk with wine and snacks. Presented by Wendy Jones of The Bushel Box Farm Shop.

Please book a place by emailing us or sign up at the library

Family History Session
Friday 6 November 10 30 am – 12 noon

The library computers will be available for research on Ancestry (access to this is free of charge at the library) and other genealogy sites if you have log in details. Liz our friendly volunteer will be available to offer advice if needed. If you'd like to know more, contact us at the above email address.

Second-Hand Book sale
Saturday 7 November 10 30 am – 12 noon

We have a good selection of quality second-hand books for adults and children for sale. All at the bargain price of 50p each or 3 for £1. Come along and start your Christmas gift shopping!

Games and Social afternoon
Wednesday 11 November 2 – 4 pm

Come and join us for a relaxing afternoon of Scrabble or bring a game from home to share. You are also welcome to just sit, chat and enjoy some company and refreshments.

Knit and Natter
Wednesday 18 November 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.

And one for your diary!

Poetry and Prose Evening
Tuesday 1 December 7 30 pm

The theme this time is *Christmas Past and Christmas Present*. It's Christmas jumpers and tinsel time!

Come along and start to celebrate the festive season with an enjoyable and entertaining evening of poetry and prose. Bring along a poem or prose to share with the group. Or of course you can just come and listen and enjoy a light-hearted evening. Refreshments available.

Cover Photo

The cover picture this month was taken at the Scouts' firework display on the Recreation Ground last year. See page 17 and look on social media for more information about this year's display!

Young Readers' Corner

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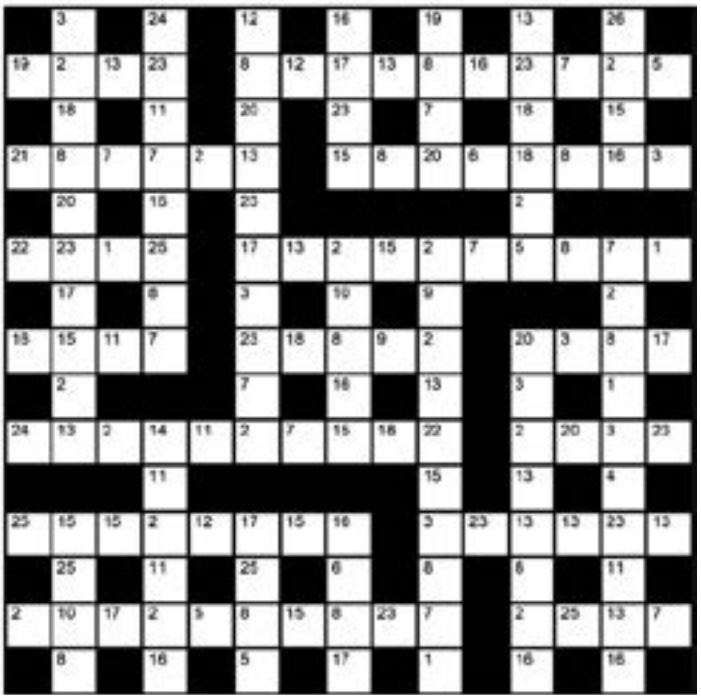

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What Comes Fourth?

by Herewill

Can you work out what comes fourth? For instance, if the question is Stone / Secrets / Azkaban / ? the answer would be Fire, as these are the last words in the titles of the Harry Potter books in order. Good luck!

1. Ben Miller / Kris Marshall / Ardal O'Hanlon / ?
2. Romansh / Italian / French / ?
3. Shout / Stew / Seat / ?
4. Greta Garbo / and Monroe / Dietrich / ?
5. Market / Home / Roast Beef / ?

Bonfire Night Quiz

by Herewill

One of the highlights for many in November is Bonfire Night. Here are some trivia questions relating to that event.

1. Which king was Guy Fawkes and his gang trying to assassinate in the Houses of Parliament in 1605?
2. *The Pomp and Circumstance Marches* are often used at grand outdoor firework displays, but who composed it and from which Shakespeare play did the composer take the title?
3. Statistically, which type of firework causes the most injuries?
4. *My Guy* is a song you may (or may not!) want to sing around the bonfire! But which Mary had a big hit with it in 1964?
5. Barium chloride is added to fireworks to produce which colour?

Word Search

The word search this month is all about Bonfire Night! See how many words you can find.

BANGS	DISPLAY	FIREWORKS	FIZZLE
GUNPOWDER	GUY	HOTDOGS	ROCKET
FLASH	SMOKE	SPARKLERS	SAFETY

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Colouring Picture

You may have seen scarecrows around the village recently. They are fun, aren't they? Here is a picture of a scarecrow for you to colour.

All answers on Page 19

WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES

Willingham 01954 260230 Longstanton 01954 207600 Dispensary 01954 207602
Website: www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk
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

Surgery Closure

Please note the surgery will be CLOSED from 1 to 4 pm on Tuesday 17 November for whole staff training.

Please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication to last, remembering to order your repeats at least three working days before collection.

0 to 19 Healthy Child Programme – Antenatal Appointment

Our team is made up of a variety of NHS staff with specific training and qualifications to support the health needs of children, young people and families in the community. In our teams we have Administrators, Assistant Practitioners, Health Visitors, Nursery Nurses, School Nurses, Staff Nurses, Students and Vision Screeners. Together we are able to offer a wide range of help, advice and support for children and young people aged 0 to 19 years old.

Antenatal Appointment – the 0 to 19 Healthy Child Programme team want you to feel informed and prepared for your baby's arrival. Getting ready for a new baby and becoming a parent can be a wonderful life-changing event. It can also be a confusing time. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by all the new information being shared with you as you prepare for your baby's arrival. If you have any questions or would like any support, advice or guidance, please call us on 0300 029 50 50.

For more information or to contact us, please visit our health-visiting website
cambspborochildrenshealth.nhs.uk/hcp.

In Case of Emergency

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 & Emergency at the hospital. Alternatively, the Minor Injuries Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital Ely is open for patients with injuries that need attention but are not critical or life threatening.

Transfer from Private to NHS Care

If you have seen a private consultant and would like to transfer your ongoing care to the NHS, please be aware that you will need to join the NHS waiting list and wait for an appointment in the same way as any other patient who has not been seen privately. Previous private consultations do not provide priority access to NHS services or allow you to bypass the usual NHS waiting times. We appreciate your understanding that NHS referrals are managed according to clinical need and the same processes apply to everyone.

Patient Participation Group

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

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 November 7 to 9 pm** at the Unity Centre, Northstowe.

Vaccinations

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

The RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) Vaccine is available year-round for everyone aged 75 and over, as well as all pregnant women from the 28th week of their pregnancy.

The Shingles Vaccine is available year-round for people who turn 65 on or after 1 September 2023, people aged between 70 and 79 and people aged 18 and over with a severely weakened immune system. To check your eligibility please visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/shingles-vaccine/ or contact the GP surgery.

The Flu Vaccine is available until **31 March 2027** for all pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the influenza season), individuals aged 65 years or over (including those becoming aged 65 years by 31 March 2027) and individuals aged 18 years to under 65 years in a clinical risk group category.

The Nasal Flu Spray Vaccine is available until **31 March 2027** for all those aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2026 (with a date of birth on or after 1 September 2022 and on or before 31 August 2024).

Carers' Meetings

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 4 November**, 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

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

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Services – in Church (except where shown)

1 November	**11 am**	Holy Communion
	3 pm	All Souls Remembering Service – *a service to remember those we have loved and lost*
8 November	**10 45 am**	Service of Remembrance *Gathering at the War Memorial at 10 45 am followed by the Service in church at 11 am*
11 November	**9 30 am**	Morning Prayer – see further note below
15 November	**11 am**	Holy Communion
22 November	**No Service**	Joint Benefice Service in St Andrew's Church, Swavesey, at 11 am
29 November	**11 am**	Advent Sunday Service – See note on page 7

Advent Morning Prayer
We will be lighting the first candle on our Advent wreath, as we start our build up to Christmas. Advent happens over four weeks and is a time of preparation. Do join us if you can for this service, which is suitable for all ages.

Memory Box Café
Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 14 November**, from 10 am in The Octagon with the usual mix of music, refreshments, laughter and fun. Everyone living with memory loss or other illnesses accompanied by a companion is welcome. See page 9 for further details.

Willingham Community Hub
The Willingham Community Hub meets in The Octagon **every Monday** morning from 10 am to 12 30 pm. Come and join us for hot drinks and toast. Stay for a hot lunch at 11 45 am. All free of charge (donations are welcome).

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

Services in November are: **4 November**, Over; **11 November**, Willingham; **18 November**, Swavesey; **25 November**, Longstanton. Everyone is welcome.

Prayers for Ukraine
We continue to keep an area set aside in Church for those who wish to spend some quiet reflective time to pray for Ukraine and its people during daytime Church opening hours. Also, **every Thursday** at 4 30 pm we offer a time to gather to pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East and for an end to 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:

Rev Ed Green (Team Vicar)	01954 716894 or ed@5folds.org.uk
Rev Stephen Dove (Team Rector)	07944 014521 or stephen@5folds.org.uk

Licensed Lay Minister:

Canon Jan Payne	07780 674563 or jan@5folds.org.uk

5folds Administration Office:

Colin Smith	01954 203459 or admin@5folds.org.uk.

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Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

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1 November:	Service with communion
8 November:	Service
15 November:	Family Service
22 November:	Service
29 November:	Service

Events

Wednesday Fellowship – Coffee Morning, 10 – 11 30 am
Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

Men's Breakfast – Saturday 21 November, 7 45 – 9 15 am
Breakfast and chat. Speaker Nigel Graham – *My Hero*. To book contact Pete on: whammensbrek@gmail.com.

Community Lunch Club – Thursdays, 5 and 19 November
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 30 November, 7 30 pm

For all events contact: 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.

For more information about the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia, See www.rcdea.org.uk.

Willingham Feast

We had a wonderful time celebrating over September and October, with lots of events, activities and reasons for the community to get together, from litter picks to silent discos, hedge laying to art. Don't forget the fabulous scarecrows! Many thanks to everyone who joined in and supported the events and for our wonderful local businesses for getting involved.

Coming up this Winter

We are always so excited to see all the Advent Windows in the village in December. They will be released each day from **1 December**. Look out for a special event for the first day of advent. Also turning into a Willingham tradition is Carols on the Green. It will be back on Christmas Eve, so grab your loved ones, wrap up warm and join in the festivities.

In January we look forward to our annual Wassail at the Community Orchard. A free event, following the Anglo-Saxon spirit of waes hael, the community coming together to bless the trees, ward off bad spirits and enjoy a bit of revelry! Pop 10 January into your diary, more details to follow.

Brassed off?

We are looking for neighbours who play brass instruments for a special project. Get in touch for more information.

Get in touch at: events@willinghamlife.co.uk
Website: www.willinghamlife.co.uk.

Dick Lingham Remembered

Richard 'Dick' Lingham, a well-known resident and a very talented and gifted musician, passed away in hospital on 7 September just a few days before his 84th birthday. In the next issue we will publish an obituary, recalling his contribution to the community. Perhaps what people admired most about Dick was his ability to see joy in small things, also to see the good in the people he met. He will be missed by many. The team at *Willingham News* join others in sending their condolences to Lyn and family.

For now, here is a photograph of Dick as many would remember him.

Friends of Willingham Church

friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com

Update on allocating funds: We have held our first meeting with the PCC about helping to fund some of the issues listed in the architect's report. There are many problems, fortunately none of them urgent. We have pinpointed two things that ought to be completed within 12 months. These are repointing a buttress on ground level (important for the structure of the church) and treating the beetle issue in the Lady Chapel West Screen. The PCC will now gather quotes and notify us when they are available. We will be locating these two items and taking photos for a future issue of *Willingham News*.

Event: On 26 September, our parish church hosted a fundraising event organised by FOWC. It opened with a talk by Becca Edney, a member of the Shire of Flintheath living history group. Becca's talk was a fascinating history of medieval music which delved into the origins of Christian and secular music going back many hundreds of years. Who knew that Gregorian chants, attributed to Pope Gregory I, most likely had nothing to do with him, it was just a legend created in the mists of church reform in the 8th century. Although, it still doesn't affect the pleasure of hearing a Gregorian chant as background music in a TV documentary about medieval history! Becca's talk was followed by examples of medieval music performed by Leofrun and Felicitas of the same living history group (see photo below). Given that they aren't professional 'troubadours', their amazing music provided a further fascinating insight into the music of the day. Following the talk and music, visitors were given the chance to try their hand at bell ringing, and we thank Andrew Walls for giving people the opportunity to make that glorious sound of the bells and learn about their history.

Afterwards the Octagon was crammed with appreciative audience members enjoying the refreshments on offer, all helping to raise funds for this important cause.

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. As well as supporting our events you can help us by becoming a Friend of the group. We would ask you to please support us with a donation of £10 (or more) every six months. Please 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.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

Planning

Most Parish Council sections have a lead councillor and deputy to guide and manage the interests of their group. The exception is Planning. This is a sub-committee comprised of about half the full council and meets irregularly, usually meeting once or twice a month to accommodate the dates for consultation. These meetings are open to the public who can also contribute at the start, and all planning applications are individually considered.

All applications can be viewed on the Parish Council website; weekly notifications from SCDC of new applications and those currently in progress are also published on the Parish Council Facebook page. Additionally, comments by the public on individual applications can be made directly to SCDC Planning.

Although the Parish Council Planning Committee try to represent the views of the village regarding all the applications that are received, SCDC are the planning authority and only can take our views into consideration when making their final decision. This may change in the future as the government is attempting to speed up the planning process, though some of these proposals will likely reduce the effectiveness of the parish councils.

Public Hall

As most will have seen, the Public Hall on the High Street has been surrounded by metal fencing for the safety of the public. It is no longer in use, alas, and needs a great deal of work to become a functional building again. The future of the Hall is an active issue for the Council, and all options are being considered. Any changes will be notified to the village.

Traffic

Following the request last year for a 30 mph limit along Shelfords Road (the bit of the B1050 alongside the river), works were eventually carried out, and the road was 'repaired' with the speed restriction lifted. These works have proved unsatisfactory and the 30 mph limit has been reinstated. The Parish Council has again requested that this road has a 7.5 tonne weight limit imposed but this has not been enforced. Undoubtably there will need to full road closures again and details will be published as soon as these are known.

The results of Cambridgeshire Local Highways Initiative bids in 2026 have just been received. Unfortunately, we were not successful, although wait to see if any features we requested will be incorporated in the much-needed repairs. The bid was to improve safety of the pedestrian crossing in the centre of the High Street by making it a raised feature with better markings and lighting, and would have also hopefully reduce traffic speeds to the 20 mph limit, increasing awareness of this zone. We will have another opportunity to bid for improvements early next year and any thoughts of schemes that can be considered will be welcome.

LHI Bid 2025

The LHI bid last year was also successful, This was for additional yellow lines at various points in the village mainly at junctions and especially near the school. Consultation with Highways has agreed to increase the areas to include Over Road where there are many issues with vehicle flows to the traffic lights, particularly at peak periods. This work is due to be completed this autumn.

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
Tel 01954 261027
email: clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk.
Opening hours: Monday – Thursday 10 am – 1 pm (closed bank holidays)

Clerk: Amy Rudderham

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Thought for the Month

On the first of November, Catholics celebrate the Feast of All Saints', to whom Willingham Parish Church is dedicated. This day is not for the great and famous, but to honour the multitude who have passed though death into the eternal love of God. The following day is All Souls' Day, when we offer prayers for those who have died more recently, and these are continued for the rest of the month.

What do we pray for on their behalf? In short, we pray regularly for all the people known to us, and for the world in general. Mercifully, we are forbidden to judge others, but told to show goodwill to all, even those who have offended us. So we pray for the dead too, because they are loved.

What is prayer anyway? I can't remember all the Catechism I learnt as a child, but I know this one: 'Prayer is lifting up the heart and mind to God'. This wonderfully simple statement would, I think, find acceptance, or at least sympathy, among many believers. Even 'lifting up' is only a figure of speech, for God is everywhere. I prefer 'making space'.

The Apostles asked Jesus, 'Lord, teach us to pray', and his gift to them and to us is The Lord's Prayer. After telling us to speak to God as Father, and to acknowledge his holiness, we say 'May your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven'. We don't say 'happen', we say 'be done'. There is a suggestion that we may have a very small part in the doing of it, and prayer comes first.

Back at school, lessons began with a short prayer. Our English teacher used this, which some may know: 'Forestall, O Lord, our actions by your inspiration, and carry them on with your assistance, so that every word and work of ours may always begin from you, and through you reach a happy conclusion'. Why forestall? I really don't know, but we loved shouting it loudly!

Nick Corcoran

District Councillors' Report

Loss of the speed camera on Station Road

District and county councillors for the area issued a joint statement earlier this month about the loss of speed enforcement on Station Road. Many residents have contacted us, and we share the anger at how this has been handled. The loss of the camera is the underlying issue, and we continue to press for a proper enforcement solution. The removal of the camera and then the casing, which was still acting as a deterrent at no cost to the Council, needs specific answers. A replacement camera won't be considered without evidence of a 'disproportionate number' of injury or fatal collisions attributable to speed. In other words, it could take more crashes, injuries or worse before it is even considered. That is not an acceptable basis for road safety policy, and we don't accept it as the end of the conversation. While it may be the basis for considering where to site new cameras, it should not be the basis for considering whether an existing speed camera is relocated / replaced, as the data will not exist if the camera is acting as an effective deterrent. Yasmin, as county councillor, has raised the issue with Highways and plans to bring a motion supporting the campaign. As district councillors, we are pursuing both immediate and long-term measures with our councillor colleagues. We also plan to launch a petition shortly and will share it as soon as it is live.

Planning: 'Do I Need Planning Permission?'

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning has launched a free online tool that asks about your project and gives tailored guidance, including whether your property is listed or in a conservation area. It's for guidance only and isn't an official decision but could be very helpful for residents who are encouraged to try it at www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/check-if-i-need-planning-permission.

Support for Residents Facing Hardship

SCDC have agreed to allocate £180,000 from the new Crisis and Resilience Fund, a national scheme run through the DWP and held locally by the County Council. It will pay for:

- baby boxes for newborns in low-income households
- emergency supermarket vouchers
- travel support for healthcare, work, training and essential services
- debt reduction schemes linked to financial advice
- specialist disability benefit advice appointments
- energy prepayment meter vouchers to help prevent disconnection this winter
- a savings incentive scheme linked to the Government's Help to Save programme

Pension Credit Support: 156 letters have gone to South Cambridgeshire residents identified as eligible for Pension Credit but not claiming it, as part of a countywide campaign contacting over 700 households. If you or someone you know might be missing out, please encourage them to check and claim.

Please find a copy of our full report at www.facebook.com/CllrJamesHutchcraft.

Councillors James Hutchcraft and Aisha Rashid

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The Triumph of Uncertainty

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is filled by a mountain, daubed in pastel grey,
footed by the softly raging river.
This is a world where I am young and I am old,
where my legs can bear my weight
yet will often give way when least expected.
It's the weight that makes it all unsure, so tiring.
And half-way up the spiral staircase, a window sill
with an oyster-pink orchid. Now the blooms
are ready to drop, they've done their job;
if I watch and wait, new buds will follow
but I cannot guarantee it.
From the upstairs room I see a world
where fog or cloud come and go at will.
And halfway down the spiral staircase,
a window sill with an oyster-pink orchid, in bloom.

John Lawrence

Over & District Flower Club

We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 2 to 4 pm in Over Methodist Hall, The Lanes, Over, CB24 5NQ. Our next practical is in November, the topic being *A Flower Picture*, a floral canvas using fresh, dried or artificial materials. We are a small friendly 'hands on' group, meeting to enjoy flower arranging and helping skills to grow. No experience required, with friendly advice always available. For more information, please contact ldreece@yahoo.co.uk.

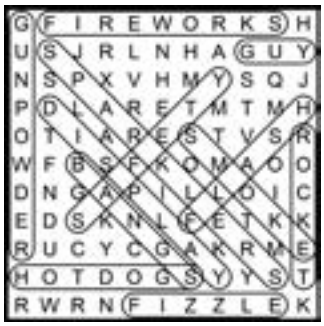
PAN Disability Football Sessions

Alongside is a poster for PAN Disability football sessions, organised by Maisie who told us 'I started these sessions to create a safe and inclusive environment for children / young adults / adults with mental health issues, additional needs, SEMH challenges, intellectual/learning and physical disabilities to gain confidence, make friends, develop football skills, and most importantly have fun. Sessions are semi-structured as this gives the player options to join in, watch, or do their own thing in an environment that allows them to be themselves and stay safe; different activities are planned each session but there's no expectation to join in – participants can choose whether they want to do it all, half of it or just a small section, it's entirely led by them!'

Answers

Codeword Solution

Wordsearch



Answers to What Comes Fourth?

1 Ralf Little (Death in Paradise detectives in order of the role of main detective)
2 German (Official languages of Switzerland in order of usage)
3 'Thorn' or any anagram of North (south, west, east, north)
4 'and Di Maggio' (spoken lines from Madonna's *Vogue*).
5 None (end of lines from *This Little Piggy*)

Answers to Bonfire Night Quiz

1 James I of England
2 Elgar and Othello
3 Sparklers; their sparks can reach to over 1000° centigrade!
4 Mary Wells
5 Green

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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Mon 2 Nov	Talk: *The Secret Life of Plants* with Jim Paine	Gardening Club	Social Club	From 7 pm, see p5
Wed 4 Nov	*Willingham News* and Christmas Greetings Deadline	*Willingham News*		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Wed 4 Nov	Talk: *The History of a Willingham Fruit Farm* with Wendy Jones of Bushel Box Farm Shop	Friends Of Willingham Library	Library	7 30 pm, see p10
Wed 4 Nov	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p12
Wed 4 Nov	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p15
Thu 5 Nov	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	See p13
Fri 6 Nov	Family History Session	Friends Of Willingham Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Fri 6 Nov	Willingham Music Night	Willingham Music Night	Social Club	7 30 pm
Sat 7 Nov	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends Of Willingham Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Sat 7 Nov	Fireworks Spectacular	1st Willingham Scouts Group	Recreation Ground	5 pm, see p17
Sun 8 Nov	Rosie Val and Cambridge Jazz Co	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Sun 8 Nov	Act of Remembrance	Parish Church & British Legion	War Memorial, Parish Church	10 45 am, see p13
Mon 9 Nov	Activity: *Making Origami Xmas Tree Decorations* with Mel from Creative Grounds Café	Women's Institute	Social Club	From 7 pm, see p5
Tue 10 Nov	Digital Buddy Drop-in Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Wed 11 Nov	Patient Participation Group Meeting	Surgery	Unity Centre Northstowe	7 – 9 pm, see p12
Wed 11 Nov	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Thurs 12 Nov	Activity: *A Flower Picture*	Over & District Flower Club	Over Methodist Hall	2 – 4 pm, see p19
Thu 12 Nov	After-School Lego Session	Library	Library	4 – 5 pm, see p10
Sat 14 Nov	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p9 & 13
Sat 14 Nov	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p10
Mon 16 Nov	Meeting	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p5
Tue 17 Nov	Roxy, Pets as Therapy Dog	Library	Library	2 – 3 pm, see p10
Wed 18 Nov	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Thu 19 Nov	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	See p13
Sat 21 Nov	Talk: *My Hero* with Nigel Grahan	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 – 9 15 am, see p13
Sat 28 Nov	Coffee Morning	Parish Church	Church	10 am – 12 noon, see p7
Sat 28 Nov	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p10
Sun 29 Nov	Advent Sunday Service	Parish Church	Parish Church	11 am, see p7
Mon 30 Nov	Talk: *Remembering Our Fallen in World War 1*	Old Willingham	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Tue 1 Dec	*Community Advent Sing-along*	Open Circle Singers & Drummers	Baptist Church	7 pm, see p5
Tue 1 Dec	Poetry and Prose Evening: *Christmas Past and Christmas Present*	Friends Of Willingham Library	Library	7 30 pm, see p10

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