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At the Baptist Church everyone voted for their favourite carol. We sang the top five choices, with the number one spot being claimed by 'We Three Kings'. We look forward to seeing you all again in December 2018.

Kathryn Wright

Here are some of the advent windows. A warm well done to all who took part!



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- Do you need to see the current or back issues of *Willingham News*?
- Are you happy to learn more about the village?
- Do you need contacts for local amenities, Willingham Medical Centre, etc?

Willingham Action Group recently launched its new website. It's still under construction but you can visit it at www.willinghamlife.org and help by adding entries for your clubs, societies and businesses. You can also do all of the above and, in time, much, much, more.

Willingham Women's Institute

The next meeting will be on **Monday 8 January** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club.

Storytelling with Marion Leeper

New members are always welcome; please contact Wendy on 01954 202188 if you are interested. Come for a taster – we have some great meetings lined up:

February – *Stage Make-up* with Christine Clarke

March – Annual Meeting and Social Evening

WI News

November meeting

One of our WI members, Kath Doggett, inspired us with floral displays suitable for Christmas. She explained the 'mechanics' of displays and gave very helpful hints and tips for building a display. It was very enjoyable – and the displays were raffled off to some very lucky winners!

QEII Play Area First Customers for the New Bench

This photograph shows the first family to use the new circular bench at the QEII Play Area – Sandra Adderley came with her grandchildren Addi and Emi. More and more families are now using the new equipment there thus creating the need for more seating. This new circular bench has been installed near the under-fives area with three more simple plank benches to follow. Watch out for news of further developments at the Play Area in future editions.



Willingham Cricket Club Quiz

On Friday, 1 December the Social Club was packed with 14 eager teams. The winning teams:

Sixtus once again came first with 120 points; *Snowball in Hell's Chance* came second with 115½ points and third was *Festival Failures* on 114½. *Sixtus* also won the Picture Round.

Dates for 2018 quizzes will appear in the New Year after the AGM. Everyone is welcome but **please book a table** with Ron on 01954 260144. Maximum of 6 per team from 7 15 pm for a 7 45 pm start in the Social Club. Cost is £5 per head with food included.

Why not come to support the village club and have fun?

Young Cricketers

**Attention Young Cricketers (aged 7–12)
in Longstanton, Willingham, Swavesey
and Over**

Longstanton Cricket Club will be running indoor nets at Swavesey Village College Sports Centre on six consecutive Sundays between **18 February** and **25 March** (inclusive). There will be two sessions each day coached by Steve Taylor:

9 15 am to 10 am (for ages 7-10)

10 am to 10 45 am (for ages 11-12)

Cost will be £4 per 45-minute session.

Please contact Janet Hill for more details: email: abjv2000@hotmail.com; tel: 01954 261009

Willingham Social Club

Meeting Point Disco

On **Saturday 13 January** 8 pm, Meeting Point, the over 30's party organisers, are hosting a disco at the club. £6 entry on the door. Smart dress please.

Bear Club – Live Party Band

On **Saturday 20 January**, we welcome Bear Club, the ultimate party band, to the club, playing many genres of music including Indie, Hip Hop and Pop. They cover bands from Blondie to Coldplay and can also play a whole host of 'Club Tropicana' songs if requested! They are massive in Norfolk! Last year some committee members saw them at the Festival Too after party at King's Lynn and knew we had to book them! They are very busy with private and corporate events. Be sure to get your tickets early for this one from: www.wegotickets.com/event/412726 or from the club, possibly at the door. £5 each.

February's Events

Saturday 17 February 8 pm Eton Rivals, Live Band
Friday 23 February 7 45 pm Custard Comedy
Saturday 24 February 8 pm Meeting Point, Disco
Monday 26 February 7 30 pm Willingham Jam Club

Annual General Meeting – Summary of President's Report

President Will Garner is pleased to report that 2017 saw the club go from strength to strength, with a growing programme of events and is fast becoming one of the area's most productive entertainment venues. The club is regularly used by community groups and members of the public for private parties. Last year also saw a collaboration with WAG, The Bank, Jolly Good Beer and Steve Lockwood to bring us the Willingham Beer Festival which proved very popular.

Last year also saw a change of Bar Steward. Alex Rutherford was replaced by Mick Gough, with support from his wife and son. We also saw the departure of Sarah Rutherford, our long serving secretary, and would like to thank Alex and Sarah for all they have done over the past eight and ten years.

The close of 2017 saw the club in a healthy financial position and 2018 looks very promising.

Willingham Combined Charities

Calling all Gardeners

For the last couple of years the Charity has hosted evenings with speakers discussing topics on allotments and gardening.

On **Thursday 18 January** at 7 30 pm in the Octagon, Selwyn Richardson has agreed to talk to us on: *Crop Nutrition – Fertiliser and Manure Use*. He will be accompanied by Pete Cornish with his long-awaited talk on *Tools*.

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The WSA has been chosen again for the next round. The funding round, from 12 November 2017, runs for 11 months until 27 October.

If you are not already a Co-op member please join now and back our cause!

Just by shopping in your local Co-op you can help our School.

Old Willingham

The *OldWillingham.com* photo website opened in 2004 and, while new photos have been added thanks to contributions from current and past village residents, the main site hasn't had a facelift in those 13 years. So we are pleased to announce a complete refresh of the site, the home page of which is shown here. All the photos and comments are retained and the user interface for the photos is the same, but the main site is better organised and the history articles much more accessible. Check out the school magazine from 1939 – it is a delight. A new feature is that all the pictures that appear monthly in this magazine are available with the commentary. These photos are in full resolution so if you want to see the published photo in more detail this will be available a few weeks after publication.

See the new site and more photos at www.oldwillingham.com.

If you have comments or photos you would like to include, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or oldwill@oldwillingham.com.



Cambridge Pinks – Breast Cancer Now Regional Group

Happy New Year from Cambridge Pinks

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We believe that by 2050 breast cancer will have taken its last life – but only if we all act now. Join us.

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Willingham Badminton Club is looking for new members to play badminton on a Monday or a Tuesday night. We are a small social club who are not part of any league. If you're interested in playing, please contact:

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Ginuary Evening
Friday 19th January
7.45pm

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From the Parish Council

www.willingham-pc.org.uk

The Parish Council hopes everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break! In the period before Christmas the Parish Council was busy reflecting on the support it has received in the past 12 months and looking forward to the opportunities and challenges of 2018. We hope for positive progress on extending the 30 mph speed limit along Station Road and, maybe, a resolution of the boundary review between Willingham and Over.

Christmas Trees

Last Christmas the Parish Council re-introduced a Christmas tree and lights to the Village Green. They were much enjoyed by everyone. This year the tree and lights were in place from early December – we hope you have taken the opportunity over the holidays to walk to the Green to enjoy the spectacle. The tree has been generously donated by a local resident, Mr Coe, to whom we offer our grateful thanks. We also thank the volunteer Councillors and family members for giving up their time to set up the tree and lights – this year they discovered that a rodent had been nesting in the fuse box! The fuse box needed some tidying up before any connections could be made.

You may have also noticed that another Christmas tree has been sited on the front of the Public Hall, using a wall bracket which will remain in place for use in future years. This tree has been supplied through sponsorship supplied by the Co-op Store. The Parish Council hopes this will brighten up one part of the High Street.

The Parish Precept, 2018-2019

The Parish Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee met during December to review the parish's financial situation, decide on the budget for the coming 2018–2019 financial year and propose a precept requirement to the District Council. Lead Councillors identified a budget for the coming year of £180,367. This sum would cover the Parish Council's current activities and also allow for funding for new initiatives. Key items include an increased level of support for Over Day Centre, recognising that a large number of users are Willingham residents and that the Centre is losing considerable funding support from the County Council, the introduction of a structured monitoring programme of nitrous oxide emissions from vehicles on the High Street and the revision of the Parish Plan.

After further discussion the precept request was agreed at £119,950, an annual increase of just over 2%. The difference between our budget and precept requirements was covered by taking forward income and unspent balances from the current financial year.

Recent Activity

Walkers using Pound Lane will note that hedge trimming and verge tidying works have been completed. At its December meeting the Council awarded small grants to support the Salvation Army's Christmas activity and the ongoing work of the Fen Edge Twinning Association. Council also agreed funding to replace security lights on the Ploughman Hall which had been vandalised.

Paper Caddy Upcycling and Wood-Burning Stoves

As you are probably aware the District Council is not using paper caddies as part of its recycling activity. Used paper should now be placed directly into the blue wheelie bins. The District Council is also running an upcycling competition for the most imaginative re-use of a caddy.

The District Council also notes that the increased use of open fires and wood burning stoves is generating more chimney smoke. A new practical guide to improve the efficiency of wood burning stoves, reduce fuel costs and decrease impacts on health can be downloaded from the District Council's website.

Proludic Sport

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Meeting dates are published on the website, the notice board outside the public hall in the High Street, at the library and are listed below. Members of the public are welcome to attend and speak briefly or ask questions. Names will be taken down at the beginning of each meeting, together with the electoral register number to ensure everyone has a fair chance to speak within the allowed time (15 minutes in total for all speakers – 3 minutes max per person).

Meeting dates: **10 January** (note second Wednesday of January), **7 February**. The meetings are held in the Octagon and they start at 7 30 pm.

The parish council office is open Monday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm, except Bank Holidays and there is an answer-phone service outside office hours.

The contact details are: Parish Council Office, Ploughman Hall, West Fen Road, Willingham CB24 5LP. Tel. 01954 261027. E-mail clerk@willinghamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell

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Theodore Laurence reading the news

Fascinating Facts for January

The following events all took place in January.

1066

Harold, Earl of Wessex, became King of England on 6 January. He died at the Battle of Hastings in October of the same year.

1502

On 1 January Portuguese explorers landed at Guanabara Bay on the coast of South America and called it Rio de Janeiro (River of January).

1559

Elizabeth I was crowned at Westminster Abbey on 15 January. She reigned until 1603.

1714

A patent was issued for the first typewriter, invented by the Briton, Henry Mill.

1756

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg on 27 January.

1809

Louis Braille was born on 4 January. Blinded as a boy, he went on to invent a reading system for the blind still in use today.

1863

On 10 January the first underground passenger service was opened in London, the Metropolitan line, between Paddington and Farringdon.

1924

Egyptologist Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamen in Luxor on 3 January.

1935

Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi, on 8 January.

1976

The first supersonic jet, Concorde, began passenger flights on 21 January, travelling at twice the speed of sound.

Tell us a Joke

Juliet put her hand up in class and said: 'Please Miss, can you get into trouble for something you didn't do?' 'Of course not,' the teacher replied. 'That's good,' said Juliet, 'because I didn't do my homework.'

Send your jokes to willinghamnews@gmail.com and we'll print the best one.

Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

Answers on page 19.

J is for January, and also begins the first names of the authors of these books. Do you know who they are?

1. *Riders*
2. *The Wide Sargasso Sea*
3. *Dubliners*
4. *Of Mice and Men*
5. *The Sea*
6. *The Water Clock*
7. *Room at the Top*
8. *The Stud*
9. *On the Road*
10. *Heart of Darkness*

Sudoku

Solution on page 19

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Services

- 7 January**
11 00 am Morning Praise
- 14 January**
11 00 am Holy Communion
- 21 January**
11 00 am Together at 11 – All-Age Service
- 28 January**
11 00 am Holy Communion

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Vicar's contact details: Rev Julie Anderson, The Vicarage, Over. 01954 231496.

Admin contact details: Gillian Beal, 01954 203459 or admin@5folds.org.uk.

Events

First Steps – a fun session for pre-school children and their parents or carers. Arrive at 10 am for tea/juice and toast. Free play and chat, followed by story from the Bible, singing and craft activity. Takes place at the Octagon on Fridays during school term time from 10 – 11 15 am.

Messy Church – *Church ... but not as you know it!* An action packed, informal and fun session for the whole family, with crafts to enjoy, stories to hear and songs to sing, followed by food in the Octagon. Come with your children and enjoy! Next Messy Church is on **Saturday 13 January** at 3 30 pm. For more information, contact Heather at mellowsfamily@googlemail.com or 01954 270063.

time4T – a friendly get-together that is open to everyone on Fridays 2 – 4 pm in the Octagon. Come and chat and meet new friends. £1 includes tea and biscuits. More information available from Rosemary Woodward, 01954 205718.

Cake Stall and Coffee Morning – at 10 am on **Saturday 3 February** (None in January). The cake stall is held in the church porch with proceeds going towards the work and upkeep of St Mary and All Saints. A Coffee Morning (run by Mothers' Union) will also take place in the Octagon at the same time. Come and enjoy!



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Services

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6 00 pm *Evening Worship*

14 January

10 30 am *Gideon – Family Worship***

6 00 pm *Evening Worship*

21 January

10 30 am *Gideon – Altogether Worship***

6 00 pm *Evening Worship*

28 January

10 30 am *Gideon – Family Worship***

6 00 pm *Evening Worship*

Events

TOPS: Toddler group: Tuesdays at 9 45 am for 18 months plus in the church. Great place to meet other families whilst the children enjoy the activities and playing. Currently there is a waiting list. Please contact Hilary Wyllie for further information – 01954 260051.

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Open Door Coffee Morning: Every Wednesday 10 – 11 30 am. This is a chance to chat with old and new friends over tea and coffee. All welcome. Please contact Cynthia Nolan for further information – 01954 202240.

Kids' Friday Club: Fridays at 6 30 – 7 30 pm in the church for children of primary school age year 1 upwards. Action packed hour with craft, games, songs, drama all based around a bible story. Please contact Lorraine Bald for further information – 01954 261189. (Starting 12 January)

WBC Youth Club: Fridays 8 – 9 pm in the church for Years 7, 8 and 9. Time to meet friends, music, X Box, table football, pool, joint games, tuck shop and stage time. WBC aims to help children young people and adults consider their own response to the Christian message. More information from Paul Joel 07955 071160 (Starting 12 January)

Men's Breakfast: 20 January – 7 45 am in the Baptist Church for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Please contact Pete Sacre for more information – 01954 261655, sacrepete@yahoo.co.uk.

Men's Life Matters New Year Special: 5 January Port Tasting!! Details to be posted on the church facebook page.

PASTORAL LETTER

It was my joy to become a grandfather in August. This fantastic news was mixed with drama as my little granddaughter was born almost four months early, so we were presented with Esther Grace weighing less than one pound – the weight of half a bag of sugar! She was the tiniest little thing. Over the next 15 weeks she was cared for by the wonderful staff at Leicester Royal Infirmary and her loving parents. We also mobilised a lot of different people to pray for her and can praise God that she continued to grow healthily and is now at home weighing a mighty six pounds. She is a beautiful, healthy, little baby. My heart sings with joy as I think about her.

We had the privilege of watching her grow outside the womb. When she was first born she was perfectly formed and we saw amazing growth each visit. Watching her reminded me of some lines of Psalm 139 *'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'* Each of us is lovingly formed by God, initially in our mother's womb then as we continue to grow. It is easy to look at a baby and think how wonderfully made they are, to see the loving care and attention of God in the creation of such intricate and complex little miracles. Do you dare to believe and accept that God had the same workmanship when he carefully made you? He delights in you and wants the very best for you, his heart sings with joy when he thinks about you.

During Esther's time in hospital we had moments when things were difficult, when there were worries about her heart, when her lungs were a concern and we prayed desperately that she would survive despite the odds. We believe God held her in his hands for even the hospital staff were amazed at how well she did and continues to do – what a lovely image of God holding a baby in his hands. He also holds us in his hands if we let him. Even during our darkest moments we felt we were in God's care and were able to trust Him.

As you go through life with its great moments, its difficult times and even in the mundane times, God wants to be involved in our lives. Psalm 139 also says *'You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.'* which might seem like God is controlling or restricting us but actually it means he is there lovingly holding us at all times. Will you allow him into your life? Come and ask me how.

I pray that you would know God's loving hands holding you.

Rev Paul Joel
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR PATIENTS

Patient Survey

Thank you to all our patients who took part in our annual Patient Survey. The results have been published on the practice website. We are delighted with the positive feedback we received. We always like to know what you think so we can improve the service we deliver, and invite you to comment either via NHS Choices, through our website or using the suggestion boxes in the surgeries.

New Baby Registrations

New parents need to register their new babies at the Surgery as soon as possible after birth, as this is not done automatically by the hospital. Registration packs are available at reception for you to collect. All you need is the baby's NHS number which can be found in their red book or hospital discharge paperwork. New parents are expected to book a check up with any GP when the baby is approximately six to eight weeks old. This can coincide with new mother's six week postnatal check. Please contact the surgery to make these appointments and collect your registration pack.

Christmas Lucky Squares in aid of Magpas

Thank you to all patients who bought our Lucky Squares and well done to those who won prizes. The grand total raised will be announced on our website shortly and included in next month's edition of the Newsletter.

Christmas Tree

Many thanks to Andrew and Mary Coe for donating another beautiful Christmas tree to the surgery.

Booking Appointments Online

Have you signed up for our online services? Did you know you can book and cancel appointments online, as well as ordering your repeat prescriptions? If you would like us to create an online account, please speak with the receptionists and bring photographic identification. We will register you immediately so you have access to this service.

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

We would like to invite our patients to have their say and input on the service we offer. We hold meetings quarterly, and would like to invite more of our patients to get involved. Without your input, we may not know what we can do better. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 25 January** from 1.15 – 3.15 pm. Please contact our receptionists or the Practice Manager for further information.

WILLINGHAM SURGERY NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 6 00
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
Ante Natal/Baby Clinic		2 00 – 4 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	4 30 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Appointments	8 30 – 11 00	3 00 – 5 30
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NORMAL OPENING HOURS

Monday	8 30 – 1 00	2 30 – 6 30
Tuesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 7 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 30

Carers' Support Meetings

Our next meetings are at Willingham Surgery on the following Wednesdays:

3 January, 7 February and 7 March at 2 pm. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. We will put you in touch with other agencies who can advise on benefits, and offer support and relief when you most need it. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics

The next Hearing Aid Clinics at Willingham Surgery are on the following Wednesdays at 2 pm: **17 January, 21 February and 21 March**. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT IF YOU NO LONGER NEED IT

Sharon Unwin
Practice Manager

Nature Notes

Brrr! There's a frost in the air as this article takes shape; a reminder that winter is here. While we adapt our clothing and central heating to cope with the lower temperatures, the birds in our gardens rely on the insulation provided by their feathers plus lots of food to bulk up their body fat, in order to combat the cold days and nights. Unfortunately, for many species of bird, there is no longer a sufficient supply of food in the countryside so they rely on the food we supply in our gardens. It has been shown from scientific studies that our 'garden birds' (remember, many years ago all these birds obtained their food from the countryside and woodlands) would decline alarmingly if we did not feed them.

Most of us will find robin, blackbird, chaffinch, house sparrow, blue and great tits, dunnock and wren (yes, there is likely to be a wren in your garden although they are very secretive!) and a mob of starlings, plus several other species depending on the size and ecology of your garden. A cold winter or a short cold snap could bring in some more unusual birds looking for food. Look out for brambling, an over-wintering northern European cousin of the chaffinch. The brambling has an orange hue to its breast compared to pinkish brown of the chaffinch and its head is mottled brown compared to blue-grey of the chaffinch. They are seed eaters and their preferred food is beech mast.

Another northern migrant is the common redpoll and these feed mainly on birch, alder and spruce trees so, look up if you have one of these trees in or near your garden; they also enjoy niger seed so do include these in your birdfeed diet. This seed is also enjoyed by goldfinches. Other birds likely to visit your garden if you have conifers nearby are coal tits and our smallest bird, the delightful goldcrest.

If you put down apples or leave some windfalls on the ground, as well as our native blackbirds and thrushes, you might well find a fieldfare or redwing nibbling at these.

Both fieldfares and redwings are members of the thrush family of birds and roam the countryside in the winter months, often together and in large flocks, stripping berries from our hedgerows before moving on. Both species look quite similar to our song and mistle thrushes but have quite distinctive features to tell them apart. All these four species have varying degrees of speckling on the underparts. The fieldfare has a grey head and rump whereas our thrushes are mainly brown on the back and the redwing has distinct red markings, particularly on the underwings and this bird also has a distinct creamy white stripe over its eye. Fieldfares, as their name suggests, are often seen in fields, feeding on insects, larvae and seeds so, keep a look out when you're out walking.

Talking of walking, we hope that you'll be out and about over the winter months; it's a great way to shake off those winter blues and improve your health. Take a wander around the local droves or visit the Community Orchard or, a little further afield, RSPB Fen Drayton Lakes nature reserve. Keep a look out and listen for what is around you; it's surprising what wildlife you might come across.

Make your New Year the best ever.

Melvyn and Brenda Smith

Thanks to Melvyn and Brenda for their regular Nature Notes. If you spot any of the birds they talk about or if you're out on a ramble and see something remarkable, do send your photos to willinghamnews@gmail.com. We may not always be able to print them in the magazine but there's now a good chance they will appear in the Willingham News section of the WillinghamLife website at www.willinghamlife.org where photos sent to the magazine will appear in colour.

Willingham Combined Charities

Allotments.

The New Year is upon us!

Have you made a resolution to try something different that will improve your diet, health, and meet new people?

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Sue Ayling (Allotments)

January

Welcome to January.

Can Spring be far away?

A New Year of promises on this first January day.

Let us embrace January

now it is really here

and make sure it is special the first month of the year.

Chris Lacey

Willingham Gardening Club

Members of the Club wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year. There is no meeting in January but we shall be meeting again on **Monday 5 February** at 7.30 pm in the Social Club to hear Richard Revels talk on *Britain's Wonderful Wildlife*.

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Library News

Engage in the Afternoon

Special sessions for adults on the first Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 30 pm. There are speakers, tea/coffee/biscuits and a chance to change books.

There will be no meeting in January.

Wednesday 7 February – Linda Bridewell – *Dealing with Hearing Loss*.

Why not join us? You will be very welcome in our friendly group. It's fun and free!

Donations are welcomed towards refreshments.



LITTLE LAB OF SCIENCE

Monday 5 February – *Little Lab of Science* – 11am – 12 noon

A free event for children aged 2 – 5 providing a welcoming environment for pre-schoolers to explore and discover the world around them through fun hands-on activities, experiments and investigations.

Tickets are FREE but need to be booked at the library and parents/carers must remain with children.

Thanks for the kind support of Willingham Parish Council.

New Self-Service Machine

New self-service machines are being rolled out across libraries in Cambridgeshire and Willingham Library is expecting to be equipped by the end of January. This will not cause any service disruption.

The existing machines are being replaced as they are reaching the end of their useful life. The new machines will accept the new £1 coins and will allow card payments in the near future.

Rosie in Stitches

We wish all our customers a prosperous new year.

The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are raising money to help make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. For up-to-the-minute information follow Rosie in Stitches facebook page.

Rosie in Stitches would like to thank all our customers at our recent stalls. Our income for 2017 is now at £1,218 after our very successful stalls at Addenbrooke's Outpatient foyer on 15 and 29 November, the Christmas Fayre at Bar Hill Primary School on 25 November, on 26 November at Addenbrooke's Rudolph Run, the Christmas market at Cambourne Business Park on 13 December and the Christmas Tree Festival at Exning on 16 December.

See below for where you can shop with us again.

Upcoming Stall Dates in the New Year

Tea Bar, Rosie Hospital Outpatient Clinic

Monday to Friday 9 am to 4 pm

Bar Hill Community Market

Saturday 10 30 am to 2 pm

3 February

3 March



Willingham Photography Club

We meet every month in the Baptist Church. We aim to learn more about photography and to enjoy ourselves!

The next meeting will be on

15 January from 8 to 10 pm

The theme of the meeting is *Can You Guess What It Is?* with the second half of the evening looking at *Depth of Field* and possibly a *Photo Critique*.

(The programme of events and topics is subject to change; please refer to our website for the most recent details.)

Technical questions and answers will be invited.

Tea and coffee will be served.

We cordially invite anyone who enjoys photography to come along and see what is on offer. Your expertise level does not matter; nor does the nature of your camera.

The membership cost is £20 for 6 months. First month is free.



If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Traffic in Willingham is becoming the current hot topic. In Readers' Letters you will see one of the replies to Steph Thomas' letter in last month's issue. Coincidentally, Councillor Tim Wotherspoon (mentioned in David Hart's letter) sent in the following report, also covering traffic issues. Tim Wotherspoon's report is not a direct response to either letter.

County Councillor's Report

Highway issues have exercised many Willingham residents recently. There have been reports of anti-social driving behaviour in the High Street. Wheelie bins have been blocking the Station Road cycleway. I'm scratching my head as to what we might do about raising awareness of highway code priorities at the Rockmill End/Green Street corner.

A study has been going on for quite a long time now into what improvements might be needed for the A10 to allow for the traffic impacts imposed by a new town at Waterbeach. A few months ago the newly-elected Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough threw into the mix an investigation into the feasibility of some kind of direct link between the end of the M11 and the A47 somewhere near the Guyhirn roundabout. This opened up research into the extent of strategic north-south traffic north of the A14 across Cambridge. For example, it has been well known for some time that the B1049 from Wilburton through Cottenham and Histon to the A14 junction at Impington has been taking an increasing number of vehicles bypassing the A10.

I am aware of the long history of discussion about extending the Longstanton western bypass into a Willingham bypass. I am wondering whether the possibility of some sort of highway link, other than passing through residential areas, might resurface as a cost-effective option.

Tim Wotherspoon

Answers to FOWL quiz: 1. Jilly Cooper 2. Jean Rhys 3. James Joyce 4. John Steinbeck 5. John Banville 6. Jim Kelly 7. John Braine 8. Jackie Collins 9. Jack Kerouac 10. Joseph Conrad

Sudoku solution

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

Readers' Letters

Dear All

I refer to Steph Thomas' letter 'Enough is Enough' in the December issue. I totally agree with what it says. We have lived in Earith Road for 11 years and noted the increase in traffic and speeding including the lorries serving Northstowe. With regard to contacting the authorities, over a period of time I have written to the Parish Council twice and spoken to the Chairman. I have also corresponded with the Mayor elect and Mr Wotherspoon of the County Council at election time. Mr Wotherspoon did reply saying he sympathised with the situation as he had experienced the speeding traffic in Earith Road.

I have also been in correspondence with our MP, Lucy Frazier, who has been helpful in keeping me informed through her contact with the local authorities about the matter. Through this I have now written to Mr Andrew Preston, Highways Project and Safety Manager at Cambridgeshire County Council. As pointed out in all my correspondence, before anything is done do we have to wait for somebody to be killed? Why is Willingham one of the only villages in the area with no traffic calming on entry? OK we don't want humps and bumps as these are not only detrimental to cars but also to people with problems, but why not chicanes at various places?

After all of this I have not had an answer or explanation. The B1050 is not a main road. Earith Road is a residential B road. So is it now time for Willingham people, if it can be organised, to complete a petition to present to the local authorities, before it is too late and there is a fatality?

David Hart

Housing Options for Older People (HOOP)

Are you finding that your home is too large to manage, in poor condition or too far from friends or family and are not sure what to do? If so, you may be interested in an exciting new partnership with First Stop offering specialist housing information and advice to people aged over 65.

Cambridgeshire County Council is working with South Cambridgeshire District Council on a six month pilot project which has launched in South Cambridgeshire – HOOP (Housing Options for Older People).

The project offers specialist housing advice and support to older people. A questionnaire asks older people (over 65s) about their home and how it suits them. This can be completed on line or via a leaflet. The answers are then used to put people in touch with local housing options (sheltered housing, extra care schemes), support services and community groups that can provide a mixture of practical support and advice, with the aim of helping people to make informed choices about their housing and wellbeing at an early stage.

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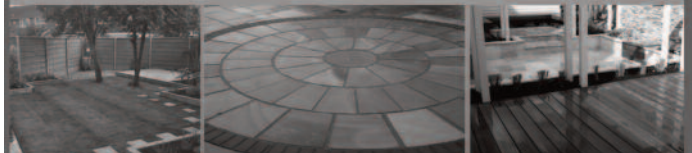
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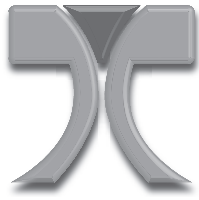
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WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Wed 3 Jan	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 pm, see p15
Fri 5 Jan	Port Tasting	Baptist Church		See p13
Sun 7 Jan	Jazz Club	Social Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com
Mon 8 Jan	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 8 Jan	<i>Storytelling</i> with Marion Leeper	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p7
Wed 10 Jan	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p10
Sat 13 Jan	Messy Church	Christians Together	Octagon & Parish Church	3 30 – 5 pm, see p12
Sat 13 Jan	Meeting Point Disco	Meeting Point	Social Club	8 pm, see p8
Mon 15 Jan	<i>Post WW2 – 1945 - c73, Shaping of the Modern World</i>	WEA	Baptist Church Hall	Nine week course begins. See Dec issue
Mon 15 Jan	<i>Can You Guess What It Is?</i>	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p17
Wed 17 Jan	Hearing Aid Clinic	CAMTAD	The Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Thu 18 Jan	<i>Crop Nutrition</i> with Selwyn Richardson <i>Tools</i> with Pete Cornish	Willingham Combined Charities	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p8
Fri 19 Jan	Ginuary Evening	Willingham School Association	Primary School	7 45 pm, see p9
Sat 20 Jan	Breakfast & Topical Talk	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p13
Sat 20 Jan	Bear Club The Ultimate Party Band	Social Club	Social Club	8 pm, see p8
Sun 21 Jan	Chess Tournament	Willingham Youth Trust	Youth Centre	1 30 – 3 30 pm, see p8
Thu 25 Jan	Patient Participation Group Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	See p15
Mon 29 Jan	Impromptu Music with the Jam Club	Social Club	Social Club	7 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com
Sat 3 Feb	Cake Stall	Parish Church	Parish Church Porch	10 am, see p12
Sat 3 Feb	Coffee Morning	Mothers' Union	Octagon	10 am, see p12
Sat 3 Feb	Stall	Rosie in Stitches	Bar Hill Community Market	10 30 am – 2 pm, see p17
Sun 4 Feb	Jazz Club	Social Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm willinghamsocialclub.com

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