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Frosty Morning in Spong Drove by Sara Asbury



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### **Bill Kirkman**



We are very sad to report the death of Bill Kirkman who was one of the founding editors of *Willingham News*. Bill brought a journalist's experience to our village publication and oversaw its progress to becoming an award-winning local magazine.

Bill became a journalist after graduating from Oxford University, starting at the *Wolverhampton Express and Star* before moving to *The Times* as Commonwealth and Africa correspondent. It was an exciting time to be a journalist and Bill visited 18 African countries in two years as he reported on a period of rapid independence.

Finding frequent travel not easily compatible with enjoying time with his young children, he accepted a job with the Oxford University Careers Service. He retained his interest in journalism by freelancing, both in printed media and broadcasting.

Appointed as Head of the Cambridge University Careers Service, Bill moved to Willingham in 1968 and played an active role in many local organisations. He was a governor at both Cottenham Village College in the 1970s and Willingham Primary School in the 1980s. From 1974 to 1991, he was a trustee of the Willingham British Schools Trust, the first trustee who was neither born nor went to school in the village, although his children were pupils there. He oversaw the old school being sold, the proceeds invested and the trust deed, dating from the 1950s rewritten. The Trust still provides grants to Willingham residents for educational purposes (see page 6).

Bill was a Church Warden and Parish Councillor for over 10 years and was particularly proud of the improvements to the Village Green he saw through. Despite retiring from his position at the Careers Service aged 60, Bill's journalism continued and he continued to contribute to *The Hindu* for very many years.

Bill received an MBE for Services to Journalism in 1993.

We at *Willingham News* will always be grateful for the huge part Bill played in the magazine's development. He injected an enormous amount of knowledge, enthusiasm and humour.

The Editors

### Warm Hubs

As temperatures fall and energy prices rise, there will be an opportunity to keep warm on Mondays and Wednesdays, thanks to an initiative by Cambridgeshire Community Action. Each 'Warm Hub' is a safe, warm and friendly place to:

- Share the company of others
- Enjoy refreshments and social activity
- Keep warm and save energy costs

There is no cost to come and no expectations. Chat to people or just read a book. It's up to you. The hubs are open as follows:

Monday: 10 am – 1 pm: The Octagon Wednesday: 10 am – 4 pm: The Baptist Church More details at <u>www.cambsacre.org.uk/warmhubs</u>.

### Willingham Combined Charity Allotments



Alison Barker being presented with the 'Best Newcomer 2022' trophy by one of the judges, Pete Gladders.

### **Photography Club**

We meet at the Baptist Church, where we aim to learn more about photography and enjoy ourselves. There is a monthly assignment and photos are submitted at the following meeting for consideration and feedback from our resident professional photographer.

Our next meeting is on **Monday 16 January** at 8 pm when we will be reviewing the November assignment: *Light Painting*.

After refreshments, there will be a presentation on *Photoshop/Lightroom* by Phil Aldred which will include his award-winning photo entry *Golden Hill*.

We cordially invite anyone who enjoys photography to come along or get in touch to see what is on offer. Your expertise level does not matter; nor does the nature of your camera. Membership is  $\pm 20$  for six months, with the first month free of charge for new members.

Contact: Steve Moore at steve@stevemoorephoto. com.

Willingham Memory Box Café

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### Willingham British School Trust

The Trustees wish everyone in the village, especially its young people and the teachers of our children, a very successful new year!

At its meeting in October, the Trustees were delighted to fund applications from two community organisations providing support for young people in the village. The Trustees noted that last year there were no individual applications from young people about to start their undergraduate degree programmes or apprenticeships.

The next meeting will be on **20 January** and the Trustees encourage applications for funding from:

- Young people who have recently started a university or further education course and have encountered unexpected academic costs, for example for equipment, field trips and books.
- Representatives of village community groups seeking funds to support activities.

The Trustees would also be pleased to consider applications for funding from the governors and staff of local schools attended by children from the village.

Enquiries and applications to be made to the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher, 01954 261113 or raycroucher47@gmail.com.

### Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting is on **Monday 9 January** at 7 30 pm in the Social Club and our talk is *Savvy Shopping* with Liza Jones.

#### WI News

The speaker at our November meeting was Lydia Harvey from Haddenham Arts Centre. Lydia started the evening with an activity, which was drawing your neighbour's portrait with your eyes shut as 'everyone can draw and have fun!'. After we had recovered from the initial panic, we were amazed at how human some of our finished results looked!

Lydia's talk described how Alistair and Hazel Hull bought the Old Bakery at Haddenham in 1999, turning it into a gallery and studio space for artists to create, exhibit and sell their work. In 2017, they retired and Haddenham Art Centre was created, as a non-profit making company to benefit local people. The Centre now has an extended gallery and café with seven studios for artists in wildlife illustration, textiles, glass, silver, sculpture, tapestry and rugs, including repairs.

There is a lovely wild garden and, during the Summer, artists give displays of willow weaving, wood turning and blacksmithing.

See <u>www.haddenhamartscentre.org.uk</u> for more details.

Why not consider joining WI? Our friendly group is open to all women, young and old. As well as our meetings, all members receive a copy of the monthly *WI News*, the national magazine, and can also join outings and activities organised by the Cambridgeshire Federation. You will be warmly welcomed for a taster session free of charge. To find out more, please contact willinghamwi28@gmail.com.

### WI Quiz Night

Our Famous Quiz is Back! Come and Join Us – All Welcome

> Friday 3 February 7 30 pm at the Social Club

Teams of up to six players £5 per person Drinks from the bar Bring your own snacks Raffle

Contact willinghamwi28@gmail.com to book

### **Update from Fen Drayton Lakes**

#### The Strange World of Fungi

Many people think fungi only appear in the Autumn but in fact various species can be poking out of the ground or wood all year round. The keen mycologist (the term for someone who studies fungi) always knows to keep their eyes on the ground where they might chance upon an exciting find.

Fungi have perplexed scientists for generations. They were once thought to be related to plants but in fact are more evolutionarily



The Parasol Mushroom – A Sizeable Species which can be found at Fen Drayton Lakes

and umbrella shaped cap. They are always a crowdpleaser.

Fungi do several incredibly important jobs in nature. Some help trees access nutrients which significantly improves tree health and growth. They also help to rot down leaves, twigs, logs and stumps which contributes towards producing soils. A small number cause tree decay which is an important process in woodland and creates dead wood which many insect species require.

related to animals. Nowadays they are granted their own kingdom in the web of life. The variety of species is simply enormous and it can take many years to fully document the breadth of species which can occur on a site such as Fen Drayton Lakes. Hundreds, if not thousands, of fungi species occur here and we have only scratched the surface of what can be found so far.

Bracket fungi are one of the easiest groups to spot, favouring obvious locations on trunks of trees or stumps. They are frequent in the countryside and include species with enticing names like the juicy red Beefsteak, and Chicken-of-the-Woods, a bright yellow-orange bracket which grows in tiers.

One which many visitors might see at the reserve is the Candlesnuff, also known as the Stag's Horn. It has tiny stick-like structures which branch at the top and turn from black to white. It grows out of logs and stumps which are rotting down.

A recent find on the Reserve was several Parasol Mushrooms, which were the size of dinner plates. It is easy to see how this species gets its name with the slender stem

### **Reader's Letter**

Rebecca Ableman's Obituary in *Willingham News*, December 2022

#### **Dear Editors**

A formal request has been made to the Parish Council by Willingham Action Group (WAG) to authorise the placing of the memorial bench as mentioned in the article last month. The Ableman family has been notified of this requirement.

Graham Mumby WAG

*Editor's Note: The Parish Council has approved the request.* 

#### Birds

Now it is winter, a cold snap could see the arrival of large numbers of ducks and waders to the area. In previous winters the reserve has hosted a small number of Smew, a scarce duck from the continent with the drakes dressed in a pure white feathering with black stripes and a black face patch. Search for this duck on Ferry and Drayton Lakes in particular.

If you would like to join the 1.2 million RSPB members to help protect wildlife and the special places it lives, or would like to find out more about membership, please take a look on our website at <u>www.rspb.org.uk/join-anddonate/join-us</u>.

#### Wednesday Wander

Why not join one of our monthly 'Wednesday Wander' guided walks? These volunteer-led walks take place once a month, usually on the second Wednesday, stopping to take in the seasonal highlights. To see details and book, please visit: www.events.rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes.

#### Manjeet Bolla

fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk, 01954 233260.

### Free Training for Businesses

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where they are on their low carbon journey, to reduce energy use and costs and prepare for a low carbon future. If you are a business in the Greater Cambridgeshire or Peterborough area, you could be eligible for the FREE 12 hours of business support, helping your business on its low carbon journey! The next cohort starts on 19 January – book now to secure your place! For more information visit <u>www.lowcarbon.deytonbell.com</u>.



### **Advent Adventure**



We'd like to thank everyone who hosted windows and visited them over the Christmas season. There was a great turn out for the light switch-on at 41 High Street and Juke Box Carols. This year Silent Night hit the top spot! We also enjoyed singing a version of the 12 Days of Christmas based on Willingham. We've had a lot of requests for the words, so here they are!

### Willingham's 12 Days of Christmas

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me:

12 Willingham Wolves 11 Library Books 10 Scouts and Guides 9 Fen Gallop Marshals 8 Parish Councillors 7 Uneven Footpaths 6 Pints at the Pub 5 Missing Buses 4 Orchard Trees 3 Road Works 2 Dog Walkers And a light show at 41 High Street.

In December, it will be the 10th anniversary of the Advent Adventure and we're planning something extra special!

Kathryn and Emma

### Who were the Hollys?

The theme of the library's Advent window was Holly and featured some famous Hollys. If you wondered who they were, starting top right and going anti-clockwise they were:

- HOLLY Willoughby TV presenter
- Buddy HOLLY 1950s singer
- HOLLY Hunter actress
- Paul HOLLYwood Great British Bake Off presenter
- HOLLY Johnson lead singer of Frankie Goes to Hollywood
- HOLLY Ramsey Gordon Ramsey's daughter and Instagram star
- HOLLYwood sign
- Harry Potter's wand with a HOLLY core
- HOLLY Bradshaw British athlete

Lynn McGoff

### **Gardening Club**

The cold winter days in January may not be the ideal time for keen gardeners, however the start of a new year can be the perfect time to begin making plans for the months ahead. The Gardening Club provides a friendly environment for local gardening enthusiasts, both experienced and novice, to meet and share their gardening ideas and expertise.

The Committee would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and thank you for the support they have received over the last few months. We have enjoyed getting to know both new and existing members of the club and are excited to plan the meetings for the year ahead!

December saw the Gardening Club hold its final meeting of the year and, in time for the festive period, Carol Bailey was invited to demonstrate and discuss different options for creating natural wreaths using materials from the garden. She also encouraged members to have a go at creating a contemporary wreath base using ribbons. We wish to thank Carol for sharing her creative skills and ideas.

There will be no meeting in January so our next one will be on **Monday 6 February** at the Social Club. Doors open at 7 pm for a 7 30 pm start. We will be delighted to host Gwenda Kid, with her talk entitled *Twelve Tremendous Trees*. As before, there is an entrance fee of £3 for nonmembers. For any general enquiries about the club, please get in touch with the committee via email at: willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com.

### Old Willingham



Here is the corner of Church Lane around 1910. This is one of the few places in the village which is almost completely unchanged today, over 100 years later. A few chimneys have gone and pavements have been added, but otherwise the buildings are the same. More remarkably, the corner shop is still a bakery, as it was then. In fact, there has been a bakery on the site for a very long time. The previous thatched bakery on the site burned down, a common fate for buildings when thatch was the only available material.

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

### **Quick Crossword by Willow**

Answers on page 16.

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#### Across

- 1 Amount greater than needed (6)
- 4 Chatter on (6)
- 9 Disease carried by mosquitoes (7)
- 10 Make a speech (5)
- 11 Principle (5)
- 12 Cases (7)
- 13 Catwalk display (7,4)
- 18 Lie (7)
- 20 Big fire (5)
- 22 Team (5)
- 23 Flier (7)

Solution on page 16.

- 24 Last a long time (6) 25 Dure (6)
- 25 Pure (6)

- Down
- Hatred (6)
   Punctuation mark
- 2 Punctuation mark (5)3 Elongate (7)
- 5 In the midst of (5)
- 6 Swagger (7)
- 7 Had a strong unpleasant
- smell (6)
- 8 Mayday (4,3,4)
- 14 Surprise (7) 15 Holy day (7)
- 16 Scrap (6)
- 17 Water heater (6)
- 19 Below (5)
- 21 Map of the world (5)

### Sudoku

2		9		5	1			
	4	5	2	6	9			
	3		8					2
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# Young Readers' Corner

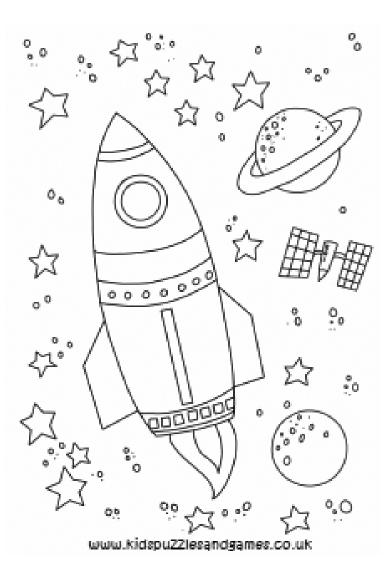
### **Children's Book Quiz**

Answers on page 16.

I guess many of you would have received books for Christmas! Can you find the authors of these?

- 1 The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- 2 Green Eggs and Ham
- 3 Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
- 4 The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- 5 Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- 6 The Worst Witch
- 7 The Chronicles of Narnia
- 8 James and the Giant Peach
- 9 Grannysaurus
- 10 A Bear Called Paddington

Christine Lacey



### FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

#### www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk

#### The Precept

As usual, the precept has proved to be a difficult balancing act. Higher levels of government at District and County level have been squeezed for many years on their spending. They too have had to walk a fine line between ever increasing demands and limited resources. One reaction has been to try and devolve down some costs, particularly those involved with social care. There is a valid argument for doing this as the benefits are focused on local needs. The problem is that someone has to pay and, if the Parish Council is the provider, then the local council tax payer is the funder.

This year has seen the added complication of high inflation, with households under huge pressure with the day-to-day costs of food and energy. The total bill for the services that the Parish Council provides is not huge, less than £2 per week for a band D property. Even so, the council felt that it should not increase this by more than half the rate of inflation. The books have been balanced to limit the increase to under 5%.

#### Traffic

The roadworks planned for Station Road in December have been put off until the first quarter of next year. Speeding remains a major concern and a proposal is in hand to see if a volunteer 'Speedwatch' group can be re-formed. A previous one was disbanded due to lack of police support. The police have assured us that this will not happen again and that the best way of focusing their attention on the hotspots is to set up a group of trained volunteers to supply the data.

#### **Buses**

Full timetables have now been released for the new 5A circular route. Copies are available at the Post Office, Library, Surgery and the Parish Office. We are getting reports of buses being late or cancelled. This service is only subsidised until March and, if it is not well used, we may lose it. Please tell us of your experience with the reliability of this route and whether it meets your needs.

The consultation period for 'Making Connections' has now finished. The Parish Council previously commented that they welcomed reduced fares, but objected to the loss of a direct bus to Cambridge. This has been ignored and the plan remains for us to be served by a rural route that includes no major towns. A key objective of the plan is to reduce car usage but there is little incentive not to drive if two buses are needed to get to Cambridge, one of them only hourly. The proposed Sustainable Travel Zone charge is to pay for improved buses, but our village's residents will not benefit, so we should perhaps be exempt from this charge, which will hit the poorest hardest.

#### **Tennis and Netball Courts**

South Cambridgeshire District Council planners have thrown more hurdles in our path. Assessments are required regarding a cricket ball strike, on-site parking and further protection for bats from the floodlights. Dealing with this incurs more time delays and expense before residents can enjoy these proposed facilities.

#### **Ex-Councillor Bill Kirkman**

Tribute was paid to Bill Kirkman at the December Parish Council meeting for his many years of service to both the council and the village. Bill lived a long, full and very interesting life as a foreign correspondent for *The Times* and later as Head of Careers Advice at Cambridge University. He died in hospital in early December and will be sadly missed.

#### Meetings

Because of the Christmas holidays, the next full council meeting will be on the second Wednesday of the month instead of the first. It will be at 7 30 pm on **Wednesday 11 January** in the Octagon.

Councillors' details can be found on the website and below are details for the Chair/Vice Chair and Lead Councillors.

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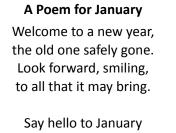
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Thursday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 6 00						
Friday	8 30 - 1 00	2 00 - 6 00						

#### **Carers' Meeting**

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 January** at the Surgery, where we will be holding a drop in meeting between 2 and 4 pm. Please come and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at the surgery. Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Lisa Smith Assistant Practice Manager



and embrace it everyone. A new start, new hope, come let your heart sing.

Christine Lacey



### S<sup>#</sup>Mary - All Saints

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#### Services in Church

1 January	No service	
8 January	11 00 am	Morning Praise
15 January	11 00 am	Morning Praise
22 January	11 00 am	Holy Communion
29 January	11 00 am	Holy Communion – Joint Service with Other 5folds Churches

During our services in January, we will be looking at how and why we pray, using the Lord's Prayer to help us explore this.

#### Acorns, Oaks and Owls Club

Every Sunday at 11 am in the Octagon. A fun, activity-packed hour for children of all ages, from toddlers through to teenagers. No need to book, just come along and join in the fun!

#### **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 evening from 6 30 to 7 pm, we offer a time to gather to pray for peace and an end to the conflict. Everyone is welcome.

#### Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 14 January** from 10 am in the Octagon with music, refreshments, laughter and fun for dementia sufferers and their carers or family. See poster on page 6.

#### **Our Church Chairs**

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our Sales at the Parish Church over the past five months. From these we have raised enough funds to re-upholster 41 chairs in the Church. Here is a picture of the renovated chairs, which are looking wonderful.



#### **Octagon Hall**

The Octagon is available for private bookings. For further information and bookings please contact Colin Smith at the administration office, Tuesday to Fridays from 9 30 am to 12 noon, using the contact details shown.

#### **Contact Details**

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George Street, Willingham, Cambridge CB24 5LJ www.willinghambaptist.org and

### **Activities for January**

#### Sunday Services, 10 am

Relaxed and informal service with songs, prayers and teaching. All welcome at any stage of faith.

1 January	Making a New Start?
8 January	The Tent in the Desert

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15 January	Jesus at Bethany

**22 January** The Last Supper

29 January Jesus Talks to Peter

#### Wednesday Fellowship – Every Week

10 am	Open Door for Coffee
10 am – 4 pm	'Warm Hub' – Friendly Space for All

#### **Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday 14 January** – 7 45 am. See page 19. For all events contact: secretary@willinghambaptist.org.

#### **EVENTS**

**Open Door for Coffee:** A friendly get-together at the church for chat and refreshments. All welcome.

**Community Lunch Club:** Thursdays, bi-weekly. Booking essential. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

**Men's Breakfast:** Saturday, once a month. Hearty cooked breakfast with chat and an interesting talk.

**TOPS Baby and Toddler Group:** Tuesdays at 9 45 am. Meet other families while the children play. Ages 0-5. Contact Debbie Allen on 01954 261581.

**Nimble Figures Craft Club:** Mondays, 2 - 4 pm. Bring your crafts and join with others, learn a new skill or just chat. Contact Daphne on 01954 260568.

### Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at <u>www.scaredheart-stives.org</u>. Mass is also held at 6 pm on Saturdays in the Octagon at Bar Hill, next to the church at Hanover Close, CB23 8EH.

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

### Thought for the Month

A new year is beginning and I imagine that we are all hoping it will be better than the one we have just lived through. We look forward to long hot summer days, but not a repeat of those soaring temperatures and the serious drought they brought, to a year without 'lockdowns' and other COVID-19 restrictions. We hope for peace in Ukraine and other places of conflict; and that the current wave of industrial disputes will be resolved. We want to be able to go about our daily lives without fear and anxiety, to make plans that will come to fruition, and to feel positive about the future for our family and friends.

As you read this, though, I guess we'll be trying to stay warm and keep our fuel bills under control at the same time and many will be struggling to put food on the table and facing difficulties getting to work, school, health appointments etc. Sadly, there is no guarantee that our hopes will be fulfilled, especially if we sit back and expect someone else to make the decisions and take the actions needed to achieve this. We have no direct control over the weather but we know there are many small changes in behaviour we can embrace that will make a positive difference to problems of climate change and environmental damage. We can try to live peaceably with those around us and advocate for peace and justice at a political level; to understand disputes from both sides and to encourage compromise and fairness for everyone's benefit, rather than focusing on the impact on us personally.

As a Christian, I believe in a loving God who invites us to participate in the work of transforming this world into the one we all desire, who prompts me to reshape my hopes towards that end and who empowers the followers of Jesus to achieve amazing things when we commit ourselves to work together. Will you come and join us?

Rev Dr Janet E Tollington Retired United Reformed Church Minister

I am sure many of you will have heard of the 'Couch to 5km' training plan. The idea is to transform you from 'couch potato' to 'runner,' getting you running three miles (or 5k) on a regular basis in just two months.

British Cycling has created a similar approach to encourage you to dig your bike out of the shed and get riding! It is ideal for the complete cycling novice who would like to start cycling for health, fitness, recreation, commuting or tackle a challenge or charity ride of up to 50 km (30 miles).

Following the success of the schemes we ran in 2018 and 2019 (followed by a hiatus for obvious reasons), Willingham Wheels (<u>www.</u> <u>willinghamwheels.com</u>) is planning to run it again but this time in partnership with the Over Day Centre Bike Rides!

We start the eight week training plan on **Tuesday 24 April**. Rides are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (7 30 pm) and Sunday mornings (9 30 am). Time commitment ranges from a minimum of 1 hour 30 minutes to a maximum of 6 hours 30 minutes per week.

### Willingham Wheels 'Sofa to 50k'



Under 16s are most welcome to join but they must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

The plan will culminate in a 50 km ride as part of the Over Day Centre Bike Rides on **Sunday 25 June** (more details to follow).

If you are interested, please contact Nigel at sofa250k@ outlook.com.

### Willingham Library

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 <u>www.cambridgeshire/gov.uk/</u><u>library</u>, 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.

#### **Engage in the Afternoon**

There will be no Engage session this month.

#### Friends of Willingham Library

#### Games Afternoons, Fridays 6 and 20 January, 2 – 4 pm

Come and enjoy a game of Scrabble or one of the other games we have at the library. If you have a favourite game at home, why not bring it along to share with the group? Refreshments available, donations welcome.

#### Second-hand Book Sale,

Saturday 7 January, 10 30 am – 12 noon

We have a good selection of donated second-hand books and library books withdrawn from stock for sale, for both adults and children. They are 50p each or three for a £1 so are excellent value. Pop along and stock up for those chilly winter days and nights ahead!

#### We have a great new activity starting this month! Knit and Natter Afternoon, Wednesday 18 January, 2 – 4 pm

Join us for an informal 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 will be available, donations welcome. If this afternoon proves popular it will become a regular monthly event, so please come and support us.

#### **Book Review**

#### Hunting Unicorns by Bella Pollen

An easy read, this romantic comedy features interesting characters. After hereditary peers no longer have the right to sit in the House of Lords, Maggie, an American journalist, is sent over by her hard-hitting current affairs TV channel to interview English aristocratic families about their current standing in society, ably assisted by Wolf and Dwight. In England her task is harder than she had anticipated and Rory, who runs *Stately Locations*, is far from happy when he finds Maggie at home with his own family. The book received mixed reactions from the book group members and marks ranged from four to eight out of ten.

Liz Kinnear

### Willingham History Group

The next meeting of the WHiGs is on **Tuesday 24 January** at 7 30 pm in the Octagon. Please note that we have moved from the 2nd to the 4th Tuesday of each month. We aim to look into all types of history but anything local is of special interest.

Our speaker this month is David Walker of <u>www.</u> <u>newmarketbattlefieldtours.co.uk</u>.



David enlisted in the Royal Air Force Regiment in 1978 and was commissioned into the RAF Operations Branch in 1998. During his extensive career, he saw operational service in the Falkland Islands, Northern Ireland and both Gulf Wars. He is a passionate genealogist, a student of military history and a member of the

International Guild of Battlefield Guides.

David is currently researching Willingham's fallen and is looking to provide us with some insight into their final missions.

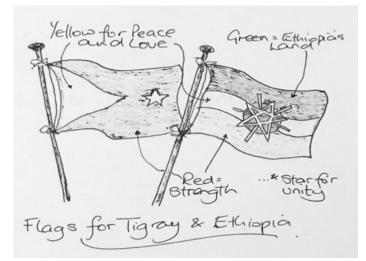
£3 admission to cover the cost of the room. Contact: Steve Moore at whigsinquire@gmail.com.

### Primary School Christmas Appeal

We understand that times are hard financially for many of our families and yet once again we are humbled by the kindness and generosity of those who appreciate that there are others worse off than themselves. This year's boxes went to poor communities in Eastern Europe. We collected a staggering 115 boxes, hopefully that's 115 smiles.



### **Thirteen Months of Sunshine**



Life in Ethiopia, particularly in the Tigray region where I was placed with Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) in 2012, has not been publicised during the last decade, but continues to be horrendous. With civil war and now drought to contend with, the farmers there will not have been able to provide any essential food production. I had really hoped Ethiopian life would have improved from how I saw it back then.

Way back in 2012, I wrote articles in Willingham News from my placement with VSO in Mekelle, northern Ethiopia. Since my return to the village, my UK life took over, but I did put together a book of my experiences, based around the themes in my articles and my detailed diaries, which I kept in Ethiopia to maintain sanity as much as anything! My delivery to the Austin Macauley publishers happened to be at the outset of COVID-19 and therefore was poorly timed, but now I can report that it has all been published as an ebook and in paperback. It's entitled Thirteen Months of Sunshine to reflect the Ethiopian calendar year. So far, a few copies have been read and the response is encouraging plus, I am enjoying posting my illustrations on social media (Facebook, TikTok and Instagram - insta@ mckee\_valerie) where they can be seen in better detail. In the new year I hope to be able to give a few talks and hold discussions in venues such as libraries, and who knows, maybe life for Ethiopians could once again move forward with some positivity.

Valerie McKee

### **OWLS Community Car Scheme**

We URGENTLY need more volunteer drivers.

Drivers receive 45p a mile and do not have to offer regular days or times. Even one journey a week would be appreciated. Please call 07505 254363 for more details.

This is a much valued and needed community service for eligible residents of Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey. Please help if you can.



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### **Cambridgeshire County Councillor – Neil Gough**

#### Dear Residents,

I wish all residents a very Happy New Year – I hope that you all enjoyed a well-deserved break over the Christmas period. Here is my update of County Council matters:

#### Stagecoach 5A

I am getting regular and disappointing reports of an inconsistent service on the new bus. Please let me know of your experiences, good or bad.

#### **B1050** Investigation

The piling work to inform the ground investigation has now been analysed. It has led to the expected capital cost increasing to in excess of £10 million, due to the need for longer piles being required to anchor the road. The allocated funds are £6.8 million and given capital budget constraints, it is anticipated that these works will be paused until at least 2024/25.

#### Help for Residents

Given the cost of living issues facing residents, I wish to let you know about two schemes:

• Warm Home Discount Scheme

This will provide a discount of £150 off electricity bills for three million low-income households this winter. Most households will receive the discount automatically. The government has launched a new online tool, making it easier for the public to check if they are eligible for the discount. All customers will receive a letter by mid-January confirming their eligibility and the payment will be made automatically through energy suppliers by March. See: www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme.

Anglian Water

The company offers a range of financial assistance, including discounted tariffs, assistance schemes if you've fallen behind with payments, and affordable payment plans. Call their specially trained Priority Services Team on 0800 232 1951.

#### 20 Mph Schemes

The Highways and Transport Committee has approved two changes to the Council's policy on 20 mph speed limits, and a new prioritisation matrix to enable it to assess applications for these schemes in Cambridgeshire. The first change removes the requirement that average speeds should already be 24 mph or less on any road being considered for the 20 mph limit. The second encourages extended area-based schemes rather than isolated roads. The prioritisation matrix consists of five questions.

- 1 Does the application address a known safety issue?
- 2 Could the suggested scheme increase safety for vulnerable highway users and encourage active travel modes?
- 3 Does the application maximise the impact of the introduction of 20 mph?
- 4 Does the application have demonstrable local support?
- 5 How deliverable is the scheme?

#### **Civil Parking Enforcement**

The County Council, Combined Authority and Greater Cambridge Partnership are discussing a collective funding offer to support the initial costs for Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire District Councils to set up civil parking enforcement (where onstreet parking is enforced by the councils and not by the police). This will require up to £150,000 from each body (£50,000 per Council). These contributions are subject to respective approval, and discussions continue, particularly with the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority, to identify additional funding.

#### **Combined Authority**

A revised draft Bus Strategy has been presented to the Combined Authority's Transport and Infrastructure Committee and the Board, setting out the principles of how the Authority aims to achieve more than doubling bus patronage by 2030. More details will be in the Combined Authority's revised Bus Service Improvement Plan.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts, views and issues.

Neil Gough 07919 990299, neilgoughcrw@gmail.com.

#### Quick Crossword Answers

Across: 1 Excess, 4 Jabber, 9 Malaria, 10 Orate, 11 Tenet, 12 Luggage, 13 Fashion show, 18 Untruth, 20 Blaze, 22 Squad, 23 Leaflet, 24 Endure, 25 Chaste. Down: 1 Enmity, 2 Colon, 3 Stretch, 5 Among, 6 Bravado, 7 Reeked, 8 Call for help, 14 Astound, 15 Sabbath, 16 Tussle, 17 Kettle, 19 Under, 21 Atlas.

#### Young Readers' Book Quiz Answers

1 Eric Carle, 2 Dr Seuss, 3 J K Rowling, 4 Beatrix Potter, 5 Jeff Kinney, 6 Jill Murphy, 7 C S Lewis, 8 Roald Dahl, 9 David Walliams, 10 Michael Bond.

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### Here's what Willingham News looked like 20 years ago!

# Willingham Newsletter

January

### 2003

#### - The same as to have be

### **Parish Council Report**

**The Green** - The Parish Council has plans to enhance the Green and the surrounding area. Attached to the Newsletter is a rough drawing of the proposals, including ideas for traffic management. Suggestions made at a meeting between the Parish Council, County Council Traffic Officers and South Cambs District Council Conservation Officers include creating a small informal garden, moving the pump, planting native trees and fencing the Green.

The Parish Council would like to have your comments and ideas. Please use the attached drawing for comments and return to the Post Office, the Library or the Parish Clerk, Colin Brown at 33 Pyrethrum Way.

Alternatively you are invited to come along to the Parish Council Surgery at the Tabernacle, George Street on 8<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 12 noon or the Library, Church Street on 18<sup>th</sup> January from 10am to 12noon, where, hopefully, there will be a Conservation Officer to answer any questions.

The Parish Council hope to have detailed plans at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

Leisure & Amenities - The BMX area in the Jubilee Field has been closed temporarily until ROSPA carry out an inspection for insurance purposes.

Joint surgery Housing Advice Centre and Parish Council on Wednesday  $8^{th}$  January 10 - 12 and monthly ( $5^{th}$  February,  $5^{th}$  March) at the Baptist Church George Street. Please feel free to call in with any queries.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Wednesday 8th January at 7.30pm in the School.

### STOP PRESS – STOP PRESS

Starting on the  $16^{th}$  January from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Ploughman Hall a Youth drop in club for those 14 - 19 years. A place to meet, chat 'chill out' Further details from Geoff Redhead at Cottenham Village College on 288751

#### WILLINGHAM WOMENS INSTITUTE

The next meeting is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30p.m. in the Social Club. The speaker will be Hilary Wyllie and her subject Jimmy's Night Shelter. Donations of food would be welcome – cereal, sugar, coffee, tea, jam, marmalade, biscuits etc. etc. but not baked beans they have plenty! Also they need thick warm men's jumpers. This meeting includes our AGM.

QUIZ NIGHT AND FISH AND CHIP SUPPER 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2003 – 7.30pm at 'he Social Club Tickets will be £6 each. Teams 4/6. BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT! Tickets from Annie 261650, Gill 201989, June 261051. Happy New Year from the WI.



### South Cambridgeshire District Councillor – Bill Handley

#### New Homes for Ukraine – Campaign to Find Extra Hosts

Our current batch of hosts has done a fantastic job of making Ukraine refugees feel welcome, but 20% are unable to continue after the initial six month period they signed up for. Many guests now have children settled into local schools, have found work and built friendships so, for those who have to move, it is important that we try to find alternative hosts in the same vicinity, or as close as possible. To do this, we need more hosts. Our 'Spare Room' campaign encourages more local people to join as Homes for Ukraine hosts. If you can help, please text **ROOM** to **88802**.

Please share and spread these messages so we can encourage more people to help. You can read more and watch video stories from current hosts and guests at <u>www.</u> <u>scambs.gov.uk/support-for-ukraine-it-all-starts-with-a-</u> <u>spare-room</u>.

#### Cost of Living Help and Go Fund Me Appeal

The Council has kick-started a scheme to help people cope with the cost of living crisis and escalating fuel costs this winter, providing £10,000 to supply free electric blankets and slow cookers to those who need them. This initial funding could see around 400 people supported and eligible people should already have received a letter advising them how to apply.

Even more could be done with donations from businesses and the public and South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) is running a fundraising page to help boost the fund for cost of living support, aiming to raise a further £10,000. The Go Fund Me page is part of a wide range of support worth almost £400,000 from SCDC to support residents through winter. See: www.gofundme.com/f/ scdccostofliving.

#### **Community Chest Cost of Living Support**

SCDC's Community Chest fund provides grants to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to improve quality of life locally. Criteria have been expanded to allow bids that include contributions for any project that has a positive impact for communities related to the cost-of-living crisis. Parish Councils of any size can also now place grant bids. A ring-fenced sum of £20,000 is available for these new Community Chest grant applications, provided by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System, to ensure support is coordinated effectively and directed at those in need locally this winter.

#### Warm Hubs Update

See page 5.

#### Update from Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Compliance Team (GCSPCT)

In the latest changes made by the transformation programme, the GCSPCT has been renamed Planning Compliance. The Planning Enforcement Register is now part of the Planning Public Access system and is held as a joint register at: <u>www.greatercambridgeplanning.org/planning-applications/planning-compliance</u>. Two new members of staff have been recruited to the team, one of whom is to become team leader.

I would like to wish all residents a very Happy New Year.

#### Bill Handley

Cllr.handley@scambs.gov.uk, 01954 200287 (please leave a message)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/libdems3rdMay18.

### Men's Breakfast Theme for 2023: The Isles of Britain

#### Saturday 14 January, 7 45 – 9 am, Baptist Church

Talk: Ynys Enlli, (Bardsey Island), Llyn Peninsula, North Wales.

#### Was this the burial place of legendary Merlin?

This year we are embarking on a series of talks on the British Isles, from the offshore islands in the Outer Hebrides down to the Channel Islands. Bardsey Island (Ynys Enlli) off the Llyn Peninsular, is steeped in history and where my Mum and Dad teamed up with four others to start the Bird Observatory in 1953. There is evidence of human activity 8,000 years ago, but actual settlement on this small 444acre jewel in Cardigan Bay came several thousand years later with early Celtic Christianity, and later with St Cadfan in the sixth century. Later, Augustinian monks built a monastery and an 800-year-old abbey tower ruin remains.

A dozen substantial stone houses, built 150 years ago, replaced scattered crofting and subsistence farming and fishing. Many annual happy carefree childhood holidays were spent there without cars, shops or hotels and carrying our own supplies to last over two weeks by boat.

The Bardsey Island Trust was formed in 1978 and Enlli provides an unforgettable retreat for those who enjoy getting away from busy modern living. My wife Min and I were born, schooled, and brought up in Pwllheli, Llyn and our respective parents lived and worked there for over 50 years. Enlli is my all-time favourite place.

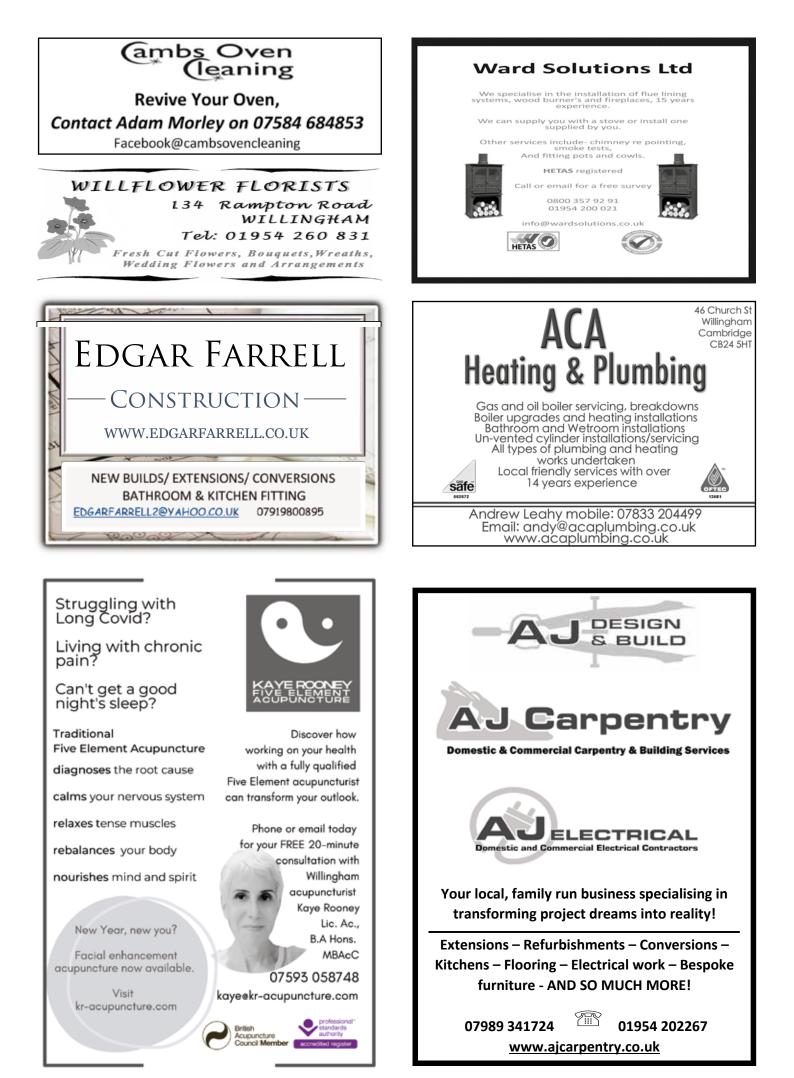
You are welcome to come and hear Bardsey stories, some of its history, community, 'King of Enlli', journey of faith and education, following a hot, freshly cooked breakfast (free if it's your first time).

If you've thought about sharing stories from your 'special island' for 20 - 45 minutes, please get in touch. We meet on the third Saturday of the month.

#### Pete Sacre

Men's Breakfast

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### WHAT'S ON

DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Wed 4 Jan	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Surgery	2 – 4 pm, see p11
Fri 6 Jan	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Sat 7 Jan	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p14
Sun 8 Jan	Willingham News Deadline	Willingham News		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Mon 9 Jan	Savvy Shopping with Liza Jones	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6
Wed 11 Jan	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p10
Sat 14 Jan	Breakfast & Topical Talk: The Isles of Britain – Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island)	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p12 & p19
Sat 14 Jan	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p6
Mon 16 Jan	<i>Photoshop/Lightroom</i> with Phil Aldred	Photography Club	Baptist Church	8 pm, see p5
Wed 18 Jan	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Fri 20 Jan	Games Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p14
Tue 24 Jan	Speaker: David Walker from Newmarket Battlefield Tours	WHIGs	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p14
Fri 3 Feb	WI Quiz Night	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p6



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	Honeypot Pre-School (term-time only)	Mrs Kate Van Dort	01954 201567
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			Willinghambowlsclubsec@gmail.com
	Cricket Club	Mr R Ambrose	01954 610113
	Cycling Club – <u>www.willinghamwheels.com</u>	Paul Knighton	07787 530394
	Tennis Club	John Graham	01954 231968
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