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What a year 2018 was for the Willingham Youth Trust!
The youth club re-launched in 2018 seeing many kids come
to the club on Wednesday nights to have fun with their
friends.

In 2018 the Coding Club attracted around 75 young
people and finished with an exciting project combining
computer programming and some basic electrical
engineering of robotic cars. They used Raspberry Pi’s and
robotic cars supported by code that the children had
worked on in previous blocks. They showed great creativity
and ingenuity in building the cars, writing code for driving,
using sensors to detect objects and responding to speech
and music. We are planning to take the next group of
children to a local company, where they design and
programme driverless cars, so that they can see how the
technology is used in the real world.

If your children are interested in coming along to the
Coding Club, please contact one of the organisers at
enquiries@willinghamyouthtrust.org.

Summer 2018 saw ‘It’s A Knockout’ back in Willingham.
Despite the day being grey and damp the community had a
fun day of laughter and activity. Local organisations
supported the event, teams came together from all walks of
life and volunteer supporters from Willingham Action
Group and St Johns Ambulance were there on the day to
help out. The event raised around £2,000 for the Youth
Centre.

As Autumn 2018 approached, the Youth Trust looked
forward to its annual Family Disco which was Halloween
themed and resulted in much fun for the large numbers that
attended. Everyone enjoyed food, drinks, games and a great
raffle – all raising further much needed funds to support the
centre.

Finally, we were thrilled to kick off the festive season for
many families at the Christmas Crafting Party, where we
enjoyed glitter, mulled wine, cookie icing, crafting and
much laughter.

What does 2019 bring for the Youth Centre?
• The Youth Zone Term Time Wednesday nights
  7 – 8.30 pm for years 6, 7, 8 and 9.
• The Coding Club will be held in three blocks of six
  weeks term time sessions – dates to follow.
• We are hoping to open the Centre as a Pop Up Cafe
during summer weekends and holidays. Watch this
  space!
• A Summer BBQ at the playing field in July is on the
  cards.
• We will be at the Fen Edge Festival on 22 June and will
  no doubt turn up with our spatulas and our juice bike to
  support the event.
• Later in the year look out for our Family Disco in
  October and our Christmas Party, to kick off your
  Christmas festivities once more, in early December.

Don’t forget this great venue is available to rent either on
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Bonnie Twiss

FEBRUARY

Come celebrate February
for January has gone
and there are little promises
of an early Spring sun.
Come celebrate February
with a blue sky above
and there are little kisses
for all of those in love.

Christine Lacey

Fen Edge Archaeology Group

Future Meetings
The February meeting and talk will take place in the
Tony Cooper Suite at Cottenham Village College on
14 February at 7.30 pm. The talk is Sbining Light on an Old
Treasure: The Iron Age Hoards from Snettisham, Norfolk to be
given by our speaker Jody Joy.

The March meeting and talk will take place on 5
March at 7.30 pm and will be held in the Baptist Church.
The talk is by Neil Wilkin on the subject of The Great
Gold Torc: a New Middle Bronze Age Torc from near Ely.
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Demand continues to grow for the services of the OWLS (Over, Willingham, Longstanton, Swavesey) Community Car Scheme. In 2018 from October to December requests for journeys rose to over 100 journeys a month. The total number of journeys undertaken in 2018 exceeded 1,100. With this increase comes the need for more drivers. Can you help to maintain and grow this valuable Community service?

OWLS offers a door-to-door return service to those people who are unable to access other means of transport to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys such as attending lunch clubs or exercise classes. Many of the journeys undertaken are for people to access facilities in their own or a nearby village.

Drivers receive 30p a mile (£3 min charge) from customers and 15p a mile from Cambridgeshire County Council. It is helpful if they can offer a minimum of one journey a week.

Please ring the scheme’s mobile number – 07505 254363 between 9 am and 4 pm on Monday to Friday for further details on what is involved as a driver or to book a journey. If you reach the answerphone please leave a clear message, including your telephone number, and the coordinator will return your call as soon as possible.

Lorraine Hunt

WILLINGHAM 100 Years Ago – February 1919

As part of a regular series, Anne Kirkman recounts events from 100 years ago this month.

On 21 February 1919 the Cambridge Independent Press was full of reports of the severe flooding which had affected the whole area. Willingham itself got off fairly lightly, but the railway line to St Ives had to be closed at Swavesey on the afternoon of 19 February and did not re-open for three days. In Swavesey itself planks had to be laid in several areas to enable pedestrians to move about the village. Cambridge was badly flooded and the Cam burst its banks at Waterbeach, which lessened the damage further downstream. It was reported that the water level was at its highest since 1879.

A week earlier the members of the West Cambs Fruit Growers Association had heard a lecture at the Public Hall on the spraying of fruit trees. This was in three parts – What to spray with, When to spray and How to spray – and was described as very instructive. The lecturer, Mr F R Petherbridge was from Rothamsted Research Institute and was obviously an authority on the subject, as he gave the same talk a week later at Cottenham.

At the same time Mr William Few, a local farmer of Osborne House, Church Street, had died after a short illness at the age of 54. His wife was so overwhelmed by the many tributes received that she used the paper to acknowledge them and regret there were too many to answer personally.

Anne Kirkman

Note from a student – How to capture a unicorn

Before you begin:
Are you kept awake at night by the sound of hooves stamping on the ground? Have you seen a white, beautiful horses with horns in your street? If this sounds familiar it is likely you are experiencing a world of magical unicorns. Do not worry- help is here because soon you will have a magical creature of your own!

Read these instructions and soon you will be happy forever.

What you need:
Some magical dust, a huge net, a camera, shoes, belts and some nice fresh water to keep it comfy.

What you do:
1. First lay the net spreaded on the ground to trap the unicorns.
2. Next, put a trale of magical dust by the net and place shoes on the net.
3. Soon after, attach the rope to the net (to pull it and trap it).
4. After that, set the camera out near the trap so you know when to pull the rope.
5. Now, place the water next to the net (so the unicorn feels at home).
6. Finally, find a safe hide out to watch and wait for the unicorn.
7. Before long, the unicorn will find the magical dust and carelessly wonder into the trap so you can have a pet of your own.

A final note of warning:
As unicorns are awake in the day, make sure you set the trap during the night when they are inactive. If you want to see you should have a torch to know what you are doing. Whilst setting the trap, keep all pets and children indoors so the unicorn doesn’t stab them with their horn because they kill animals with them.

Lottie - Year 3
It's been a busy time on South Cambs District Council (SCDC) matters and there are plenty of issues that we are dealing with in Willingham and Over.

Construction Traffic

One particular area of focus is that of heavy construction vehicles using the B1050 through Willingham. Vehicles serving the construction of Northstowe and the A14 are not permitted to use this route, however, residents have long suspected that some drivers ignore this ban.

There is a very keen group of volunteers in Willingham who are willing to gather evidence to present to the District Council Enforcement Team, including following lorries to the construction sites and recording details such as licence plates. This will help the authorities enforce the ban. We have also been trying to get additional signage installed to warn construction vehicles not to use the route.

Progress has been slow and frustrating here – the contractors concerned appear to deny that any of their vehicles are involved. Anecdotally at least, there seems to have been some improvement in the rate of construction vehicles using the B1050 since October. We have noticed a reduction to about a half to a third in construction traffic.

How much of this apparent reduction is due to the Christmas break or is related to a particular phase in construction is not known. We may see an increase when construction resumes after the holidays, so we need to keep monitoring this. A residents’ Action Day was cancelled before Christmas due to the perceived improvement, but another one was being planned at the time of writing and may have been held before this is published. Either way, we will keep you posted with updates here.

Customer Service at SCDC

The Council is delivering a number of service improvements, focussing initially on the Planning Department. They have had exceptional volumes of activity in recent months and difficulties recruiting staff.

The Council Cabinet has undertaken to improve staffing levels and to explore the ‘upskilling’ of Technical Support Officers to deal with straightforward planning applications.

A new online customer portal will soon be rolled out which should improve the experience for the Council’s customers. Shared with neighbouring councils, it will be multi-functional allowing customers to create secure accounts to apply and pay for Council services and track progress. The customer portal will be called ‘mysouthcambs’.

Cambridge Ice Rink

Construction of the new Cambridge Leisure and Ice Centre (CLIC) off Newmarket Road was halted last year following the discovery of 194 grenades from World War 2. CLIC will provide a permanent, high-quality, ice rink and leisure facility that will benefit the health and wellbeing of the community, creating up to 25 jobs. The construction delays have added to costs so Councillors have approved additional loan funding of up to £550,000 to enable the venue’s completion. SCDC had already provided a £1.85 million loan in September 2016. The opening date for CLIC is to be confirmed but could be as early as April.

District Council Business Plan

The Council has released its draft business plan for the next year and are inviting the public to have a say here: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/businessplansocialmedia

Thermal Imaging Camera

Easy to use thermal imaging cameras can be borrowed for free from SCDC. They can help residents find where heat is escaping from their home, so they can potentially reduce energy bills. More details here: tinyurl.com/yddv3jl.

Cambridge Northern Fringe Area Action Plan

SCDC and Cambridge City Council have published a joint plan for how a new residential district could be created on a brownfield site on the northern fringe of Cambridge. The site is near the Guided Busway and will have good walking and cycling links, reducing reliance upon cars. The public consultation will be carried out early this year and more details will be published then.

Home Improvements for older people

Older people owning their own home and who are struggling with minor repairs can seek help from Cambridgeshire Homes Improvement Agency (CHIA), which is supported by SCDC. This initiative is to help older people stay safely in their own home. www.cambsia.org or phone 01954 713330 for further information.

‘Support Cambridgeshire’ Free Practitioner Event – 27 February, 12 – 2 30 pm

This event is being held at Over Community Centre, with the aim of enabling people to make successful funding applications. It is free to any community individual or organisation that operates in the voluntary sector within Cambridgeshire. More information is available from the Support Cambridgeshire website: tinyurl.com/vapiwmt.

Surgeries

Our next surgeries will take place on:

- Saturday 2 February, 11 am – 12 noon at Over Community Centre
- Saturday 4 May, 11 am – 12 noon at Ploughman Hall
- Saturday 11 May, 11 am – 12 noon at Over Community Centre

Councillors Dawn Percival & Bill Handley
Friends of Willingham Library Book Quiz

Thinking we could have a cold January, these are books with chilly ice or snow in the title. Can you find the authors while snuggling up with a hot chocolate?

1. *A Daughter of the Snows*  
2. *Snow White*  
3. *Ice Station Zebra*  
4. *The Snowman*  
5. *The Snow Goose*  
6. *Light on Snow*  
7. *The Ice House*  
8. *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*  
9. *Snow Falling on Cedars*  
10. *Curious George in the Snow*

Have you read Lottie’s instructions on how to capture a Unicorn? If you did this, how would you like your Unicorn to look? Why not colour in the picture below to show us.

Sudoku by Willow

Solution on page 17.

![Sudoku Grid](image)

**Butterflies – they will be here quite soon now – what will they look like at every stage as they grow?**

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From the Parish Council
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Our Parish Clock
Our Parish Clock has not worked since October 2018. The Parish Council was able to identify one clock company – Smiths of Derby – to advise on and complete the work required to get the clock working again. Smiths advise that the clock’s equipment requires a major overhaul. It also suggests restoration work on the dial is carried out at the same time. The Parish Council understands that this complex level of maintenance and renovation has not been carried out since the clock was provided in 1887 at a cost of £125. It will be discussing these proposals and the budgetary implications further.

Parkiing at Road Junctions
Vehicles parked on streets should not cause a danger or unnecessarily obstruct the road. Parking is not allowed within 10 metres of a junction or anywhere where the kerb is lowered. This helps users of powered mobility vehicles, wheelchairs and prams. The Parish Council receives residents’ comments about dangerous or unnecessary car parking close to the junctions of Saxon Way, Covent Garden and Bournes Manor Close with the High Street. It has been suggested that yellow lining is placed around these junctions to restrict this parking. The Parish Council has investigated this. It has been advised that parking restrictions could be introduced but the police would not undertake routine enforcement. Neighbouring parishes report that recently introduced parking restrictions, without enforcement, are often ignored. The police are encouraging villages to approach the County and District Councils to seek de-criminalisation of these parking offences. Parking offences could then be managed as a civil offence and enforced by traffic wardens. The Parish Council will be discussing how it should respond to this situation in the village. Vehicle users can also play a part by parking with a greater consideration of the needs of other residents and vehicle users.

Black Pit Drove: an Update
Shortly before the Christmas holiday the South Cambridgeshire Principal Planning Enforcement Officer and a legal representative attended the High Court to seek resolution of this issue. In the absence of traveller representatives, the Judge declined to reach a final decision. It is anticipated that a further hearing will be held with a final judgement made at that time.

Reporting Concerns
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The police can be contacted with respect to their non-urgent responsibilities by either telephoning 101 or using this online address: www.cambspolice.uk/report/.

Hedge Cutting
We have been asked by Cambridgeshire County Council to remind residents to try to complete any hedge cutting or tree trimming by the end of February – certainly before birds start their nesting activity!

Meetings
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 – three minutes maximum per person).

Meeting Dates: 6 February and 6 March. 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 answerphone service outside office hours.
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**– Update on Distribution Arrangements**

For my sins I have taken on the role of distribution manager for the *Willingham News*. If you have any issues regarding receiving your copy, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Pat Daniels currently delivers *Willingham News* to Thodays Close and part of Long Lane but has decided to stand down. So, I am looking for one or more Volunteer(s) to replace her. She delivers 66 copies so if you feel you can assist please get in touch using the contact details below.

I have taken over from Reg Purnell, who should be thanked for his services over the past few years.

David Clarke
01954 260600 or email clarkedavid99@yahoo.com

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**Old Willingham**

The picture is of a Hospital Sunday parade as it moves up Church Lane in around 1920.

In those days there was no NHS and visits to the doctor or hospital had to be paid for. Most ordinary families could never afford a stay in hospital so, once a year, the village had a parade and everybody donated what they could afford. The money collected was quite substantial and was passed to Addenbrookes Hospital as a sort of insurance payment for the village so that Willingham residents could get treatment even if they could not afford to pay. At the head of the parade is the Rector of St Mary’s followed by a brass band and various floats. Only the Rector wears a top hat. Some other men wear bowlers, while most wear trilbys or flat caps according to their social status.

See more photos at www.oldwillingham.com.

If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High St. or oldwill@oldwillingham.com.

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**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

**Monday 18 February 8 – 10 pm**

The theme of the meeting is *An exposure of five seconds or Longer*, followed by a presentation on *Focal Length*, by Francis Pullen.

(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. Membership is £20 for six months but the first month is free.

For further information, please contact Steve Harding on 07595 668161 or have a look at our website: www.willinghamphotoclub.org.uk

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**Ginuary Evening**

1 February at 7 45
Willingham Primary School
in the Old Hall

Come along to a fun evening with friends to sample a range of different gins.
What better way to start February than at a gin tasting evening!

Tickets: £15 per person available via BTDonate:
mydonate.bt.com/events/ginuary/480116

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Willingham School Association Charity Number: 1039136
We have a variety of styles of worship and we hope you will find one that suits you. You will be warmly welcomed whenever you come.

11 am Informal and Child-friendly

Modern worship with Sunday Clubs for children and young people in the Octagon during term-time. Children are always very welcome. An All-Age Service is held on the third Sunday of the month, where the children remain in the service. On fifth Sundays, we join with our sister churches in either Over, Longstanton, Swavesey or Northstowe and worship together.

If you know of anyone who is ill or who for some other reason would like a visit, please let us know. Furthermore, if you’d like to discuss getting married, or having your child christened, we’d love to talk to you!

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

Clergy contact details: Jenny Hill, 07970 949331 or revjennyhill@5folds.org.uk.

Beth Cope 07720 330272 or pioneerminister@northstowe.church.

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.

Willingham Churches Together 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. Come with your children and enjoy! Messy Church is on the 9 February at 3 30 – 5 30 pm at the Baptist Church. Please email Fiona Joel for more info: fionajoel@hotmail.co.uk.

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: will be at 10 am on Saturday 2 February. 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!

NEW – Time for Prayer – 9 - 9 30 am every Thursday morning in the Church. All welcome.
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. Please contact Katy Gilbert for more information – 01954 261922.

Little Notes: Thursdays 10 – 11.15 am. Half an hour of singing with instruments and actions followed by free-play, refreshments and a chance to meet other parents or carers. For all pre-school children aged 1 – 4, with a quieter space set aside for babies under the age of 1. Please contact Emily Martin for more information 07731 440251.

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.

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 Bev Thomas – 01954 789230.

Men’s Breakfast: 16 February – 7.45 am in the church for a hearty cooked breakfast followed by a short topical talk. Please contact Pete Sacre for more information – 01954 261655 or peetamin@gmail.com.

Messy Church: 9 February 3.30 – 5.30 pm at the Baptist Church – a fun session for ALL the family, with crafts, games, all-age worship (songs and story), food and other stuff. Contact Fiona Joel for further details fionajoel@hotmail.co.uk, 07810 638532.

PASTORAL LETTER

New Year Resolutions

‘Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.’ Philippians 3:13

Be honest: how many of last year’s resolutions did you keep?

They say, ‘Procrastination is the thief of time.’ We keep promising ourselves we’ll do better. But ‘resolutions’ only happen when you’re ‘resolute’. That means having a mind that’s made up.

So here are four resolutions you need to make up your mind to keep this year:

1) Take time for what really matters. Get up earlier in order to read your Bible and pray before entering the day. Make more time for your family. Start exercising and eating right. Take better care of your body; it’s God’s temple (see 1 Corinthians 6:19).

2) Tackle one thing at a time. Taking on too many things at once dilutes your focus and makes it harder to stick with things. When you start too much, you finish too little. So start where you are and build on your successes by mastering and maintaining one thing at a time.

3) Start small. Don’t try to swallow the ‘whole thing’ in one bite; baby steps are the name of the game. Talk in terms of what you will do instead of what you won’t.

For example, instead of saying, ‘I’m not going to be so critical,’ try saying, ‘Today I’m going to look for something good in everyone I meet’ (see Philippians 4:8).

4) Remember, your goals can change. What’s needed today may not be right for you in the future. So reassess your plans regularly and be willing to change direction. ‘We should make plans—counting on God to direct us’ (Proverbs 16:9). When your spiritual gut says no, pay attention and always remember when God is on your side, you’ll prevail.

Somebody asked Abraham Lincoln if he was sure that God was on his side. He replied, ‘I haven’t thought much about it. I just want to know I’m on God’s side.’

It’s normal to speculate about how you’d like things to turn out, but God alone controls the future. Just trust Him. ‘Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.’ (Proverbs 16:3).

Happy 2019

Major Graham Barratt
Salvation Army
Christmas Lucky Squares Result
Thanks again to all those who purchased our Lucky Squares and congratulations to those who won prizes. We managed to raise and donate £306 to Magpas this year.

Thank You!
We would like to publicly thank the Church for the Christmas gifts they gave to each and every member of the surgery staff. It was a brilliant surprise for us all, and we are very grateful that you took the time to remember us and spend time preparing this wonderful gift. Thank you!

Pill Checks
Patients requiring repeat prescription of the contraceptive pill need to make an appointment with one of the practice nurses in order to get their prescription. Please book well in advance, as repeat prescriptions take up to 48 hours to process.

Yellow Fever
The surgery will no longer be offering the Yellow Fever vaccinations for those that are travelling to countries where this vaccination is recommended. Please contact your local travel clinic to find details of alternative Yellow Fever Centres.

A Leaving Message from Nurse Barbara:
‘I was quite overwhelmed by all the kind words, gifts and cards which I received on my recent retirement and would like to say a huge thank you to you all. I loved working at both surgeries and shall miss seeing my colleagues and my patients. I would like to wish everyone best wishes for the future’

Missed GP Appointments
NHS England have recently published a report indicating that more than 15 million general practice appointments are being wasted each year, at a huge cost to the NHS. Around 1 in 20 (5%) are missed without enough notice to invite other patients. That’s around 15.4 million missed slots.

Of these, around 7.2 million are with busy family doctors, which adds up to more than 1.2 million GP hours wasted every year or the equivalent of more than 600 GPs working full-time for a year.

Each appointment costs an average of £30, adding up to more than £216 million pounds, to say nothing of the disruption for staff and fellow patients.

This sum would pay for: the annual salary of 2,325 full-time GPs; 224, 640 cataract operations; 58,320 hip replacements; 216,000 drug treatment courses for Alzheimer’s disease; the annual salary of 8,424 full-time community nurses.

Unfortunately, this is a problem we experience at Willingham Surgery and Longstanton Branch Surgery. In December 2018, 102 patients did not attend their booked appointments with a GP or nurse, and we were unable to offer the appointment to someone else as we had no notice. This is an estimated average cost of £3,060.

Due to demand, we can very often fill your appointment even with only an hour’s notice, so please inform us if you are no longer able to attend or do not need your appointment.

Check Before you Tick
A new campaign from the NHS aims to help people understand if they are entitled to free prescriptions and how to claim correctly to avoid penalty charge notices of up to £100.

All you need to do is visit nhs.uk/checkbeforeyoutick to use the eligibility checker.

Carers Support Meetings
Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments are provided, there is no need to pre-book and they are 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: 20 February, 20 March and 17 April from 2 – 4 pm. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

Please remember that A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, call 111.

Lisa Smith – Assistant Practice Manager
Fund Raising Event for Project in Kenya

This summer, we are travelling as a family to Kenya to work with a charity for two weeks.

Nturometi is a poor village in Narok in Kenya. The area has no medical facilities except for a maternity unit. We are going to help build accommodation for nurses so that the maternity unit can operate 24/7. At the moment, the midwife Ann, lives in a house nearby, but it isn’t safe for her to travel to the maternity unit after dark. By building accommodation for two members of staff the maternity unit can then operate without a break, saving lives by delivering more babies in the unit.

We are funding ourselves to take part in this trip, but also for helping with this challenge you can download a small map from our website (www.willinghambaptist.org) or email Alan or Kathryn (see below). Cover your small map with coins at home over the next few weeks and then bring it along to our fundraising evening (see below) or drop it off beforehand if you can’t come to the event! Your small coin covered map will then become part of a really big map!

Fund Raising Evening: Saturday 16 March from 7–9 pm at the Baptist Church. The evening will include bringing all the coins together to cover a huge map of Kenya, games, quiz, raffle, traditional Kenyan food and musical entertainment. Tickets are £10 each (Children under 16 are free) and all the money will go to the project. If you would like a ticket please email Alan or Kathryn at Wundecided@aol.com, text 07939 106686 or look out for our Facebook Event page.

Kathryn, Alan, Samuel and Ben Wright
Belsars Hill

I am writing about a piece of really old Willingham history that has interested me for a long time. When I was a youngster I used to ride our bicycles through the fen to see if we could find any pottery or artefacts at the site.

This oval shaped fort was once situated on higher ground above the waterlogged marshland of the fens. Now it sits amongst peaceful farmland to the east of the village. It is situated mostly on private land however the Aldreth Causeway and track run right through it.

William the Conqueror’s troops used the site and adapted it during their campaign against Hereward the Wake after 1066.

Due to the original French name, the fort has often been thought to be of Norman origin. However, it was only the original entrance that was changed in Norman times – so that the entrance was then via the Aldreth Causeway. The fort had an earlier existence as an Iron Age fort sitting on the border of the Catuvellauni tribes.

It is thought that the Great River Ouse was the boundary between the Iceni, Catuvellauni and Coritavi tribes. This would mean that the Belsars Hill fort sat on the Catuvellauni side of the river. However, some records suggest that it was an Iceni fort. The problem that is no artefacts have been found to confirm the position. The Iceni were allegedly named after the ‘Iken’ or Ouse River. The Old West river is the lower reach of the Ouse River. The Icknield Way is the ancient trackway which passes down through North Norfolk and Cambridgeshire then on as far as Wiltshire.

If you were at Willingham School hearing about the history of Willingham dating back to the Doomsday Book or are interested in Belsars Hill and the history of the village back to Iron age times, then I would love to hear from you.

I am a member of the Fen Edge Archeology group in Cottenham however I am especially interested in the Willingham area as I lived in Willingham from 1972 to 1990 and I come back to Willingham every weekend. My email address is Richiematt@live.co.uk.

Richard Matthews

Willingham Gardening Club

The Gardening Club meets at 7.30 pm in the Social Club on the first Monday of each month, except January and August. New members are most welcome. The annual subscription is now £20. Visitors are welcome at any meeting at a cost of £2.

Please call Celia on 01954 261394 for details or simply turn up to a meeting.

Our next Meeting is on Monday 4 February when the speaker, Michael Brown, will give a talk on Capability Brown – Hero or Villain. Capability Brown landscaped over 170 gardens including those nearby at Wimpole Hall, Madingley Hall and the Backs in Cambridge.

Michael’s website www.historicgardener.co.uk is well worth a visit.

Our excursions team is already researching possible venues for our 2019 programme, which we hope to have in place by March. So watch this space.

A reminder for the club’s AGM in March when our new year begins and that annual subscriptions will become due at the April meeting.

The annual village Horticulture and Craft Show for 2019 will be held on 31 August. Last year’s show received good coverage in both Willingham News and Fen Edge News. In particular, it was nice to see the junior section so well filled with innovative items, as several young people appear to have been well-employed over the summer holidays. Now is the time to be planning your fruit, vegetable and houseplant entries. The show schedule will have several minor amendments, but last year’s schedule will still be useful for reference. For any queries on any of the above contact Carol Bailey on 01954 260794.

Carol Bailey

Answer to Sudoku

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Answers to FOWL Quiz

1. Jack London
2. Jacob Grimm/Wilhelm Grimm
3. Alistair McLean
4. Jo Nesbo
5. Paul Gallico
6. Anita Shreve
7. Minette Walters
8. Ernest Hemingway
9. David Guterson
10. H A Rey

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Our salon offers all aspects of hairdressing including wedding hair with a personal touch. We can come to you on your special day.

Tel: 01954 260224
We had a great New Year’s Eve Party – the Club looked the part as you can see below and everyone had a wonderful time seeing in the New Year.

More Good News... by the time you read this it will be the end of dry January for some of us!

The entertainment committee are busy compiling our list of events and entertainment that will be taking place at the Social Club in 2019.

**Saturday 2 February 8 pm**

Members' Night. Mr J, aka Mr Nick James, live guitarist and singer.

This is an event which is free to all of our members and guests can pay £2 at the bar.

It is Mr J’s debut performance at the club. He has a wide range of songs having previously performed for many years on the hotel circuit in Europe. This will be held in the members’ bar. See [www.nickguitarman.com](http://www.nickguitarman.com).

**Saturday 2 March Doors open 8 pm**

The Lightwaves, live guitar and ukulele duo were the headliners of the 2018 Willingham Beer Festival.

If you saw them at the beer festival, you will want to see them again!

Everyone welcome. £5 entry on the door, in advance from the club or [www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com).

The Lightwaves are an enthusiastic, charismatic duo consisting of a Ukulele and a 12 string guitar, matched with perfectly sung harmonised vocals.

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‘Wonderful song list and wonderfully played! Real talent here.’

‘Excellent, really enjoyed the music and the guys are amazing.’

**Saturday 16 March**

Members’ Night, St Patrick’s Day Party with the Mean Eyed Cats. Guests £2.

**Saturday 30 March Doors open 8 pm**

Ouse Valley Singles Club, live band.

It’s never too early to advertise this risqué bunch of comedic musicians. Tickets on sale now £10 at [www.wegottickets.com/event/450861](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/450861) or at the club. We expect this to be a busy evening as this band usually sell out! More details in next month’s newsletter.

Don’t forget Wednesday Bingo. Every week, tickets on sale at 7 pm for eyes down 7.30 pm. It’s really popular now so the cash prizes and number of lucky winners are definitely worth a night out!

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**Willingham Women’s Institute**

The next meeting will be on **Monday 11 February** at 7.30 pm in the Social Club: *1960s Adventure in a 4x4* with Christine Adams.

New members are always welcome; please contact Wendy on 01954 202188 or email willinghamwi28@gmail.com if you are interested and follow us on Facebook. Come for a taster – we have some great meetings lined up:

- **11 March** – Annual Meeting and Social Evening
- **8 April** – Bramble Lodge Alpacas

The Mixed Craft Group meets on the last Wednesday of each month 10.30 am – 4.30 pm in the Baptist Church. All welcome, no need to be a WI member. Note change of day.

Follow Willingham WI on Facebook

**WILLOMHIAM NEWS February 2019**
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Zumba 7.30pm Wednesday
Aerobics ‘n’ Tone 6.30pm Friday
Fitness Pilates 10.45am Friday

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