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Old Willingham

It’s the winter of 1962/3 and work is starting, driving piles for a new concrete bridge that will span the river at Earith.

The picture shows the last days of the old iron bridge that was about 100 years old at the time and quite narrow. The iron bridge before this had snapped when a traction engine went over it and the new one was tested by driving the same engine over it successfully. The new bridge, which remains today, was opened in April 1963. You can still see where the road went down to the old bridge on the Earith side of the current bridge.

This has always been an important crossing and we know there was a bridge here in 1286 because orders were issued to repair it! Of course, the waterways have changed much as drainage of the fen was completed but there has always been a bridge.

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

District Councillors’ Report

Hot Food Scheme Extended
The volunteer food scheme being run by South Cambridgeshire District Council in association with Over Day Centre and C3 Churches (Waterbeach) to provide nutritious meals to some of our more vulnerable residents during the COVID-19 pandemic has been extended to the end of October. The extension has been made possible thanks to a £1,300 grant from the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation.

The Return of Public Access to South Cambridgeshire Hall
From 15 September, residents who need to talk to a Council Officer face to face will again be able to do so at South Cambridgeshire Hall. However they will need to and conversations via phone/Teams/Zoom etc will remain the favoured route into the Council. The office will initially be open to the public for a limited number of days each week, and with shorter opening hours. We are offering appointments between 10 am to 3 pm on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and a great deal of work has gone into making South Cambridgeshire Hall as COVID-secure as it can be.

COVID Volunteers
As Lead Member for Sustainable Communities, Bill has been contacting lead community volunteers to thank them for their considerable efforts so far during the pandemic. The Willingham Volunteer Hub has been very well run and successful. It is hoped that the voluntary effort will continue and evolve, and a series of forums will be held in the coming weeks to share knowledge and experiences and to promote continuing best practice.

Planning White Paper
The government has issued a White Paper on the future of planning. There is a great deal to digest and consider in this document and the Greater Cambridge Planners are working through it to evaluate what the consequences for our district might be. A response (jointly with Cambridge City Council) will be submitted in due course. More details can be found on the government website. www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future and individuals can comment on it.

Local Plan ‘Call for Sites’
South Cambridgeshire District Council (working with Cambridge City Council) has started work on the development of the next Local Plan. This is a vitally important document for every village in the district and it reached a significant stage in September with the publication of the list of sites submitted by landowners for consideration by planners. By the time Willingham News is published this will have been released. This list has to be published for reasons of transparency and it shows all of the land submitted for consideration – a very high number of sites. Please do not be alarmed by this; landowners are encouraged to submit their sites and the list will contain sites that will quickly be shown to be unsuitable, and rejected, for a variety of reasons. There will be no invitation for public comment at this stage, but there will be plenty of opportunities for parish councils and individuals to comment in due course. We will ensure that you know about this in our reports in Willingham News and via other media such as social media. More information can be found here: www.tinyurl.com/yy3j7nah.

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Part 18 – A Summary of the Changes Over 500 Years

How different was the Willingham of 1700 from that of 1200?

500 years is a very long time, but although many things certainly had changed, not all were on the scale you may have expected, and most of them only arrived during the last 100 years of our period.

Housing and Agriculture

Visually the village had changed considerably. The population had trebled from 150 to 450 and the additional 75 or so cottages built to accommodate them had led to the basic square village structure around what is now Church Street, High Street, Berrycroft and Green Street.

The parish church (known then as St Matthews) looked much the same, and still dominated a village of mostly single-story cottages. House design had changed little in the period. The vast majority of cottages were still timber framed with mud and straw walls and thatched roofs, dark inside and with damp floors. Most now had chimneys, which reduced fire risks but certainly did not eliminate them. Furthermore, an additional 75 cottages over 500 years can hardly be described as major expansion.

Agriculture obviously remained the prime occupation, but the ownership structure of land had changed considerably towards the end of this period. The feudal system of strip farming, under successive Bishops of Ely, lasted for 400 years until the Manor was sold in 1601. The new owners had started enclosing and selling land to a slowly emerging yeoman Middle Class. The drainage of Willingham Mere after 1615 by the new Lord of the Manor resulted in the reclamation of no less than 380 acres of very fertile land. However, this would have been at the expense of much of the local fishing industry, which had supported 10 boats based on the Mere for fishing, fowling, reed and willow gathering. By 1700 a pattern of mixed farming had been established, of enclosed pastures for modest herds of cattle, sheep, a few pigs and horses. There was a rotating system of fields for arable crops, dominantly of barley, with one fallow at any one time. However, it is very apparent from the many bequests in wills of this period ‘to the poor and needy’ that a measure of extreme poverty also persisted in Willingham.

Transport

Transport by road had changed little over the 500 years. The main all-weather route to Ely and Cambridge remained the Aldreth Causeway reached by Priest Lane, and the main mode of transport was still on foot or by horse for most villagers. Mobility in general benefitted from 1650 after the diversion of the entire flow of the Ouse from the Old West into the New Bedford River as part of the large-scale project to drain the Fens. In conjunction with the draining of Willingham Mere this process stopped the main cause of the frequent flooding that had blighted Willingham for centuries before this.

As for education, the arrival of the first schoolmaster in 1579 and the establishment of the first school in 1593 brought literacy to villagers for the first time, and must be one of the most significant changes in Willingham. Before this, literacy was limited to a very small number outside the clergy. It followed the introduction of printing presses on a national scale earlier in the century.

The Church

The Church still played a very dominant role in the day-to-day life of the village. It is difficult now to realise just how important church attendance was. It was virtually compulsory twice every Sunday as well as on the many Saints’ Days and annual festivals of Christmas, Easter and Whitsun. Then there were church baptisms, weddings and funerals to attend. These all followed the Catholic ritual until 1645, but the subsequent change to the Protestant regime, and further competition from the Baptists after 1660, did not reduce the importance of church and chapel attendance.

The Sacristy, Willingham Church, built c. 1330 entirely of stone – Sketch from Lyson’s ‘Cambridgeshire’, published 1808

The importance of the role of the Rector in the village remained paramount throughout the period. Even when they were absent for long periods when working for the King, or in their University and College appointments in Cambridge, they were supported by resident curates. Many of them certainly ‘punched above their weight’. The sheer number of high level national and university additional appointments achieved by the 20 Rectors of Willingham while in office here is quite remarkable. They include: Treasurer to the Exchequer of Ireland, King’s Ambassador to France (twice), King’s Messenger to Rome, Provost of King’s College, Master of Clare College, Master of Pembroke College, Master of Jesus College, Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University (three times), Chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, Chaplain to King James, and Assistant Commissioner to Oliver Cromwell.

Willingham after 1700

Of all the many local and national influences on Willingham after 1700 it is perhaps the development of transport that was to have the most wide-ranging effect.

The 19th Century in particular saw new roads to Cambridge, Ely and St Ives. The new railway through Longstanton Station, connecting the village to London and Liverpool, was to open up markets for Willingham produce on a national scale, and massively change both the size and character of local agriculture.

Alan Fawcitt

Next time: The Dawn of a New Era – Life in Willingham after 1700
See Page 7 for Source References for this series of Articles
A Brief History of Willingham
1200 to 1700 – Source Material

The Village of Willingham by Herbert E Norris, published 1890
Notes Historical and Architectural on the Church of Saint Mary and All Saints Willingham, a paper read to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society in 1894 by Rev John Watkins, Rector of Willingham
The Clergy of Willingham, a paper read to the Cambridge Antiquarian Society in 1956 by Canon J Bywaters, Rector of Willingham
The Victoria County History – Cambridge and the Isle of Ely, published 1986
The Wallpaintings of Willingham by Alan Fawcitt, published 1990
Pamphlets and notes by the late Dennis Jeeps
The Case for an Anchorhold, a paper by Jeremy Lander, Architect, 2005
Conservation of the Wallpaintings in the Nave, a report by Tobit Curteis, 2005
Contrasting Communities by Margaret Spufford, published 1979

Alan Fawcitt

Willingham Sustainability – Talking About Plastics

Not all plastics are reusable and some produce hazardous material after several uses and so it is helpful to know what the numbers on plastic items or packaging mean. Those plastics that offer a degree of recyclability tend to have a number in a triangle of arrows somewhere at the back or on the bottom of the item or package. These are known as plastic resin codes and there are seven in everyday usage. Note that the numbers do not denote degree of recyclability.

The numbers and categories are:
1 – Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET or PETE or Polyester)
2 – High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE)
3 – Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
4 – Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE)
5 – Polypropylene (PP)
6 – Polystyrene (PS)
7 – Other, including Polycarbonate (PC)

There are three things to note about plastics -
1. Although it varies between types, every single category of plastic could leach hazardous materials if exposed to, say, heat...
2. Types of plastic that are considered as safer options are Polyethylene Terephthalate (1 – PET), High-Density Polyethylene (2 – HDPE), and Polypropylene (5 – PP).
3. With research into the most appropriate technologies for recycling each of these plastic resins still ongoing, the two types of plastic that are currently mostly likely to be picked up by recycling programmes are Polyethylene Terephthalate (1 – PET) and High-Density Polyethylene (2 – HDPE).

The comments above are no more than a brief introduction to this complex field. For more details on plastics recyclability and hazards go to www.willinghamlife.org/sustainability.

Willingham Wolves FC are Back in the Game

Like many sports clubs, Willingham Wolves Football Club had to hang up their boots in the lockdown, which started back in March.

The second half of the season was cut short, with League competitions shelved. As the lockdown went on, any prospect of a quick restart evaporated, and all organised football activity was halted.

This was especially disappointing for our Under 10s, who had made it to the final of their League Knockout Cup Competition.

The eventual return to training and friendly matches for teams has been strictly managed. Initially FA guidance permitted small group training and no competitive football. Restrictions were soon loosened to our current state of managed hand hygiene, social distancing off the field of play and tight restrictions on handling the ball in matches and training.

Despite the disruption, our youth teams are moving through the gears and are working hard to get their match fitness back with the busiest pre-season ever. Teams have had a clear and unwavering focus on building up fitness in a COVID safe environment. A later start to the season, two weeks after the return to school, has given players and coaches a bit more breathing space.

All our players are finding their commitment to the game is renewed. Any observer of Saturday mornings at the Recreation Ground will see the club at its best with many of our players (now numbering over 200) enjoying their sport at full speed.

As our younger players built up their fitness, our Men’s team put together a fine run of results in pre-season friendlies; they are already looking like a good prospect for promotion in the season ahead.

In addition to our Men’s Sunday League team, Willingham Wolves has 11 competitive Youth teams, from Under 7 through to Under 16, including our Girls’ section, which is increasing in numbers. New players of all abilities and age groups, both boys and girls, are welcome.

For all enquiries including Club news and details of team fixtures, please see our website www.willinghamwolvesfc.com. All supporters are very welcome at matches – socially distanced of course!

Ben Monks
Chair

See page 16 for a report on Willingham Wolves taking part in the match for the Peter Knowles Memorial Shield.
Poem for Autumn

With Autumn now fully upon us we thought everyone might like reminding of perhaps the Autumn Poem

Ode to Autumn
Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss’d cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o’er-brimm’d their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap’d furrow sound asleep,
Drows’d with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers;
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river sallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-crickettes sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

John Keats  September 1819

Recipe for October – How to make SALT DOUGH

You can see some salt dough place names made and decorated by our Guest Editors on page 9 among the pictures of entries for the Virtual Horticultural Show.

JOKES

Here are some jokes to try out while your dough is cooking.

1. Why did the dinosaur cross the road? Because the chicken hadn’t evolved yet.
2. Why did the boy eat his homework? Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake.
3. Why are teachers always so grumpy? Because they are groan-ups.
4. Why was the jumper sad? Because it was blue.
5. Where do frogs leave their coats at school? The croakroom.

Many thanks to Maeve, Sam and Jos for their recipe and jokes.

If you have anything that you would like to see in the Young Readers’ Corner in future editions then please send your ideas to willinghamnews@gmail.com.
COVID-19 restrictions have forced the cancellation of our annual village community events including the Horticulture and Craft Show planned to take place in September. Instead we are having a Virtual Horticulture and Craft Show which gives the opportunity to our enterprising gardeners and crafters to share with us pictures and relate anecdotes of their efforts during the summer. Sadly, this means that there is no opportunity to win an award or gain a trophy for the sideboard. The Gardening Club is indebted to those who have submitted pictures and anecdotes.

Here are examples of some of the pictures submitted to enjoy with your magazine.

**Plants**

- Acer Palmatum (Japanese Maple) C Bailey
- Cuckoo Plant C Horner-Glenister
- Fagus (Common Beech) C Bailey

**Fruit and Vegetables**

- Bramley Apple Brenda Mansfield

**Junior**

- Salt Dough Place Names Maeve, Sam and Jos Croxon

**Craft**

- Quilt Doreen Young
- Lockdown Quilt A Turpin

**Arrangements**

- Fairy Garden J Walker

**Food**

- Homemade Shortbread Carol Bailey

Space limitations in this printed edition of the magazine have restricted the number of photographs published. However, all the photographs and anecdotes submitted for the Virtual Horticulture and Craft Show have been included in the digital edition in Willingham Life at www.willinghamlife.org.
Coming Back to Life!
As restrictions are being lifted and we are all now embracing a risk assessment based approach, it is good that groups are beginning to restart. In spite of problems at times in marrying up guidelines, which, as a Council, we need to follow with those of each specific group, it is encouraging to see that Willingham Wolves football teams are back in training, the pavilion is open on a limited basis and that regular classes are returning to Ploughman Hall.

Planning White Paper
District Councillor Handley reported that, once their Officers have finished reviewing the Report, the District Council would be commenting on the Government White Paper regarding changes to the planning system. The Parish Council will be updated once District Councillor Handley has received further information.

Willingham to Earth Road (B1050) Speed Reduction
As mentioned in last month’s magazine, a bid was made last year, under the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme, for a 40 mph buffer on the Earth Road where it enters the village. Councillor Harris circulated his proposal for this year at the last Council meeting. This was accepted and will be submitted.

A lot of time and research has gone into this proposal, including Community Roadwatch with traffic monitoring and Mick George drivers being instructed to slow to 20 mph through the village.

We have purchased our own automated system to warn drivers and monitor speeds and we have carried out pollution and sound monitoring tests. Results from data (taken 200 metres inside the 30 mph zone) showed average speeds above the limit.

This is particularly dangerous for the increasing numbers of people using the Community Orchard for recreation and the adjacent bridleway for exercise.

On-going Work on the Village Roads
County Councillor Wotherspoon will be meeting with Highways Officers to discuss issues within Willingham. The Parish Council, along with many residents, have reported on the Highways Portal, problems with blocked drains, flooding, ridges along the edge of the roadway along Station Road, and other matters. Issues arising in future will also be raised. We look forward to resolutions to these issues.

Ploughman Hall and Public Hall
New doors have recently been installed in both halls.

QE11 Field and Recreation Ground
As part of on-going maintenance to provide a safe environment, the Council replaced two logs on the QE11 field. A floodlight will be repaired on the Recreation Ground.

Environment and Sustainability
As reported in one of the early online-only versions of Willingham News the Parish Council has adopted the following statement:
‘Willingham Parish Council fully supports the urgent need to tackle the issues surrounding global warming and its impact on climate change. Within its limited resources the Council will do what it can to assist in the aim of ensuring the long-term sustainability of our environment.’
Councillors Linda King and Valerie McKee are the contacts for these issues. As mentioned last month, we are applying for a District Council Zero Carbon Communities grant towards the cost of changing the heating in the Ploughman Hall to a much more efficient system. This will provide significant savings in both carbon emissions and costs and will also be more comfortable for users. The energy survey on which the application is based also identified changing lights throughout the building to LED and installing solar panels. We shall be looking into implementing these.

On the theme of energy saving in buildings, the Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP) is offering local residents free advice on energy saving measures in the home. Eligibility criteria include low income, poor health and vulnerability. Further details can be found at www.applyforleap.org.uk or by phoning 0800 060 7567.
Those thinking of installing solar panels should consider signing up before 6 October to the Local Authority led group-buying scheme Solar Together Cambridgeshire at www.solartogether.co.uk/cambridgeshire.

Council Office Details:
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Opening hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 1 pm for phone calls and emails only, not open for visits in person.

Parish Clerk: Mrs Mandy Powell
**Main Sunday Services**

**During October (based on current regulations)**
- 4 October – 11:00 am Harvest Service
- 11 October – No Service
- 18 October – 11:00 am Morning Worship
- 25 October – No Service

**November Onwards**

We are still looking at our pattern of services for November onwards to be able to react to any changes in Government regulations. Please keep an eye on our website (see address above) and the Notice Board outside the Church for further information in due course.

**Church News**

Last month we welcomed Reverend Lucy Cleland to our church team. Lucy joins us with a considerable range of experience, coming from being a chaplain in Scargill Retreat House in Yorkshire and prior to that as chaplain to the Bishop of Nottingham. We had a happy service to welcome her into ministry in mid August and our photo shows Lucy and Bishop Dagmar after the Service. Lucy started work last month and had her first service with us in Willingham at the end of September.

Daily Church Opening

The opening of the Church each day for Private Prayer and reflection is continuing, subject to any change in the regulations.

The time of being open is between 10 am and 4 pm every day unless the Church is closed for hygiene purposes after an open service — please see above for service dates as the church will be closed before and after three days.

There is a dedicated space for people to use and a daily cleaning and sanitising regime in place. Socially distanced chairs are set out and each one has a card to be turned over to show when each chair has been used and so will need to be cleaned, along with other general cleaning, to ensure everyone has a safe space to use for their visit.

We are pleased to have seen several people using the church for a quiet and reflective time in their day. Everyone in the village is welcome so please do come and try it for yourself.

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We are still gathering virtually as a fellowship on Sundays in October and also in our mid week *Wednesday Reflection*. We are recording some of the reflections and these will be available to listen to on our website [www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org).

If anyone would like to join us at a gathering or mid week reflection, please get in touch by email to secretary@willinghambaptist.org or phone 01954 263108 and we can send you the information you need.

We are aware that people may be struggling or lonely in isolation, so if you want to chat, or pray with someone, or have any other needs, please also get in touch.

*Emma Launchbury*

*Church Secretary*
Pastoral Letter

I expect there will be a real feel of autumn in the air by the time you read this Pastoral Letter. I love the colours of autumn and the sounds of crunching through fallen leaves on crisp days. It is amazing to realise that it is as plants die, that we are blessed in new ways by their beauty. The created world in which we live brings fresh delights for our senses as the seasons turn. I hope that we will never simply take these for granted. I, for one, will constantly give thanks to our Creator God for the beauty of the earth and especially for the glories of our own village.

As the natural world draws towards the close of the year, the academic year is getting started in our schools, colleges and universities. Hopefully, children and young people will be adjusting to the new COVID-19 secure systems in all educational establishments and responding well to changed learning environments. Let us thank the parents who juggled home-schooling responsibilities in previous months around their own work and other responsibilities and rejoice with them that all the young people of this village are again being taught by dedicated professionals.

The teachers, lecturers, and all their support staff deserve our heartfelt thanks for their hard work throughout the summer, preparing new protocols so that high quality education can be offered safely across all age groups. I suspect many of the staff involved will have had little or no time away from work this summer and they face a long term until the Christmas holidays arrive. Let us pray that they keep healthy and be sure that we continue to support them in any way we can through the weeks ahead.

We are all getting used to a ‘new normal’ and hopefully we won’t be forced to go back into any kind of local lockdown. But this depends on everyone being careful and behaving in ways that minimise the risk of spreading the disease in our community. It is easy to become complacent and to focus on our own personal desire to have fun with friends and family, but let’s remember, if we each look after the needs of others, everyone gains!

May this be a month filled with colour and much that brings you joy and hope each day, for this is what God intends for us all – life in all its fullness.

The Reverend Dr Janet E Tollington
Retired United Reformed Church Minister

Willingham Women’s Institute

All meetings and events are cancelled until the COVID19 crisis has passed but normally we meet on the second Monday of the month at 7 30 pm in the Social Club. If you would like to join us please email willinghamwi28@gmail.com and we will keep you up to date on when we will be re-starting.

Our WI has a huge range of talks and activities as well as the annual Quiz Night, open evenings, outings and parties in the Summer and at Christmas. We have a successful darts team and a monthly craft group, open to all in the village.

Most importantly though, our WI is a great way for women in the village to socialise and get to know new people. Why not give it a try?

History of Willingham WI

Following our trip back to 1935 last month, here are a few entries from the 1943 Minute Book which really reflect the times:

- The sum of £16-10-0 was raised by a Whist Drive and Dance for our local war welfare fund.
- Miss Kelly gave an excellent lecture on wartime cookery for which a hearty note of thanks was accorded her.
- During the Social some members joined in the game ‘Eating the Chocolate’ which was interesting. *(No further details are given!)*
- The competition, *Something New from Something Old*, was won by Mrs R Smith with a princess slip made from an old nightdress and Miss Read with a jumper cardigan made from an old knitted dress. A prize of a 6d saving stamp was awarded to each.
- It was reported that another sack of Comforts for the Merchant Navy had been sent and that during the year members and a few other friends had knitted 32 sweaters, 23 scarves, 11 helmets, 24 pairs of socks, 20 pairs of gloves and 4 pairs of mittens, a total of 114 Comforts.

Friends of the Rosie

Now that summer is over, why not take a look at the Hallowe’en toys available on our website www.rosieinstitches.org.uk shop, where you can also see our extensive selection of jumpers and cardigans, which are ideal to keep babies and children up to four years old toasty and warm through the autumn and winter. By using our online store, you will be avoiding the crowded shops and keeping yourself two metres away from other shoppers. In addition, you could be saving money and helping our fundraising for items for the mums and babies at the Rosie Hospital that the NHS cannot buy.

You may know that you could save money when you switch your providers? But did you know that there is a way to do it which could raise funds for the Friends of the Rosie Hospital and it won’t cost you a penny extra to do this?

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/forh and join for free. Then every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you have checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Friends of the Rosie Hospital at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

From car insurance to broadband or your energy provider, there are so many ways to save on your bills and raise more free donations for Friends of the Rosie Hospital.

If you would like to donate some of your spare time while you are staying safe at home, then please visit the volunteering page of our website for some ideas.

New members are always welcome. For details about how you can help please contact Mary Sanders on 01223 356615 or see www.rosieinstitches.org.uk.
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Please note that, providing there is sufficient vaccine, people aged between 50 and 64 years will be offered vaccination in November and December. No appointments will be offered for this age group until then. This is to ensure that those who are most at risk are vaccinated first.

However, if you are aged between 50 and 64 and you are in one of the other groups which are eligible for the flu vaccination, for example you have a health condition which puts you at risk from the flu, you will be invited earlier.

Missed GP Phone Calls

The GP clinics continue to be booked as telephone appointments initially, and you will only be given a face to face appointment if the doctor is unable to help you over the phone or via video consultation.

If you have booked a telephone appointment with the doctor, please ensure we have the correct contact telephone number for that day, and make sure you are available for the call throughout the morning session (between 8 30 am and 1 pm) or the afternoon session (between 2 and 6 pm). Unfortunately, we are unable to give you a specific time for your call due to demands on the service currently. If you miss your call, the GP may try once more later in the session, but should you miss the call again you will receive a text from the practice to say you have missed your appointment and will need to speak with the reception team to re-book your appointment at a later date.

Urine Samples

Please do not drop off urine specimens for testing unless you have been requested to do so by a clinician. If you are asymptomatic and believe you have a urinary tract infection (UTI), please call reception who will arrange for you to speak with a clinician over the phone.

Carers’ Meetings

Due to the current pandemic, the Carers’ meetings are still currently postponed until further notice. They will be reinstated as soon as it is safe to do so. In the meantime, we would like to continue to support Carers in our local community in any way possible. If you are a Carer for someone and need advice or financial/emotional support, please contact Sue Lawson at susan.lawson7@nhs.net or telephone on 01954 260230.

A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment.

If we are closed please call 111

Lisa Smith
Assistant Practice Manager

40th London Marathon – 4 October

I am raising money for the British Heart Foundation by running the 40th Virtual London Marathon on 4 October. I had secured a team place in the April and October events which have both been cancelled; however I have kept up weekly training since New Year’s Day.

I completed a half marathon on 6 September and it was painful, but after a cold bath and hearty fry up I recovered quickly!

Now, with a few days to go, I have friends and supporters lined up to man Drink Stations along the way through Willingham and I would value a cheer as I pass. My route takes me past Westfield, Station Road, High Street, Fen End, Wilford Furlong, Rockmill End, Priest Lane, Cow Lane, and Rampton and then back along the guided bus way to the crossing at Station Road.

Starting at around 7 am on 4 October I will complete three and a bit circuits, in alternate directions dependant on the wind.

This means I will be actually running 26.2 miles locally to my home (hopefully in under 5.5 hours). I am well over 64 and not a fan of running (I prefer climbing mountains) and many runners of 70 have similar completion times.

I am raising money for the British Heart Foundation and would be very grateful for any sponsorship. You can sponsor me via one of the following links:

www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/peter-sacre-SAVMLM

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Thank you for taking an interest and, if you feel able to do so, please take a few minutes to donate to this extraordinary charity.

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• You will need to bring your library card with you when collecting books and queue outside the library.
• Please look at the notices in the library window for more information.

Friends of Willingham Library
It has been such a shame we have not been able to run our usual activities and the summer has now gone, but we are looking ahead and planning for the future. It may feel early to be thinking about Christmas, but we are putting together a Children’s Book Trail for December with a Christmassy theme, so look out for more information next month.

The Library Presents
The In Your House Autumn season of activities begins this month. The season includes outdoor performances, interactive installations in library windows, a radio play and lots of fantastic performances and workshops to enjoy online! We have theatre, music, dance, comedy and magic workshops for families and adults. All events have been carefully planned to keep audiences, performers and volunteers safe.

Be the first to hear details of the new Autumn Season of Events by signing up to The Library Presents Newsletter at www.public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCABM8SC/subscriber/new, or like and follow @TheLibraryPresents on Facebook or Instagram.

Banned Books Week, 27 September – 3 October
Celebrating the freedom to read, this special week spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in public libraries and schools. If you look at the list of the 100 most challenged books 2000 – 2009 in the US at www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/top-100-banned-challenged-books-2000-2009, we think some of them may surprise you! Look out for our social media posts about historically banned or challenged books that you can find in your library. More information at: www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/banned.

The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion
Don Tilman, an Australian genetics professor, has totally organised his life to reduce inefficiency in all aspects. However, he is an oddball, and struggles with dating and finding the one thing missing in his life, someone to share it with. He comes up with the idea of the ‘Wife Project’, and with the help of his colleague and friend Gene together with his wife Claudia, he devises a questionnaire as a means of finding someone suitable. This proves more difficult in practice and it fails to produce the perfect mate. However, Gene introduces him to Rosie, a bartender, who seems totally unsuitable as wife material, but despite that, he is drawn to her.

Rosie, however, is also on a quest – to find out the identity of her biological father. Don decides to help her with the ‘Father Project’ by collecting and testing DNA from prospective candidates, of which there are many, and two of whom take them to New York where Don is forced to forget his routines and enjoy himself.

The book describes the developing relationship between Rosie and Don, and how she challenges his rigid way of life and helps him to gain insight into what it could be like. But is she his perfect mate?

This is a humorous, light, summer read which will appeal to many readers. Our group in the main enjoyed it and scores ranged from 4 to 8.

June Barnett

The Alternative Advent Adventure 2020

24 Windows, 24 Days
Theme: A Message for Willingham!

Village Light Switch On – Live Streamed.
This year on Tuesday 1 December at 6:30 pm we will live stream the Big Light Switch on at 41 High Street on Facebook. Immediately after this we would like as many people in the village as possible to switch on their own Christmas lights. You can live stream this too to your friends if you wish!

Live Streamed Window Unveiling
At 6:45 pm we will live stream the unveiling of the first Advent window on Facebook.

Live Streamed Juke Box Carols
In the next edition of the Willingham News we will be sharing a survey link so you can vote for your favourite carols. At 7 pm on Tuesday 1 December the church music band will live stream the Top Three Carols and you can join in at home!

Your Advent Adventure Launch Night Pack
We won’t be able to serve the usual drinks and mince pies this year; however we would love you to sign up to receive a special launch night goodie bag, which you will be able to collect from outside the church the weekend before. Email secretary@willinghambaptist.org by 20 November to secure your bag.

You will be able to pick up a list of all the Advent Windows from the usual places: the Post Office, the Library, Boswells Bakers and from www.willinghambaptist.org.
On Sunday 6 September Willingham Wolves hosted the inaugural match for the *Peter Knowles Memorial Shield* against Longstanton Football Club.

Peter Knowles grew up in Willingham and represented the club at various levels and age groups throughout his childhood and younger years. Tragically in 2016 Peter took his own life, which as you can imagine absolutely devastated his family and friends.

Funds raised on the day and afterwards are being donated to the charity *Papyrus*, who had supported Peter’s family and friends during this tragic time. *Papyrus* are a suicide prevention and support charity for young people. Sadly suicide is the biggest killer of young people under 35 in the UK.

The match itself attracted around 200 spectators who enjoyed a thrilling game that ended in a 4-3 victory to Willingham Wolves. The overall event included games for the children that saw *Beat the Keeper* and *Chip the Bucket* for prizes as well as a BBQ and refreshments.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to organise the event. A well as the funds raised on the day, the JustGiving page has already received donations of just under £1,000. There will also be an online auction of signed football shirts for Cambridge United, Norwich City, Leyton Orient, Leicester City, Bolton Wanderers as well as a signed training top from ex Cambridge United and Manchester United winger Luke Chadwick to raise further funds.

Photos taken by the official photographer will be available online shortly but here are two to reflect the spirit of an emotional and successful day.
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Willingham Men’s Breakfast

Next month we celebrate the start of our 15th year, still active in this ever expanding, diverse village of ours. Now Willingham News is back in print continue to watch this space! Thanks to ‘the News’!

In normal times this is what happens – we get together for a talk and a cooked breakfast on the third Saturday of each month at the Baptist Church.

The Breakfast

We are a down-to-earth bunch of men, mixed age groups, some Christian, some exploring, some who just enjoy the friendship, who congregate around 7 45 – 8 am for a hearty cooked English breakfast, with as much as you can eat together with tea, coffee, juice to drink. All for the princely sum of £2.50.

The Talk

There then is about half an hour or so of chat and catching up followed by an interesting or topical talk, Q and A and a message to leave with. We end with a short prayer. We finish around 9 am, and those who need to get off can do so, while others can stay and chat or have an opportunity to offload a concern or share an anecdote.

We have had some challenging and fascinating topics and have covered men’s issues such as health (a local GP on prostate cancer), men as spouses, men at work and men as fathers. Some have shared their story as to how their faith has moulded their lives for the better, such as in farming, as a mission pilot in Africa and in a range of business activities and other roles. As a men’s group sharing Christian values and personal stories, we have welcomed guest speakers to talk on their own ‘Heroes of the Faith’; from St Thomas to Billy Graham, from Martin Luther to Adrian Plass.

The Trips

We arrange the occasional outing, it usually involves a bit of walking and eating but also sometimes serious stuff in the Peaks or Lakes over a long weekend.

Previous years have seen a joint trip to Scotland and Snowdonia with fellow Breakfasters from St Martin’s group in Cambridge. We have had day trips to a variety of destinations including Mersea Island and the Company Shed for a delicious fresh fish/shell fish lunch.

So, lots happening and to look forward to, whether you are able to join us once a month, once a quarter or annually, you will be made most welcome.

Lockdown/Virtual Breakfast and Coffee Chats

Since March, physical activities ceased, but Men’s Breakfast continued online. Every month we have had a virtual Men’s Breakfast on Zoom. Talks continued and break out groups have proved popular as small groups can have a chat online during a fortnightly Men’s Coffee Chat at around 10 am on a Saturday. Now we meet up with a few ‘bubble’ friends for a coffee, meal or bike ride.

To join the group and receive Zoom updates and activities – Contact us by email to Pete Sacre at whammensbrek65@gmail.com or visit the website www.willinghambaptist.org/mens-breakfast.

Message from our MP

– Lucy Fraser

So many people have helped out others in so many ways during the pandemic. They have kept community spirit alive and provided vital practical assistance during the darkest days of this lockdown. I have been so pleased to have had opportunities to meet with many of those volunteers who have gone beyond the call of duty.

I visited the Cambridgeshire Volunteer Hub to hear more about the fantastic work they have been doing during lockdown – they have provided a valuable lifeline for our most vulnerable during the pandemic, getting food to those who need it most and providing advice and support. I have also seen first-hand many fantastic local volunteer groups going about their work delivering prescriptions, cakes and just keeping in contact with those who would otherwise be alone.

Lockdown has made all of us work and think differently. In my own office, we have had regular teleconferencing calls and I have kept in touch with local stakeholders including parish councillors, businesses groups and volunteers using Zoom. My surgeries have also gone virtual! Technology has been a lifeline in keeping us connected but I know that many of us are keen to replace it by safely meeting in person soon.

Shops and small businesses are re-opening and during shopping trips to Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge it has been reassuring to see the measures that people are taking to safely Social Distance, protecting their employees and customers. These measures include perspex screens, masks, sanitising stations and one-way systems. Customers are returning to shop in person and I encourage you to do the same to help support our businesses, both big and small.

The Government is now focussing efforts on maintaining jobs and strengthening the economy as we come out of lockdown.

They have pledged a £160 billion support package and are committed to helping keep people in work, ensure young people get jobs and bring back people into sectors hit hard by the virus. Some measures include cutting VAT for tourism and hospitality businesses, the Eat Out to Help Out scheme as well as a reduction in stamp duty. These measures will help to get us back on track.

Lucy Fraser

Sudoku Answer

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