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**Friday 4 April Blue and Green**

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**Monday 14 April Blue and Green**

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## Willingham Women's Institute



Our next meeting will be on **Monday 14 April** 7 30 pm in the Social Club. We will be having our Annual Meeting followed by refreshments and a social evening.

At our February meeting Peter Haines was our speaker for the evening with his talk – *Virtual Tour of Literary Cambridge (Part One)*.

Peter explained that he was a Cambridge Green Badge Guide and instead of physically walking the tour with us, we would do it virtually. We visited a number of the colleges and were introduced to some of their famous literary alumni: John Milton, Colin Dexter, Coleridge, Samuel Pepys, C S Lewis and Lord Byron, to name a few. Peter told us fascinating facts about their life stories, achievements and escapades. We enjoyed his talk so much, we are hoping he will come back to give us Part Two later in the year.

Why not join us? Our friendly, informal group is open to all women. As well as our meetings, all members receive an online 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](mailto:willinghamwi28@gmail.com).

## Easter letter trail!

Free fun family activity! Walk around the orchard to find the hidden letters and receive a small prize for correctly guessing the hidden word in the trees!

Easter Monday, 21 April

2 pm — 4 pm

Willingham Orchard, Earith Road



## Old Willingham



One hundred years ago horses were the prime movers of all farm produce. This month we see a picture of a lovely horse sent in by David Hunt. He says, 'Attached is a photo of Prince – (who died in 1928). He worked here at 26 Station Road, Willingham for the Burling/Askew family. I still work in his stable!' David believes that the barrels were full of apples heading off to market, possibly by train. Willingham had a strong 'heavy horses' following and annual shows were held well into the 1970s. We have a number of photos of these events.

See more photos at [www.oldwillingham.com/](http://www.oldwillingham.com/).

If you have stories or memories about this picture, please contact Jon Edney, 31 High Street or [oldwill@oldwillingham.com](mailto:oldwill@oldwillingham.com).

## The Octagon Community Hub

**Monday Mornings 10 am – 12 30 pm**

Come and join us on Monday mornings in the Octagon where you will find someone to chat to if you would like some company. We offer free tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cold squash and biscuits at all sessions. We also serve a light lunch which is often fresh soup and buttered toast, beans on toast or jacket potatoes.

There are magazines, books, puzzles, games, knitting and colouring to enjoy too.

You will find the Octagon at the rear of the Parish Church. Please follow the footpath to the left of the Church gate. We are wheelchair accessible and have a disabled toilet.

The Hub is supported with funding from South Cambridgeshire District Council through Cambridgeshire ACRE. The Parish Council, St Mary and All Saints Church and the Co-operative Community Fund also support us.

We gratefully receive donations of bread from Boswell and Son Bakers in Church Street and milk from the Co-op.

Donations are always appreciated as we make no charges for refreshments.

We hope to see you in April!

# The Willingham British School Trust

The next meeting of the Trustees will be held at 7 30 pm on **25 April**. This will be the Trust's Annual General Meeting and will be held in the Baptist Church, George Street.

In addition to receiving annual reports from the Trust's officers and the Trust's audited accounts for the 2024-2025 financial year, the Trustees will also consider applications for financial support. The Trust has funding available and would welcome applications if:

- you are a young person attending a university or further education course and have encountered unexpected costs associated with your course such as equipment, fieldtrips and reading lists.
- you are the representative of a community group seeking funds to support your educational activity.

Applications are also welcome from the governors and staff of the local schools attended by Willingham's children.

At their meeting in January the Trustees made awards to the Primary School to meet the costs of a new swimming pool liner and the *Old Willingham Society* to support the ongoing availability of the *Old Willingham* photo and history website.

If you want to apply, please contact the Trust Secretary, Dr Ray Croucher, e-mail: [willinghambritishschooltrust@gmail.com](mailto:willinghambritishschooltrust@gmail.com) or any of the Trustees. Making an application is easy and quick!

## Fen Edge Twinning Association

This year we shall be visiting Avrille in France for the weekend of **23 – 26 May**.

So far, only 20 of our members have said that they are free to take part in the visit, so, if you fancy a weekend staying in a French home and being fed and entertained in style, at no cost to you after you arrive (there will be the cost of getting there and back) then please email [fenedgetwinning@gmail.com](mailto:fenedgetwinning@gmail.com) and we will see what we can do.

In addition to hosting our members for the weekend, our French 'twins' have organised an international youth football tournament to be held in June and invited the association to send some teams. The association does not have many youth members, but we did contact our local football clubs, and Cottenham Colts have accepted the invitation and will be sending a coachload of players and their coaches.

We know that our French friends will ensure that they enjoy the experience and we wish them luck in the competition.

*Tony Woodward (FETA Chair)*

# Poetry Corner

## Swallows

I see birds on a wire. Bright white bellies,  
two pairs side by side and one, apart.  
From a paper bag I eat the cherries  
I bought from that boy in a village.  
And the birds, they see me as I am,  
part of a sphere, while in the distance

a double hoot – a train arriving  
or leaving. The swallows, distracted, turn  
for a moment; I drop a cherry into my mouth,  
strip away the flesh from the stone with my teeth,  
celebrate the sweetness on my tongue.  
As I dip again into the bag,

four swallows flinch, lift off; the single bird  
sways on the wire; we exchange a look  
then he swoops low over my head,  
his gurgling vowels jumbling and trilling  
around me. He follows the four. I enjoy  
these chats, and I want to tell him so.

*John Lawrence*

## April

The umbrella is out for April showers.  
The garden is full of spring flowers.  
January, February, March flown by  
And here at last a clear blue sky.

Look out your t-shirts and your frocks,  
Your bridal wear and clean white socks.  
It is April, month of spring flowers  
Little lambs and April showers.

*Christine Lacey*

## VE Day – 80th Anniversary Events at The Parish Church

### Display of Memories of May 1948

We plan to set up a display of memories from 1948 of life in the village at that time including descriptions and photos of VE Day itself as it was experienced here or where you or your family members were living at the time.

We would be delighted to hear from as many families as possible and have prepared a sheet with suggestions of topics that could be covered. A supply of these will be on the table just inside the Church – please help yourself if you would consider providing memories to be part of this village display in the Church.

### VE Day Coffee Morning

Everyone will be welcome at our VE Day Coffee Morning on **Saturday 3 May**. This will include a 'Come and Taste' 1945 Stall! Please see Page 13 for further details.

## Repair Café

Willingham Action Group are very excited to announce that another Repair Café will be coming to the village on **Sunday 13 April** at the Ploughman Hall from **12 30 – 4 30 pm** and we'd love to see you there!

We will have a range of fantastic repairers on the day from electrical, mechanical, bike, jewellery and sewing repairers so why not come along and get your items fixed rather than throwing away and buying new. This is a great way to reduce waste, save carbon and move to a circular economy.

We will also have our resident tech guru attending and will be able to help anyone with both hardware and software issues with laptops, tablets and other technical devices. This may be particularly important with the upcoming retirement of Microsoft Windows 10! A WEEE bin will be in place at the Repair Café as well for small WEEE items

Please note, our repairers are volunteers and whilst they will do their utmost best to fix your item there is no guarantee. However, this will give peace of mind that you have done everything you can to reuse before throwing away.

The Repair Café will also be supporting the village's blossoming, sustainable living community! Would you like to shop ethical, organic and fair-trade at affordable prices and locally accessible whilst also reducing waste, plastic and unnecessary packaging? Louise will be at our repair cafe introducing three new branches of sustainable living for village residents:

- A Community Co-operative for wholesale price shopping organic, fair-trade and more, delivered to the village.
- The benefits of refilling your household cleaning and personal supplies, easy and local.
- How to recycle some of those pesky non-kerbside items here in the village too.

If you would like to find out more in the meantime, you can contact [louise.c.eadie@gmail.com](mailto:louise.c.eadie@gmail.com) with any questions.

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As I write this our quiz has not yet taken place so we will report back in the next *Willingham News*.

Saint Mary and All Saints Church mainly originated in the 13th century but has Saxon and Norman heritage. It is a Grade 1 Listed building that contains nationally important medieval wall paintings.

The Friends of Willingham Church is a community group, established in summer 2023 to raise money for the maintenance of the fabric of the church. Our desire is to preserve the church building so future generations can enjoy it as much as we do. We are always looking for more members, fund raising ideas and practical support. By joining the Friends, you will receive updates on our restoration projects and invitations to church events. We ask you to please support the Friends with a donation of £10 every six months (per household). We'd be very grateful if you would set up a standing order or make payments by BACS. For our bank details please contact the email address below.

So, if you would like to become a member or just find out more about us, our email is [friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwillinghamchurch@gmail.com).

### Rosie In Stitches

We hope all our Mums had a lovely celebration at the weekend and are now looking forward to Easter. Get in touch if you need any supplies for your egg hunt.

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# Sudoku

Solution on page 19.

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			7				9	

## Missing Vowels Quiz

Solution on page 19

Here's a bit of TV history. The following are all quiz, game or panel shows which appeared on British TV. Their vowels are missing, but with random spaces to make it slightly more challenging! The year of the show's premiere is shown in brackets.

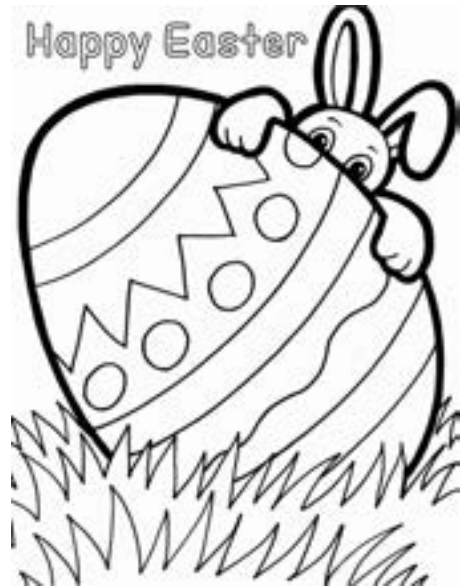
(For example, P TSW NP R ZS would be Pets Win Prizes)

- 1 T SK NC KT (1966)
- 2 N VRM NDT HBZ ZC CKS (1996)
- 3 T S KM ST R (2015)
- 4 TL LYD DC T S (1985)
- 5 S LFT HC NTR Y (1971)
- 6 B LN KT YB LN K (1979)
- 7 QS T NFS PR T (1970)
- 8 HVG TN W S FRY (1990)
- 9 DC KQC KSD NTCH (2014)
- 10 T HW KS TLN K (2000)



# Young Readers' Corner

Don't forget the Easter Letter Trail on Easter Monday See page 5 for details. Meanwhile here is an easter egg for you to colour in.



## Easter word search

S	E	X	P	X	Y	T	Q	M	G	B	D	I	J	I	O	P
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|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Lambs  | Spring | Family | Hunt      |
| Flower | Egg    | Bonnet | Sunday    |
| Rabbit | Basket | Chick  | Chocolate |
| Bunny  | Easter |        |           |

## Easy Easter Quiz

Answers on page 19

- 1 What type of bun do we traditionally eat during the Easter period?
- 2 Easter is associated with the coming of spring. What do the clocks do in the Spring?
- 3 Easter takes place on the same date every year. True or false?
- 4 Why are eggs associated with spring?
- 5 What game is often played at Easter?

## Eggs - cellent Easter Jokes!

What day does an Easter egg hate the most? Fry-day!  
 Why did the easter bunny get the job? Because he had the most eggs - perience!  
 What happens when you tell an egg a joke? It cracks up!  
 How do you make Easter easier? Replace the 't'with an 'i'.

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## Meet Roxy, a Pets as Therapy Dog

**Tuesday 15 April, 2 – 3 pm**

Come along and enjoy some time in the company of the gorgeous Roxy, a 'Pets as Therapy' dog and her owner. This is a drop-in session.

## Engage in the Afternoon,

**Wednesday 2 April, 2 30 pm**

*The RAF's Oldest Friend – loyal, generous and always there.* Learn about the history of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund with speaker Ian Denton.

There will be time for questions as well as refreshments.

## Family Lego Club,

**Saturday 12 and 26 April 10 15 – 11 45 am**

These now take place the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month.

Do you love Lego? Then come to the library and enjoy some time building with Lego or Duplo.

This activity is suitable for children aged four and over who must be accompanied by an adult.

## Digital Buddy Drop-in Session,

**Tuesday 8 April, 10 30 am – 12 30 pm**

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

## Friends of Willingham Library Events

Contact [willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamlibraryfriends@gmail.com) for further information.

## Upcoming Special Free Event

**Wednesday 14 May 7 30 – 9 30 pm in the Library**

To celebrate the 55th birthday of the library we will be holding a local history evening. There will be a speaker for about 30 minutes and then a short time for questions. We will have some photos from 'Old Willingham' and books about the village and our library on display to be enjoyed.

Also, a 'spot the difference' – do you know how the two village signs differ? If anyone has their own photos, documents or memories to share we would love to see/hear them. We will serve refreshments including birthday cake and wine or soft drink.

To book a place for the evening please message us on the above email or drop into the library and give your name to Jacob.

## Poetry and Prose Evening

**Tuesday 1 April 7 30 pm**

The theme this time as it's April Fool's Day is *These Foolish Things*. Join us for an enjoyable and entertaining evening of poetry and prose. Bring along your funny/foolish or amusing poems, prose or limericks, old or new. The sillier the better! So, dust off your jester hats, polish its bells and bring them too, we'd love to see them! You're welcome to just come and listen, read a piece you have chosen or have written yourself. Refreshments will be available.

## Family History Session

**Friday 4 April 10 30 am – 12 noon.**

The library computers will be available for research on Ancestry, Find My Past (access to these are free of charge at the library) as well as other genealogy sites. A volunteer will be available to offer advice if needed.

## Second-Hand Book Sale

**Saturday 5 April 10 30 am – 12 noon**

We have a good variety of second-hand books for sale for the whole family. Excellent value at 50p each or three for £1. Come along to the library and stock up for all your reading needs.

## Games and Social Afternoon

**Wednesday 9 April 2 – 4 pm**

Come and join us for a relaxed game of Scrabble or one of the other games we have at the library or bring a favourite game of your own from home to share. Or you're welcome to just sit, chat and enjoy some company and refreshments.

## Knit and Natter

**Wednesday 16 April 2 – 4 pm**

Join us for an informal and friendly get together at the library bringing your knitting or any other type of needlework or handicraft. We'll be sitting and chatting while working on our pieces and perhaps giving help and advice to others. Refreshments available, donations welcome.

## Cambridgeshire Libraries

Sign up for the Library Service's monthly email newsletter to find out the latest about what's going on in your local libraries. [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/news-and-events/library-news).

The website also has Recommended Reading Lists and up-to-date news.

The Over Players are pleased to announce  
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**Wednesday 28 May - Saturday 31 May**  
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Tickets on sale now at £12. For more information and to book your tickets, please visit our website: [overplayers.uk/](http://overplayers.uk/).

*Please note that due to the content of the show, it may be unsuitable for children under 14 years of age.*

The Over Players will also be raising money for Blood Cancer UK at each performance.

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## Nimble Fingers Craft Club

**Mondays, 2 — 4 pm, Baptist Church**

Do you fancy a Monday afternoon chat and a cuppa while you work on your latest craft creation of any sort? It might be knitting — you could knit one, pearl one, drop two, while busy chatting to fellow crafters! If you have a couple of hours to spare, why not come along to join our friendly group, to share your skills or maybe learn a new skill.

Refreshments are provided. £3 to cover the cost of the hall hire and refreshments.

Contact Daphne on 07919 024857, or just pop along with your craft work and introduce yourself!



## Mystery Photo

Did you get March's Mystery Photo? It was the base of our village's sign on the Green.

This month's photo has also been 'manipulated'. It could be quite difficult, but the keen-eyed reader might be able to spot where it is in the village. Again, no prizes, just the satisfaction of a good guess!



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## Services – in Church (except where shown)

- 6 April** 11 00 am Service of Morning Prayer – based on the Book of Common Prayer
- 13 April** 11 00 am Palm Sunday – Service of Morning Praise
- 15 April** 7 30 pm Taizé Service – in the Octagon
- 18 April** 11 00 am Good Friday Service – see below
- 20 April** 11 00 am Easter Sunday – Service of Holy Communion
- 27 April** 11 00 am No service at St Mary & All Saints – 5folds Group service at Longstanton Church.

## Appointment of New Priests

We are delighted to confirm that we will soon have two new Priests at the parish Church. See Page 17 for details of this exciting news.

## Good Friday Service

This will be an informal act of worship for all ages as we recall the death of Jesus on a cross. There will be activities for families, a quiet space for adults who would like this and, to end, Hot Cross Buns to eat or take away.

## Memory Box Café

Our next Memory Box Café will be on **Saturday 12 April from 10 am** in the Octagon with all the usual fun of music, refreshments and plenty of laughter. Open to anyone with memory loss, accompanied by a carer, friend or family member – free of charge. See page 7 for further details.

## Octagon Community Hub

The Octagon Community Hub is open every Monday morning from 10 am to 12 30 pm. Come and join us for great company with free tea, coffee, biscuits and freshly made soup. There are always magazines to read and borrow, jigsaw puzzles to do, board games and card games to play, colouring sheets to colour, wool to knit with or you can just chat to others in a comfortable, friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. See page 5 for further details.

## Prayers for Ukraine and World Peace

We continue to keep an area set aside in Church for those who wish to spend some quiet reflective time during daytime Church opening hours to pray for Ukraine and its people and for all areas of the world where there is conflict. Also, on **every Thursday from 4 to 4 30 pm** we offer a time to gather to pray for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East and for an end to conflict. Do join us – everyone is welcome.

## VE Day – 80 Year Anniversary

The 80 Year Anniversary of VE day in 1945 falls on **8 May**. As well as a formal marking of the day (see details in the May edition of *Willingham News*) we will host a display of memorabilia and remembrances of 1945 in the Church – please see page 6 for further details and some suggestions for the items we hope to display.

## Octagon Hall

The Octagon Hall is available for group and private bookings at a cost of £15 per hour. For further information and bookings, please contact Colin Smith at the administration office, Tuesday to Friday, 9 30 am to 12 noon, using the contact details shown below.

## Contact Details

### Clergy:

Rev Jenny Hill 07970 949331 or [jenny@5folds.org.uk](mailto:jenny@5folds.org.uk)


### Licensed Lay Minister:

Canon Jan Payne 07780 674563 or  
[jan.payne@northstowe.church](mailto:jan.payne@northstowe.church)

### 5folds Administration Office:

Colin Smith 01954 203459 or [admin@5folds.org.uk](mailto:admin@5folds.org.uk)



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[www.willinghambaptist.org](http://www.willinghambaptist.org) and 

Minister: Rev Kwaku Efah

## ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL

### Sunday Morning Services – 10 am

Friendly contemporary services with songs, prayers, teaching and activities for children. All welcome at any stage of faith.

**6 April** Luke 9:1-17 – *Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes*

**13 April** Luke 9:18-36 – *Jesus Shows Who He Really Is*

**20 April** Easter Day, Family Service.

**27 April** Visiting Preacher, Chris Webster

## EVENTS

### Wednesday Fellowship – Coffee Morning, 10 – 11 30 am

Every Wednesday, Open Door for coffee and chat.

### Men's Breakfast – Saturday 19 April, 7 45 – 9 am

Breakfast and chat. Talk by Jon Edney, *By faith or works?*

### Community Lunch Club – Thursday 10 and 24 April

Book through Daphne on 07919 024857.

### Women's Bible Study Group – 28 April

Last Monday of each month.

### TOPS Baby and Toddler Group – Tuesdays at 9 45 am

(term time only). Meet other families while the children play. For children up to the age of five. Contact Debbie Allen on 01954 261581.

### Nimble Fingers Craft Club – Mondays 2 – 4 pm

Bring your crafts and join with others, learn a new skill or just chat. Contact Daphne on 07919 024857.

### 150 Anniversary of Willingham Tabernacle Baptist Church

On the weekend of **20 June**, we will have events to celebrate 150 years of serving the village. There will be events on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. All welcome. Details to be published.

For all events contact: [secretary@willinghambaptist.org](mailto:secretary@willinghambaptist.org).

## Catholic Parish of the Sacred Heart, St Ives

Details of services at St Ives at [www.sacredheart-stives.org](http://www.sacredheart-stives.org). 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 [www.rcdea.org.uk](http://www.rcdea.org.uk).

## Thought for the Month

As Muslims celebrated Eid al-Fitr (translated as festival of breaking the fast) at the end of March, it marked the end of fasting during the Islamic month of Ramadan. Ramadan is the ninth month in the Islamic lunar calendar and is one of the holiest months of the year for Muslims. This is a time for fasting, prayer, reflection, charity and community.

Muslims observe the fast each day during the month of Ramadan from sunrise to sunset, abstaining from food and drink (including water) to build empathy for those lacking basic resources which we sometimes take for granted. Muslims believe fasting develops humility and gratitude and enables them to deepen their connections with their fellow community members and God.

Fasting during Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars of Islam, which are the core beliefs and practices that shape a Muslim's faith and actions. The Five Pillars of Islam are Faith, Prayer, Charity, Fasting and Pilgrimage. During Ramadan, Muslims are especially encouraged to engage in acts of charity and generosity. Charitable giving during Ramadan is a powerful expression of faith, compassion, and community solidarity. It helps to strengthen social bonds and ensures that everyone can share in the blessings of this holy month.

The focus on spiritual renewal during Ramadan parallels Christian seasons like Lent, where fasting, prayer and charitable giving become key religious activities. While Christian fasting practices vary widely, both Muslim and Christian tradition of fasting embodies a universal human experience of drawing closer to God through voluntary self-denial and spiritual discipline. The emphasis on charitable giving during Ramadan strongly aligns with Christian values. Jesus's teachings about caring for 'the least of these' find beautiful expression in the Muslim practice of increased charitable giving during this holy month.

Let us embrace these common bonds and work together to build bridges of understanding and mutual respect. By focusing on what unites us, we can foster a spirit of harmony and cooperation that transcends religious boundaries and enriches our community.

Kashif Sheikh  
Willingham Muslims

## Nature's Names

It is generally agreed amongst squabbling word-origin experts that the bird's name swallow is derived from the Proto-Germanic *swalwōn*, and the Proto-Indo-European *swol-wi*, a word (from over four thousand years ago) which signifies a forked tail.

It is one of only a handful of bird names which appeared in early Anglo-Saxon and Old English manuscripts. Around the year 700 AD, it was called *Hirundo sualuuae* and, in subsequent years, the name was used for other birds with forked tails, such as the tern (now often called the sea swallow).

As Spring creeps in, we'll see swallows arriving, the males first, to suss out the territory and to be the first to greet and seriously impress the females, which turn up a week or two later. Maybe they've flown all the way from southern Africa, thousands of miles, wisely skirting around central Sahara, across the Mediterranean, and flying low over the English Channel (dodging the slipstreams of the multitude of ferries and other ships in their search for low-flying insects) before finally arriving on our shores. In our climate, they'll prefer to build nests as close to 'indoors' as they can, for the warmth, often hanging their nests in precarious places. Hence the now-obsolete name of chimney swallow.

Regarding the idiom *one swallow does not a summer make* — which feels very much like all the right words but in the wrong order — this originated in an ethical work by Aristotle around 350 BC, in which he says *one swallow does not a summer make, nor one fine day; one day of happiness does not make a person entirely happy*. (Feel free to disagree, as he's no longer around to argue with you.)

Aesop, he of the Greek fables, has also been credited with that idiom, which he writes in *The Spendthrift and the Swallow*. This is about a foolish young man who sold all his clothes after seeing the first swallow (rumour has it that he kept his underwear on, for decency's sake), only to be caught out big time by a nippy frost the next day. (Do I hear cries of 'serves him right'?) There are many different translations regarding his fate, but I'd like to think that the swallow, in its toasty layer of feathers, had the last laugh from its perch under the cosy eaves of a nearby house.

John Lawrence



**NEW SATURDAY LUNCH CLUB**

OVER DAY CENTRE

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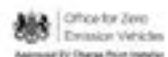
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**FOR URGENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT, PLEASE CALL 111 AND SELECT OPTION 2**

## Easter and May Bank Holidays – Opening Hours

Please note the surgery will be closed for the long Easter weekend including the bank holidays on **Friday 18 April and Monday 21 April** as well as the bank holidays on **Monday 5 and 26 May**.

*In addition, we will also be closed from 1 pm on Thursday 15 May for whole staff training.*

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

## MyChart Patient App

MyChart is the electronic portal at Addenbrooke's and the Rosie hospitals, allowing their patients to securely access parts of their health record held within the hospitals' Epic electronic system. It is designed to improve communication between patients and their clinical teams and enable patients to be more involved and informed about their care by having access to their information.

Hospital information available electronically in MyChart includes upcoming appointments/past appointment details, current problems/conditions, clinical correspondence, test results, medication etc.

Patients are also able to check-in for appointments, message their care team, download recent visit records and securely share MyChart information electronically with other clinical settings such as the GP, community care staff and clinicians at other hospitals.

## Travel Information

As the summer holidays are fast approaching many of us are turning our attention to booking holidays and making our travel plans. If you are planning to travel abroad, please consider whether you will require any vaccinations by booking a travel clinic appointment (at least six weeks before your date of travel) with one of our practice nurses. They can offer a general travel consultation with advice and are also able to administer the following vaccinations (free of charge): hepatitis A, typhoid, tetanus diphtheria and polio and the MMR. For any other vaccinations we would recommend you attend Masta, a private travel clinic, located on Hills Road in Cambridge. Please visit our website for further information and to fill out a travel questionnaire, which must be completed before your appointment.

For those who are on repeat medication, please plan ahead and make sure you have enough medication to last for your time away, remembering to re-order with plenty of time before you travel and allowing at least three working days before collection and, just in case of emergency, we would advise that you take a list of your repeat medication with you (your repeat prescription slip would be ideal).

Finally, just a reminder that the GP is unable to sign (as proof of identification) any passport/visa applications and they will not write 'fit to travel/fly' letter for our patients.

## Waiting Times

We apologise that, due to the increased demands on the GPs, there may be delays in being seen for your routine or emergency appointment. Please bear in mind that our staff are working hard to minimise this but it is always advisable to allow a little extra time, just in case.

## WILLINGHAM SURGERY

### NEW OPENING HOURS

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

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Wednesday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Thursday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00
Friday	8 30 – 1 00	2 00 – 6 00

## Repeat Prescriptions

Repeat medication can be ordered via SystemOnline, using the NHS App or by handing in paper repeat prescription slips to the surgeries at Willingham or Longstanton as well as the Willingham Pharmacy. Despite any notifications received after ordering electronically, our current turn around for regular repeat prescriptions is three working days (this does not include weekends) so please be aware of this when ordering and give yourself plenty of time to ensure you don't run out of medication.

We will always help where we can with urgent orders. However, this is always subject to stock availability so we cannot guarantee we can fulfil a prescription quickly. In these circumstances we will be in contact to advise.

## Zero Tolerance

Sadly, we have noticed an increase in rude and abusive behaviour from our patients and, in some instances, this has been directly targeted towards individual members of our staff. We all aim to be polite, helpful and sensitive to our patients' individual needs and circumstances and we respectfully remind patients that very often our staff are working under immense pressure.

The practice takes it very seriously if any member of staff is treated in an abusive or violent way. Aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in you being removed from the practice list and, in extreme cases, the police being contacted.

We ask you to always treat your GPs and our staff courteously.

## Carers' Meetings

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers' support meeting on **Wednesday 2 April**, at the Wilford Furlong Centre, where we will be holding a drop-in session between **2 and 4 pm**. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments are provided, there's no need to pre-book and it's completely free! Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month and for more information please contact [susan.lawson7@nhs.net](mailto:susan.lawson7@nhs.net).

*Willingham Medical Practice*

# FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

[www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk](http://www.WillinghamParishCouncil.gov.uk)

## Councillor Vacancy – Co-Option Opportunity

The Parish Council is currently seeking a new councillor to fill a vacancy on the council. We are now in the process of co-opting a new member and encourage interested residents to consider applying. The closing date for applications is **1 pm on Tuesday, 27 May**. If you're passionate about contributing to the future of the village and making a difference in our community, we strongly encourage you to apply. Full details of the co-option process and how to submit your application are available from the Parish Council Clerk.

## Duke of Wellington – Re-Application for Community Asset Status

At the most recent Parish Council meeting, councillors voted unanimously to re-apply for community asset status for the Duke of Wellington pub. Securing this status would mean that the building would be listed for a period of five years, protecting it from being sold without the community being given a chance to step in. If the pub were ever put up for sale during this time, community members would be given the opportunity to put together a bid to purchase and maintain the building as a local asset. This is a crucial step in ensuring that the Duke of Wellington remains part of our village's social and community fabric for years to come, and we hope the application will be successful.

## Seeking Land for Cemetery or Leisure Space

The Parish Council continues to explore options for acquiring land for either a new cemetery or a leisure space to cater to the needs of the growing community. Finding suitable land is an important priority, and we are particularly interested in properties that could serve either as a final resting place for future generations or as an area for outdoor recreational activities. If any residents know of any available land that might be suitable, or if you are a landowner willing to sell or lease your property, we would love to hear from you. Having these essential spaces is key to the ongoing development of our village, and any assistance or advice on available land would be greatly appreciated.

## Meadow Road Site – Pond Area Improvement

In partnership with Cambridgeshire ACRE, the Parish Council is pleased to announce that further improvements will be made to the pond area on the Meadow Road site in the coming weeks. The aim is to enhance the natural beauty of the area and improve its ecological value. This project is part of a broader effort to ensure that the village continues to offer green spaces that are both sustainable and beneficial to local wildlife.

## MUGA – Update on Proposals

The Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) project has been several years in the pipeline due to the need to resolve various issues, including flooding, sizing, and ecology but it is important to get it right. The final application to the planners currently includes a floodlit tennis and netball court that will be slightly raised. However, the Environment Agency has strict rules about raising any part of a flood plain, requiring a compensatory removal of material. Assessment of this removal is—hopefully—the final piece of information needed for the planning application.

## Police Update

Directed patrols to address Anti-Social Behaviour concerns in the village have been carried out following requests from the Parish Council. The police are continuing to work on several local issues, including speeding on Earith Road. However, there is a strong desire for greater engagement with the public, as only 11 responses were received to the recent crime survey. It's essential that more residents participate, as the more responses there are, the better the priorities can be set for the area. Here is the survey link which will also be available online: [www.cambs.police.uk/police-forces/cambridgeshire-constabulary/areas/campaigns/nhp/Neighbourhood-Policing/South-Cambridgeshire/](http://www.cambs.police.uk/police-forces/cambridgeshire-constabulary/areas/campaigns/nhp/Neighbourhood-Policing/South-Cambridgeshire/).

## Reminder on Considerate Parking

We would like to remind all residents to be mindful of where and how they park, especially in light of the disruption caused by the road closure of Over Road. Over the past few weeks, there have been multiple reports of poor parking in the area, which has led to traffic congestion and can cause difficulty for emergency vehicles and other residents. Please make sure that you park with consideration for others, ensuring that driveways and entrances are not blocked, and that vehicles do not obstruct traffic flow. The road closure has placed additional strain on the area, and your cooperation in being more considerate when parking will help maintain safety and ease of movement for everyone. We appreciate your understanding and commitment to helping keep our village's streets accessible.

## Pink Bin – Spring Cleaning Opportunity

A large pink bin will be available for the month of May, thanks to South Cambridgeshire District Council, for residents who wish to dispose of their small electrical items. Originally, we had requested a pink bin for April, but due to the WAG Repair Café event on **13 April** the district council has kindly adjusted the plans and will now provide a larger bin for the entirety of May. The pink bin will be placed in the Ploughman Hall car park, and residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to clear out unwanted items.

## Contact Details

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

## Meetings

Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of the month, starting at 7 30 pm in the Octagon. Next meeting: **2 April 7 30 pm**. Agendas are published on the website and the noticeboard outside the Public Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can speak briefly or ask questions. See agendas for further details.

## Council Office Details

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Clerk: *Mandy Powell*

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## Millers Music Grand Giveaway

On 26 February, Millers Music, one of the UK's most respected and prestigious music retailers, hosted its inaugural Grand Giveaway at the Grafton Centre in Cambridge, which was organised under its Piano Equals initiative. With over 25 schools and organisations from across the country in attendance from Cambridge, Kent, York, Essex, London and Birmingham, attendees were given the chance to handpick donated pianos to increase access to music education for children.

Joined by local schools and organisations including Queen Edith Community Primary School, The Netherhall School, Sawston Village College and the Cambridge Acorn Project, the event gave students, educators and charitable organisations the opportunity to see, test and learn about the donated pianos before reserving one to be delivered to them at a future date. Thirty pianos were donated on the day with additional pianos promised to schools which had specific requirements.

Created by Millers Music, the aim of the Piano Equals initiative is to address rising inequality and declining rates of access to music education, with GCSE entries declining by 36% since 2010 and only 12% of schools in deprived areas having any music provision.

Speaking at the event, Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music at Meridian Trust, said: 'It's an extraordinary initiative. It seems to be the only one in the region, and potentially the country, to take in pianos and to give them to schools. The schools, and any benefactor of the initiative, are really going to benefit.'

Through Piano Equals, piano owners can donate their unused, good quality instruments that would otherwise go to waste. Once Millers Music's experienced technicians make the necessary restorations, the pianos are then given to schools and other organisations to close the widening music inequality gap.

Simon Pollard, Managing Director of Millers Music and Founder of Piano Equals, said, 'Every child deserves the opportunity to experience the joy and benefits of music education. Yet, with schools and charities facing budget constraints, access to music is declining. At Piano Equals, we're determined to change that. Through initiatives like our Grand Giveaway, we breathe new life into unwanted pianos, restoring and donating them to organisations that need them most. By putting music back into communities, we ensure that more children can discover their potential, express themselves, and be inspired through the power of music.'

If you are interested in donating an instrument, or in applying for a donation through Piano Equals, please visit: [millersmusic.co.uk/pianoequals](http://millersmusic.co.uk/pianoequals).

## Willingham Gardening Club

In March we held our Annual General Meeting, which gave a chance for the club to discuss the previous year's activities and look ahead to the exciting plans for the next twelve months. The Gardening Club continues to grow in membership, and we would like to encourage anyone who has an interest in gardening or horticulture to come along to our meetings and get involved!

Our next meeting will be on **Monday 7 April**. We look forward to welcoming Gwenda Kyd for a talk entitled *Aromatherapy Plants – The Scent of Good Health*.

A reminder that memberships will be renewed from April and the price will remain at £20 for the year. Membership will entitle you to discounts at Cuckoo Bridge nursery and farm shop, Madingley Mulch, Oakington Garden Centre and Parkhall Garden Centre.

The Gardening Club meets on the first Monday of the month at the Social Club, with refreshments from 7 pm. The meetings begin at 7 30 pm. New members are always welcome and can sign up for membership now. There is an entrance fee of £4 for non-members.

If you are interested in joining or learning about the benefits of membership, please email us at: [www.willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:willinghamgardeningclub@gmail.com).

Information can also be found on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub](http://www.facebook.com/WillinghamGardeningClub).

## New Priests for the Parish Church

For the past two years the Parish Church has been without any full-time priests, following the departures of the Revd Dr Simon Gill and the Revd Lucy Cleland. After quite a long search and appointments process, we are delighted to announce the appointments of the Revd Stephen Dove as Team Rector and the Revd Ed Green as Team Vicar. Both will serve in all the four churches in our 5folds group in Longstanton, Over, Swavesey and here in Willingham. They will live in houses provided by the Diocese of Ely in Longstanton and Over.

Stephen comes to us from being a Curate in the Pathfinder Church in Northstowe. His training has been particularly focussed on pioneer ministry – the building and growth of new church communities and he has undertaken chaplaincy work in the Pathfinder School. Ed is currently a Curate at St Mary the Less in Cambridge, where he has had a wide-ranging ministry to all ages but has put his previous training as a teacher to good use in his work with families and children. Stephen is single, Ed is married to Katie with a one-year-old daughter.

It is very exciting to have these two, young priests coming to serve here, not just amongst the church community but for the whole village. Stephen will arrive at the start of May and Ed in September. We feel sure that they will soon become familiar figures around the village – do say hello if you see them about.

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# Willingham Council School Magazine, 1939

In our series of items from the 1939 Willingham Council School Magazine, as reproduced on the rather splendid *Old Willingham* website, here are a couple more items from that publication. Norma Cole, the author of the first item, would probably have been about 13 years old.

It's quite hard to imagine what these youngsters would go through, with the Second World War just around the corner. But the teachers obviously encouraged them to write about our village and, in the case of the following poem, maintain their sense of humour!

## FLOWER GROWING

*Willingham has been described as "a place of fruit and flowers". I wish to tell you something about the indoor flower growing, as it would take too long to deal with every side of flower cultivation.*

*There can be seen many huge glass houses in which many types of flower are grown. In the beginning the soil is dug and prepared in these glass houses ready for the different flower bulbs, while outside men are putting soil into small boxes and planting the bulbs in rows. After that they are watered, then soil and straw are thrown over them, and lastly more soil is added. Two or three weeks later the green shoot appears. The bulbs are then uncovered and the dirt around the little green shoot is cleaned away. They are then put into the large glass house, which is soon crowded with lovely spring flowers.*

*Now the worker's busiest time begins, for all the flowers have to be cut, packed and sent away to different towns and cities such as London, Birmingham, Manchester, Bradford and Halifax. Occasionally a man may come from another village to buy flowers to sell them again himself.*

*The flowers are cut when in bud, for if they were allowed to be in full bloom they would not last long in the customer's house. On the next day they are bunched in dozens and packed very neatly into trunks or cardboard boxes which are stacked in neat rows of sixes. The heads of the flowers are arranged on either side of the box so that the stalks are together in the middle. About three o'clock in the afternoon they are packed on a lorry and taken to the Railway Station to commence a long journey to the waiting markets of England.*

Norma Cole. Std. 5.

## MY ADVICE

*Never learn to play the piano,  
The reason you'll soon see;  
Into the room you'll have to go  
As soon as you've finished tea.*

*They'll be listening to those scales  
You play till you are sore;  
If you're not crazy when you've done,  
Well, try a dozen more.*

R. Elsome. Std. 7.

Sudoku Answer

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

## Answers to Missing Vowels Quiz

- 1 It's a Knockout
- 2 Never Mind the Buzzcocks
- 3 Taskmaster
- 4 Telly Addicts
- 5 Sale of the Century
- 6 Blankety Blank
- 7 A Question of Sport
- 8 Have I Got News For You
- 9 Duck Quacks Don't Echo
- 10 The Weakest Link

## Answers to Easter Quiz

- 1 Hot cross buns
- 2 Go forwards
- 3 False
- 4 They symbolise new life
- 5 Easter egg hunt.



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DATE	EVENT	ORGANISATION	VENUE	EXTRA INFO
Tues 1 April	Poetry and Prose Evening Theme: <i>These Foolish Things</i>	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	7 30 pm, see p10
Wed 2 April	Talk: <i>The RAF's Oldest Friend – loyal, generous and always there</i> with Ian Denton	Engage in the Afternoon	Library	2 30 pm, see p10
Wed 2 April	Carers' Support Meeting	Surgery	Wilford Furlong Centre	2 – 4 pm, see p15
Wed 2 April	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Council	Octagon	7 30 pm, see p16
Fri 4 April	Family History Session	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Fri 4 April	Jam Club	Jam Club	Social Club	7 30 – 10 30 pm
Sat 5 April	Second-hand Book Sale	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	10 30 am – 12 noon, see p10
Sun 6 April	Jazz Club	Jazz Club	Social Club	12 30 – 3 30 pm Rosie-Val 01954 789670
Mon 7 April	Talk: <i>Aromatherapy Plants – The scent of Good Health</i> with Gwenda Kyd	Gardening Club	Social Club	Doors open from 7 pm, see p17
Tue 8 April	<i>Willingham News</i> Deadline	<i>Willingham News</i>		See p3, articles to be sent to: willinghamnews@gmail.com
Tue 8 April	Digital Buddy Drop-In Session	Library	Library	10 30 am – 12 30 pm, see p10
Wed 9 April	Games & Social Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Thu 10 April	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Sat 12 April	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p10
Sat 12 April	Memory Box Café	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p7
Sun 13 April	Repair Café	Willingham Action Group (WAG)	Ploughman Hall	12 30 – 4 30 pm, see p7
Mon 14 April	Annual Meeting and Refreshments	Women's Institute	Social Club	7 30 pm, see p5
Tue 15 April	Pets as Therapy	Library	Library	2 – 3 pm, see p10
Wed 16 April	Knit & Natter Afternoon	Friends of Willingham Library (FOWL)	Library	2 – 4 pm, see p10
Sat 19 April	Talk: <i>By faith or works?</i> with Jon Edney	Men's Breakfast	Baptist Church	7 45 am, see p12
Mon 21 April	Easter Letter Trail	Willingham Orchard	Willingham Orchard	2 – 4 pm, see p5
Thu 24 April	Community Lunch Club	Baptist Church	Baptist Church	Booking essential, see p12
Fri 25 April	Trustees Annual General Meeting	Willingham British School Trust	Baptist Church	7 30 pm, see p6
Sat 26 April	Family Lego Club	Library	Library	10 15 – 11 45 am, see p10
Sat 26 April	Over Saturday Lunch Club Over Memory Café	Over Day Centre Over Day Centre	Over Day Centre Over Day Centre	12 30 pm, see p13 10 am – 12 noon, see p9
Mon 28 April	Meeting	Photo Club	Baptist Church	8 – 10 pm, see p19
Sat 3 May	VE Day Coffee Morning	Parish Church	Octagon	10 am – 12 noon, see p13



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