

## Dogs

Please always keep dogs on leads and under control and be aware of others by keeping your dog close by. Ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses, or other people by keeping it under effective control. Please observe the Countryside Code -ensure dogs do not stray off the path where you have a right of access.

## Fouling

Dog mess is unpleasant and there is no excuse for not cleaning up after your pet. Please pick-up after your dogs & place in the bins provided or take home and dispose.

## Dangerous dogs

Lincolnshire Police are responsible for dealing with dangerous dogs. If you are concerned about a dog behaving dangerously, please report it by telephone to 101.

If someone loses or finds a dog, they should always contact the local authority by telephoning 01427 676676 or online

<https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com/>

Thank you

## Councillors: (currently 2 vacancies)

David Bingham 787448 (Chair)

Michael Bates 787117 (vice)

Quincy Connell 788886

Jackie Didcock 787143

David Leak 787813

## Clerk:

Mrs Lisa Brooks-Sleight 788440

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## Willingham by Stow Parish Council

### Newsletter 2023

The Parish Council is made up of 7 elected Councillors, one of whom is chosen as Chair during the Annual Meeting.

There are currently 2 vacancies—please contact the clerk if you are interested in becoming a member.

The Parish Council represents and serves the whole community and is responsible for the services it provides following consultation with the parishioners e.g. Annual Meeting/Parish Meetings. It establishes policies for action and decides how money will be raised and spent on behalf of the community. It is responsible for spending the money lawfully, without risk and achieving the best value .

Maintains the public footpaths within the village on behalf of Lincolnshire County Council, grass cutting in St Helens churchyard, Willingham Cemetery & public seating within the parish.

The Parish Council owns the land operated and maintained by the Playing Field Committee and contributes to the cost of grass cutting .

Also, own 2 fields on Stone Pit Lane, 1 currently is put to tender each year for grazing the other has been developed into a nature area for the community.

The Annual Meeting of the council was held on 18th May where Cllr David Bingham was elected as Chair and Cllr Michael Bates as Vice

Grants last year were given to the Playing Field, Village Hall, Lights at St Helens & Winter Festival

**Willingham Parish Council Final Accounts as at 31/03/23**

**Summary of Receipts and Payments**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Precept	£14,000.00	General Admin	£8,000.02
Grass Cutting Agreement	£303.43	Grounds Maintenance	£1,878.00
VAT return	£803.57	S137	£410.39
Interest	£4.39	VAT	£1,156.03
Cemetery revenue	£760.00	Property Maintenance	£1,388.34
Parish Field Rent	£135.00	Grant Funding	£3,284.29
 		Parish Field Development	£3,492.45
Grants admin	£2,965.59		
	£40.00		
	<b>£19,011.98</b>		<b>£19,609.52</b>

**Account Reconciliation**

<b>Opening Balance 31/03/22</b>	
Account 90765678	£13,504.61
Account 20183679	£2,013.51
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£15,518.12</b>
Add receipts	£19,011.98
Deduct Payments	£19,609.52
<b>Closing balance 31/03/23</b>	<b>£14,920.58</b>

<b>Bank Accounts</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>	<b>31/03/2023</b>
Account 90765678		£12,902.68
Account 20183679		£2,017.90
		<b>£14,920.58</b>

The balance corresponds with bank statement as at 31st March 2023

**Anyone New to the Village?**

We have a Welcome to Willingham letter with all the information you will need to help you settle in —please contact Jackie Didcock 787143

**Memorial Garden at the Cemetery (Marton Rd)**

A place to sit, look at the plants, listen to the birds and remember loved ones.

Memorial Plaques can be purchased to be placed around the garden for a fixing fee —please contact the clerk for more information.

(purchase a plaque 11x8 portrait or 6x4 landscape)



**Environment Agency Incident hotline**

**To report any bad odours please ring free (24 hour service)**

**0800 80 70 60**

## Kings Coronation Street Party—7th May 2023



An amazing day was held to Celebrate King Charles III Coronation with a street party, so many people attended making it a huge success in the village.

Thank you to all that helped organise & run the event - bringing so many people together.



**Parish Council Meetings** take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (no meetings January & August) in the Committee Room of Willingham Village Hall. Meetings commence at 7.30pm. Each meeting has a 10-minute public forum, during which members of the public may make a short statement to the Council in relation to matters on the agenda or matters of concern or interest. If members of the public have any matters that they wish to be discussed, they should submit them to the Clerk one week in advance of the meeting so that they can be added to the agenda.

Notices of meetings are posted on the Parish Council Notice Board outside the Village Hall and on our website:

<https://willingham-by-stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

## Parish Field

this is located on Stone Pit Lane. It has been developed with the help of grant funding from WLDC Councillor Initiative Fund & WLDC Community Fund.

There are 2 benches positioned on the path and plans to apply for further grant funding to provide picnic benches.

Please go and have a look, enjoy the walk around the pond, enjoy the nature around, listen to the birds in the quiet tranquil surroundings.

If you would like to help maintain the Parish Field in a volunteers group, please contact the clerk for more information.

## **Willingham Table Tennis**

Willingham Table Tennis is proud to announce that it will be open for the new session. There is a Junior group that runs from 7pm till 8 & Adults from 8 till 10 on a Wednesday evening. It will be held in Willingham Village Hall on the High St. & the first evening is on September Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>.

Adults has already resumed this year & we are looking for new members & all abilities are welcome especially new comers to both groups so please come & join us for a game of friendly wiffwaff, refreshment & friendly banter.

Contact details are as follows & in the back of the Willingham Parish Magazine.  
Sam Hunt 07947 447292

I was born in Birmingham the youngest of three children, and we lived near the city centre in the Jewellery Quarter, we moved a lot because my mom and dad were publicans. I left school at 15 and went to work at Mitchell's and Butlers Brewery, Smethwick where I trained to be a short hand typist. I later married and I have five children and eight grandchildren. I moved to Lincoln from Leicestershire in 1992 and have lived in Newton on Trent since. So I'm very blessed. I have recently retired from Newton on Trent primary school where I was a TA in key stage one for 18 years. I loved this job especially the children. I'm a people's person and I'm passionate about being kind and treating people with respect. I joined the Lib Dem two weeks before the election and couldn't believe it when I got voted in. Thank you to my Ward for voting for me and I hope I can serve you with honesty and respect. **Councillor Lynda Mullally WLDC**

She will have responsibility for the Stow and Saxilby group of churches and we look forward to her joining us at Willingham in the months to come. The Wardens and PCC thank everyone who helps with the church in any way, at regular Sunday services, at our social events and all the other jobs which often go unnoticed, but which are very important and much appreciated.

## **Yesterday's Youngsters, Willingham by Stow**

After 12 years of organising the Yesterdays Youngsters Xmas Party, Carol Webster is looking for someone to take over the running of it. The party is funded by a local charity but needs someone to organise it annually. Over the years we have had afternoon teas, 2 course meals in the village hall and meals at the Half Moon. We have had entertainment, sing a longs or just the meal and a chat. There is no pressure just whatever you have the time to organise. It will cost you nothing but your time.

If you are interested and wish to know more please contact me on 01427 788788.

## **Xmas Party 2023**

Anyone over the age of 65 and living in Willingham by Stow is eligible to join us for a free lunch usually around Christmas time. If you wish to join in this year please register your interest with Carol Webster on 01427 788788 or give your name, address and telephone number to Dorothy Wain at the monthly coffee morning. This includes anyone who has previously attended. It's a friendly, social event and you will be made very welcome.

### **St. Helen's Church**, Willingham by Stow.

So far 2023 has been a busy year for the church. Although we are still in an Interregnum service have continued a regular basis sharing alternate Sunday services with Stow. All are welcome to join the congregation at any of the services in the group. In March we held a Family service for Mother's Day where several families joined the congregation making flowers and cards for Mothers and then enjoyed light refreshments afterwards. Easter Sunday saw a large congregation including many celebrating in church with hymns, readings and communion followed by wine, soft drinks and light refreshments and an Easter Egg for everyone. Our choir continue to sing at our regular services and also at other churches within the group and our bell ringers provide regular ringing on Sundays and also support at Upton and Stow. Both the choir and ringers will welcome new members so if you feel you would enjoy singing with a small group (no audition necessary) or you would like the extra exercise ringing bells do contact the wardens at any time. In February many villagers and friends enjoyed a musical evening hosted by Dave Bussey and included music from Cliff Andrew and his amazing organ. A hot supper was served during the interval flowed by more music and dancing. In May we hosted our annual West Lindsey Churches Festival event, this year the theme was local musicians. The church was decorated with musical instruments and information about local composers and artists. The ladies were kept busy serving bacon and sausage baps along with numerous cups of tea, coffee, and pieces of cake. On the Saturday evening the theme of local artists continued with a concert by Willingham Band, our local duo Duncan and Clare and Degrees of Harmony from Upton. Our social diary continues with an Afternoon Tea in the garden at 32 Stow Road, home of Mary Hutchinson, including musical entertainment. Our Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic in September (watch out for information) our Harvest Festival and then the usual Christmas celebrations. We are delighted to be welcoming our new priest Rev. Jane Foster-Smith after her licensing service on July 3rd.

### **Lincolnshire County Council—Fault reporting site**

For any Highways issues—streetlights/road signs/pot holes/manhole covers/trees etc

You can report these on the following site

<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

### **Willingham Friendship Club**

The club meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month, from September until the end of November, finishing with a Christmas lunch and then January until the end of June The club enables older members (though people of all ages are welcome) to enjoy friendship over a cup of tea and various activities from 2 – 4pm in the village hall, High St, Willingham by Stow.

A varied programme is on offer –This year we have had talks about the Fire Service, flying across the world in a light aircraft, bee keeping, and working on the radio amongst many others. We have played balloon badminton and parachute games, we've made Christmas decorations, sung along to accordions and played carols on belle plates. We had an excellent Christmas lunch in the Half Moon.

There has been an average of around 16 members at each session, but we would be very pleased to welcome more members.

### **West Lindsey District Council—online self service site**

Use this site for information regarding bin collection/fly tipping/litter problems/council tax/planning/anti-social behaviour plus many more.

<https://west-lindsey-self.achieveservice.com/>



## WILLINGHAM BY STOW TWINNING COMMITTEE

Willingham by Stow has had a Twinning Association since 2000, but what are its objectives?

**It aims to develop mutual understanding and awareness between people from different cultures. It helps develop values such as citizenship and tolerance and is a fun way to discover how other European people live and to make friends from different countries.**

The first village to form a link with us was Moyenneville in France. Chosen for its many similarities which included its population and rural situation, this relationship has slowly developed since its inauguration in 2000. The second community to become part of what is now a tri-partnership is the small town of Postrelmov in the Czech Republic. We now have good friends in both towns.

The idea of hosting a French or Czech family or staying in the home of someone you have never met can be daunting, but those who have taken part have invariably enjoyed the experience and gained a mutual understanding of what twinning is about. Language is rarely a problem.

In July 2010 the first three-way visit was hosted in Moyenneville, France. All three countries mingled, talked, partied, and enjoyed the experience of being together. An excellent programme of events and cultural opportunities was planned by our Moyenneville hosts.

In July 2011 we visited Postrelmov along with our French friends. The Czech people were welcoming to all our families and were excellent hosts. The formal signing agreement took place over the weekend along with visits to local amenities and attractions.

## **The Bell Ringers**

We had a busy year with extra ringing firstly for the Queen's platinum jubilee and then sadly for her death and funeral. Then in May there was celebratory ringing for the King's Coronation. It was a privilege for us to be part of the national response to these special occasions.

Normal ringing has taken place on a regular basis throughout the year: practice night on Wednesdays and ringing for Service on Sunday mornings. Sadly we haven't recruited any more ringers from Willingham despite a number of calls for recruits in the Parish mag and the village social media platforms. We really need a few more, so if you would like to find out more about this unique hobby (it's great for mind and body) please do call in when you hear the bells ring.

## **Willingham Band**

has been running since 1985, and provides appropriate music for local events. It also serves to provide local musicians with a means to maintain and improve their musical skills. We are a wind band, and our musicians have a wide range of ages and abilities.

Willingham Band's repertoire includes pop classics, songs from the musicals, jazz, etc. If you are a wind musician (or percussionist), please make yourself known to us. We rehearse at the Village Hall on Friday evenings, from 7.30 till 9.00pm .

If you are lacking an instrument, we may be able to provide one.

Contact: Helgi Gudmundson ( 01427 788092)  
or Talbot Clark (01522 394681)

**Willingham & District Relief in  
Sickness Charity**

***Charity Commission No:512180***

The charity covers the area of Willingham; Corringham;  
Heapham; Kexby; Springthorpe & Upton

–to relieve & provide appropriate services of

Support to those in need

of benefit who reside in the area

The Charity also offers a subsidy Chiropodist service  
for residents in the area

We have several wheelchairs, commodes, walking aides,  
toilet seats, bath seats, bedrest supports, over arm table  
and shower stools available for loan –  
including patients of Willingham Surgery

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**Please contact if you would like help or  
Support from this charity**

**For equipment loan  
Dorothy Wain 788332 or Stewart 788011**

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Lisa Brooks-Sleight (clerk) 01427 788440  
Email: [willingham.sickness.charity@mail.com](mailto:willingham.sickness.charity@mail.com)

Since 2012 we have travelled to Moyenneville and Postrelmov once every three years and they in turn have visited Willingham. About 50 visitors (25 from each country) come on each occasion and we enjoy days out, village functions and the hospitality of host families in each other's countries. The Pandemic has meant no visits for the last three years but we're making the journey to Postrelmov in July(2023) and we hope to hosting here in 2024.

Fund raising helps us to meet the cost of hosting and to subsidise the cost of children's travel when taking youngsters abroad with us. This means your twinning experience is much less than you would imagine.

If you would like to join us on one of our trips or chat to some of us about our experiences, please email me.

There is also more information on the village website  
- <http://www.willinghambystow.co.uk/twinning/>

Dave Bussey, Chairman

**Dorothy Wain - 35 YEARS OF SERVICE**

A valued member of the Parish Council - Dorothy, stood down after 35 years of dedicated service to the village. We will miss her wide knowledge & information at meetings but we know where to find you when needed!

## Willingham Horticultural Society

The 76<sup>th</sup> annual show was held in Sept 2022. After difficult weather conditions during the year the number of entries into the vegetable and blooms classes was very much reduced. In fact, overall the number of entries into the show was a little disappointing. Fortunately the School, Beavers and Cubs gave us plenty of colourful work to admire. The number of visitors to the Show was very good and they were generous with the auction and raffle. This suggests that there is good support for the Show but we need to find ways of getting more people to actually enter.

The saplings planted on the Parish Field to commemorate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary are doing very well and the whole area is becoming a very pleasant place to visit. We hope that villagers will visit it and enjoy the wildlife there.

At the AGM we were very pleased to welcome three new members to the committee which will be very helpful in organising our next show. The 77<sup>th</sup> annual show will be on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 2023.

## THANK YOU

**to all residents that help to keep our village tidy**

- by the cutting grass verges/footpaths
- regularly litter pick
- Maintaining the village planter on the corner of Grange Lane & the Memorial Garden at the Cemetery



**Make a  
SCARECROW**

Competition

Free design, big or small  
Prizes for the best

Judging 23rd/24th  
September 2023

Register your entry  
[willinghambystow.pc@sky.com](mailto:willinghambystow.pc@sky.com)

Willingham Parish Council

Made with PosterMyWall.com

The poster features a green background with a white border. On the right side, there is a detailed illustration of a scarecrow wearing a straw hat, a blue bow tie, a green dress with a yellow flower, and straw shoes. The text is arranged in a clean, sans-serif font, with 'SCARECROW' being the largest and most prominent word.