



Willoughby Monthly

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Happy New Year!! everyone and welcome to the January edition of the WM. 2010 was a pretty good year in the village, the WI celebrated their 90th year in style, the Willoughby weekend was a success despite the World Cup, towards the end of the year our village Inn, the Rose, re-opened, and then unfortunately we are beset with the attempt to develop Big Grounds into a Cemetery & Crematorium

forcing us all to fight to preserve the open countryside around us. The only good thing about it is that it has brought everyone together with a common purpose. The numbers attending the two public meetings held at short notice were impressive as was the support from surrounding villages.

2011 starts with a very busy week, Having recovered from the New year celebrations its down to business on Tuesday 4th January when our MP comes to the village to support our efforts against the planning application, Then the Village Hall floor gets a make over in time for the Willoughby Society Christmas event on the 8th!! Then its back to a more normal pace.

Richard Jackson

Public Meeting 4th January 7.30 pm Village hall

Jeremy Wright MP, Environment Agency, RBC, County Highways

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4 Jan 11	07:30 PM	VACC	Public Meeting with Jeremy Wright MP & Representatives from EA, RBC & Highways	Village Hall
8 Jan 11	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Christmas Event with Fingers & Fumbys	Village Hall
9 Jan 11	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
13 Jan 11	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Games Afternoon	Village Hall
15 Jan 11	02:00 PM	Women's Institute	Grand New year Jumble Sale	Village Hall
16 Jan 11	06:00 PM	Church	Songs of Praise	Church
20 Jan 11	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - Shoulder of Mutton Norman Oates 890623	Grandborough
20 Jan 11	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	60 Years on the Bottle - Mrs. Wallwork - Comp 'a fancy bottle'	Village Hall
22 Jan 11	12:30 PM	Parish Council	Annual Over 60s Lunch	Rose Inn
23 Jan 11	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
26 Jan 11	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Butterflies of Warwickshire & their Habitats - Mike Slater	Village Hall
30 Jan 11	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Holy Communion	Grandborough Church

Thursday Club

We hope you all enjoyed a very merry Christmas .

Our Club meeting on January 13th will be a Games afternoon. This is a little light-hearted fun with a number of different games, and a chance to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat.

The pub lunch on January 20th will be at The Shoulder of Mutton at Grandborough, and a sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting. Those people who cannot make the meeting but would like to come to the lunch can phone Norman on 890623.

Finally, we wish you a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Willoughby Women's Institute

Our Christmas Concert with the Dunchurch Silver Band was a success despite the cold weather. £215 was collected on the night for the Air Ambulance.

Happy New Year everyone!!

Come on girls, its time to shake off the post Christmas blues and get into the swing of village life come and see what we get up to...no Jerusalem and not much jam either !!!

Our January meeting takes place on the 20th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Mrs. Wallwork talking about "60 Years on the Bottle"!! The competition is for a 'Fancy Bottle'. Everyone is welcome to join us for this event.

Our Grand Jumble Sale takes place on the 15th January see back page for details

Members are reminded that their subscriptions are due this month.

Villages Against Cemetery & Crematorium

First and foremost, thank you and well done to everyone who has:

- sent one of the 300 or so letter/e-mail objections before the 19th December to RBC !!
- Put up posters, signs, and delivered flyers
- donated to the fighting fund - the initial target has almost been reached

There is no doubt the applicant is going to pursue his plan as far as he can. Already consultants have been engaged to gather information required by the Environment Agency and Warwickshire CC Highways.

The only way we will prevent this plan being approved is by making sure that its shortcomings, risks, and the impact on the village and wider Leam valley area are fully understood by the planners, planning committee, and planning inspectorate. So please make a New Year's resolution to do everything you possibly can to help get this plan thrown out.

The first thing to do is come to our our next public meeting on Tuesday 4th January. Jeremy Wright our Member of Parliament will be attending along with representatives from the Environment Agency, Rugby Borough Council, and County Highways, along with Parish Councillors and VACC Committee Members. This is your opportunity to impress upon them the strength of feeling against this proposal and make sure that your MP is doing everything he can to support our campaign. We will also have all the latest information to share with you. It is vital that as many people as possible attend this meeting so, please, make sure everyone you know comes along too.

Although the initial consultation period has now finished each time significant new information is submitted by the applicant we all will have a further 14 days to submit objections. We will make sure as many people as possible are informed when new material is submitted with as much information as possible about its implications. Keep an eye on the web site if you can.

For the longer term it is apparent that it would be helpful to have a 'Parish Plan' which may enable us to protect our open countryside more effectively. This something we will be working on with the Parish Council over the next few months.

Willoughby Society

Happy New Year everyone !! after the VACC meeting the first essential event of the year is our 'Christmas Event' don't miss it:



The Willoughby Society Christmas Event
with
Fingers & Fumbs
Willoughby Village Hall
Saturday 8th January 2011 7:30pm
Tickets £10 including Buffet Supper
From: Bob O'Donnell 890885 & Bert Ogle 890498

On the 26th January our first meeting of 2011 takes place starting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Just one year late!! Mike Slater will be telling us about the Butterflies of Warwickshire and their Habitats. Everyone is welcome to come along.

The Society's Committee, elected at the A.G.M. for 2011 is Bob O'Donnell (Chairman), Bert Ogle (Secretary), and Richard Jackson (Treasurer), Andrea Hughes, Joyce Jackson, Joanne Lewis, Keith Skinner. And Leonie Tromans.

Members are reminded subscriptions (£7.50 each) are due if they haven't been paid. already

The Village Internet Site - www.willoughbyweb.net

The site, which is provided by the Willoughby Society, has been running for nearly two years now. The number of visitors has slowly grown mainly through people using the village archives. Until the last two months when we have had 2-300 extra visitors using the site to find out more about the Cemetery & Crematorium plan and how to oppose it.

As well as pages with information about the plan we have also set up an internet forum called Willoughby Xchange where you can post messages about anything to do with the village.

New for 2011 will be a page about the natural world in and around our Village. Whilst researching possible objections to the Cemetery & Crematorium plan we discovered that there is very little recorded about the natural world of our village. To put this right we want to know if you see an interesting bird, insect, plant, fungi, etc.. If you can take a photograph and then we want you to report it. You can do this using a simple online form. All of the forms will feed into a database that will provide invaluable information about our environment.

Each month we will publish a list of what has been seen on the web site. If there is something really special we'll report it in the WM too. There will be a list of common sightings on the web site that you don't need to report. If you see something you don't recognise and can't identify when you get home please record it and give us as good a description as you can, we will try to discover what it was for you.

If you don't have access to the internet please make a note of your sighting and put it through the letter box at Hazeldene - don't forget to put your name and telephone number on it please.

Willoughby Parish Council

Your Parish Councillors have been busy, over the last few weeks, preparing and submitting their objection to the planning application for the Cemetery and Crematorium in Moor Lane.

Resisting this application will undoubtedly be a major issue in the coming months and we shall be doing everything we can to prevent it going ahead. The formation of 'Villages Against Cemetery & Crematorium' (VACC) to campaign against the plan provides welcome support for our efforts.

With the severe weather recently and the forecast of more to come would everyone please keep a watchful eye on their neighbours to ensure they are coping and

keeping safe. If anyone is having problems and requires assistance then please contact Mike Thomas on 891338.

If you or your partner are over 60 please make sure you read the enclosed flyer about the annual over 60s lunch. Please return the slip telling us whether or not you can attend to Mike Thomas at Church View, Lower Street.

Your Parish Council will be working hard again next year to ensure Willoughby is a pleasant village that provides a welcoming environment to live in.

Your Parish Council wishes you all a happy and successful New Year.

No where to put all those Christmas gifts - time to declutter

Grand Jumble Sale

15th January 2011 2.00 pm

Willoughby Village Hall

(jumble can be left at the Hall from 9.30 am.).

If you need jumble collecting please call Janet Tanser 890427
or Joyce Jackson 890843



Police

Care – don't leave valuables in your car and make sure that your home is secure. If you see anything suspicious do let the Police know.

Our Police Community Support Officer is PCSO 6250 Charlotte Wright and she can be contacted on 01788 541111 voicemail 16250, alternatively PC 868 Hazel Busch can be contacted on 01788 541111 voicemail 10868

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Do let me have your ideas for making WM better and, of course, any articles/notices you may have. Copies can be sent by e-mail or produced with large print on request.

Material for publication must be received by 15th of the month.

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10 Mar 11	Thursday Club	AGM	Village Hall
26 Mar 11	Willoughby Society	Spring Event - Coventry Consortium of Swing Bands	Village Hall
26 Jun 11	Willoughby PC	Willoughby Weekend Event	Village Hall
29 Jun 11	Willoughby Society	Annual Dinner	