



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the February edition of the WM. I hope you all had a great start to the year, The village hall did!! filled to capacity for the New Years Eve Party, Standing room only for the VACC Public Meeting on the 4th, then a 'make over' for the main hall floor, which looks much better, in time for the Willoughby Society's resounding end to the festive season.

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VACC was very grateful to everyone who turned out for the public meeting. Our MP nailed his colours to the mast very firmly and did a good job of cross-examining the Environment Agency, Highways, and RBC, representatives. As I write our initial fighting fund target has been achieved and much of the printing etc. has been donated so we have done very well so far. However, we are going to need considerably more to employ the best experts to fight for us. If you haven't made a donation yet please do so if you can.

The senior citizens much appreciated and enjoyed their annual lunch and get together at the Rose on 22nd January thanks to the Willoughby Charity.

Richard Jackson

Stop Press!!

It is important that we keep showing the strength of feeling about the Cemetery & Crematorium Plan - A Protest Walk over Big Ground is being organised to take place on the 6th March more details in the VACC flyer and on the web site soon - keep the date clear please.

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
5 Feb 11	05:30 PM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
6 Feb 11	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Holy Communion with Bishop Christopher	Leamington Hastings Church
10 Feb 11	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Confessions of a Pantomime Dame - Richard Westcott	Village Hall
13 Feb 11	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
17 Feb 11	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - Sporting Club Norman Oates 890623	Barby
17 Feb 11	07:00 PM	Women's Institute	Birthday Dinner (Bus leaves Village Hall 6.45 pm)	Barby Sporting
20 Feb 11	06:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
23 Feb 11	07:03 PM	Willoughby Society	Rugby Theatre Past & Present	Village Hall
27 Feb 11	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church

Thursday Club

Hopefully the spring flowers are beginning to struggle through and we can look forward to some better weather. We are still in Christmas mood though for our meeting on Thursday February 10th when we will be hearing the Confessions of a Pantomime Dame - Oh yes we will!

Our pub lunch will be on the 17th at the Barby Sporting Club. If you wish to come to this please put your name on the sign-up sheet at the meeting or contact Norman on 890623.

Our AGM will be on March 10th. Anyone wishing to join the committee would be most welcome and nomination forms will be available at the meeting on the 10th, or you can contact Betty on 890623.

Now a date for your diary. We will be holding a garden themed coffee morning on Saturday May 14th to raise funds for the Club. There will be plant and cake stalls, and we would be delighted to receive any donations to these, and also any gardening related items for the raffle.

Finally we would like to thank all those villagers who used our Christmas card delivery service. This raised £57.00 which will be given to the V.A.C.C. fighting fund.

A very special thanks to those intrepid souls, Dorothy, Bob and Betty who braved the snow and ice to make sure the mail got through, and to our Postmistress Supreme Di Macknight who co-ordinated the entire venture. It is planned to run the service again next Christmas.

Willoughby Women's Institute

It's our 91st Birthday Dinner at Barby Sporting Club on 17th February 2011!! members please make sure your name is down if you want to go. The bus will leave the Village Hall at 6.45pm.

Missing:

1. Man's gold wedding ring missing Tuesday before Christmas in the village if you found it or know where it might be please call Norman Oates on 890623
2. Sky blue plastic plate part of a picnic basket missing after the New Year Eve Party at the Village Hall if you have it or know where it might be please let Jean Whitehead (25, Brooks Close) know.

Willoughby Educational Foundation

Students resident in Willoughby under the age of 25:

Did you know that discretionary grants are available toward the expense of Text Books, Educational School Trips, Music Studies, Computer (equipment/software) and Music Studies.

Willoughby Charity

The Charity has limited funds available for discretionary grants towards the expense of spectacles, dentures, and other specialist items.

Applications:

If either organisation can help you then, in the first instance apply, in writing to the Clerk: Mrs. A.M. Mitchell 'The Covers' 15 Lower Street.

Did you know

That prior to 1766 the tenant of the Manor Place was required to provide accommodation and food for the President or Steward of Magdalen College and their companion twice a year when they came to hold the Manorial Court. The Inclosure Awards replaced this obligation with an additional rent of £10 10s (£10.50).

Willoughby Society

The Society's Christmas event was a great success with 87 members and guests enjoying 'Fingers & Fumbs' and an excellent buffet. The 'roll a pound' raised £52 and with £25 of donations £77 has been add to the VACC fighting fund thanks to Keith Skinner for donating the bottle.

Our monthly meeting on the 23rd February (7.30pm in the Village Hall) will be hearing about Rugby Theatre Past & Present. Visitors are always welcome to join us so do come along.

Now for a very Special Willoughby Society Spring Event!!!! turn the clock back to the 1940/50s and get 'in the mood' for a fantastic village night out:

Willoughby Village Hall

26th March 2011, 7.30pm

The Coventry Consortium of Swing Bands

Come along, Dress in style (if you want),

Relive the Swing Era and have a phenomenal time

Tickets £10 including supper (bring your own drinks)

Tickets from Bob O'Donnell 890885 & Bert Ogle 890498

Villages Against Cemetery & Crematorium

The Cemetery/Crematorium plan battle continues. The applicant has engaged consultants to produce the reports/information the Highways and Environment Agency people want. Some of you will have noticed them digging holes to determine whether the ground is suitable for soakaways - it isn't!! and a traffic survey has been conducted. Clearly we have to work hard to make sure that the case against the plan is as strong as possible.

Three things to do now !!!

1. Write further objection letters it isn't too late - one for every person or if you have already objected you can send additional objections (no limits on numbers!!)
2. Write to the editors of the local papers - we need the councillors to be aware of the strength of feeling against the plan.
3. We need to increase the fighting fund as it is certain now that we will have to employ our own experts to ensure that our objections are registered as effective as possible. Please donate to the Big Grounds Fighting Fund if you can.

Keep Sunday 6th March free for our Protest Walk see VACC Flyer/web site

Church

You are invited to a service of celebration with Bishop Christopher in All Saints church, Leamington Hastings, on Sunday, 6th February at 10.30

Willoughby Children's Christmas Party

Many thanks to Karen Duggan and to all who helped and contributed to the Christmas party on 22nd December, it was great fun and we look forward to repeating it next year. The winners of the Christmas Card designs were Connie Palmer, Gabriella Duggan and Phoebe Hewitt.

Willoughby Parish Council

The fight to preserve our Village and the on-going work of the Parish Council together with the VACC Committee is continuing as our main priority.

The Parish Council would like to thank all the Parishioners for attending the Public Meetings, writing the letters of objection and supporting the fighting fund with your donations. As Jeremy Wright MP said at the last Public Meeting "it is important to keep writing your letters of objection, as the numbers submitted are important. This is not restricted to one person per household." These could include objections to altering the roads to accommodate a planning application that the village neither wants or needs.

It would also be helpful if as many people as possible were able to write letters to the local papers expressing their views and to continue to raise overall awareness of our campaign to get this unwarranted planning application rejected.

It seems that we may need to employ professional advisers in the future to assist with our fight and any additional donations towards the Big Ground Fighting Fund would be most welcome.

The Parish Council are continuing to work on the Village Pond and the Playing Field projects and aim to complete them by the end of the financial year.

If there are any issues you wish to raise in connection with the Village please contact Mike Thomas on 891338.

Police

It appears there has been a spate of purse thefts in Rugby. Ladies, if your purse is in your handbag make sure you can see your bag. Purses have been taken from zipped/fastened bags.

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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Don't forget to visit our Village web site if you have access to the internet there is a wealth of information available there.

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6 Mar 11		VACC	Protest Walk	
10 Mar 11	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	AGM	Village Hall
26 Mar 11		Willoughby Society	Spring Event - Coventry Consortium of Swing Bands	Village Hall
26 Jun 11		Willoughby Society	Willoughby Weekend Event	Village Hall
29 Jun 11		Willoughby Society	Annual Dinner	