

Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the March edition of the WM.

This year seems to be hurtling by spring bulbs are appearing and birds are prospecting nest boxes already!!

The Thursday Club are ahead of the pack and have arranged for a 'Digital Switchover' guru to come next month to tell us what we need to do to avoid TV blackout later in the year. The club is throwing open the doors to all villagers since the change affects everyone so if you want the inside track put the 14th April in your diary.

I guess the biggest threat to our way of life is the Cemetery & Crematorium plan. VACC are working very hard to do everything possible to stop the plan going through. Thanks to the generosity of supporters experts have been engaged to help deal with the water (flood/contamination) and traffic issues. Checkout the web site for the latest news and information. What can you do ? Write again to the Council / local newspapers etc. and join the Protest Walk on the 6th March when we hope to form a chain across the public footpath over Big Grounds. The walk will also take in some important features in the village's past.

With the Government's emphasis on 'Big Society' and focus on local endeavour do join the village organisations so that you can play your part in making sure that our village develops and thrives as we all would wish.

Richard Jackson

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Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
5 Mar 11	05:30 PM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
6 Mar 11	11:00 AM	VACC	Protest Walk - meet bottom of Willoughby House Drive see VACC Article	Big Grounds
9 Mar 11	07:30 PM	Church	Ash Wednesday service	Leamington Hastings Church
10 Mar 11	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	AGM	Village Hall
13 Mar 11	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
17 Mar 11	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch	Romer Arms
17 Mar 11	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	Get A Head Hats - Mary Davis (Comp - A Decorative Hat)	Village Hall
20 Mar 11	06:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
26 Mar 11	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Spring Event - Coventry Consortium of Swing Bands	Village Hall
27 Mar 11	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
30 Mar 11	10:00 AM	Women's Institute	Coffee Morning in aid of DACT	Marlin, Pye Court
30 Mar 11	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Rockingham Castle - Mick Boyce	Village Hall

Thursday Club

March 10th is our AGM. Please come along and let us know what you would like from your Club in the coming year. After the meeting wine and nibbles will be served.

Advance notice - on April 14th The regional officer for the Switch to Digital TV will be here to talk to us about what will happen when this region switches in September, and what we need to do, and the help will be available to us. The switchover will affect everyone who uses terrestrial TV. Everyone is welcome to attend whether or not they are members so please tell your friends and neighbours.

The Pub lunch is on March 17th at The Romer Arms. If you would like to come please put your name on the sheet at the Club meeting or phone Norman on 890623.

Villages Against Cemetery & Crematorium

February has seen several developments. The applicant has submitted further reports on flooding and the historical context of the site. The plans have been changed to a single chapel again and move some plots from the flood plain area. We have been able to consult specialists on Flooding, Contamination, and traffic issues, which will help us to make sure our case against the plan is put in the most effective way possible.

What can you do ?

1. Join the protest walk on Sunday 6th March. Parking at Willoughby House (WH) is limited so it would be helpful if as many people as possible, from the village, walk up Moor Lane to meet those from WH at the gate into Big Grounds. We aim to form a human chain across big Grounds on the public footpath - you can just join us for this if you wish. Jeremy Wright M.P. And our Councillors will be joining us. The media have also been invited to attend and we will be taking photographs/video to send to them. A good opportunity to demonstrate your opposition to the plan. Please let Richard Jackson know if you intend to come to help us organise the event.
2. Write to the planning officer, statutory consultees, and the local newspapers, telling them why the plan is unacceptable.
3. Donate to the Big Grounds fighting fund - the fund currently stands at £2,500 approx. and we have been fortunate to receive several donations of materials and services including the Traffic and Flooding consultancy mentioned above. However, it is likely that we will need to engage a planning expert/lawyer, especially if the plan goes to appeal which will involve considerable expense so we must raise more funds to make sure that our voice is heard. Please donate to the fund if you can (Big Grounds Fighting Fund c/o Church View, Lower St).

Don't forget to check the web site (<http://www.willoughbyweb.net/> → VACC) to keep up to date with the campaign and latest news.

Acknowledgement:

Tony, Henry & Ayshe Osborne, would like to thank all the villagers for their help, kindness, and support during this difficult time.

Jumble Sale

Cancer Research in Rugby are having a jumble at the John Lees Hall, Rugby Baptist Church, Regent Street on Saturday 26th March 12-2pm and are desperate for jumble.

Time for another 'spring clean' and to drop absolutely any jumble around to Nicky Sutton at Northcote House, Lower Street (Georgian house opposite duckpond). You can leave jumble on the front door step or by back door if she is not in at any time, no need to wait til 26th March. Absolutely anything will do..... old clothes, shoes, books, dvds, bric-a-brac - except electrical and perishable goods. **All the proceeds will be going to Cancer Research and will be greatly appreciated.**

Willoughby Society

Don't forget our 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

Our monthly meeting takes place on Wednesday 30th March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker is Mick Boyce who will be telling us all about Rockingham Castle. Not a member? you will be more than welcome to come along.

The Willoughby Society was formed to improve our Village and provide a variety of entertaining and interesting events for Villagers. It is a great way to get involved in village life so if you aren't a member why not join us, the subscription is only £7.50 !!

Willoughby Women's Institute

The March meeting will be on Thursday 17th at 7.30 p.m. In the Village Hall. Mrs Mary Davies will be talking about her Milinery Business. She will be bringing some of her hats and you may even be able to try some on. Visitors are welcome to come along.

Coffee Morning
in aid of Daventry Area Comunity Transport (DACT)

30th March 2011 10.00 to 12.00

At Marlin, Pye Court, Willoughby.

Parking available close by at Willoughby Cricket Club

Church

Wednesday 15th March: the Monthly Benefice Prayer Group will be meeting at 9.30am in Willoughby Vicarage. All welcome.

Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm: a Healing Service will be held in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell. All welcome.

BENEFICE SERVICE MOTHERING SUNDAY

We are holding a Benefice Service for Mothers Day at 10.30am on 3rd April at Flecknoe. Flowers will be given out by the children. Please do join us

BENEFICE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This year Lent begins on 9th March - Ash Wednesday is one of the principal Holy Days, there will be a celebration of the Eucharist with the imposition of ashes at 7.30pm in All Saint's Church, Leamington Hastings.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like Easter Lilies to be put in Church in memory of loved ones, would you please give your donations to Jean Whitehead 899008

Willoughby Parish Council

Cemetery & Crematorium Plan

Please continue to write letters of objection to the planning department at Rugby Borough Council objecting to the proposed Cemetery & Crematorium quoting planning reference R10/0423.

Also write letters to the Editor of the Rugby Advertiser, Rugby Observer & the Daventry Express saying why it should not happen.

You will find the latest information on the Village web site so do keep an eye on it if you can.

Trees

Whilst contractors were pruning trees around the Village it was found that the two horse chestnut trees outside the Memorial Garden were badly diseased and had to be felled, we are looking into replacing them.

Playing Field

Your Parish Council are investigating the purchase of additional play equipment for the Playing Field with the remaining grant money from Rugby Borough Council.

Scarecrow Sunday & Table Top Sale

The date for this years event has been set. It will be Sunday 8th May at 1 pm. A flyer containing full details will be sent out shortly. Replies will be needed by the 31st March.

Contract for the Mowing of the Village Playing Field and Verges

Willoughby Parish Council invite quotations for mowing the village playing field and the verges within the parish. Details may be obtained from Dennis Neville, Parish Clerk on 01788 890710

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.

Date	Org	Description	Venue
8 May 11	Willoughby PC	Scarecrow & Table Top Sale Sunday	
25 Jun 11	Willoughby PC	Fete	Playing Field
26 Jun 11	Willoughby Society	Willoughby Weekend Event	Village Hall
29 Jun 11	Willoughby Society	Annual Dinner	