



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the April edition of the WM. This month's introduction is by Bert Ogle. If you would like to write an introduction for a future WM do let me know.

Richard Jackson

As we continue to oppose the plans of Mr Waheed to despoil our village with his huge cemetery, bringing increased traffic, and having a destructive impact upon our community, I reflect on how fortunate we have been in two respects. Firstly how opportune it has been that the WM was established. It has been so useful in enabling information to be circulated, keeping us updated and the pressure on. Our village web site, instigated, primarily by the Willoughby Society to host the village archives, has proved invaluable in bringing our campaign to a wider audience and making information available which would, otherwise, have been impossible.

Secondly I think it is only right to record the fantastic contribution that our Parish Council Chairman, Mike Thomas, has made to the campaign. Very few really know how

much work is involved in continuing effective opposition to the planning application and we owe Mike thanks for his efforts on our behalf. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place on 19th April.

This is usually poorly attended and it would be good to show our thanks and support by attending that meeting.

Some people, albeit few, believe that the decision is cut and dried and that it is in the Local Authority's interest to allow this application so they don't have to develop a cemetery and crematorium themselves. This is not the case, we will succeed in destroying Mr Waheed's money making plans with continued strong opposition.

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Bert Ogle

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2 Apr 11	02:00 PM		Jumble Sale in Support of VACC	Village Hall
3 Apr 11	10:30 AM	Church	Mothering Sunday Service	Flecknoe Church
9 Apr 11	10:00 AM	Willoughby PC	Village Spring Clean Up	Village Hall
10 Apr 11	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
14 Apr 11	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	The T.V. Digital Switchover	Village Hall
17 Apr 11	10:30 AM	Church	Palm Sunday Holy Communion	Church
19 Apr 11	07:30 PM	Willoughby PC	Annual Parish meeting	Village Hall
21 Apr 11	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch at The George Norman Oates 890623	Kilsby
21 Apr 11	07:30 PM	Church	Maundy Thursday Service	Grandborough Church
21 Apr 11	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	Open Evening - Gerald Lesinski	Village Hall
22 Apr 11	02:00 PM	Church	Good Friday Service	Leamington Hastings
24 Apr 11	11:00 AM	Church	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Church
27 Apr 11	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	The Life of an Artist & Oil Painting Demonstration - Michael Peachey	Village Hall

Thursday Club

Do come along to our meeting on April 14th when 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, plus what help will be available to us. This is a subject that can affect the whole community. Please tell your friends and neighbours both in this village and in those nearby, everyone is welcome to attend.



The Pub lunch is on March 21st at The George at Kilsby. If you would like to come please put your name on the sheet at the Club meeting or phone Norman on 890623.

A reminder that our fund raising Coffee Morning is on Saturday May 14th in the village hall. Donations of plants and cakes for the sales tables and garden related items for the raffle would be very much appreciated.

Willoughby Women's Institute

Our April meeting is our annual open evening on the 21st at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall. Lieutenant Colonel Gerald Lesinski will be entertaining us with his talk on "The Queens Guards in London". Visitors are very welcome at a cost of £2 including refreshments. There will also be a raffle and sales table.



WILLOUGHBY PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

19th April 2011 at 7.30 p.m. Willoughby Village Hall

- **Hear the Parish Councillor's report and their plans.**
- **Tell them what you think needs doing for the community in and around the village.**
- **Tell them what you can do to improve our village.**

There will also be a VACC update

Villages Against Cemetery & Crematorium

Thanks to everyone who joined our Protest Walk, it was a great turnout and yet again impressed upon our representatives and the media our resolve to prevent the Cemetery & Crematorium Plan going ahead. All of the local papers and radio have given us good coverage for our campaign through articles, letters to the editors and chat shows.

Please keep a lookout for protected, rare, or interesting plants and animals in the area. This time of the year is often a good one for spotting the more elusive creatures e.g. the Great Crested Newt. Please use the form on the web site to report a sighting if you can, otherwise make a note and give it to Sue Skinner or pop it through the letterbox at Hazeldene.

We are still awaiting the applicant's improved traffic survey and further material about the water issues. In the meantime our consultancy firms are reviewing the material so far and doing the research needed to enable them to provide expert advice on how to proceed in our dealings with County Highways and the Environment Agency. Inevitably this is costly and we need to continue to collect donations to the Big Grounds Fighting Fund (BGFF) so that we are in a position to commission work without delay. We are grateful to Jean Truslove who has arranged a jumble sale which will take place at the Village Hall on the 2nd April starting at 2.00 pm There will be a cake stall and refreshments will be available. All the proceeds are going to the BGFF. Please leave jumble at the Village Hall from 10.00 am on the day.

Willoughby Society

April Meeting

Our April meeting takes place on Wednesday 27th April at the Village Hall starting 7.30 p.m.. Michael Peachy will be demonstrating Oil Painting and telling us about life as an artist. As his painting develops there will be opportunities for members of the audience to add their unique contribution. This is a not to miss event for everyone!!



Willoughby Society Making a Difference for the Village



Everyone who uses the Village Hall will have noticed the vastly improved lighting in the main hall. The Willoughby Society has been pleased to support the Village Hall Committee's purchase of the new lighting with a donation of £1,000 towards the cost. As well as being much brighter all the units can be dimmed to a level to suit the event being held.

Annual Dinner,

Members please note that the date for the dinner has been changed to one day later than originally planned. It will now take place on Thursday, 30th June at the Draycote Hotel.

The Big Grounds Fighting Fund (BGFF) - VACC

As you know we have been seeking donations to the BGFF to enable us to resist the Cemetery & Crematorium planning application. Cash donations currently amount to almost £3,000 and the donations of services/printing are worth in the region of £6,000. Which is a great deal of value for a small area. However, good specialist consultancy firms cost around £750 per day so it doesn't go far!

To give you an example, to examine all the documents submitted to the planning department related to water issues, research relevant scientific data, rules and regulations, visit the site, and prepare a report highlighting weaknesses in the planning application and stating why the site is inappropriate needs around 4 days work i.e. £3,000. The bill grows as further submissions are made by the applicant and discussions to influence the agencies and Council take place. Similar costs apply to traffic and planning experts. In the near future we expect to need a planning consultant but at the moment we don't have the resources to pay one.

We need to raise more money and we need your help to do it!!

A jumble sale is taking place on 2nd April which will help. Suggestions currently being considered are - Auction of Promises, BBQ & Sports (Royal Wedding evening ?), a draw linked to Scarecrow weekend. We need your ideas of other fund raising activities, your views on the suggestions, and your help to run them (time, equipment, expertise).

Please let us have your feedback, as soon as you've read this, to any VACC Committee member or to me (details on the back page)

Richard Jackson

Church

Benefice Mothering Sunday

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

Willoughby Scarecrow Sunday



This years event in aid of the church takes place on 8th May 2011. The last date for entries has been extended by one week to 7th April 2011.

Helpers required to man the tea/cakes stalls at the Church or Village Hall and sell draw tickets. If you can help please contact Di Macknight

891820 ,Dorothy Ogle 890498 , or Rev. Jane Close 890257



Willoughby Parish Council

Playing Field

In the Playing Field the two spring animals have been removed as they were deteriorating badly.

There has been a modern climbing apparatus installed which is suitable for younger children, together with a much safer springy helicopter. This equipment has been paid for mainly by the grant obtained from Rugby Borough Council.

Ducks

There have been two ducks hit recently by vehicles by the pond and unfortunately one of these was a fatality. Please take extra care when driving around the village especially near the pond.

Cemetery & Crematorium Plan

Thank you to all those who came on the protest walk across the proposed Cemetery and Crematorium site on the 6th March, your support was much appreciated.

Spring Clean Up

Our annual Spring Clean up will be on Saturday 9th April. Please come along and help us to keep the village clear of rubbish. Meet outside the Village hall at 10.00 a.m. Gloves, sticks, and sacks will be provided.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Council meeting will be on the 19th

April at the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. There will be an agenda for the evening, including the opportunity for you to raise any questions and put forward suggestions in connection with the Village, together with any thoughts you have on your Parish Council and if there are any ways of making improvements in the way we can work together for the good of the Village.

Mr. Whitney

It is with sadness we record the death of Mr. J. Whitney, of Post Cottage Main, Street who was Clerk to the Parish Council for many years. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

JUMBLE SALE

**At Willoughby Village Hall on 2nd April 2011 at 2 p.m.
Cake Stall & Refreshments**

Admission 20p - All proceeds to the Big Grounds fighting Fund
Please bring Jumble to the Village Hall from 10 am on the day

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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Date	Organisation	Description	Venue
8 May 11	Willoughby PC	Scarecrow & Table Top Sale Sunday	
9 Jun 11	Thursday Club	Garden Party	The Old School House
25 Jun 11	Willoughby PC	Fete	Plyaing Field
26 Jun 11	Willoughby Society	Willoughby Weekend Event	Village Hall
30 Jun 11	Willoughby Society	Annual Dinner	Draycote Hotel