



# Willoughby Monthly

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**Welcome to the November edition of the WM.** Help! nearly another year has passed already. Nights drawing in, bonfire night, and Christmas fast approaching.

Natural England's 'Stop Notice' is protecting Big Grounds from further ploughing for the time being. The last documents, including plans showing a chimney, for the planning application have arrived with the Planning Department. VACC will let you know as soon as the complete picture has emerged with a summary of the flaws in the proposal and sample objection letters. The final date, 11<sup>th</sup> November, for objections is being notified to everyone who has written in so far. Please have a look at the final plans and write to planning with your views on them. Further information is on the web site.

Turning to happier topics you will find details for this years bonfire inside along with the first Christmas events. Do please support as many events as you can, a lot of hard work goes into them all.

Planning for Willoughby 2012 is proceeding apace. We should know by the end of the month whether we have been successful in our application for funding. In the meantime a good deal of progress has been made in working out detail. There will definitely be something for everyone, young or old, whatever your interests. June will definitely be a month to 'Staycation'!! Still time for your ideas to be included or to get involved, just give me a ring.

**Richard Jackson**

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Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
5 Nov 11	06:00 PM	Church	Bonfire - Tickets Bert Ogle 890498	Field off Moor Lane
10 Nov 11	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Surviving an English Vicarage - Jill Frazer	Village Hall
13 Nov 11	10:30 AM	Church	Remembrance Service	Grandborough
17 Nov 11	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The Bear at Bilton Norman Oates 890623	Bilton
17 Nov 11	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	A.G.M. & Ploughman's Supper (Comp - Decorated Wooden Spoon)	Village Hall
20 Nov 11	06:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
24 Nov 11	10:15 AM	Thursday Club	Christmas Shopping - Milton Keynes Norman Oates 890623	Village Hall
26 Nov 11	02:30 PM	Village Hall	Christmas Fair	Village Hall
27 Nov 11	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
30 Nov 11	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	A.G.M.	Village Hall

## Thursday Club

Our Club meeting on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> features former BBC Newsround and BBC Breakfast Time reporter Jill Frazer who will be telling us all about " How to survive an English vicarage ". It should be an entertaining afternoon.

Our pub lunch on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> is at The Bear in Bilton, a new venue for us. On Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> is a Christmas shopping trip to Milton Keynes, and the Dact Bus will leave the Village Hall at 10.15. There will be no charge for Club members but should there be any spare seats these will be made available to non-members who will be asked to pay £5.00 per person towards the cost of the bus.

Finally a reminder that our Christmas lunch is on December 8<sup>th</sup> at The George Kilsby. For all these events sign-up sheets will be available at Club meeting or you can contact Norman on 890623.

## Willoughby Women's Institute

November's meeting is our Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a ploughman's supper and a social evening. The venue, as usual, is the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The competition is for a Decorated Wooden Spoon. We would like to welcome some new members to the Committee. New faces and new ideas are always welcome. Ladies, please give it some thought it only entails a short meeting on the first Thursday of the month. Come on ladies give it a try.

Dunchurch Silver Band will be making their annual visit to Willoughby on the 15<sup>th</sup> December don't forget to put the date in your diary !!

### Imaging our past and present

This is a project being run by County Archaeology to give people the opportunity to highlight historic buildings or landscapes in their community that are important to them. They are keen for as many people as possible to be involved so instead of asking people to fill in questionnaires/write to them they want people to send photographs!! No printing or post required they can be loaded on to a web site called 'Flickr' (<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1686986@N24/>) .

In the past identifying buildings, monuments, etc. that should be protected has been down to 'officials'. The new planning arrangements place more emphasis on local views. Local lists of valued heritage features will be compiled. This project provides an easy way for people to get buildings, monuments, and landscapes that they believe are important considered. Simply take a photograph and add it to the web site with brief details of the location and why it is worth protecting. The photos don't have to be masterpieces they just have to clearly show the subject.

Don't worry if you can't access the internet or have problems with flickr. Just take the photo then contact Richard Jackson and he will upload it for you. If you have access to the internet then go to [www.willoughbyweb.net](http://www.willoughbyweb.net) and look for the 'Imaging our past and present' page where there is more information and links to the flickr collection. Let's get Willoughby on the lists!! There will be a competition linked to Willoughby 2012 too so get snapping!!

### Cancer Research Christmas Fair

Nicky Sutton is organising this event at Dunchurch Village Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2p.m. To 5 p.m.. There will be 27 stalls ranging from Shabby chic to vintage cakestands!! Refreshments will be served and entrance is free!

There will be a fantastic raffle including 4 prizes of meals for 2 at different Dunchurch restaurants, A double theatre season ticket for 5 shows, flowers, hair treatment, and bio sculpture nails, and more !!

Do please support Nicky's efforts for this worthy cause. If you can't go but would like some raffle tickets buying for you on the day or if you would like to contribute please contact Nicky at Northcote house (opposite the village pond) or call her on 891979

## Willoughby Society

Our AGM takes place on the 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m. In the Village Hall. As usual once the formal proceedings have been completed there will be cheese and wine. This year we will in honour of the start of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year revive one of the entertainments of many a previous AGM.

Thanks to those who turned out on the 12<sup>th</sup> October to work with the British Trust for Conservation team at Hayward Lodge. A considerable amount of bramble and undergrowth were cleared which should allow light in and encourage more woodland plants to become established. The intention is to have a weekend working party spend 2/3 hours every couple of months or so to maintain the area. If you said you would be prepared to help with this, on the survey a couple of months ago, Keith Skinner will be in touch. If you didn't complete the survey but would like to help then call Keith on 890982. [You don't have to be a member of the Society to join in!!]

The Christmas event will be on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012 in the village hall starting at 7.30 p.m.

Don't forget to take those photographs of features or landscape that you think should be protected.

## Church

### Bonfire Night



Following the success of our Bonfire event last year, organised in aid of Church Funds, we are holding another this year on the same site. It will start at 6.00pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Tickets on the night will be: Adult £5; Child £2; Family £12 (up to 2 Adults and 3 children) Advance tickets may be obtained from Bert Ogle at 'The Willows' Main Street 890498 priced at: Adults £4.00 Children £1.50 Family £10.00. Soup, sausages and burgers in rolls will be included in the admission charge. Children must be accompanied by an

adult who must supervise them and ensure that they do not endanger themselves.

Wood for the fire may be delivered to Moor Lane Field from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Offers of help and contributions of food to be served in the Marquee to Elaine Heckford 890256 please.

This village event happens because of a very generous donation given towards the fireworks by the New Year's Eve Party Committee, Elaine and Richard Heckford's time and of course the use of the field. Thanks to all who help make this event happen.



### Willoughby Children's Christmas Party

This year we will be holding the party in the Village Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2-4pm. The party is aimed at children between the ages of 2-12 years of age and entrance will be by ticket only and are on sale until Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

There will be Face Painting, games, entertainment, tea, and not forgetting an early visit from Father Christmas!

**Tickets £2 can be obtained from Karen Duggan at 3 White Barn Close or call 890049, offers of help and contributions for the tea party to Karen 890049 please.**

## Willoughby Parish Council

After all the nice weather we are now being told to expect an icy blast and severe weather conditions. With this in mind as a community we need to ensure we are aware of those who may be vulnerable and help if they need any assistance with shopping, if they are warm enough, need visits to the doctors or the hospital or if they require assistance in any way. I know we are all busy, but sometimes just calling round for a chat may be just as important.

There has been some interest shown in Neighbourhood Watch, but we do need more people to get it up and running. If you feel you are able to help or would like more information please contact Mike Thomas on 891338.



Will Hewitt needs donations of bottles for this event. He will be calling around the village the week before or alternatively donations can be dropped off at Worrall House, Lower Street.

### Police

**Metal Theft** - Make sure outbuildings are as secure as possible and keep an eye out for suspicious activity even metal animal feeders in fields have been taken.

**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 6149 Helena Steadman and our Police Constable is PC 1534 Lee Maughan. They can be contacted on 01788 853851 this is the Safer Neighbourhood Team number so will reach a team member on duty quickly.

### Willoughby Monthly

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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Village web site: [www.willoughbyweb.net](http://www.willoughbyweb.net)

Date	Organisation	Description	Venue
15 Dec 11	Women's Institute	Christmas Concert - Dunchurch Silver Band	Village Hall
7 Jan 12	Willoughby Society	Christmas Event	Village Hall