

# Willoughby Monthly

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**Welcome to the February edition of the**

**WM.** It seems a long time since the festive season and the New Years Eve party. After Gabriela at the Willoughby Society's Christmas event January has seemed decidedly gloomy. Lots of preparations in hand for events to raise a smile through the year though.

Planning for Willoughby 2012 is gathering pace and there is news inside of a Photographic competition, with a £25 prize fund up for grabs. Get snapping and capture the Willoughby you see. You can enter as many photographs as you like. They will be put on show during the Arts weekend.

The events in June provide an opportunity for all the musicians, singers, artists, and craft workers, to perform, work, or display their work in the Big Top more information inside.

The crematorium plan has been delayed again and isn't expected to go to the planning committee until 22<sup>nd</sup> of this month at the earliest. More information on this in the VACC section.

Finally now it is colder and wetter please keep an eye out for the elderly or infirm.

**Richard Jackson****Stop Press**

Hayward Lodge - maintenance working party 5<sup>th</sup> February please contact Keith Skinner if you can help e-mail [keith-sue@btconnect.com](mailto:keith-sue@btconnect.com) or call on 890982

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4 Feb 12	05:00 PM	Church	Family Communion	Church
9 Feb 12	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	The History of Masks - Christine Farmer	Village Hall
12 Feb 12	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
16 Feb 12	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The Rose	Willoughby
16 Feb 12	06:45 PM	Women's Institute	Annual Dinner - DACT Bus from Village Hall	Barby Sporting
19 Feb 12	06:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
22 Feb 12	07:30 PM	Church	Ash Wednesday	Leamington Hastings Church
26 Feb 12	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
29 Feb 12	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Canons Ashby - Laura Malpas	Village Hall

## Thursday Club

Our Club meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup> sees Christine Farmer giving us a presentation on the "The History of masks". This promises to be both informative and amusing so do come along and join us.

Our pub lunch will be on February 16<sup>th</sup> at The Rose here in Willoughby, and as always a sign up sheet which will be available at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot come to the meeting but would like to come to the lunch please phone Norman on 890623 by Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> as he has to give numbers going to the pub on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Advance notice that our AGM will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please come along and tell us what you want from the Club, and how it can be improved. Elections for the committee will take place at the AGM and nomination forms have been delivered to each member so that they can nominate new committee members if they so wish. If you do make a nomination please ensure that the form is returned to a committee member by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Finally many thanks to those villagers who used the village Christmas Card postal service. This raised £30.00 which will be donated to the VACC fighting fund. Thanks also to Di Macknight who organised it and acted as postmistress and to the volunteers who did the deliveries.

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Our annual dinner is at Barby Sporting on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. A DACT bus will pick us up at 6.45 pm outside the Village Hall.

## 2011 New Year's Eve Party

Thank you to those who attended and enjoyed the above event.

Despite significant increases in costs, the party still returned a profit of £200.

The committee has agreed to donate this profit as follows: £50 to the VACC, £75 to the 2012 Children's Party and £75 to the 2012 Fireworks Display.

## WILLOUGHBY SCARECROW 2012

Thanks to all those previous participants who returned the questionnaire, which overwhelmingly requested an annual event. The date for the event this year is Sunday 22nd April. The format will follow that of previous years with the opportunity for table top sales. An entry flyer will follow next month with relevant information. For any queries in advance of this contact Dorrothy Ogle (890498) or Di Macknight (891820).

Our Scarecrow Day is all about our community working together to provide a day of simple family fun and creativity, whilst raising funds for the benefit of the village.

## Barn Dance

**Friday 16th March, 7.30pm**

Willoughby Village Hall

(in aid of St Nicholas Church, Willoughby).

Don't miss your chance to dance the night away with local live band 'George's Horses', no experience is required, a caller will tell you what to do, even if you can't dance you can have fun trying, watching everyone else, or simply listening to the fabulous music from our experience band.

Supper provided, please bring you own drinks and glasses.

Tickets: **£10 adults, £3 Children.**

**From:- Karen Duggan 890049 or 07836 613987 & Nick Hodges 890791**

## Willoughby Society 1962-2012

Our February meeting is on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Laura Malpas and she will be telling us all about the National Trust's Canons Ashby property.

Our meetings are open to everyone and visitors are very welcome, come along and support one of your local organisations.

### Willoughby 2012 Photographic Competition

Capture Willoughby in 2012. Photographs of village buildings, landscape, heritage, flora & fauna, activities and of course people, are all eligible. There will be two classes one for adults and the other for the under 18s a prize fund of £25 up for grabs !! The competition is open to everyone in the village. No matter what type of camera you have, Smartphone, SLR, compact, digital or print, get snapping

You can enter as many images as you wish and they will all be displayed during the Arts Saturday of Willoughby 2012 (9<sup>th</sup> June). Please write, on the reverse of printed images (7"x5", 175x125mm, or larger): your name; address; telephone number; the date when it was taken; where it was taken; and title or subject. Digital images may be attached to an e-mail containing the required information alternatively those of buildings or landscape may be uploaded to the County Archaeology Flickr site (details on the web site) - an e-mail is still required. Entries to Richard Jackson at Hazeldene, Main Street - [richard.jackson@willoughbyweb.net](mailto:richard.jackson@willoughbyweb.net). The closing date for entries is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> may.

Plans for Willoughby 2012 are developing quickly and we expect to have lots of details for you in the next issue.

One of our aims is to take the opportunity to put on one or two events specially for the younger generation. Two suggestions have been made so far, one is to have a Computer Games event, and the other to have a Jam session for the developing musicians/singers in the village and its neighbours. We need to know whether these would appeal to enough children/teenagers/young adults to be worthwhile and also what games/facilities etc, they would like. If you are interested or members of your family is/might be please e-mail [richard.jackson@willoughbyweb.net](mailto:richard.jackson@willoughbyweb.net) or call on 891898 with names and e-mail addresses, which events are of interest (new/better ideas welcome!!) and suggestions for the event e.g. Big Top or Village Hall, type of game, etc.

During the Arts weekend we want to showcase as much local talent as possible so if play an instrument (solo or as a member of a group of players) or sing alone or as part of a Choir contact Richard (details above) to be part of the mix. Similarly we want to exhibit art and craft work of all kinds produced by local people. If you are an artist or craft worker we would like to hear from you so that we can give you the opportunity to share your interests and skills with local people. Ideally we want visitors to be able to see some work being produced and if possible to be able to try their hand.

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### VACC

The Crematorium application has been delayed again The next Planning Committee meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We will let everyone know if the application is on the agenda for this meeting.

It will be important to have as many people as possible at the meeting even though the public cannot speak at these meetings 'presence' speaks volumes !! We are investigating the cost of hiring transport to make it easy for everyone to get there. We will issue a flyer with details as soon as the date of the meeting is published.

## Willoughby Parish Council

There have been problems with parking on the footpaths. People with pushchairs and those with walking frames are unable to get past without walking in the road. Please be considerate when parking.

The Parish Council has had the subject of allotments under consideration for some time and whilst discussions have taken place with landowners to see if they were willing to rent or sell land for this use, unfortunately nothing positive has been able to be achieved to date. This is something the Parish Council will continue to try to progress.

### Notices

**Lyn Gerrard** is missing a square Royal Worcester dish - herb design. If you collected plates/dishes at the end of the New Years Eve Party please check that you have the correct items, The dish has great sentimental value so please call Lyn, on 891409, if you collected it by mistake.

**Beryl & Dick Harrison** wish to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes at Christmas and apologise for not being able to send greetings to you all personally but do hope you all have a happy and healthy New year.

**Ruth & Jim Howkins** and family would like to say a big thank you to all who sent best wishes and are giving continuing support during Ruth's illness. We appreciate it very much. Belated happy New year to everyone.

**Sylvia Sheaf** lost a gold & opal ring in the Village Hall or along the footpath toward A45 on 25<sup>th</sup> January evening. Please call her, on 891318, if you find it.

#### **St Nicholas Church - Grass Cutting 2012 - Expression of Interest:**

Contractors interested in Tendering for grass cutting in the St Nicholas Churchyard should send their Expression of Interest including their experience and list of equipment available to Nick Hodges, Churchwarden, Rohan, Main Street, Willoughby or via e-mail [nickhodges281@btinternet.com](mailto:nickhodges281@btinternet.com) by noon on Friday 17th February 2012. The work involves mowing and strimming and removing the grass cuttings to an area at rear of the Churchyard. The season begins late March and finishes early October at roughly a two weekly cycle.

### Police

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

Copies of the WM can be sent by e-mail or produced with large print on request.

Do let me have your ideas for improving the WM and, of course, any articles/notices you have for your fellow villagers. The deadline for submission of items for publication in the next edition is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send them to:

Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street

e-mail: [willoughby\\_monthly@willoughbyweb.net](mailto:willoughby_monthly@willoughbyweb.net)

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

Date	Organisation	Description	Venue
24 Mar 12	Willoughby Society	Spring Event	Village Hall
22 Apr 12		Scarecrow Day	
1 May 12	Thursday Club	Coffee Morning in aid of Help for Heroes	Village Hall