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Welcome to the February edition of the WM.

Thank you to everyone that completed a Superfast Broadband survey. The results are interesting in that there are some large differences in download speed that aren't explained by distance. When I changed ISP in the middle of last year my speed doubled to over 6mb/s. If you are getting less than 5mb/s it might be worth talking to your ISP to see if your connection can be improved.

How do we follow Willoughby 2012?

Well there's the **FAD** (Family Activity Day) on the 2nd March with a chance to get creative – a follow up to the arts day and mosaic making. The FAD will also have a computer clinic with expert help to solve those problems you just can't find the answer to, to find out how to do new things, or if you don't have a computer to have a go (Silver Surfing et al). There will also be opportunities to discover how to learn more about family or local history. These sessions are designed to see if there is demand for similar events on a regular basis, as well as being useful/fun, so even if you can't come on the day let me know if you would be interested on another occasion. More details and a booking form in the flyer or on www.willoughbyweb.net.

Hot off the press is the news that there will be a 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 2nd June which Clare Hewitt and team are masterminding, and on the 9th June there will be another 'Leam Valley Novelty Dog Show' being organised by Ken Miles and team, these are spin offs from the successes of Willoughby 2012 and supported by the Willoughby Society. Let's hope that after January's cold, rain, and snow we get a more normal spring and a flaming June!!

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08-Feb-13	10:00 AM	Police	Mobile Police Station until 11:30am	Village Hall
10-Feb-13	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
13-Feb-13	7:30 PM	Church	Ash Wednesday	Church
17-Feb-13	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
18-Feb-13	7:30 PM	Willoughby Cricket Club	A.G.M.	The Pavillion Pye Court
19-Feb-13	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
21-Feb-13		Women's Institute	Dinner	
24-Feb-13	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
27-Feb-13	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Wildlife in the Pond - Linda Smith	Village Hall

Thursday Club

At our meeting on February 14th we will be entertained by Andy Smith . Andy , as many of you will know, is an extremely accomplished musician and has played and sung at many events in Willoughby, often accompanied by another accomplished musician Bob O'Donnell. We look forward to an afternoon of music and song, It would be great to have a good audience for this event so please do tell your neighbours and friends and invite them along .

The pub lunch on February 21st will be at The Kings Head Napton. A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting or you can phone Norman on 890623.

Our Club year will end in March with our AGM. Every club benefits from new blood on its committee and we would encourage anyone who would like to join the committee to put themselves forward for nomination. Nomination forms will be delivered to every member at the beginning of February so please do think about joining us.

Willoughby Women's Institute

No meeting this month, it's our Annual Dinner at Barby Sporting on the 21st February instead!! Our booking is 7pm for 7.30 pm.

Our postponed jumble sale will be on 9th March in the Village hall



Scarecrow Sunday 28th April

Details and information will be given nearer the date. For now put the date in your schedule or diary and get your thinking cap on for the design of your scarecrow. There isn't a theme this year so let your creative talents loose 'the world is your oyster!'

VACC

It was agreed at the Public Meeting that any funds remaining after the conclusion of opposing the proposed crematorium plans would be held for 5 years, to be used if required, in opposing any further proposed developments on Big Ground. If after 5 years the funds were not required then they would be donated to the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire air ambulance. The balance left after fighting the crematorium application is £10,044.85 which is being placed in an interest bearing account.

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BENEFACTICE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This year Lent begins on 13th February - 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 St Nicholas's Church, Willoughby.

Children's Christmas Party

Many thanks to Karen and her friends Ken and Val and all those who helped and contributed to the success of the children's party.

Special thanks to the New Year's Eve Party Committee and the Willoughby Charity Committee for funding to the church to make this happen.

Mowing Contract 2013 - The Parochial Church Council of St Nicholas Church, Willoughby invites "Expressions of Interest" in the contract for the mowing of grassed areas within the Churchyard between March and October. Tenders documents will be issued during February 2013.

Contractors interested in Tendering should contact Nick Hodges, Churchwarden (Rohan, Main St, tel: 01788 890791; e-mail nickhodges281@btinternet.com)

Willoughby Society

Our February meeting is on the 27th at 7.30pm in the Willoughby Village Hall. Our speaker is Linda Smith and she will be talking about 'Wildlife in the Pond'. Linda is from the, Chelsea Flower Show, Gold Medal winning Waterside Nursery. The talk will include how to encourage wildlife to your pond by choosing well balanced planting that will enhance habitats.

The Society is supporting/organising the Family Activity Day on the 2nd March - see the flyer enclosed with this edition for details. The day is designed to build on the successes of Willoughby 2012 and to pick up on suggestions made at our AGM brainstorming session. Something altogether new is the opportunity to bring your tablet, smartphone or laptop and use some of its creative capabilities it doesn't matter whether its an Ip??, nexus, windows or android device – thanks to the LEADER funding we will have an expert to introduce us to the world of digital art. The sessions on exploring family, local history, computer clinic and silver surfing will help us understand the demand for activities that need broadband/computer support. We want to see as many villagers as possible taking part, however, all of the sessions are designed for small groups – it is essential that places are reserved. We'll try to match the number of places for each of the themes to the numbers wishing to take part.

Following the success of last year's Leam Valley Novelty Dog Show Ken Miles has agreed to organise another one, on behalf of the Society, which will take place on 9th June at the same venue thanks to Natalie and Steve Wiltshire. The society is also supporting the 'Big Lunch' (BL) on the 2nd June in the Village Hall and its Garden. This is part of the Eden Project initiative and similar to last year's Big Jubilee lunch. Clare Hewitt and her team are organising the BL. Two dates for your diary for now more details nearer the time. If you'd like to help then please contact Ken and Clare.

.....from Willoughby CC - your village cricket club

Thank you... to everyone that came along to the club's Bottle Bingo Evening before Christmas. Again it was a great success and thanks to everyone for their support which raised valuable funds for the club.

Annual General Meeting.... WCC's AGM is on Monday 18th February, at the club Pavilion at The Green, 7.30pm start. All welcome.

Pre-Season training.... starts on Sunday 24th February, in the Indoor Hall at the Rugby Campus of Warwickshire College, 12.15-1.30pm. Sessions will run alternate weeks until the end of March for the juniors and the seniors. More details on the club website.

New players for 2013.... WCC is always keen to welcome new players to the club, both at junior level and senior level. There is Kwik Cricket for boys and girls 7 to 11 years, and teams at Under 11, Under 13 and 15 age levels. At senior level, there is Saturday league cricket (2 teams in the South Northants League), a Sunday friendly XI, plus midweek league teams in the Rugby and District League. There is also a Club Net/Training Night, plus a host of events and activities off-the-field throughout the season. Interested or know someone who might be? Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Dates for the Diary.... Saturday 6th April *Willoughby does Natwest Cricketforce – the club's pre-season 'spring clean'*

More information about and joining Willoughby CC.... Website:

www.willoughbycc.org.uk Social media. Find our group page on Facebook. Also find us on Twitter: @willoughbycc Or contact Karl Quinney – Press Officer and Junior Cricket Manager: tel. 01788 542441, mobile 07775 883102, email: karl@karlquinney.co.uk

Willoughby Parish Council

During the severe weather would everyone please keep a look out for neighbours who may be vulnerable and perhaps need help with shopping, or just a warm cup of tea and a chat as they may not be able to get out and meet people. This is a time when people become increasingly lonely.

During 2013 your Parish Council will continue working to improve the Village, its amenities and surroundings. In the last edition of the Willoughby Monthly we asked for volunteers to become involved in the Parish and emergency plans, but so far the response has been disappointing.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Regrettably there have been a number of incidents in the immediate area over Christmas and into January including a broken window at Willoughby House Lodge and a trailer stolen in Lower St.

- Do make sure that your doors, windows, and valuables, are secure – Rachel has smart water kits and advice.
- If you see anything that seems odd or suspicious do let the police know about it.

Crime prevention: Smart water, a means of uniquely marking your property can be obtained via Rachel Settle. It is a deterrent to burglars and increases the likelihood of stolen items being returned.

Police Community Support Officer for the village is PCSO 6149 Helena Steadman and our Police Constable is PC 868 Hazel Busch. They can be contacted on 01788 853851 this is the Safer Neighbourhood Team number so will reach a team member on duty quickly. The team also have an e-mail address : rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk .

Neighbourhood Watch: Rachel Settle (Co-ordinator) can contacted by telephone on 01788 823823 (daytime) or 01788 890724 (evening & answerphone) or e-mail neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net.

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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 15th of the month. Send them to:

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Village web site: www.willoughbyweb.net

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18-Feb-13	Willoughby Cricket Club	A.G.M.	The Pavillion Pye Court
02-Mar-13	Willoughby 2012+	Family Activity Day	Village Hall
13-Apr-13	Willoughby Society	Zulu - South African Night	Village Hall
28-Apr-13	Scarecrow Committee	Scarecrow Sunday	
02-Jun-13	Willoughby 2012+	Big Lunch	Village Hall
09/06/13	Willoughby Society	Leam Valley Novelty Dog Show	Lower Street
29-Jun-13		Village Fete	