



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the January edition of the WM. I hope you all have a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous Year. Lets hope it is also a positive one for the Village in general. Fingers crossed that superfast broadband reaches us, as a result of the new contract and mobile coverage improves following the agreement between the Government and the mobile network operators.

You may recall that you received a housing needs survey, last March, from Midland Rural Housing (the leading specialist provider of rural housing services in the Midlands, according to their web site). The Survey was carried out on behalf of the Parish & Borough Council. The results have been assessed and a report is inside with a summary.

The Willoughby Monthly (WM) and www.willoughbyweb.net have been published in their current form for several years now. Do we need a change or different content? Please let me know what you think about them. I'd also like to here from anyone who would like to get involved in maintaining the web site or compiling the WM too.

Dates:

I am trying to improve the Village Calendar on Willoughbyweb.net so that everyone will be able to see all the events coming up over the next few months. Several organisations supply me with their annual programme but increasingly events aren't advised to me until the month before they are due to take place especially jumble sales and the like. If you are the secretary of a village organisation or are arranging an event please let me know as soon as the date is selected. Additional information such as start times can be added later. Having a comprehensive calendar will help ensure that events don't clash or are too close together.

Richard Jackson

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08-Jan-15	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Social Afternoon	Village Hall
11-Jan-15	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
15-Jan-15	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Agatha Christie - Nick Channer	Village Hall
17-Jan-15	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Christmas Event with Jane Kennaway	Village Hall
18-Jan-15	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
19-Jan-15	7:00 PM	Willoughby History Set	Local & Family History Workshop	Village Hall
20-Jan-15	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
25-Jan-15	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
28-Jan-15	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Fun Poetry - Deborah Ellis	Village Hall

Thursday Club

We hope all our members had a good Christmas, our first meeting this year is on the 8th January at 2.30 in the Village Hall, this will be a Social Afternoon.

The first Pub Lunch of the year will be on the 15th January details at the meeting.

Willoughby Women's Institute

The first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday, 15th at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Mr. Nick Channer will be talking about "The mystery of Agatha Christie". The competition is for an old book or bible.

Annual subscriptions are due this month. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

Midland Rural Housing

Survey finds low levels of housing needs for local people

The report has been published from Willoughby's Housing Needs Survey. The survey was conducted in order to obtain clear evidence of any local housing need for a range of housing tenures for Willoughby residents.

Almost a third of households responded to the survey which is considered good response rate for a survey of this type. Responses were overwhelmingly positive in terms of Willoughby itself with 100% stating that the Parish is a desirable place to live and 93% saying that it enjoys a sense of community.

Almost half of respondents would support a small development of affordable housing for people with a local connection (41% were not in favour at the time whilst 10% were unsure). Despite the general feeling of support for 'local affordable homes for local people' the survey did not identify a level of need that could realistically lead to the possibility of a small scheme being explored further.

The survey found that 2 affordable homes and 2 market homes would be required to meet local housing needs. This was cross referenced with Rugby Borough Council's housing register and the affordable housing need levels were confirmed.

So what happens now?

If no other housing needs are identified it is likely that the report will simply be placed on record. It is valid for 5 years and can be referred to by the Parish Council and Borough Council should any development be proposed in the future.

However, if you did not fill in a questionnaire but feel that you are in housing need then please get in touch with Midlands Rural Housing by the end of January. If a larger affordable housing need is found then it may be that the possibility of exploring a local scheme could be consulted on further.

Once we are satisfied that the results of the survey have captured the housing needs as far as possible the report will be placed on record. If you have any questions or wish to register a local housing need, please contact
richard.mugglestone@midlandsrural.org.uk

Thank You!!

Margart Hubbard thanks everyone who sent her Christmas cards for their kind thoughts and good wishes.

Rev. Jane thanks Karen Duggan for organising the Children's Christmas party.

Willoughby Society

Our first event of the New Year is our somewhat delayed 'Christmas' Event on the 17th January:

The Willoughby Society 'Christmas' Event

Willoughby Village Hall

Saturday 17th January at 7:30 pm.

Musical entertainment by Jane Kennaway
Tickets: £12.50 - including buffet supper
from Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street (891898).
please bring your own drinks and glasses.

**This will be another excellent evening
so don't delay get your tickets now!!**

On the 28th January we have our first meeting of the year at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We are starting the year with something different!! Deborah Ellis will be introducing us to 'Fun Poetry'. Everybody is welcome to come along.

Our Spring Event is our next Live & Local event, on the 14th March, when the music will take on Latin American/Caribbean influences with 'Mambo Jambo in concert' - one review summed them up:

"Musical sunshine from a multi-talented and multi-instrumental duo. If they cannot put a smile on your face and set your feet tapping you may be beyond therapy"

Make sure the date is kept clear in your diary or better still invite your friends along too!!

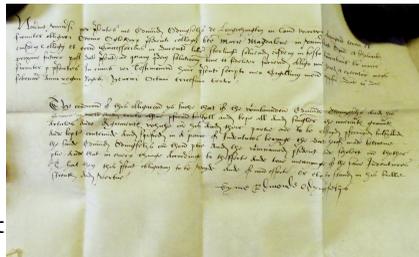


Willoughby History Set



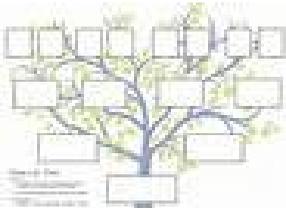
The 'set' will reconvene on Monday 19th January at 7pm in the Village Hall. The aim is to explore the history of our Village taking advantage of the large amount of digital records now available in our own collection

and online, to expand the archives, and document the past from before the Domesday survey to the present as accurately as possible.



There will also be resources and help available for those who wish to explore their family history.

For more information contact Richard Jackson on 891898.



Willoughby Parish Council

The Over Sixties annual lunch was attended by forty seven people this year. Thanks go to the Willoughby Charity who funded the event.

The Willoughby Flood Action Group has been successful in obtaining grants totalling £1890 from the Warwickshire Pathfinder Project. These grants will provide funding for:

- an Ecological Survey of the brook between the Pumping Station and the entrance to Manor Farm prior to clearing the banks and removal of silt.
- stabilising of the brook bank, in conjunction with Warwickshire County Council, between Lower Street and the Pumping Station.
- purchase of flood and road closed signs together with the purchase of long handled rakes for debris removal from the brook.

NEW YEAR – NEW YOU

Is your resolution to be fitter in 2015?

Fitness is fun - come and see for yourself – everyone welcome

Monday – 3.00pm-3.45pm – a gentle class with no floor work or jogging

Tuesday - 7.30pm-8.30pm – for the more energetic includes jogging and floor work

Both classes held in Willoughby Village Hall

For more information contact Lorraine on 890846



Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Those of you who have e-mail be aware several people in the village have had scam emails sent to all their contacts recently. This is usually as a result of clicking on a link, in an e-mail, to a fake web site. Often these e-mails will be from people you know with just a hyper-link in the body of the message. Don't follow the link, just delete the message.

Look out!! there was been a break in at a house in the village and at out buildings across a field off the A45 in the last couple of months...beware.

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 Seal 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 Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: willoughby_monthly@willoughbyweb.net