



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the February edition of the WM. January has been a cold and miserable month. Not least because of the deaths of Margaret Hubbard, Fred Mitchell, and Keith Skinner. All of whom have played their part in village life for many years. They will be sorely missed. Our thoughts are with their families.

The coming month sees the various organisations back to their normal programmes after the Christmas period. Planning for the special events later in the year is under way. As well as the diary below and future dates on the back page there is a calendar of all the known dates on the village web site. Check it to make sure you aren't going to miss something before you commit to trips, parties, holidays etc..

Richard Jackson

Carol Singing 22nd December 2014

A massive thank you to all those who were involved in the carol singing in the village on 22nd December. At one point we were 32 singers strong! The generous hospitality of the ladies who set up 2 stalls of mince pies and mulled wine was greatly appreciated by everyone, on what was a chilly and windy evening!

We raised £142.42 which will be used to fund family events in the village starting with an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt for both children and adults during the Easter weekend, more information next month.

We hope this revived old tradition continues and look forward to singing again this year.

| Date | Time | Organisation | Event | Venue |
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| 08-Feb-15 | 11:00 AM | Church | Family Service | Church |
| 10-Feb-15 | 7:30 PM | Parish Council | Meeting (See the Public Participation Statement) | Village Hall |
| 12-Feb-15 | 2:30 PM | Thursday Club | Craft Afternoon - Lynn Busby | Village Hall |
| 15-Feb-15 | 6:00 PM | Church | Evensong | Church |
| 16-Feb-15 | | WCC | Annual General Meeting | WCC Pavillion |
| 17-Feb-15 | 7:30 PM | Church | Healing Service | Broadwell Church |
| 18-Feb-15 | 7:30 PM | Church | Ash Wednesday Eucharist | Flecknoe Church |
| 19/02/15 | 12:30:00 | Thursday Club | Pub Lunch -Oak & Black Dog | Stretton-on-Dunsmore |
| 19-Feb-15 | 7:30 PM | Women's Institute | Annual Dinner | |
| 22-Feb-15 | 11:00 AM | Church | Holy Communion | Church |
| 25-Feb-15 | 7:30 PM | Willoughby Society | Life & Times of English & Welsh Archers in the 14th/15th Century - Bowstringers | Village Hall |

Thursday Club

Our next meeting is on the 12th February, Lynn Busby will be demonstrating Iris Folding, any one wishing to join in, please bring cellotape and a small pair of scissors. For others, Bert Ogle will be showing interesting short films on canals, woodworking etc.

Pub Lunches

February 19th, The Oak and Black Dog, Stretton-on-Dunsmore

March 19th, The Old Olive Bush, Flecknoe.

Willoughby Women's Institute

Thursday, February 19th is our Annual Dinner at Barby Sporting Club, 7pm for 7:30. Please make sure your name is down if you wish to come. Transport to be arranged.

Saturday, 7th March at 2:00pm, we will be holding a Jumble Sale at Willoughby Village Hall.

Cricketers young and old invited and welcome at Willoughby CC this season

With the new cricket season not far away, Willoughby Cricket Club are inviting cricketers young and old from Rugby and the surrounding area to get involved with the club this Summer.

The club will have plenty of cricket action available for the 2015 season for cricketers of all ages and experience and also a series of off-field social events for all club members during the course of the year. Another busy 12 months is in store at The Green.

Pre-season training for Willoughby CC will be once again be held at the excellent indoor hall facility of Warwickshire College in Rugby.

The mens/adult section + Under 15s get are from 8.15 to 9.30pm, each Tuesday until the end of March.

The Under 11s and Under 13s begin their preparations on Saturday 7th February, from 1.00 to 2.30pm, with their sessions running each Saturday also up to Easter.

Details of additional sessions specifically for the Under 15 section will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

For further details on playing, joining the club and pre-season sessions, please contact Karl Quinney on 01788 542441, or 07775 883102; email at

karl@karlquinney.co.uk, or visit the club website www.willoughbycc.org.uk.

Frederick Leslie Mitchell

The sad passing of Fred after a short illness provides an untimely chance to reflect on a man who has given so much to his club and community.

Fred was a hugely influential part of life at WCC across many decades, to the point it was commented that there has perhaps been no one at the club since its first founders who has played such an integral role in the club we see today. He will be sadly missed by all at WCC and our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

Church

BENEFACTICE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

This year Lent begins on 18th 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 Mark's Church, Flecknoe.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like Easter Lilies to be put in Church in memory of loved ones, would you please give your donations to: Jean Whitehead 01788 899008.

Willoughby Society

The 24th October is the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt. This battle was notable for the use made of the English Long Bow. Our February meeting on the 25th at the Village Hall at 7:30pm brings you the opportunity to learn more about 'The Life and Times of English and Welsh Archers in the 14th and 15th Centuries'. Master Peter, a Captain of Archers, and his wife Mistress Joan will tell us about their lives in this turbulent period and bring some of their possessions and weapons for you to examine!! We may even find out why we had fields named 13 Butts and 5 Butts in the parish. This should be a very interesting evening so do come along, everyone is very welcome.

Our spring event on the 14th March is: 'Mambo Jambo in Concert'. Details of this show below. You can find out more about the duo and their music on their web site: <http://mambojambo.co.uk/> . The future of Live and Local in Warwickshire is uncertain as a result of the County Council's intended funding cuts. A petition, which many in the village signed, has been submitted and representations made but so far the County Council are refusing to change their decision. Further representations are being made but if the decision stands we may not be able to bring their highly acclaimed shows to the village in the future so do come along and make the most of this opportunity, it will be a great night.



Our next Live & Local Show

14th March 2015 at 7:30pm

Willoughby Village Hall

Mambo Jambo in Concert



"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."

Tickets: £12.50 includes interval food (Please bring your own glasses and drinks)

From: Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main St. tel 891898 and Willoughby Society Committee Members



Willoughby Scarecrow Sunday



This years Scarecrow Sunday is scheduled for the 26th April. More details next month but in the meantime offers of help etc. would be appreciated to Di. Macknight 891820, Dorothy Ogle 890498, or Rev. Jane Close 899226

Willoughby Parish Council

Following the grants obtained by the Willoughby Flood Action Group the ecological survey of the brook from the pumping station to Manor Farm in Moor Lane has been carried out. There were no protected species or any other problems spotted, so the clearing of the banks and removal of the silt can be carried out as soon as this is sanctioned by the County Highways of Warwickshire County Council.

The Parish Council continue to work on the Village Design Statement, based on the results of survey forms completed by Parishioners.

It is with sadness the Parish Council note the death of Fred Mitchell who was Chair of the Parish Council for many years and after no longer serving on the Council continued to audit the accounts. We sadly also note the death of Margaret Hubbard , she served as a Parish Councillor for many years and was also Chair of the Parish Council.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Beware Bogus Callers

Please be aware that bogus callers/ distraction burglars are targeting elderly residents in Rugby.

There were two incidents in Rugby on 15th January - men called at the homes of elderly residents, claiming to be from the 'Water Board'. They asked the residents to turn their stop cocks off and, whilst the residents were distracted, they entered their homes and stole items. The previous day, in Leamington, an elderly lady was conned out of a large sum of money on the pretence that her guttering needed cleaning out.

Remember that you do not have to answer the door to anyone you do not know, or are not expecting. Staff from the water companies never refer to 'the Water Board'. If anyone calls at your home claiming to be from the Water or Gas or Electricity Boards, do not answer the door, engage in conversation with them or let them into your home. Please report their visit to Police, on 101, immediately.

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

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| 14-Mar-15 | Willoughby Society | Mambo Jambo in Concert | Village Hall |
| 14-Apr-15 | Parish Council | Annual Parish Meeting | Village Hall |
| 26-Apr-15 | | Willoughby Scarecrow Sunday | Village Hall |