



# Willoughby Monthly

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**Welcome to the March edition of the WM.** February has given us a full range of weather with a few warmer days to get us thinking of spring and summer to come. Some positive news too regarding better broadband, restored funding for Live & Local, and regular basic maintenance funded by the County Council, more on these inside.

Lots of work has been going on by the various organisers to provide events and activities later in the year. They can only do so much so do volunteer to 'lend a hand', if you can, it will really be appreciated. A new event for your diaries is the Easter Egg Hunt around the village for families to do over the Easter Weekend details inside. Scarecrow Sunday is now an established favourite especially when the weather is reasonable you will find a leaflet with this edition of the monthly and some more information inside.

As we head toward spring it's time to prepare for the growing season. The allotment holders had a bumper harvest last year and will be eagerly anticipating this years crops. If you are interested in joining them contact Leonie Tromans the Jubilee Allotment Association Secretary for details.

**Richard Jackson**

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08-Mar-15	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
10-Mar-15	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting (See the Public Participation Statement)	Village Hall
12-Mar-15	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	AGM	Village Hall
14-Mar-15	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Mambo Jambo in Concert	Village Hall
15-Mar-15	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice service for Mother's Day	Grandborough Church
17-Mar-15	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
19-Mar-15	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The Old Olive Bush	Flecknoe
19-Mar-15	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Jeweller - Michael Hill	Village Hall
22-Mar-15	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
25-Mar-15	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Guide Dogs for the Blind	Village Hall
28-Mar-15	10:00 AM	WCC	Willoughby CC does Natwest Cricketforce 2015	WCC Pavillion
29-Mar-15	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Holy Communion	Leamington Hastings Church

## Thursday Club

our next meeting is on 12th March, our AGM with cheese and wine to follow.  
Pub lunch for members only is on 19th March The Olive Bush, Fecknoe.

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Our March meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Rugby jeweller Michael Hill will be talking about designing and making fine jewellery. The competition is for an old piece of jewellery. All welcome.



### Willoughby Scarecrow Sunday -Sunday 26th. April

Back by popular request! Hopefully many of you will participate in this event this year, with a scarecrow, tabletop stall or both, to make it as successful as it has been in previous years. Again there is no theme this year so you can let your creative side run riot!!!

Remember, help is needed in many areas on the day -- donating cakes for refreshments, serving teas on a rota basis, selling programmes, car park attendant – if you are willing to help in any way contact Di on 891820 or Dorothy/Bert on 890498. We will be pleased with any help you can offer.

The enclosed leaflet gives some more information about the day and also some hints on constructing your scarecrow, if needed.

The entry form at the bottom of the sheet should be returned by Friday 17th April to either of the addresses given.--HAVE FUN !



## Willoughby Cricket Club

### Natwest Cricketforce 2015!

**Saturday 28th March, 10.00am to 1.00pm**

Willoughby CC players and club officials of all ages will be at the club throughout the weekend of Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March, with **Saturday 28th March** being the main day the club has dedicated to



preparing the club pavilion and ground for the new 2015 season....a proverbial Spring clean as it were!

Thanks to kind external donations received so far (with hopefully more to come) a BBQ breakfast will again be running for those attending and 'putting in a shift' and doing their bit.

We'd love to see some villagers as well as our members so if you are able to come (and perhaps get involved?), please contact Karl Quinney on 07775 883102 beforehand and we will make sure a bacon roll and cup of tea or coffee are on hand for you

If you have any questions about Willoughby Cricket Club or Natwest Cricketforce, please do not hesitate to contact Karl.

## Willoughby Society

Our next event is our Live and Local show Mambo Jambo on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, details below. There is some good news as we have just heard that the County Council have withdrawn their decision to cut their funding for Live and Local for the coming year. Committee members will soon be receiving details of the shows available for the next season to choose from. Thanks to everyone who signed the petition or wrote to councilors to ask for the funding to be reinstated.

Our March meeting is on the 25<sup>th</sup> when we will have a speaker from Guide Dogs for the Blind to tell us about their work.



### Our next Live & Local Show

14<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7:30pm

Willoughby Village Hall

### Mambo Jambo in Concert



“Musical sunshine from a multi-talented and 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 hot supper (Please bring your own glasses and drinks)

### Easter Fun in the Village

During the Easter weekend there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children and a Village Quiz Trail for adults. The hunt can be done any time from 11am Good Friday until Easter Monday afternoon. The quiz sheet for both the adults and children will be with next month's Willoughby Monthly with full instructions.

We would then like to invite you to come and have a drink and a piece of cake at the village hall between 1.30pm - 2.30pm on Easter Monday, when children completing the hunt can collect their Easter Egg reward and for those completing the adults quiz sheets a prize draw will take place. For those who are unable to come along on Monday afternoon completed sheets can be handed in at 3 White Barn Close to Karen Duggan.

In addition following the church service at St Nicholas on Easter Sunday there will be chocolate egg hunt in the grounds of the church.

We hope you will come and join in the fun, its free and funded from money raised at the village carol singing in December.

### Broadband & Mobile Service

Some positive news on the broadband front. The Superfast Broadband project signed a further contract with BT to extend their coverage on the 31<sup>st</sup> January. The accompanying maps indicate that Willoughby and other Leam Valley villages are included. However, initial indications are that delivery will be between 2016 to 2019. The indicative time-frame is far from satisfactory especially as we should have been included in the first contract. Hopefully the apparent ease with which Willoughby can be connected may result in an earlier date when detailed planning is done.

Other than the announcements that mobile operators had committed to extending their coverage there have been no new developments to improve mobile coverage. It is vital that suppliers 'know' that the coverage is bad so make sure you complain to your supplier if your service is unsatisfactory.

## Willoughby Parish Council

The brook in Moor Lane has now been cleared by Warwickshire County Council from the Severn Trent pumping station down to Manor Farm and is looking much better.

The Parish Council will be carrying out the annual litter pick around the Village on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> March and would welcome volunteers to join in. Please contact Mike Thomas on 891338 if you are able to help.

The Parish Council have joined the Warwickshire County Council Lengthsman trial scheme, which is to run over the next two years and will enable a Lengthsman to visit the Village on a weekly basis. This will mean a lot of maintenance work will be able to be carried out, such as drain grille clearance, footpath maintenance, kerb weed treatment, sign cleaning and this should result in a much smarter village. This is being funded by Warwickshire County Council.

### A message from the Skinner family

Sue, Alison and Matt would like to express their sincere thanks to all the residents of Willoughby who have been such a tremendous support during this very difficult time. In Sue's words it felt like, 'A warm blanket had been wrapped around her.' Particular thanks go to all those who contributed to the organisation of the funeral refreshments, it was greatly appreciated. Keith was given a fantastic send off. He was very lucky to have lived in such an amazing community with very special friends.

### Lost a Scarf?

A scarf was found in the Village Hall after the New Years Eve party. It is of a velvet material, purple on the back with Gold, Red and Purple rectangles on the front.

If it's yours contact Sue Waddington on 890613.

### Police & Neighbourhood Watch

**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](mailto:rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk) .

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

### 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)

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03-Apr-15	Willoughby Soc.	Village Easter Egg Hunt Starts Today	
14-Apr-15	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
26-Apr-15		Willoughby Scarecrow Sunday	Village Hall
20 May 15	Willoughby Soc.	Trip to Black Country Living Museum	