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**Welcome to the first edition of the WM for 2016, Happy New Year!!** I hope you all had a good Christmas. December started with a full village hall for the Victorian Christmas show and plenty else going on in the balmy weather.

In November various organisations got together to discuss their plans for events and to co-ordinate dates. As a result dates have been set for the Scarecrow (corrected recently), Big Lunch, and Willoughby Festival (formerly Fun Day/Fete). The latter will include an evening music festival similar to last years open air festival. Events in June will be on two weekends this year so the month won't be quite so packed with Village Events. The dates are on the back page for you.

There is a progress report on Superfast Broadband inside and also more positively one on Project Palladium – they are looking for people to help with the work to replace the Village Hall stage ceiling etc. do help if you can. The improvements will make a real difference to events in the Hall that use the stage etc..

Well done to Karen Duggan and her helpers for organising the very successful Children's Christmas party and also the Village Carol Singing.

**Richard Jackson**

Late News:

- Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Carol Singing - singers, generous donations and the providing of refreshments! We raised a fantastic £231.92 towards Project Palladium. It was fabulous to see so many villagers joining in and was a lovely way to start the festive week.
- It is with sadness we note the death of Dorothy Brownlow who lived in the village for many years and was a founder member of the Willoughby Society.

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
10-Jan-16	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
10-Jan-16	10:00 AM	Project Palladium	Working Party	Village Hall
14-Jan-16	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Games Afternoon	Village Hall
16-Jan-16	10:00 AM	Project Palladium	Working Party	Village Hall
17-Jan-16	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
19-Jan-16	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
21-Jan-16	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - Steam Turbine	Rugby
24-Jan-16	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
25-Jan-16	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Burn's Night	Village Hall
27-Jan-16	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Wrecks of the Red Sea - Steve Tromans	Village Hall

## Thursday Club

A Very Happy New Year to all our members.

Our next meeting is on the 14th January and will be a Games Afternoon starting at 2.30 p.m.

Then on the 21st January the pub lunch is at The Steam Turbine Rugby.

New members are always welcome.

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Our first meeting for 2016 is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Andrew Alsopp on "The Magistracy – a mock trial". The competition is for a medal.

We would love to see some new faces, everyone is welcome.

Members please note subscriptions are due this month.

## Superfast Broadband

It is sometime since the last update on the Superfast Broadband project. You may recall that the second contract with BT was signed last January and that we, and the Leam Valley were included in its scope. There was no information about when things would actually happen and all year we have been told 'we are in planning and will publish roll out details later in the year'. In mid-December the project finally published the first information regarding Contract 2. Sadly they have only announced the first 'wave' of places where work will commence in April which did not include any of the Leam Valley.

The project say they asked BT to prioritise Willoughby in the planning of the roll out but they didn't. The project will not indicate where we are in the delivery programme merely saying that they expect to announce the next 'Wave' in April. Contract 2 is due to be completed by the end of 2017 so the best that can be said at present is that we should have superfast broadband available by then.

## Project Palladium

The project group (Karen Duggan, Paula Palmer, Leonie Tromans, Richard Jackson, and Bert Ogle) have been working hard on the detail of the improvements to be made to the Village Hall Stage etc. and specify the new materials and equipment required. There is still some detail to be finalised for the lighting system but the Project is on track for work to start this month.

The biggest single task is the removal of the old ceiling and installation of the new plasterboard which is scheduled to start on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January. When we will need lots of help to take the curtains down, remove the curtain tracks, and then remove the old fibre board ceiling. There will also be a lot of work going on the following weekend (Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>) as the new goes in. Many hands make light work, so the saying goes, so if you can spare some time to help it will be much appreciated. There will be a fair amount of 'fetching and carrying' to do so there will be something useful for everyone to do no matter how handy....or not!! Please contact Bert or Richard if you can help.

Thanks and good luck to everyone who bought a Christmas Quiz sheet, the winners will be reported in next month's WM. We are also grateful to several individuals who have donated money towards the project and also the Willoughby Charity for its generous support. The Village Hall Committee and the Willoughby Society have also allocated funds to the project. We still need to raise some more to have sufficient funds to do all of the planned improvements, but we are confident that we will be able to do so in time to meet our deadline early in March.

The new facilities will be used for the first time on the 12<sup>th</sup> March when the next Murder Mystery will take place, book the date it will be dramatic!!

## Willoughby Society

Thank you to everyone who supported our events last year. We hope that there was something that you all enjoyed.

We wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy, and Successful New Year.

The Society starts the year with a first!! On Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, we will be holding a 'Burn's Night' complete with traditional fare and a Piper, details below.

Our first monthly meeting of the year is on the 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Steve Tromans will be talking about the 'Wrecks of the Red Sea' - come along and see some sun, on the screen if not outside!!

As you will see from the Project Palladium article a good deal of work will be done in the Village Hall this and next month that should really improve the stage and associated facilities for both performers and the audience. Our first event after the work is completed will be the Murder Mystery on the 12<sup>th</sup> March see below.

The date for the annual Big Lunch will be one week later than usual so that we can include the celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. There will be another outdoor festival this year but it will be held on the same day as the Children's races etc. and be called the Willoughby Festival. The dates are on the back page so that you can get them in your diary early.

### **Burn's Night**

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30pm

Willoughby Village Hall

With Piper & Traditional Fare

Please bring your own drinks & glasses

Tickets £12.50 including supper. From

Leonie Tromans 890700 or Richard Jackson 891898

### **Murder Mystery Evening - 'Death in Paradise'**

#### ***The Grand Opening of the Hall Village Stage Improvements***

Saturday 12th March 7.30pm, Willoughby Village Hall - Don't miss your chance to put your sleuthing skills to the test and solve the crime when the Willoughby Stars return to entertain you at our very own Cuban Copacabana Club, a night to remembered!

This is sure to be a sell out so reserve your places early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are £12.50 each including supper, please bring your own drinks and glasses. They are available from Karen Duggan, 3 White Barn Close tel: 890049 or Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street tel. 891898 (Funds raised will go to support Village Hall Improvements and Village Events).

## Willoughby Parish Council

The Traffic Regulation Order has been sanctioned for the restriction of vehicles over 7.5 ton through Willoughby and there will be new signs erected in January or February on both junctions on the A45. This should help to reduce HGVs coming through the Village although vehicles will still be allowed to make deliveries.

The Over 60s lunch at the Rose Inn was enjoyed by 52 people. Thanks to the Rose and their staff for an excellent meal and also to the Willoughby Charity to enable it to take place.

The defibrillator and cabinet to house it in have now been delivered and will be installed outside the Village Hall early in January. To enable us to provide the vital assistance when it is required we need at least 10 volunteers who would be prepared to be trained to use the defibrillator and also to collect it and go to anyone's assistance in the Village in an emergency. If you are able to help or you require more information please contact Mike Thomas on 891338 or email [mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com) . Please help if you can as it may take 30 minutes for an ambulance to reach us from Coventry , which without help locally may be too late for someone having a heart attack.

Your Parish Council wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

### The Carillon rang the Church Bells:

- November 18th in memory of Mr. John Heckford's birthday
- December 4th to celebrate Christne Hawkins granddaughter's 1st birthday
- December 22nd in memory of Mrs Margaret Heckford's birthday, also for the anniversary of Brian Lucas, Jean Whitehead's brother passing away and will ring them on
- January 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Paola Guzman's British citizenship.

### 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).

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

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)

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
15-Feb-16	W.C.C.	Annual General Meeting	WCC Pavilion
12-Mar-16	Willoughby Society	Murder Mystery	Village Hall
8 May 16		Scarecrow Sunday	Village Hall
12-Jun-16	Willoughby Society	Queen's Birthday Bash, Big Lunch The Willoughby Festival	Village Hall