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**Welcome to the February edition of the WM.** As I write this it seems winter has arrived with a spell of snow and some frost. It seems a long time since we had wintery weather so do take care and make sure those who are less mobile have supplies and are warm.

It has been great to see so many people giving time to help with the Palladium work in the Village Hall. It is a good few years since the stage area had some TLC and it will undoubtedly be a benefit to all the users of the hall for a good many years to come.

It is not often the Village has a new Facility to welcome but this month the Parish Council report that the Defibrillator and its cabinet are installed at the Village Hall. Good News!!

The future dates section of last month WM didn't print very well on some copies so you may want to check the key dates for the first half of the year.

**Richard Jackson**

## **STOP PRESS:**

As this WM goes to press there is a report of an attempted burglary at a property in Main Street at 2.15 am. The offenders broke through a side gate and then tried to get in through a side window. Fortunately the householder heard the noise and the offenders left. The Police came out and noticed that there were footprints in the frost in White Barn Close. Possibly the offenders looking for a target.

Happily only a gate and window have been damaged in this case. It does show though that villains are out and about looking for opportunities.

Please make sure that your home is secure and if you see something odd or suspicious let the Police or Neighbourhood Watch know (contact details on the back page) .

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
10-Feb-16	7:30 PM	Church	Ash Wednesday Service	Flecknoe Church
11-Feb-16	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Hearing Dogs	Village Hall
14-Feb-16	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
15-Feb-16		W.C.C.	Annual General Meeting	WCC Pavilion
16-Feb-16	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
21-Feb-16	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
24-Feb-16	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Help for Hedgehogs: Footprints & Fence Holes- Hedgehog conservation in Warwickshire	Village Hall
28-Feb-16	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church

## Thursday Club

Our next meeting is on the 11th February and will be all about Hearing Dogs, a very interesting talk with dog assistance, at 2.30 p.m.

The next pub lunch on the 18th February at the Dun Cow - Dunchurch.

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> is our annual birthday dinner. The venue is Barby Sporting 7:00pm for 7:30pm. Menus will be distributed for your choices. Transport also to be confirmed.

### JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

Willoughby Village Hall

Entrance: 20p

Refreshments available, Cake & Produce Stall

Jumble to the Hall from 9:00 am.

## New Year's Eve 2015

Thanks to all who attended the village New Year's Eve party. Thanks also to all who helped set up the hall, prepare food, help out on the night and clear up on New Year's Day.

We had a great night, great food, great music and great company.

We are aware that our DJ did not play any old time music, but when the floor is full of dancers, it's a shame to break the momentum. However he took our comments for future reference.

With regard to the future, we will not be able to use ABC Sounds as Simon regrettably already has a booking for 2016 so we need to find an alternative. If anyone has any contacts and can vouch for them we can consider them. In the meantime we have started a search for a new DJ and aim to keep the costs reasonable.

Again with reference to 2016, should we keep the format or change it? Should we make it fancy dress? Should we allow more teenagers? Should we have a different food arrangement? Any ideas? Please let us know.

Sue and Dave Waddington

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Thanks to Sue and Dave for their hard work organising the event, no small task. RJ.

## Christmas Quiz to support Project Palladium

Seven all correct entries were received and a draw made for the three prizes at the New Year's Eve Party. 1<sup>st</sup> prize went to Jean Whitehead, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Beno Wiltshire, and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sarah Monteith. The full list of questions and answers can be viewed on the [www.willoughbyweb.net](http://www.willoughbyweb.net). Some of the more tricky were Century Lover – Darlington, Crazy Hair – Barnet, Smashes up Car – Wrexham, Mack in the North – Fleetwood, and Famous Football Brothers – Charlton.

Thanks to Karen Duggan for organising this bit of seasonal fun which raised £54.

## Willoughby Society

Our February meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Willoughby Village Hall, when Simon Thompson from Warwickshire Wildlife Trust will be telling us about "Help for Hedgehogs: Footprints and Fence Holes. Hedgehog Conservation in Warwickshire". A great opportunity to find out a bit more about these endearing little creatures and how we can help them thrive.

There is an update about Project Palladium the Society's joint initiative with the Village Hall Committee on the back page. There is a lot more to do but it is clear the work will be a great improvement when finished. The aim is to launch the new facilities on the 12<sup>th</sup> March so make sure you have your ticket(s) for the Murder Mystery so you can see what we have achieved.

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

#### **The Grand Re-Opening of the Village Hall Stage**

Saturday 12th March, 7.30pm

Willoughby Village Hall

Tickets are £12.50 each including supper, please bring your own drinks and glasses.

Available from: Karen Duggan, 3 White Barn Close. tel:890049 or

Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main St. tel: 891898

(Funds raised will be used to support Village Hall Improvements and Village Events).

Don't miss your chance to put your sleuthing skills to the test and solve the crime when the Willoughby stars are back again to entertain you at our very own Cuban Copacabana Club, it will be a night to remember!

Tickets are already selling fast so book your place now to avoid disappointment.

## Willoughby Cricket Club

**With the new cricket season approaching, Willoughby Cricket Club are extending an invitation for cricketers of all ages to get involved with the club this year.**

The club begin their pre-season training and net sessions in the coming weeks, with plenty of cricket action available for cricketers of all ages and experience.

Pre-season training for Willoughby CC will be held at Bilton High School in Rugby until the end of March, when the club hopes to head outdoors to The Green ahead of the season starting in mid-April.

The Under 11s, Under 13s and Under 15s continue their preparations on Saturday 23rd January, from 1.00 to 3.00pm, with their sessions running each Saturday up to Easter.

The Under 15s will also be involved with the mens/adult section which get underway on Thursday 28th January from 8.00 to 9.30pm, with sessions running each Thursday evening until the end of March.

For further details on playing at Willoughby CC and joining the club for 2016 and their pre-season sessions, please contact Karl Quinney on 01788 542441, or 07775 883102; email at [karl@karlquinney.co.uk](mailto:karl@karlquinney.co.uk), or visit the club website at

[www.willoughbycc.org.uk](http://www.willoughbycc.org.uk).

#### **Dates for the Diary**

Monday 22nd February – Willoughby CC AGM. 7.30pm at WCC Pavilion

Saturday 2nd April – Willoughby CC does Natwest Cricketforce (annual 'spring clean'.come and join us). 9.30am-1.00pm

## Willoughby Parish Council

The potholes in Main Street have been reported to Warwickshire County Council Highways and should be repaired soon. The poor road surface on Woolscott Lane adjacent to the sewage works has also been reported and is on the County Councils list to deal with.

We have also reported the disappearing white lines at the road junctions in the village, which have been worn away, so that they can be repainted by the County Council.

The defibrillator cabinet has now been installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall and the defibrillator is positioned inside the cabinet. Thanks to Bert Ogle for installing the cabinet and thanks also to those Village residents who have volunteered to respond and operate the defibrillator in an emergency.

We are currently in the process of arranging training for the volunteers who have put their names forward.

### **Project Palladium - The work has begun!!**

After a lot of planning and fund raising things are actually happening!! As the February WM is written, the old stage ceiling has come down and the new plasterboard has gone up. New cabling has been installed ready to be connected up.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped, so far, including, Val Taylor, Dorothy Ogle, Pat Atkins, Paula Palmer, Leonie Tromans, Bert Ogle, Roger Atkins, Brian Hall, Kim Taylor, Bob O'Donnell, Nick Hodges, Ant Ray, Steve Palmer, Phil Cox, Nick Hodges, Steve Tromans, and Richard Jackson. The range of skills on display is truly impressive!!

There is still a lot to do but the project is on track to be finished well before the Murder Mystery evening on the 12<sup>th</sup> March. When we shall 'launch the new facilities.

### **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.

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)

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
12-Mar-16	Willoughby Society	Murder Mystery	Village Hall
8 May 16		Scarecrow Sunday	
12-Jun-16	Willoughby Society	Queens Big Birthday Bash Big Lunch	Village Hall
25-Jun-16	Willoughby Society	The Willoughby Festival	Village Hall