



# Willoughby Monthly

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**Welcome to the January edition of the WM and a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year to you all.**

2016 was a turbulent year leaving us with troubles and much uncertainty in the wider world and the threat of irreparable damage to our local area if the Draft Local Plan results in the so called Garden Village being built at Lodge Farm.

The weather, in the early part of last year, was extremely wet with a few village homes being flooded – do make sure you are prepared in case we have another very wet start to the year in 2017.

Village life centres on the various organisations and the volunteers that support them do please take part and get involved, if you can, you will be very welcome.

The Willoughby Monthly is entering its 11<sup>th</sup> year and it has changed little from the start. When I asked what needed changing a couple of years ago the overwhelming response was 'nothing' it is fit for purpose. Is that still the case? Let me know if there is something you would like including or changing.

Finally a BIG THANK YOU to the people who deliver the Willoughby Monthly to you each month: Lin Gerrard, Di Macknight, Bob O'Donnell, Bert Ogle, Dorothy Ogle, Joss Ray, and Leonie Tromans.

**Richard Jackson**

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
08-Jan-17	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
12-Jan-17	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Games Afternoon	Village Hall
15-Jan-17	06:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
19-Jan-17	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch – The Griffin, Kingsway	Rugby
19-Jan-17	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	'Do Not to Give Up on Your Dreams' GK Kingsley	Village Hall
22-Jan-17	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
25-Jan-17	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Microlights to Low Flights with Kim Taylor	Village Hall

## Thursday Club

12 January, 2.30 Village Hall, Games Afternoon

19 January, 12.30 Pub Lunch at the Griffin, Kingsway, off Dunchurch Road, Rugby

We are still collecting stamps and foreign and old coins for 'Hearing Dogs', just bring any to one of our meetings.

New members very welcome, ring Jim (the Sec) 891805

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Happy New Year everyone!

Our January meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. G.K. Kingsley will be telling us 'Not to Give Up on our Dreams'. The competition is for a Photograph that reminds you of your childhood.

Annual subscriptions are due this month.

The annual Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### Willoughby Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all villagers for their help and support with the annual Produce Show and Christmas Fayre. Both events were very successful and this could not have been achieved without the full support of the Committee and villagers working together.

#### Produce Show

A healthy profit of £220 was made on the day. Congratulations to the cup winners:

Pemberton Challenge Cup: Mrs B Hallam (35 points)

Bussey Rose Bowl: Mr E C Palmer (26 points)

Martin Challenge Cup: Mr & Mrs O'Donnell (22 points)

Bates Cup (Best in Show): Mrs J Tanser

#### Christmas Fayre

This annual Fayre is our main fundraising event and this year made a profit of £1338. Many thanks to all who helped out and supported this event.

### **Draft Local Plan – Lodge Farm**

The additional consultation period ends on the 11<sup>th</sup> January so a fresh spate of objection letters is called for to make sure the Council doesn't think that dissatisfaction over the draft plan has gone away.

In the mid-1800s, a windmill sited opposite the current turn to Onley by one of the now equally redundant bus stops. A little way toward Willoughby was the Tally Ho Inn doubtless serving some of the 17 coaches a day travelling to and from London along the High Road. Close to the current Grandborough turn was another Inn the Old Swann/Drovers Arms. long ago there was a drove road that went straight across and past the deserted village of Onley and on to Hillmorton through the Rainsbrook valley. On the end of Barby Hill was an Iron Age settlement and just inside Willoughby Parish a Romano-British settlement was discovered. None of this is mentioned in the plan documents

The assessment of the Lodge Farm proposal is flimsy and it should never have been included in the draft plan without rigorous research and analysis. Make sure your voice is heard and start the year with a flurry of objection letters.

There is more information on the SALFV web site. If you doubt your concerns will be accurately conveyed to all of the Councillors before they next consider the plan (objections will be summarised by the team that produced the draft plan) you can send a single email each of them setting out your concerns - SALFV's 19<sup>th</sup> December update included a tool to address an email to them all for you.

## Willoughby Society

Happy New Year everyone!!

The subject for our first monthly meeting of the year on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January is 'Microlights to Low Flights'. Villager Kim Taylor will tell us about his interest in flying and his involvement with Helicopters, Royal Flights, and Hovercraft. It will be an interesting and entertaining evening.

Our first event of the year will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February when Kimber's Men will be Singing Up a Storm. Acclaimed by many to be the finest and funniest purveyors of sea shanties. A show full of good humour, stories, and superb songs, performed with outstanding vocal harmonies and accompanied by guitar, harmonium, border bagpipes and other instruments. This is a Live and Local show so don't miss it!!

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 7:30 pm**

Willoughby Village Hall

## Kimber's Men, Singing Up a Storm

Tickets £14.00 (U16 £11.00) including Fish & Chip Supper

From: Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street. tel. 890843 and  
WS Committee members.

Our second Live and Local show is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Mission Impossible with the Opera Dudes!! A classy mix of opera, swing, show tunes, and slapstick humour!!!

### Willoughby Mums

A new group has been set up in the village for mums looking to socialise and share babysitting. The group has a monthly pub night at the Rose, the first Thursday of every month and all Mums in the village are very welcome. The group has a Facebook page (search for Willoughby Mums) with regular posts and updates or you can email Beccy Willks at [beccybw@gmail.com](mailto:beccybw@gmail.com) for more info.

### Willoughby Charity

Did you know that there is a limited amount of funds available for discretionary grants from the Charity for help with expenses incurred for spectacles, dentures, and other needy items. Initial applications in writing should be made to the Clerk: Mrs. A.M. Mitchell 'The Covers' 15, Lower Street. They will then be considered by the Trustees.

**Leamington Hastings Bowls Club** invite you to join them at the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall to try your hand at short mat (indoor bowls).

We play indoors every Wednesday from 7pm when the nights start to draw in. Then move to the outdoor green during the summer.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, NO MATTER WHAT AGE OR ABILITY. No equipment required just wear flat shoes and bring your sense of fun!!

We hold internal club competitions during both summer and winter with cups and trophies presented at the annual dinner.

The club holds many fund raising events and our annual gala day, held in memory of Lyle Watts, one of the founder members, has raised about £15,000 with proceeds going to Myton Hospice.

If you would like to have a go just turn up. We will be at the hall on Wednesday 4th January (weather permitting).

It would be lovely to see new talent in the club (you never know till you give it a go)!!

If you have any questions please call Susan on 01788 336913.

## Willoughby Parish Council

Your Parish Council are investigating the possibility of providing child and youth activities in the Village. There will be more information in the coming months.

If you have any items that you wish the Parish Council to consider then please let us know.

We wish you a Peaceful and Happy New Year.

### Church

The Carillon rang the Bells on 22nd December for Richard and Elaine Heckford in memory of Margaret Heckford's birthday.

Bell-Ringing

The Bells will be rung where possible before services in 2017.

Ringers practice nights will be on the 1st and 4th Tuesday and 2nd and 3rd Wednesday of month from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. There will also be occasional Saturday afternoon practice sessions.

### Police & Neighbourhood Watch

There have been many reports of theft from vehicles parked overnight around the area often when they haven't been properly locked. It is clear that there are people making regular visits to see what opportunities there, are so make sure you don't leave anything of value in your vehicle and make sure it is always left secure.

There are increasingly sophisticated frauds involving emails and, recently, letters purporting to be from banks and other financial businesses. All seek to collect personal information from you. Always check with the firm directly using contact details you know are genuine before replying, giving personal information, or making a payment, and remember genuine firms will not ask you for your full password or pin so never give either to anyone else.

**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 621 Paula Haden. 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)

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