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Welcome to the April edition of the WM. Last month's weather was varied to say the least from freezing and wet to lovely warm days. Lots of spring flowers about to cheer us up.

This month sees the Annual meeting of the Parish Council where you can learn what it has done over the last year and raise concerns about local matters.

The Publication Draft of the RBC Local Plan is due to go to the full council toward the end of next month so one would expect that the revised traffic assessment and updated sustainability reports will emerge this month. We will need to remind councillors that the proposals are unacceptable to the majority before they meet to vote on the plan. Look out for messages from SALFV which will alert us to developments.

June sees our Big Lunch Village Picnic on the 4th and the annual Festival on the 24th both need volunteers to help organise and set-up the event. Please help if you can, even half an hour can make all the difference, and fresh ideas are also valuable. Contact Leonie Tromans (tel: 890700) or I for more information.

Over the last 5 years we have had a range of shows in the Village Hall sourced through Live & Local. Warwickshire County Council has withdrawn its funding putting the scheme in jeopardy. If you have been to the shows please help try to persuade the County Council to reverse its decision, further details inside.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Apr-17	10:00	W.C.C.	WCC does Natwest Cricket Force	The Green
13/04/17	14:30 :00	Thursday Club	Craig Fellows on Wildlife Crime	Village Hall
13-Apr-17	19:30	Church	Maunday Thursday Benefice Service	Church
15-Apr-17	14:00		Willoughby Easter Egg Hunt	Village Hall
16-Apr-17	10:30	Church	Easter Sunday Holy Communion	Church
20/04/17	12:30 :00	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch – The Folly	Napton
23-Apr-17	11:00	Church	Holy Communion	Church
25-Apr-17	19:30	WPC	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
26-Apr-17	19:30	Willoughby Society	The Glory of the Garden with Michael Brown	Village Hall
26-Apr-17		Willoughby Society	Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers Working Day	Haywards Lodge
27-Apr-17	19:30	Church	Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting	Village Hall

Thursday Club

13 April 2.30 Village Hall, Craig Fellows on Wildlife Crime

20 April 12.30 pub lunch at The Folly, Napton

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

Thursday 20th April is our annual Open Evening, 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The Dunchurch Voices will be entertaining us along with the Willoughby Hand Bells.

Visitors welcome £2.00 to include refreshments. There will be a raffle and sales table.

Come and join us.

Church

The carillon rang the bells on the 1st March to mark Nick Hodges birthday at his family's request.

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting is on the 27th April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

FUTURE DATES

8TH July Jumble Sale Church, venue Village Hall

23rd July Strawberry Tea, venue Church

BELL RINGING

Practise Nights every Tuesday evening 7.30 to 9.00pm. There will be Occasional visiting bands on a Saturday

Our aim to ring prior to services

Anyone interested come along you will be most welcome

Willoughby Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee are looking for new members to join their Management Team.

We are looking for at least two new members to help run and manage the hall. The Hall is the hub of the village and this role is a vital one in order to ensure continued availability of this facility for all of Willoughby and the surrounding villages. We hold on average six meetings a year, to discuss finances, maintenance matters and managing Hall events e.g. Produce Show and Christmas Fayre. Without some additional support, our numbers are dwindling and urge anyone interested to contact any Committee Member, or email the Secretary, Paula Palmer (annescove@btinternet.com), to discuss becoming a member of this vital village team.

Many Thanks

Willoughby Village Hall Management Committee

Willoughby Easter Egg Hunt

Come along to the Village Hall on Saturday 15th April at 2pm for our Easter Egg Hunt. It will take place in the grounds of the hall and is open to both children and adults and complementary refreshments will be served. There will be lots of Easter Eggs to find with special star prizes. Don't miss out on the fun, it's free and a great way to catch up with village friends over the Easter weekend. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated - Karen Duggan 890049.

Willoughby Society

Our April meeting is on 26th April when Michael Brown will be returning to talk about 'The Glory of the Garden'.

Apologies to Val Taylor who was omitted from the list of Committee Members in Last months WM.

The Society is funding a working day at Haywards Lodge on Wednesday 26th April. The day will focus on clearing brambles and general tidying up. Villagers are welcome so do come along if you can. The day will start at around 10:00am. Contact Richard Jackson for more information.

There will be another Evening Music Festival on the 24th June following similar successful events on the playing field in the last two years. Details are still being finalised but the line up confirmed so far includes Ochos Rios the Caribbean Steel Band and The Cordwainers who have played concerts at Canons Ashby. A Hog Roast has also been lined up!! More details next month.

As those who attended the fantastic Opera Dudes show last month know we recently learnt that Warwickshire County Council had withdrawn their funding of Live & Local, the organisation that has enabled us to bring many high quality professional shows to the Village over the last five years. This will curtail the coming season's shows and puts the scheme at risk of closure. Please contact Richard Jackson to find out how you can help try and persuade the County Council to change its mind.

The big lunch

This years '*big lunch*' will be held on Sunday 4th June in the Village Hall and its Garden. Many '*big lunches*' around the Country are being held later in June very close to the Willoughby Festival weekend so we have opted for the earlier date.



More information next month. In the meantime, please put the date in your diary. We need people to help get things ready e.g. putting bunting up, setting up tables, organise an activity. If you would like to help please contact either Leonie Tromans 890700 or Richard Jackson 891898.

Nick Hodges

Riet and family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and kindness they received after Nick's death. It was so very much appreciated.

Thank you again, Riet and Family.

Willoughby Jubilee Allotments Association

One or two half plots are available. If you are interested in having one please contact the Secretary, Leonie Tromans tel 890700.

Rev. Jane Close

Dear friends what a lovely leaving service and lunch on the 26th February you gave me – thank you. I was overwhelmed by the love and care you all showed and I bless you all from the bottom of my heart. Thank you for all your gifts and cards and the generous gift of money from all the parishes which now total £1730.00 - we will be putting this towards furniture for the conservatory we now have. We have moved to 129 Ashby Road, Hinckley LE10 1SH into a bungalow where we can enjoy retirement - if you are ever passing we'd love to see you. Health wise I would continue to value your prayers as I have a CT scan at the end of this month which will show hopefully a good outcome of all the treatment I have received, I am much improved and very conscious that I have much to be thankful for. I wish you all a very blessed future and know that I will continue to pray for the Leam Valley Benefice. Every Blessing Jane.

Willoughby Parish Council

The pond grille has been blocked with leaves and the overflow drain has been blocked causing the pond to encroach onto the road. The blockages have been cleared with drain rods by your Parish Councillors.

Your Parish Council had applied to the Woodland Trust for hedging plants and have been successful in being donated some. This is sponsored by Ikea. Following delivery of the hedging this has been planted around the perimeter of the playing field extension by Parish Councillors.

The Parish Council are grateful to the Willoughby Society for funding some work in Haywards Lodge. This work will be undertaken by the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers on the 26th April.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is on Tuesday the 25th April at 19.30 in the Village Hall."

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Not a week goes by without Trading Standards or the Police sending out warnings about a new scam or variation on an old one. There is a common theme which is to part you from your money. Rather than try to remember every warning never deal with anyone who you don't know or have checked out yourself, especially cold callers at your door or by email or telephone. Remember they are aiming to be as friendly and persuasive as possible to make you believe they are genuine, many are incredibly plausible. Don't take a chance!!

If you use e-mail don't 'click' on links in messages unless you are sure they are genuine especially if they purport to be from your bank – banks will not ask you to confirm personal details this way. The link may look like your bank's log in page but you will probably be giving your user name and pass word to a fraudster... costly!!

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. The Village also has a property marking kit contact Rachel if you have items you would like marked.

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 .

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.

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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

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
04-Jun-17		Willoughby Big Lunch	Village Hall & Garden
24-Jun-17		Willoughby Festival	Playing Field & Hall
19-Aug-17	Willoughby Society	From Puccini to the movies!! - Fordante	Village Hall