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Welcome to the March edition of the WM. February 'treated' us to a wide range of weather from ice and snow to balmy spring with lots of rainfall. Hopefully this month will see a better spell for easter.

After last month's Local Plan hearings at the Benn Hall we will have to wait and see whether RBC and St.Modwen's expensive QC and team have managed to convince the Inspector that Lodge Farm Village should go ahead. The inspector has certainly asked lots of questions about the proposal and the dropping of the Walsgrave Hill site.

The Plan group are making progress and there is information inside this month's WM about their progress and activities. This is a really good time to take a step back and consider what development is necessary, where it should be, what improvements/facilities/maintenance the Parish community needs now and in the years ahead. Do share your thoughts and ideas with the Plan Group so that the resulting plan really is "Our Plan".

Last year there seemed to be a dramatic decline in the number of Hedgehogs around the village by late summer. Those that survived and went into hibernation will be waking soon. To give the best chance of numbers of these cute animals recovering please make sure that they can pass through your garden they need a hole or hollow around 13cm/5" in diameter – if you have panel fences you don't need to make a hole in them, making a small hollow under a panel on each side of the garden will be enough. Even better, have a shallow dish of fresh water and some food but no milk (they are lactose intolerant) for them. Check out www.hedgehogstreet.org for more information on how to help these beleaguered creatures.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
08-Mar-18	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	AGM	Village Hall
15-Mar-18	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - Friendly Inn, Frankton	Village Hall
15-Mar-18	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	Curling!!!	Village Hall
18-Mar-18	04:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Village Hall
19 Mar 18	05:30 PM	Plan Group	Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group Meeting	Village Hall
28-Mar-18	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Chair Seating & Other Rural Skills - the odd chair	Village Hall
30-Mar-18	02:00 PM	Church	Good Friday - Vigil of the Cross	Church

Thursday Club

8 March 2.30 Village Hall, AGM

15 March 12.30 Pub Lunch The Friendly Inn, Frankton CV23 9NY

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

Our March meeting is on Thursday 15th at 7:30pm in the village hall.

Come and have a go at curling!! It was great fun last year so don't miss out.

Visitors are welcome to join in.



Alan Jones

Lesley, Andrea & Neil Jones would like to thank everyone for all their support, visits, cards, and messages, at this sad time of suddenly losing Alan.

Willoughby Neighbourhood Development Plan

Good news! The Parish Council has appointed Kirkwells as planning consultants to help the Steering Group to prepare the Neighbourhood Plan. Our particular planning guide will be Louise Kirkup, one of the Directors. If you would like to know more about Kirkwells, please visit www.kirkwells.co.uk. Also, in the About Us section of this website, you will see a photograph of Louise so that you can put a face to the name.

And more good news! We have made a successful bid for funding, until the end of March, in the first instance, and this will help us to really make headway in preparing for the first round of consultation with all of you in May and June. For this consultation, Louise will help us to prepare an Issues and Options Discussion Document. This document will provide key information about Willoughby Parish, ask you what planning policies you think should be included in the Neighbourhood Plan and do everything we can to ensure that the future development of Willoughby is decided by you.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DAY - 16 May 2018 (All Day)

Please put this date in your diary. It is really important that you come along and talk to us about how you see the future for Willoughby Parish. We will give you much more information nearer the day.

Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) are a new type of planning policy document to guide new development within a defined area, such as a parish. They are used alongside local authority (in our case, Rugby Borough Council) and national planning policy documents, to help determine planning applications. NDPs are powerful tools and present significant opportunities for local people to have a real say in how, and where, development should happen within their local area. They can provide the local detail to add value to higher level, more strategic policies.

Please come to the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DAY and HAVE YOUR SAY.

Willoughby Society

Our next meeting is on the 28th March when the odd chair a.k.a. Richard Cook will be telling us about chair seating and other rural crafts. He is a specialist using various seating materials including cane, rush, seagrass, and Lloyd Loom.

Our next event, on Friday 27th April at 7:30pm, is something completely different, an Ensonglopedia of Science, it is a new one-man show from John Hinton, the multi-award-winning writer and performer of an internationally renowned 'Sciencrilogy' of musical comedies about Darwin, Einstein and Curie.



Expect atoms, black holes, cells, DNA and everything in between. Expect folk, gospel, hip-hop, interpretative dance, jive and klezmer. In fact, expect the alphabet to feature quite prominently. Above all, expect the unexpected. And expect it to

rhyme.

This show from Live and Local, has funding from both the Arts Council and the Science & Technology Facilities Council which means it will be very entertaining and also accurately informative!! The show is suitable for 7 to 107 year olds so a great opportunity for young and old to enjoy an evening of "Gloriously intricate lyrics and a few audacious rhymes.....with plenty of offbeat humour... A geeky treat". A show for children and grand-children too.

Tickets: £14.00 adults, £11.50 U16, including interval food available now from Richard Jackson (891898) and Willoughby Society Committee members.

SATURDAY, 7TH APRIL 2018 WILLOUGHBY VILLAGE HALL

RUSTIC ROOTS IN CONCERT

A PAY BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT SO THERE IS NO NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND GLASSES

TICKETS £14 INCLUDING HOT FOOD

FROM BRIAN HALL, 19, LOWER STREET - 890134

**THIS IS A SPECIAL FUND RAISING EVENT PROCEEDS WILL BE SHARED BETWEEN:
WILLOUGHBY CRICKET CLUB & THE CHURCH ROOF REPAIR FUND**

Plot Vacancies

Willoughby Jubilee Allotments

Very reasonable rates.

Apply to Leonie Tromans (Secretary) 01788 890700



Willoughby Parish Council

The hedges in the Playing Field and the A45 side of Haywards Lodge have had their annual cut.

The contract for the grass mowing in the Village has been placed with W.S Gardens who have kept the Village looking tidy over recent years.

If you have any concerns about the Village or items you wish to draw to the Parish Councils attention please let us know. Anyone is welcome to come to a Parish Council meeting and the dates are advertised on the notice board.

Church

Willoughby Church is gearing itself up to a year of fund-raising and grant applications. A board is to go up in the Amenities garden keeping people informed of progress towards our fund-raising target.

This month will see us collecting pennies from Heaven boxes and we have our raffle tickets still on sale for a big draw in May. Tickets from any on the PCC and will be for sale at events running up to May. Andrea Hughes is busy organising an Auction of Promises for May 12th and so far we have some very interesting pledges. If you can help please contact her it will be much appreciated. May 20th sees a garage sale round the village with refreshments in the village hall. More information on that to follow. A good opportunity to have a clear out of treasures buried.

The advertisement for a new encumbant for the Benefice is out and hopefully March will see interviews of prospective candidates.

On 18th March Flecknoe is holding a Benefice Mothering Sunday Service and on March 25th Leamington Hastings a Benefice Palm Sunday both services at 10-30am.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Crime prevention: Property marking is a deterrent to burglars and increases the likelihood of stolen items being recovered. Rachel has the Village property marking kit and can mark items. Contact her (see below) to arrange to take smaller items to her or a home visit, in the village, to mark larger items.

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 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

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