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Welcome to the March edition of the WM. Well February has given us a wide selection of weather from a dusting of snow to balmy spring days. Spring bulbs are appearing all over the village to cheer us up.

Don't forget to make your representations about the Neighbourhood Plan the closing date is the 10th March. A high level of responses at each stage of the Plan's progress is important. The level of support has an impact on the weight it is given by the borough council and others when assessing the neighbourhood plan and future planning applications.

May I remind everyone who organises events/meetings to let me know as soon as you have finalised a date so that I can add it to the calendar no matter how far ahead it is. Also tell me if your organisation is taking part in an event outside the village to which several members will be going. The online version of the calendar has all the future dates that have been advised to me. This will help avoid clashes or very similar events close together which can affect their viability. If your organisation has a programme of meetings please let me have a copy of the programme, as soon as it is available, and I will add all the dates to the calendar for you. Thanks.

I have just been advised of an Event at Wolston Village Hall on the 1st March: Rural Rugby, Sowing the seeds for a stronger rural community. More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/2Barlnb> .

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Mar-19	9:30 AM	WRCC & WCC	Rural Rugby - Sowing the seeds for a stronger community	Wolston Village Hall
10-Mar-19	11:00 AM	Church	All Age/Family Service	Church
11-Mar-19	7:00 PM	Plan Group	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Village Hall
14-Mar-19	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	AGM with Wine & Cheese	Village Hall
17-Mar-19	4:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
21-Mar-19	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The Tuning Fork	Houlton
21-Mar-19	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Curling	Village Hall
24-Mar-19	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
27-Mar-19	7:30 AM	Willoughby Society	History of Rugby Radio Station - Malcolm Hancock	Village Hall
31-Mar-19	10:00 AM	Church	Mothering Sunday Service	Church

Thursday Club

14 March 2.30pm Village Hall, AGM with wine and cheese.

21 March 12.30pm Pub Lunch, The Tuning Fork, Houlton.

We are still collecting old stamps and coins for the Myton Hospice. Just bring them to one of our meetings.

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

Willoughby Women's Institute

This month's meeting is on Thursday 21st at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We will be trying our hands at Curling again by popular demand.

The competition is for a photograph of Willoughby old or new.

Visitors welcome.



CHURCH

Apart from some rendering the work on the church roof is complete. The next step is the chancel ceiling and it is hoped that will be started sometime in March. The architect and conservation specialist are assessing in a few weeks. The nave ceiling has started to dry out and we are hoping the issue there has been sorted for now.

We will then apply for grants to enable our church to finally have facilities to benefit the whole community with consultation over the plans.

Please take time to walk around the churchyard as there are many snowdrops near the spinney and it looks lovely in the sunshine.

10th March sees another new look All Age Family Service with refreshments served. All welcome.

A soup and social is to be held in the village hall on March 23rd from 12 o'clock. Bowl of home made soup and roll £5. In addition there will be puddings. Come along and have a chat meet friends, all welcome.

A fashion show is to be held in the village hall on April 2nd at 7-30pm. Admission £5 to include glass of something bubbly. Tickets Jackie Gibbard and Andrea Hughes.

April 13th an Easter Fair at the church 11-3pm. A treasure hunt with Easter Eggs for children. Anyone interested in table for crafts etc speak to Christine Hawkins.

Bell ringing practice has moved to some Saturday mornings but will move back to its normal slot of Tuesday evenings soon. In addition we have had guest ringers travel to ring quarter peals on occasion.

Don't forget St Nicholas Church needs Friends. So if you can spare any time to help with our fund raising or give the churchyard a tidy we would love to hear from you. You do not have to get involved on committees or necessarily be a church goer just someone who wants to see our lovely church survive. Contact any of the pcc. Thank you to those who already give up time.

Willoughby Society

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27th March when Malcolm Hancock will be telling us about the "History of Rugby Radio Station".

Tickets for our event on Saturday 11th May, "Sunjay in Concert" are now available from Richard Jackson and Leonie Tromans as usual. They are £15.00 each and include a finger buffet. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

"An evening with Sunjay is an evening of exquisite blues, country and folk music combined with a master class in guitar playing interspersed with hilarious anecdotes. ".....don't miss it!!!



A great time to join your village cricket club

Willoughby Cricket Club once again extends an invitation for new adult and junior players and social members to join them for what promises to be an exciting and interesting summer ahead.

Pre-season training is now underway at Bilton School in Rugby through to the end of March. Senior/adult players on Tuesday evenings 7.00 to 8.30pm; Junior/youth cricket on Saturday afternoons (U15 – 1.00 to 2.00pm, U13s – 2.00 to 3.00pm).

Sessions are only £3.00pp.

Willoughby offer a wide range of cricket opportunities, from Saturday league cricket, Wednesday T20 to Sunday social friendlies, along with regular training nights and social events. And there is also the club's successful and popular Ladies tip and run team.

The club will again be running teams at Under 13 and Under 15 level for the coming year, playing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the local Rugby and District League.

In addition to their weekly coaching sessions for those teams, Willoughby will once again be also running their popular Kwik Cricket sessions from May to July, the perfect opportunity for budding young cricketers to come and try cricket for the first time.

For further details on joining Willoughby for the 2019 season, please contact Karl on 07775 883102. Or go to the club website – www.willoughbycc.org.uk

Next Event: Saturday 6th April – 9.30am to 1.00pm Willoughby does Cricketforce

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The formal consultation finishes soon. Your comments and representations must reach us **by 5pm on Sunday, 10 March 2019.**

In January you received a letter explaining the process for the consultation and a representation form so that you can see the sort of information required. Shortly, you will also receive a flyer reminding you about the closing date and repeating how you can comment.

If you support the NDP and all the work that has gone into producing it, please spare a little time to let us know. When the plan reaches the Examiner it is very important that (s)he sees your definite support in writing at this formal stage of the consultation process.

Just as importantly, if you disagree with anything, please let us know so that we can take this into account.

For further information, please ask any member of the Steering Group or go to <https://www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan>.

Willoughby Parish Council

There are Council elections in May and this includes seats on your Parish Council. If you think you may be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and would like some more information please contact us.

Are there things you would like to see improved in your Village or additional things that need to be provided, please let us know. There may be things you could be involved in

There are also jobs around the Village that could be carried out by volunteers. If you think this would be something you could help with, we would love to hear from you.

Contact Mike Thomas on 891338 or mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com .

The Willoughby Educational Foundation & The Willoughby Charity

After 28 years service as clerk to the Willoughby charities Audrey Mitchell has retired. Her efforts and due diligence have been exemplary. The trustees will miss her background knowledge and support but thank her for her service and wish her well.

All correspondence including applications for grants etc. should now be sent to the new Clerk:

Mrs. Helen Heckford, Little Leys (Manor Farm), Moor Lane, Willoughby, CV23 8BT.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

There are ever increasing numbers of scams being reported. They all, by fear or persuasion, aim to convince you to send money to a bank account. Once there it is extremely difficult to recover. Don't be pressurised and ensure that you are dealing with the organisation you think you are. Do this by contacting them using contact numbers you already have or obtained from a reliable source – not the caller asking you to send money. If in doubt: search the names and numbers on the internet to see if there are 'victim' reports; and/or get help, check with Trading Standards or the police.

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 Officers for the area is PCSO Joanne Jackson, our Police Constable is PC 978 Andrew Crouch. 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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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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