

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the April edition of the WM. Last month's weather was at the very least varied – everything from storms to balmy spring days. Plenty of rain for the gardens too. Let's hope we don't get a really cold spell!!

Thanks to everyone who took the time to respond to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation. It is a long-winded process but hopefully will make sure that any development is to meet the actual needs of the Parish and its people and doesn't further damage the historic landscape we live in.

Each year the Parish Council holds an Annual Parish Meeting to report to the residents of the parish on the councillors' activities, plans, and finances. This year the meeting is on the 23rd April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. It is an opportunity for residents to ask questions, raise issues, and thank the councillors for the work they do for us much of which necessitates dealing with higher tiers of government which have other priorities than a small community on the border of the County. Do go if you can and show that you take an interest in what the WPC does for you.

At past Annual Parish Meetings there has also been a brief report on the activities of the two charities - the only public 'report' other than information that is available from the Charity Commission web site. Another reason, perhaps, to go to the meeting.

There is an extra page this month with news about the Village Hall and Cricket Club.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
6 Apr 19	09:30 AM	W.C.C	Willoughby does Cricketforce	The Green
8 Apr 19	07:00 PM	Plan Group	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Village Hall
11 Apr 19	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Dogs for Good - Tina Wilson (Sue)	Village Hall
13 Apr 19	11:00 AM	Church	Craft Fair	Church
13 Apr 19	07:30 PM	WCC/Church	Rustic Roots in Concert	Village Hall
14 Apr 19	10:30 AM	Church	Palm Sunday Holy Communion	Church
17 Apr 19	07:00 PM	Village Hall	Annual General Meeting	Village Hall
18 Apr 19	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch – The Boat	Birdingbury Wharf
18 Apr 19	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	'Life as a London Bus Driver' Jess Nash	
21 Apr 19	11:00 AM	Church	Easter Day Holy Communion	Church
23 Apr 19	07:30 PM	WPC	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
24 Apr 19	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	History & Development of Rainsbrook Railway - Mike Minton	Village Hall

Thursday Club

11th April, 2.30pm Village Hall: Dogs for Good

18th April, 12.30pm Pub Lunch: The Boat, Birdingbury Wharf CV23 8HQ

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

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

Willoughby Women's Institute

Thursday 18th April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. This is our annual Open Evening. All visitors very welcome - £2.00 to include refreshments. We will be entertained by Jess Nash talking about 'Her Life as a London Bus Driver'.

There will be a raffle and sales table.



Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The formal consultation on the Draft NDP ended on 10 March 2019. The Steering Group wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the consultation.

Around 320 letters and representation forms were delivered before the consultation. In total, there were 78 respondents - 54 residents, 6 local groups and 18 statutory bodies including Barby & Onley, Braunston and Grandborough Parish Councils. Almost all supported the NDP and some comments were made as to how we could improve the plan further.

Next Steps

We will produce Responses Tables for different groups of respondents. These tables will contain all the representations received and put forward proposed amendments to the Draft NDP. The revised NDP - the Submission Neighbourhood Development Plan - will then be submitted to Rugby Borough Council (RBC) for the next, and final, consultation.

The current plan is for the final consultation to take place from 4 June to 17 July 2019 with the revised NDP going to an independent examiner by the end of July. However, there may be a delay in sending the NDP to the examiner because RBC has still not received the Inspector's report about the Local Plan. We will keep everyone up-to-date with any revised timescales.

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

Willoughby Society

Our April meeting is on the 24th in the Village Hall as usual starting at 7:30pm. The talk this month is on the 'History & Development of Rainsbrook Railway' by Mike Minton. An opportunity to learn about another local asset.

Next month will be busier for the Society with 'Sunjay in Concert' on the 11th May (see below) and our first film screening since we acquired our license will be at our meeting on the 29th May. The film will be 'Stan & Ollie' the highly acclaimed film about Laurel & Hardy's farewell tour.

Sunjay in Concert

Saturday 11th May 7:30pm

Willoughby Village Hall

Tickets £15.00 including a finger buffet

From: Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street.
Tel: 891898

and

Leonie Tromans, Stonewell, Pye Court. Tel: 890700.

"This superb blues-folk singer-songwriter has been hailed for his great voice, very accomplished and dynamic guitar mastery, mature stage presence and good natured comic anecdotes"

Don't miss



Church

The scaffolding has gone into the chancel in preparation for the last major phase of the work. That of renewing damaged panels. After that all the ceiling will be painted. Unfortunately this precipitated closing the church on health and safety grounds till April. Then the rendering on the roof outside will be done. Thank you to everyone who has supported us on our journey. Plans will then get underway to put facilities in church to encourage use by the wider community.

A new notice board sharing information has been erected and the churchyard is looking lovely please have a walk round.

April 2nd at 7-30pm is a Fashion Show in the village hall, glass of wine included £5 admission. See Jackie Gibbard 01788891191 or Andrea Hughes 01788 891313 for tickets. April 13th from 11am to 3pm is the Easter Craft Fair and Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard. Speak to Christine 01788 890183/ 07881503745. Everyone welcome. Rustic Roots in Concert is in the village hall on April 13 at 7-30pm tickets £14 to include hot supper, bar. Proceeds between church and cricket club. Jackie Gibbard has tickets.

Don't forget St Nicholas Church needs Friends. People willing to help out at fund raising events or offer advice/ideas on planning. Church tidy ups. You don't have to serve on committees or necessarily be a church goer just someone who wants to see our lovely church remain open for future generations. Starting in April we are setting aside the first Saturday of the month as a churchyard tidy up day. Please join us if you are able from 10am. We are hoping to do a deep clean of the church on that day provided the internal work is complete so the more that can help us the better please.

Willoughby Parish Council

Your Parish Council have just placed an order to replace the old wooden swings in the Playing Field with a set of metal ones. This also includes for grass matting and the replacement of the old bark under the existing swings. We have been able to do this thanks to a grant from Rugby Borough Council and also the Willoughby Educational Charity.

Please see below information from Warwickshire Rural Community Charity in connection with a new community bus service which is available to Willoughby Village residents on a Friday.

WRCC are a charity that has recently launched a Dial-a-Ride service in Rugby.

This is a not-for-profit scheme, which is aimed at people who struggle to access the conventional transport on offer. This could be due to being disabled, elderly and unable to walk to their bus stop or simply not having a bus service in their area. The service operates in your parish on Fridays. Passengers call to book their seat, the vehicle will collect them from their door and provide transport into Rugby town area. If passengers hold a concessionary bus pass, they can use this as payment for their travel, making their return journey completely free. This information is also available on our website.

Should you have any questions please feel free contact WRCC on 01788 226000.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Many people are receiving 'phishing' emails claiming their TV License is due for renewal. These fake messages are designed to collect personal and financial information. If you get an email about your TV license make sure it is genuine before clicking on any links or attachments. If your license is due for renewal go directly to the web site instead of using any links. In the last year over 900 people have been caught out losing more than £830,000 in total. Fraudsters do all they can to make their emails look like genuine ones including logos and originating email addresses beware!!

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 be contacted by telephone on 01788 823823 (daytime) or 01788 890724 (evening & answerphone) or e-mail neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net.

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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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29-Jun-19		Willoughby Festival	Playing Field

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