

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the December edition of the WM. Last month was pretty miserable, colder, too much water resulting in flooding mid-month. I have added a graphic to the www.willoughbyweb.net/news page which shows the level of the River Leam at Kites Hardwick. It is updated every hour and the linked site shows how the level is changing. This will provide more information on the state of the local water courses when the news reports flood warnings for the area. Very high levels at Kites Hardwick indicate possible flooding here.

Sadly we lost both Dorothy Ogle and Roger Atkins last month. Both of them have been involved with village activities and organisations over many years as members and serving on committees. They will be sorely missed.

On the 2nd December there is the Referendum on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP), the final stage of the process to ensure that the RBC planning machine applies the policies that have been developed to reflect how we want our village to evolve over the coming years. Although a majority of one is sufficient to approve the NDP a high turnout and emphatic majority will ensure that it carries maximum weight and deters inappropriate speculative development.

Finally a very happy Christmas to you all

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Dec-19	4:00 PM	Church	Christingle	Church
02-Dec-19	7:00 PM	W.C.C.	Bottle Bingo	The Green
02-Dec-19	07:00 AM		Neighbourhood Development Plan – Referendum until 10pm	Village Hall
10 Dec 19	7:30 PM	Church	Meeting to discuss the future of the church	Church
12-Dec-19	01:00 PM	Thursday Club	Christmas Dinner Kings Head	Napton
12-Dec-19	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Slideshows to music -Geoff Stone	Village Hall
14-Dec-19	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
15-Dec-19	4:00 PM	Church	Carol Service	Church
21-Dec-19	11:30 AM		Children's Christmas Party	Village Hall
21-Dec-19	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Pre-Christmas Film Night	Village Hall
24-Dec-19	11:00 PM	Church	Christmas Eve Holy Communion	Church
31-Dec-19			New Year's Eve Party	Village Hall

Thursday Club

12 December Christmas Lunch: 12.30pm The King's Head, Napton. The DACT bus will be at the Village Hall at 12 noon to leave at 12.15pm.

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 12th (second Thursday) 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Geoff Stone with Slideshows to Music.

No Competition this month but donations to the food bank in Rugby please, for the Christmas period.

Willoughby Cricket Club

Annual Bottle Bingo Night



Monday 2nd December, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Everyone welcome.



Thank you to everyone who has supported Willoughby CC in 2019.

On behalf of everyone at the club, may we extend our best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful and peaceful Christmas.

Adult and junior Pre-Season Nets and Training for 2020 season starts January.

See website – www.willoughbycc.org.uk – for further details

Neighbourhood Development Plan

REFERENDUM

Monday, 2 DECEMBER 2019

7am to 10pm at the Village Hall

The referendum question is

‘Do you want Rugby Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Willoughby to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’

You simply have to answer Yes or No.

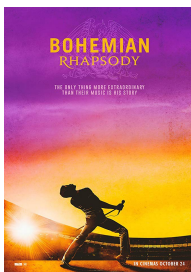
Some of you may already have voted by post. If not, please come along to the Village Hall on Monday, 2 December and vote. **YOUR VOTE MATTERS.** You can help make sure that local people living in Willoughby have a say in how the parish develops in the future.

You can read the Independent Examiner's Report and the Willoughby Referendum Neighbourhood Development Plan online at <https://www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan> or, if you prefer to read a paper copy, please ask any member of the Steering Group or the Parish Council.

If a majority of local people vote Yes at the referendum, the Willoughby Neighbourhood Plan will be considered for adoption at the full Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, 17 December. Adoption of the plan, after more than two years of work by many people in the parish, would make a wonderful Christmas present!

Willoughby Society

Normally the Society has a break in December but this year we are doing things differently!



On the **21st December at 7:30pm** we will be screening 'Bohemian Rhapsody'. Bring your own drinks, nibbles, cushions, bean bags, chairs..... and settle in to what has to be the perfect antidote to festive fever. If you want dress up as the man himself or add some bling!!

Even better the evening is free for members of the Society but everyone is welcome, you can join on the night for just £7.50, or give a £2 donation.

Saturday 1st February 2020 7:30pm

Willoughby Village Hall

Sunjay Sings Buddy

with his band

Sunjay returns with his band and a programme of Buddy Holly music from the touring musical. He is a phenomenal guitarist and with his band it will be a fantastic concert, don't miss it.

Tickets just £15.00 from Richard Jackson Hazeldene, Main Street tel 891898 or any Willoughby Society committee member.

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles etc.



Children's Christmas Party

11:30am, Saturday 21st December Willoughby Village Hall

Party games, dancing, crafts, party food, and even a visit from Father Christmas. After the party there will be a matinee screening of a Children's Christmas Film.

Tickets are available now at £5 each and must be purchased in advance, no later than the 15th December. To book tickets please call Heather Hiscox on 07984 116767.



If you would like to help or contribute to the party food it would be greatly appreciated, please give Heather a call.

Church

Our soup and social events have started up and are well attended. Dates for your diary are December 14th, January 11th and 29th February. £5 for a bowl soup, bread roll, and a pudding. Proceeds go towards the upkeep of our lovely church. From 12 o'clock in the village hall All welcome.

Letters will be going round the village informing of a meeting to be held in the church on December 10th at 7-30pm to discuss the future of the church. It is important that as many people attend who can please.

The church path is to be renewed as the surface is crumbling. The roof repair work is still waiting on the weather.

Willoughby Parish Council

With all the heavy rain recently the Village became flooded in Main Street. Luckily there was no water entry into properties, but the usual problem of vehicles driving through the flood water too fast causing waves, which threatened some properties. We were able to get road closed signs put out by Warwickshire County Council Highways, but some drivers sadly ignored these.

If anyone would like to join the Flood Action Group to plan for possible future flood events please contact Mike Thomas on 891338 or mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com

Your Parish Council wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Don't Forget - New Year's Eve Party

We will be holding our New Year's Eve Party again this year (on the usual date).

As last year Rustic Roots (our local group) are providing the music, with an American buffet, and bring your own drinks. Tickets priced at just £10.

Please let me know if you require or even might require tickets asap.

Brian Hall, tel. 890134, or email: brianjameshall@yahoo.co.uk



The Telephone Box

Following the full renovation of the telephone box, it has been repurposed as the Willoughby Jubilee Allotments Micro Museum and the Willoughby Book Exchange. Artefacts recovered from the allotment site are on display and the book exchange is now open. You can borrow, swap, and donate books at any time, although if you visit in the evening you will need to take a torch with you. There are children's books too. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

If you have any queries regarding the book exchange please contact me on 01788890724 Thank you Regards Rachel Settle

Notices:

I would like to give a sincere thanks to all those friends who offered messages of sympathy and gave their support following the loss of Dorothy. Kind Regards to all for Christmas, Bert

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking everyone in the village who have sent cards and messages of sympathy for the sudden passing of Roger. Life is hard at present but I know that with the love and support of family and friends I can come out the other side. Pat Atkins

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

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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Large print copies available 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: wm@willoughbyweb.net .