

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the February edition of the WM. It has been wet, frosty, mild, and even warm, no snow though.....yet. January was quiet with the organisations getting back into gear. This month our country is on a new page, so we are told. A new decade, a changing climate, new opportunities to be seized, challenges to be overcome,.....

One challenge that our Village has is dealing with the large amounts of water flowing down the brooks, streams, and ditches during wet periods. You will find a couple of photographs I took in November on the back page. It seems that the progress made a couple of years ago in getting the waterways in better condition has lapsed. The Parish Council has previously asked for additional volunteers to re-vitalise the Flood Action Group but only had a couple of volunteers. While we don't face the immense threats Fishlake did there is a history of limited flooding from time to time across the last 100 years or more. Do please volunteer to join the Flood Action Group it isn't a huge commitment and definitely will make a positive impact on your Village, its residents, and their property.

Now that the neighbourhood plan has been adopted there is likely to be a bit more space available each month. I would love to publish articles from villagers on any topic related to the village or village life. Send items preferably by email to the address on the back page.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Feb-20	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Sunjay Sings Buddy	Village Hall
08-Feb-20	10:00 AM	Church	Table Top Sale	Church
09-Feb-20	11:00 AM	Church	Family/All Age Service	Church
13-Feb-20	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Land Girls - Helen Frost	Village Hall
15 Feb 20	02:00 PM	Women's Institute	Jumble Sale	Village Hall
16 Feb 20	04:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
20 Feb 20	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The Queens Head	Bretford
20 Feb 20	07:00 PM	Women's Institute	Annual Dinner Barby Sporting	Barby
23-Feb-20	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
26-Feb-20	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Willoughby:- Who, What, When, Where, and How!! - Richard Jackson	Village Hall
26-Feb-20	07:30 PM	Church	Ash Wednesday Benefice Service	Church
29-Feb-20	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Church

Thursday Club

13 February: 2.30pm Village Hall. Helen Frost, 'Land Girls'.

20 February: 12.30pm Pub Lunch. The Queens Head, Bretford

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 1920 - 2020



Thursday 20th February is our Centenary Annual Dinner at Barby Sporting Club – 7:00pm for 7:30pm.

Transport to be arranged.

Jumble Sale

Saturday 15th February at 2:00pm

Entry 20p

Cake Stall and Refreshments

Jumble to the Hall from 9:30am. Collection if needed phone Lorraine on 890846

Stitch And Chat

There is a friendly group of like minded ladies who meet at Dunchurch W.I. Hall on Wednesday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm. No teacher but lots of knowledge and help available. If you are interested in going along please contact Lynn Busby for more information – email lynnie.busby@gmail.com , mobile 07801 820186

Church

Plans are starting to be put together for a toilet and facilities in the church. On top of that there is a roof issue once again that has to be looked at. People will be kept informed as to what is planned. All help offered is much appreciated and letters will be sent round once the pcc have met to discuss the way forward.

A big thank you to all who helped at the Soup and Social. Some lovely home made soups were enjoyed by all who attended. The next date is Feb 29th.

On Feb 8th there is a Table Top Sale in the Village Hall from 10 o'clock with refreshments. To book a table at a cost of £5 please speak to Jackie 891191 or Karen 07866-572209.



Not to be missed:

St. Patricks Night with Rustic Roots,
14th March 2020

7:30pm

Willoughby Village Hall

further details next month.

Willoughby Society

Sunjay and his band visit on the 1st February, which as I write looks as though it will be a sell out.

Our February talk, 26th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, is about our village. It is few years since the last talk on our village's history and there are number of new residents. This is an opportunity for them to learn a bit about their village's past. Richard Jackson looks after the village archives and, when he has time, researches its history. He will take us time travelling through our village with some answers to the Who, What, When, Where, and How, questions.

As members will know we have been reviewing the Society's program and consulting members on the subjects and activities they would like. This has meant that this years programme was delayed and we haven't been able to publish a programme card yet. Our March meeting on the 25th will be a quiz night along the lines of the ones we have had at recent AGMs.

Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings and events.

Dates for your diary two Live & Local shows:

Friday, 24th April, 7:30pm

The **Mechanicals** (formerly Rude Mechanicals) **Band** initially drew on the words of Shakespeare and have since brought to life the words of other poets and writers in song that is witty, erudite, and achingly lovely.

The music is mostly folk style but don't be surprised to hear some bluegrass or cajun. This promises to be a great evening with a Warwickshire based band.

How do you follow Mechanicals?

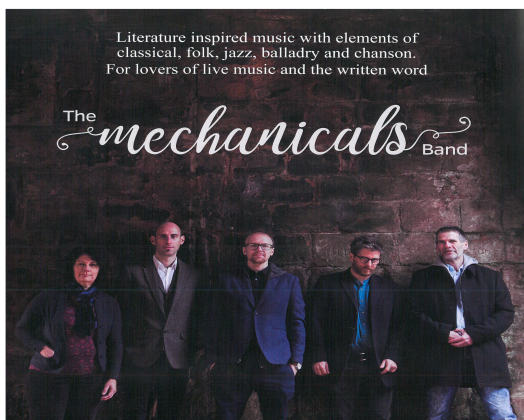
With the **Bonfire Radicals** of course!!!

Friday, 29th May, 7:30pm

This will be a highly spirited, at times gloriously chaotic, live stage show from one of the most exciting groups on the folk/world scene.

the Bonfire Radicals translate a wide variety of influences - from gorgeous medieval and Celtic folk to dynamic eastern European jazz-swing to punchy world-beats, and all points in between - into a distinctive and quite staggeringly special sound. Armed with emotive vocals, richly melodic classical recorders and woodwind, soaring fiddle and a tight, rocking rhythm section, and ranging from delicate unaccompanied singing to pyrotechnic folk-rock!!

Tickets for both these shows will be £15.00, including interval food, and are available now from Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street (tel 891898).



Willoughby Parish Council

There have been several instances recently of the brook coming over its banks and flooding the road. We had an active Flood Action Group but this has not met for some time. In this Parish Council section of the Willoughby Monthly we have asked for volunteers to join the group. To date we have had two volunteers but need more to make it effective. Please help if you can.

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



These photographs were taken about 2pm on the 14th November. On this occasion the water subsided very quickly with no properties being inundated. There is ongoing damage in the Village Hall grounds whenever there is fast flowing water, as it cuts into the bank towards the Committee room. This time the water flowed fairly well but it may have been a different story had any debris blocked or partially blocked the bed of the brook. Do please help revive the Flood Action Group if you can. RJ.

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 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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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 is always the 15th of the month. Send them to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net .

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29-May-20	Willoughby Society	The Bonfire Radicals in Concert	Village Hall