

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the March edition of the WM. As I write this, February has been very wet, we have had two major storms, and a little bit of mild weather. Thankfully we haven't, as far as I know, had any homes flooded this time.

Flooding has been an occasional problem since the arrival of railway. In the early part of the last century the A45 regularly flooded sufficient to strand cars and buses. Work was done including tunnelling a new culvert under the station to channel water behind the properties on the South side of main street. A good deal of work mapping and cleaning out water courses was done a few years ago which had a positive impact.

In view of the increased risk of flooding generally, we should be grateful that our village Flood Group has some new members after the appeal in last month's WM. They will be able to build on the previous work and take advantage of the latest data and, perhaps, flood defence equipment.

Whenever I cross the road to go to the Village Hall I take a look at the brook running through the Village Hall Garden, it is concerning that when it is flowing quickly, it is eroding the bank which is getting closer to the corner of the Committee Room. That is just one indication that we need to be aware that water is a powerful force and needs to be managed carefully to avoid catastrophe.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
08-Mar-20	11:00 AM	Church	Service	Church
12-Mar-20	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Annual General Meeting	Village Hall
14-Mar-20	7:30 PM	Church	St. Patricks Night with The Threefellows	Village Hall
19-Mar-20	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The Wheatsheaf	Crick
19-Mar-20	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Murder and Me!! The workings of a Murder Enquiry' Val Taylor	Village Hall
22-Mar-20	10:00 AM	Church	Mothering Sunday Service	Church
25-Mar-20	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	A Quiz!!	Village Hall

Thursday Club

12 March: 2.30pm Village Hall, AGM

19 March: 12.30pm Pub Lunch. The Wheatsheaf, Crick

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

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Our March meeting is on Thursday 19th at 7:30 pm:

'Murder and Me!! the workings of a Murder Enquiry' with Val Taylor.

The competition is for a Decorated Egg.

Visitors are always welcome.



Willoughby Cricket Club

Willoughby's Cricket Club are gearing themselves up for the new season and it promises to be a busy one particularly where junior and youth cricket is concerned.

The club will have opportunities for boys and girls aged 5 through to 16 years meaning there is no better time for youngsters to get into cricket and with your local village club.

For 2020, Willoughby CC will be running:

- All Stars Cricket
- *NEW* Dynamos Cricket
- Teams (Hard ball) at
 - Under 11
 - Under 13
 - Under 14
 - Under 15



Registration for All Stars Cricket and the ECB's new Dynamos Cricket is now available online. For more information and to register, simply go to the Willoughby CC website – www.willoughbycc.org.uk

The club's Under 13-15 teams will be continuing their indoor pre-season training at Bilton School on Saturday afternoons 1.00-3.00pm.

For further details on joining any of the junior sections at Willoughby Cricket Club for 2020, contact Rob on 07867 507069

Willoughby Society

After enjoying a film at our January meeting, exploring the history of our village and its people last month, our March meeting (25th March at 7:30pm) will be a Quiz & Social night similar to those we have had at our AGM. There will be various themed rounds with something for everyone!! You are welcome to bring drinks and nibbles if you wish. The aim to have a relaxed and sociable evening.

Sunjay and his Band along with a hall full of people had a brilliant night on the 1st February. It was great evening in every respect. Our next show is on Friday, 24th April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. This is a Live & Local show: 'The Mechanicals Band in Concert'. Described as: 'Literature inspired music with elements of classical, folk, jazz, balladry, and chanson. For lovers of live music and the written word'. Tickets are £15.00 including a fish and chip supper, from Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main St, tel. 891898 and Willoughby Society Committee members.

Future events include:

The Big Lunch on the 7th June which will be in the Village Hall Garden unless the weather is unkind in which case we will retire inside, note this year it is a week later than previously.

Our Willoughby Festival will be on the 4th July and we have booked the Garrison Band to entertain us in the evening.....**Save the Dates**

Church

A meeting has been held to discuss how St Nicholas can move forward with support offered. We welcome any help please.

An architect is drawing up the plans for the facilities then permissions can be applied for and tenders will go out. Grant applications can then be completed and submitted. There are some funds towards this in the restricted account from fundraising going back some years.

The roof repairs are waiting on the Faculty (formal C of E permission for the work) then grants can be sought. Both sides of the nave roof have the same problem in the valleys which if left will lead to further issues developing. In addition, there is probably asbestos which will need specialist removal. The roof estimate including architect and vat is £35000.

It is estimated that about £70000 in total will be needed for the two projects. This is dependent on the damage found once work begins. Much of the cost will hopefully be covered by grants. Putting the two projects together for applications opens the door to more grant providers. The toilet project has been on hold for many years, but it is simply not really acceptable to not to have such facilities - often it is the first thing people who visit for special services or any events request.

The celebration for St Patrick's Day on March 14th has tickets available at a cost of £12.50. A lovely Irish Stew is planned with a Vegetarian/Vegan option. The Threefellows (part of the Rustic Roots) are performing and it promises to be an amazing night. Please contact Jackie for ticket information 891191. Bring your own drinks.

Soup and Social produces some lovely home-made soups to be tasted and enjoyed. A new cookery book will be available soon with more, tasty, easy to make soups. The next date is March 28th. Look forward to meeting people.

A huge thank you goes out to all who support and help us. We could not manage without you all and it is such a comfort to us.

If anyone would like the Carillon played for anniversaries or special occasions, please speak to Jackie or Kim. A donation of £10 is asked.

It has been decided to postpone Evensong Services in the church until May. The weather has been challenging and people are reluctant to venture out.

Willoughby Parish Council

Dog fouling is becoming a serious problem around the Village again. Walking around the Village not only is it on the pavements, but the grass area at the top of Main Street next to the A45 is becoming a dog toilet. Please clean up after your dog.

With the recent storms please check your trees to ensure they are safe.

We now have some volunteers for the Flood Action Group and an initial meeting will be organised shortly. Thank you to those who have volunteered.

Am I missing a party????

A local litter-picker collected 38 empty half vodka bottles(as well as beer bottles & cans) from the 100 m stretch between the dog bin & the A45 in Woolscott Road, and 3 more from Moor Lane.

This amounts to over £300worth of alcohol!



The **Willoughby Jubilee Allotment Museum** has a 'travelling chest' of artifacts found on the plots, which can be booked out for functions and visits. The 'travelling chest' is on tour. First stop was Leamington Hastings C of E Academy in December, where pupils investigated the finds and drew pictures of the exhibits, led by Willoughby Allotments's retired primary school teacher David Shaw. The next stop for the 'travelling chest' is a joint exhibition 27-29th March at Johnson's Island Artists, Catherine Wheel Road, Brentford TW8 8BD. <https://johnsonsislandartists.co.uk/events> The gallery is at the junction of the Grand Union canal and River Brent. If you would like to book the 'travelling chest' for your own event or amusement see <https://willoughbyweb.net/AA/mmvisit.html>

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 .

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
24-Apr-20	Willoughby Society	The Mechanicals Band in Concert	Village Hall
29-May-20	Willoughby Society	The Bonfire Radicals in Concert	Village Hall