

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the December edition of the WM. Much has changed since last month's WM was written. At that time things were beginning to adapt to the tier system of restrictions. Then lockdown was imposed again. Hopefully early December will see us back to the October regime which will allow the various events planned to go ahead.

Those of you on the village email list will know of the various events planned and there is more information inside. If you have an email address and haven't received the WM Extra messages send me an email and I will add you to the list.

Please support Village Events, they are the essence of village life. The organisers go to a great deal of effort arranging them especially with all of the requirements to combat the threat of Covid 19.

I have given the Village web site (www.willoughbyweb.net) a refresh over the last couple of weeks. In addition to being brighter and less cluttered there is now a page for the Village Hall and a form for enquiries about hiring the Hall etc.. Most of the content is unchanged bar some tidying up. The site should also be easier to use on smaller devices. Having said that if you find anything that isn't working as you think it should please let me know either using the feedback form on the site or the contact details on the back page.

Finally, I hope everyone is able to have a very happy and safe, if different, Christmas. Please keep an eye out for those who are alone and may be struggling in some way.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
05-Dec-20	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	'Claustrophobic Tinselitis' with Mumbo Jumbo	Village Hall
10-Dec-20	01:00 PM	Thursday Club	Christmas Picnic	Village Hall
11-Dec-20	4:00 PM		Santa Trail	Church & Village
12 Dec 20	04:00 PM		Santa Trail	Church & Village
13 Dec 20	11:00 AM	Church	Crib service for children and everyone	Church
18-Dec-20	6:30 PM	Village Hall Committee	Carols outside the Hall with: Steve Ray aka The 'Saxman'	Village Hall
24-Dec-20	9:30 PM	Church	Midnight in Bethlehem Service	Church

Thursday Club

10 December 1.00pm Village Hall: Christmas Picnic - members will have had an email/letter with all the details. Members do need to book with Bert Ogle in advance. All subject to Covid Rules allowing it. If we can't do 10 December, then we hope to have a New Year Picnic instead on 14 January.



Church



On Saturday 5th December we want to invite people to help decorate the church for Christmas. (lockdown rules permitting) There is a tree inside the church which will be needing a Christmas touch. Contact Jackie Gibbard for details on 891191. We have been given an outdoor tree by Skylark Farms and we really want people to make outdoor decorations to hang on the tree.

This tree will be up in time for the Santa Trail on the 11 and 12th December. We really want the village to get involved by decorating windows and participating. Sue Waddington has all the details she can be contacted at cmc@willoughbyweb.net

There are two services planned for December at St Nicholas. December 13th a crib service for children and everyone at 11am. The Christmas Eve Service on 24th December at 9-30pm is called Midnight in Bethlehem. This replaces the usual 11pm Service. Please remember Face Masks.

We are still researching grants for the roof. The servery/toilet plans are waiting on tenders before going to the Diocese for approval. We still need help and volunteers please. The church needs support if it is to survive. A big thank you to all who have helped and continue to offer support.

Willoughby Society

Sadly lockdown prevented us holding our AGM & Quiz night. All members were given the opportunity to comment on a special resolution which merged the Society's 2020 and 2021 years. No one has and therefore the resolution is deemed to have been passed.

Our sole remaining event this year is the show(s) on the 5th December. There will be two socially distanced shows with a pause for cleaning between them. If you haven't booked your place call Richard now there weren't many places left when this was written.

The evening should be the complete antidote to lockdown mk2.

Finally we wish everyone a very happy and spaced out Christmas!!



Mumbo-Jumbo
PRESENTS
Claustrophobic Tinseltitis
LIVE!
"A cracker of a festive show of original songs and laughter from three of Santa's musical helpers"
Bauble magazine

WILLOUGHBY VILLAGE HALL (CV23 8BH)
Evening of Saturday 05 December 2020 (time TBC) £11.00
Tickets Only Available In Advance From: Richard Jackson: rj@willoughbyweb.net
or call: 01788 891 898
Please bring your own drinks/refreshments. **COVID-Secure Event.**
Event subject to any variation in COVID restrictions. liveandlocal.org.uk

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As Slade would say.... It's Christmas!!! – well almost..... but here's a date for your diary that will hopefully raise our spirits and bring a smile to our faces after a difficult 2020. On Friday 18th December at 6.30pm there will be carol singing outside the Village Hall.

Steve Ray (aka The Saxman) will be playing carols on his sax. The words will be displayed on 2 screens from his van should you wish to stretch your vocal chords and join in – or just stand and enjoy the music. Steve has spent a lot of his spare time playing his sax outside care homes this year to give some joy to those who couldn't get out during lockdown. He was pleased to be nominated for the Pride of Britain award for community service recently so you may have seen him on the TV.

There will be mulled wine and mince pies available and a raffle. All donations gratefully received will be shared between Rugby Myton Hospice and Village Hall funds.

Steve will be playing for about 25 minutes so pop on your santa hats and be there for the start. Please tell friends and family – all welcome - but we would ask that although the event is outdoors that all of us continue to care for each other by maintaining social distancing as appropriate.

See you there!!

Joss Ray (on behalf of the Village Hall committee)

Carol singing



Willoughby Parish Council

Unfortunately after asking people to get in touch if they would be interested in their children being able to attend a youth club, we received only one reply, so it will not be possible to proceed any further with this. There has also been no interest from anyone wishing to get involved with community speed watch to monitor speeding through our Village.

Please remember the current safety recommendations in connection with the COVID 19 epidemic, take care and stay safe.

Your Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Willoughby Women's Institute 1920 - 2020



Our regular meetings have been cancelled until January. Don't forget there are online events you can attend. There is also a document circulating from the Village archives that was written for a WI competition that gives a glimpse of Village life in our early years.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

It's that time of year...and the fraudsters know it!! Too good a bargain ? It is more than likely to be a scam. Advice and help is available from:

- Warwickshire Trading Standards Consumer Advice web site:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/consumeradvice>.
- Warwickshire Police: <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/personal-fraud/>
- Action Fraud, for advice and reporting website [https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/tel0300 123 2040](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/tel03001232040)
- You can also call the Citizens Advice consumer helpline: **0808 223 1133**,

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 .