

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the January edition of the WM. Happy New Year!! What a month December was!! All seemed to be improving and then we get put in Tier 3 forcing the Village Hall to close again and cancellation of the show planned for the 5th December. Then our defiant spirit emerged and the plans for a Santa Trail were able to go ahead as were the Carols with the Saxman providing some relief from the gloom. Approval of the Pfizer-Biontec vaccine cheered us all up only to have Christmas plans thrown into disarray by the emergence of mutant virus cases.

The deal/no deal show known as Brexit came to a series conclusion, remarkably before the 59th minute of the 22nd hour of the 31st December. No doubt the politicians will find something else to wrangle about for months and months in 2021.

2020 gave us a parting drenching that lead to flooding down Main Street late on the 23rd and also across the A45 where the station railway bridge crossed. The A45 was still closed with water across the road on the 27th !!.

Hopefully the newspaper predictions of a rapid roll out of the vaccines(s) leading to relaxations in the restrictions late in February will prove to be correct and we can enjoy a more normal New Year. After last years cancellations plans will no doubt be being made, by the organisations and volunteers, for the regular events and a Big Lunch (6th June), Festival (tbd), and live performances. 2021 is an opportunity to do things a bit differently but needs new ideas and volunteers to help put them into practice. Let me know if you have an idea or are willing to help and I will put you in touch with others who want to make things happen.

Finally a big **thank you** to **all** those who have done something for our community from parish councillors, to volunteers to help during lockdown, to those keeping the organisations going, and not least those who deliver the Willoughby Monthly.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
14-Jan-21	1:00 PM	Thursday Club	New Year Picnic	Village Hall
27-Jan-21	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	film	Village Hall

Thursday Club

14th January 1.00pm Village Hall: New Year Picnic, if Covid Rules allow it! **Members will get an email/letter with details. Members do need to book with Bert Ogle in advance.**

As we missed the Christmas picnic, please can members take a picture of how they spent their Christmas and send it to Kim and Val Taylor - kimnval@gmail.com They will put them on the screen for us to see while we have our picnic. Fingers crossed.

Willoughby Women's Institute



We are going to have our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21 January 2021 – this will be a virtual meeting and details will follow shortly. We hope to resume our meetings around Easter. In the meantime please have a look at Warwickshire WI website as they have lots of Zoom meetings that you can join in with from the comfort of your own home.

Stay safe and well we wish you all a happy, healthy and better 2021.

St Nicholas Church Willoughby Santa Trail.

So having had a mad idea to have a Santa Trail to raise funds for the church, it was touch and go as to whether the event could go ahead. After many emails, questions asked and answered, Rugby Borough Council gave us their permission.

Thank you to Bert Ogle and his team for erecting and dismantling the marquee and electrics. To Karen Nichols for being badgered with questions, Bert Ogle, Andrea Hughes and hubby for putting out tea lights, selling raffle tickets and serving Take Away drinks on both nights. To all the villagers, who decorated their home/windows, donated raffle prizes, selection boxes, monies and went on the trail also the following businesses Amber Screen and Display, Dodford. The Rose, Willoughby. B Beautiful, Willoughby. Alan Board Builder, Willoughby, Village Meats, Braunston. Charisma Hair, Braunston. Martin's Fruit and Veg, Kingsway, Rugby. Tesco, Daventry and Asda. Rugby for their donations and support.

With all your efforts we raised £687.74 for the roof appeal.

Thank you once again.

Display Competition

Best Display - number 11.

Joint runners up - number 16 and number 22.

Thank you for taking part.

Sue Waddington



Willoughby Society

Despite having got everything setup for Mumbo Jumbo's socially distant Covid secure visit that should have taken place on the 5th December we were forced to cancel it because the Government lumped Warwickshire in with Solihull and Coventry and put us in Tier 3 restrictions. It was a real shame for everyone. After discussions with Live & Local and Mumbo Jumbo we have a rearranged date in the diary which is the 27th February which was set before the 'new variant' of the virus emerged. Hopefully the increased restrictions and the vaccination programme will mean the restrictions are eased by the end of February and the show(s) will be able to go on. Details below.

Members have been given a provisional programme for the year through to October for monthly meetings which will go ahead if the restrictions at the time permit it. It will be necessary for anyone intending to attend a meeting to book their place with Richard at least 24 hours ahead.

27th February 2021

'No Hit Wonders' with Mumbo Jumbo

Willoughby Village Hall

Places £11.00 each (No refreshments or drinks available but you may bring your own).

Subject to sufficient numbers there will be two shows, one about 6:45pm and the second about 9:15pm.

If you would like to come please reserve your place (seats will be spaced except for households and bubbles), as soon as possible, with Richard Jackson rj@willoughbyweb.net tel. 891898. On this occasion payment will be required between the 22nd and 25th February direct to the Society's bank account or cash to Richard. This should mean you are able to secure your place but avoid the need for refunds if we are forced to cancel again.

St Nicholas Church Willoughby Santa's Trail Raffle Prizes

Voucher from Village Meats, Braunston	Leslie Jones
Silk Scarf	Sue Waddington
1000 piece jigsaw	Paula Palmer
Salted Caramel Truffles	Stuart Hall
Fruit Hamper from Martin's Fruit & Veg, Kingsway	Adam Hiscock
A Bottle of Le Altane Sangiovese Del Rubicone Wine	Claire Waddington
A Bottle of Mulled Wine	Katrina Eckland, White Barn Farm
Shortbread biscuits	Noah Higham
A Bottle of Animus Red Wine	Brian Hall
A Bottle of Whiskey	Kim Taylor
A Bottle of Mulled Wine	Will Heckford
Bath Bomb Set	Adam Hiscock
Milk Tray Chocolates	Leslie Jones
Charisma Hair Voucher	Christine Thomas
Bottle of Irish Cream Liqueur	Adam Hiscock
Gin & Tonic Gift Set	Dr Charlotte
Bottle of Amaretto	Adam Hiscock
Bottle of Pinot Grigio	Julie Horne
Bottle of Tempranillo	Di Ellard
Haribo Sweets	John Heckford
Bottle of Pink Gin	Bert Ogle
Voucher from B Beautiful Hair and beauty salon	Adam Hiscock
Avon Goodies.	Christine Thomas
Recycling Unit	Stuart Hall

Willoughby Parish Council

Your Parish Council wish you a very healthy and Happy New Year. If you have anything you would like us to consider, or if there any any issues you would like us to look into then please let us know.

Village Hall

A huge thanks to all who braved the chill and rain on the 18th December to listen to Steve the Saxman play carols and for the generous donations which will go towards the work of Rugby Myton Hospice and the Village Hall. There were some amazing outfits/hats to be seen too! The total raised was - £426.77 – thank you all so much!

Here's to a much better 2021 and many more village gatherings.

Joss Ray – on behalf of the Village Hall Committee

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

New Year, New Scamsand old ones!!

Look out for fake HMRC self-assessment reminders that take you to a false web site to steal your personal information and your money. Callers claiming to be from your bank and by some story try to persuade you to give personal information e.g. card details and even, in some cases, the PIN!!

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

Willoughby Monthly

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
27 Feb 21	Willoughby Society	'No Hit Wonders' with Mumbo Jumbo	Village Hall
6 Jun 21	Willoughby Society	Big Lunch	Village Hall
3 Jul 21	Willoughby Society	Festival Date to be confirmed	Village Hall