

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the February edition of the WM. I hope everyone is safe and well despite the lockdown and trying weather. As there is little to report this month I have decide not to produce a hard copy edition of the WM. The digital version is being sent to everyone on the Village email list and will be available from www.willoughbyweb.net and the Facebook page too. Please let people who are not able to get the digital copy know. The Hard copy version will resume just as soon as things begin to ease.

Do, please, keep an eye out for friends and neighbours who may be struggling during the very cold weather and of course the lockdown.

The Village Hall is unable to open until such time as the COVID restrictions are relaxed, which may some time yet. However, some organisations have formulated plans to allow them to restart just as soon as the regulations permit but live performances will probably have to wait until the summer when they can be outside weather permitting. As we have had snow this winter perhaps we will be permitted a nice warm dry summer!!.

You will find some gaps in this edition e.g. no diary pieces hence the white space. Hopefully we will start to see some forward planning before the next edition in which case I will go back to producing hard copy.

Richard Jackson

Thursday Club

We do not expect the Village Hall to open up again before March, and it may be later. We will complete our Financial Year in March, with little expenditure. Therefore, we will continue this year to 2021/22 as a single year. Subscriptions already paid will cover the two year period, and we will dispense with the AGM, which is due in March. When meetings start up again, we will create an 'emergency' programme with talks arranged at short notice. Keep safe!

Willoughby Women's Institute

The Willoughby WI Committee are looking forward to the time we can all meet again – probably Easter time but in the meantime look out for zoom meetings that the Warwickshire WI are running and also Denman at Home which are running a varied programme of talks and demonstrations. Stay safe.

Church

St Nicholas had a quiet Christmas and the Benefice is once again without an encumbant. There are discussions going forward as to the future of the Benefice and plans are being formed. These will be cascaded down as soon as all is finalised.

Due to ill health Jackie Gibbard has had to resign her post as Churchwarden. Her fellow church warden will miss her terribly, they made such a good team. A huge thank you for her support and hard work from all the PCC. Please contact Karen Nichols with any issues or queries concerning the church - kjndon@aol.com or 07866572209. Thank you.

A decision been taken to not hold any services due to the current lock down. We are hoping to start up again at Easter with a special service. This is obviously dependent on government guidelines. It is important everyone stays safe. St Nicholas has stood for hundreds of years and we are hoping we can move on positively in the summer. There are plans for the nave roof and servery/toilet still to be carried out.

The Santa trail was enjoyed by all who participated and many thanks to Sue and all who helped.

The PCC need new members. If our church is to survive these challenging times support is vital. Please if anyone thinks they have some time to spare to join our small but committed band contact Karen or any PCC member.

Willoughby Society

The Society is once again in limbo pending relaxation of the COVID restrictions. Meetings and events through to the end of February have been cancelled. We will recommence as soon as possible, picking up the programme of meetings and also starting a series of film nights in the Village Hall (let Richard rj@willoughbyweb.net or 891898 or any of the Committee know if there is a particular film you would like to see on the big screen or share with friends and neighbours).

Hopefully, we will be able to hold the Big Lunch Village Picnic (6th June) and Festival (TBC possibly 26th June or 3rd July). It would be great to have some extra help to run these Village events so that they can be really special after the continuing trials caused by COVID. Contact Richard or one of the Committee if you would like to get involved.

The Rose Inn

The Rose Inn has been at the heart of the village, just like many English pubs, for hundreds of years. In 2020, over 50 pubs a week were forced to close down, so we are very fortunate to have The Rose Inn still playing a central role in our community: still going after over 400 years.

Rudi and Gillian, who run the pub, have just celebrated 10 years in charge, custodians of a wonderful heritage. Every pub and restaurant has had to adapt to the times – never more so than now. Rudi, Gillian and the team have kept open as much as they can throughout the Covid crisis, with take away food, groceries and even deliveries to people in the village. Many of us have been very grateful to them for all the effort they have put in, bringing cheer and good food in tough times.

We wish them a happy anniversary, thank them for their hard work, and look forward to them continuing to be part of our community in the years to come.

Bob and Helen Hughes

Willoughby Parish Council

Unfortunately we are suffering badly again from dog mess around the Village. Please clean up after your dog, it is your responsibility to do this and is a legal requirement. Please also remember that dogs are not allowed in the playing field. If you walk the footpath through the playing field extension your dog must be kept on a lead. This Village is your Village, please do everything you can to keep it neat, tidy, and safe.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Surprise, surprise!! the fraudsters are finding ways of persuading people to part with their hard earned money relating to Vaccination. Vaccination is free and controlled by the NHS. You will be contacted about making an appointment either by the NHS centrally or your local GP surgery. You will not be required to pay anything or give bank details!! There have been reports of people being directed to a web site that looks similar to NHS ones but asks for personal and bank details – its a fake.

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.

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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 .