

# The Willoughby Monthly

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**Welcome to the December edition of the WM.** November was a busy month with all the organisations active and the first live concert in the Village Hall in a long time (it was worth the wait).

Little room for me this month 😊 so I will just wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas!!

**Richard Jackson**

## Notices

This year I am again not sending Christmas cards and will be giving a donation to First Responders. Thanks to all who have again supported me and I hope we all have a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year

### Pat Atkins

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for the very warm welcome I have been given since moving into the village. I don't send Christmas cards but prefer to make a donation to a deserving charity and will be making that to Leam Valley Community First Responders this year. However I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New year.

### Jean Warner, Grandville

## POLITE NOTICE - VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

The Village Hall Car Park is for the use of people visiting the Village Hall ONLY. The car park is NOT for the use of contractors vans or trucks – if any villager is using a contractor we would be most grateful if they were made aware of this. The car park is also NOT for the use of people walking through to the playing fields. We would be grateful for co-operation in this matter as it is getting increasingly difficult for people actually using the hall to find a parking space. Thank you. Village Hall Committee

| Date      | Time     | Organisation       | Event                                 | Venue         |
|-----------|----------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 02-Dec-21 | 12:00 PM | Thursday Club      | Christmas Lunch - Kings Head          | Napton        |
| 05-Dec-21 | 4:00 PM  | Church             | Christingle Service                   | Church        |
| 06-Dec-21 | 7:30 PM  | Cricket Club       | Bottle Bingo                          | The Pavillion |
| 09-Dec-21 | 7:30 PM  | Women's Institute  | Christ mas Meeting                    | Village Hall  |
| 10-Dec-21 | 06:30 PM | Church             | Santa Trail & Christmas Tree Festival | Church        |
| 11-Dec-21 | 05:00 PM | Church             | Santa Trail & Christmas Tree Festival | Church        |
| 18-Dec-21 | 7:30 AM  | Willoughby Society | Jump the Trax in Concert              | Village Hall  |
| 19-Dec-21 | 4:00 PM  | Church             | Carol Service                         | Church        |
| 21-Dec-21 |          | Church             | Carol Singing around the Village      |               |
| 24-Dec-21 | 9:30 PM  | Church             | Christmas Eve Holy Communion          | Church        |
| 31-Dec-21 | 7:30 PM  |                    | New Year's Eve Party                  | Village Hall  |

## Thursday Club

2 December. **Please note the new date!** Christmas Lunch at the King's Head, Napton CV47 8NG. DACT bus leaves Village Hall at 12.15pm prompt. Start at 12.30pm approx at the pub. This is just for info, booking now closed.

10 and 11 December, St. Nicholas Christmas Tree Festival. We have booked a tree - please support the festival, and admire the tree!

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Isn't it good to be back meeting together again? We hope you all enjoyed the card making evening with Lynn.

December is busy!! 4<sup>th</sup> decorating our Christmas Tree in the Church. 8<sup>th</sup> we have an invite to Grandborough W.I.'s Christmas meeting. Followed by our own Christmas meeting on the **9<sup>th</sup>** (competition – donations for the Food Bank).

We start next year with a special afternoon craft time, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January in the Village Hall between 2pm and 4pm when Lynn hopes to set out our quilt squares (tea and cake supplied)

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> February will be our annual Jumble sale (decluttering target date!!)

We wish everyone a healthy and happy Christmas

## Church

With so much in the calendar for December we have decided to move the next 'Soup and Social' to January. Thank you for all the lovely soups and puddings.

A letter has been delivered round the village explaining that the price of the tea making facility and toilet has left us with having to find an extra £10,000. Grants are being researched and applied for but these are time consuming and not always successful. Donations would be very welcome towards this shortfall. We are determined this will happen because of all the Heritage activities and events planned for next two years and the Community garden. This will secure a future for St Nicholas and enable it to be available for all in the community.

We are aiming to submit the Heritage Lottery Bid by the end of December. The Diocese came out to visit the church and talk through the work done so far and discuss what is left to do.

The woodland trust has donated some more hedging. Unfortunately some already planted has died and needs replacing. Just waiting delivery.

Tools with a Mission will also restart January. There is a yellow bin to recycle used spectacles in the church.

Events in December: Christingle Service at 4pm on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December in church. We will be making the oranges in church. All welcome. Come and see the Christmas trees and hear the handbells.

Carol Service 19<sup>th</sup> December at 4pm with mulled wine and mince pies. The Posada will come into the church after its journey to three schools and families in the village. The Posada represents Mary, Joseph and the donkeys journey to Bethlehem. Look out in the village for these figures the week before the carol service.

Carol singing round the village on 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 9-30pm which is midnight in Bethlehem.

Contact Karen Nichols 07866572209 or [kjndon@aol.com](mailto:kjndon@aol.com)

Happy Christmas to all and a massive thank you to all volunteers and supporters.

## Willoughby Society

Our concert on the 12<sup>th</sup> November by Moonshine Whiskey was very successful, thank you to everyone who supported it.

Next year will start with a film screening and include activity nights, speakers, two Live & Local shows (She'koyokh-Feb 18<sup>th</sup> & Flats & Sharps May 14<sup>th</sup>), .....

Our last event of 2021 is:

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30pm**

### **Jump the Trax in Concert**

Willoughby Village Hall

music from the 60s, 70s, + with a seasonal flavour!!

Seats £12.50 including mulled wine and mince pies

(bring your own drinks & glasses if you wish)

Book with Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street Tel. 891898

### **Leamington Hastings Church of England Academy**

We've continued to have a busy term at Leamington Hastings Academy. The children's favourites this term to date have been making wreaths for Remembrance Day, wearing odd socks for anti-bullying week, learning about the similarities of different faiths in interfaith week, and the various cooking activities that have taken place! They also had a great time at an end of half term pumpkin party, their pumpkin carving skills were extremely impressive! Photographs of all the pumpkins can be seen on our Facebook page.

We have lots of exciting events still to come this term. These include a workshop with a rock band, a pantomime visit, the opportunity to work with a local artist on a whole school project, nativity plays and of course a visit from Father Christmas himself who will be arriving via tractor! We are also looking forward to our school Christmas service at All Saints Church and to joining in with the community Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church in Willoughby on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December at 4pm.

We have reached the time of year when families are applying for Reception places for next academic year. We are not holding an open day this year due to the ongoing pandemic, but we are very happy to show families around the school on an individual basis. If you would like a tour of the school, please get in touch with the school office via [school.office@leamingtonhastings.covmat.org](mailto:school.office@leamingtonhastings.covmat.org) or telephone 01926 632359. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **New Years Eve Party**

We will be holding a New Years Eve Party again this year in the Village Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

Music will be provided by 'Rustic Roots' who will play in conjunction with our own disco music until the early hours.

As previously there will be an American Buffet and you will need to bring your own drinks.

Tickets again priced at £10.00 can be obtained from Brian Hall tel. 890134, Bert Ogle tel. 890498, or Leonie Tromans tel. 890700.



## Willoughby Parish Council

Are you interested in helping the Parish Council with the maintenance and future upgrades of the Parish Council website. The website is based on the WIX platform.

The Village are in need of a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator as Rachel Settle is standing down due to other commitments. Rachel has done a superb job and has been carrying out this role for many years. Rachel will be happy to introduce and assist anyone interested in taking over.

If you can help with either of these roles please contact Mike Thomas on 891338 or [mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com).

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

### Willoughby Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) - Review

The NDP was made (approved) on 17 December 2019 by Rugby Borough Council. As a result, the NDP is now used to help determine planning applications in the neighbourhood area alongside Rugby's planning policies and national policy. Although there is no requirement to do so, the Parish Council undertook to review the NDP every two years to ensure that it remains up-to-date.

This review has now taken place and after a thorough analysis of planning applications over the past two years and the implications of the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in July 2021, the Parish Council and Rugby Borough Council (RBC) have agreed that there are only minor modifications needed to the plan to bring it up-to-date e.g. referring to the new 2021 NPPF, adding new housing and amending bus services. The policies remain the same. The Modified NDP and the Schedule of Changes will go to a meeting of the full Council at Rugby on 15 December for consideration. If agreed, the Modified NDP and the Schedule of Changes will be published on RBC's website and on the Parish Council website.

### 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 are PCSO David Banks & PCSO Helena Seal, our Police Constable is PC Chris Knight. 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](mailto:rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk) .

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Rachel Settle (Co-ordinator) can be contacted by telephone on 01788 890724, by e-mail [rachelsettle@btinternet.com](mailto:rachelsettle@btinternet.com) or [juststoves@btconnect.com](mailto:juststoves@btconnect.com) or by mobile/ WhatsApp etc on 07885501551.

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| 15-Jan-22 | Women's Institute | Craft Time  | Village Hall |
| 12 Feb 22 | Women's Institute | Jumble Sale | Village Hall |

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send them to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: [wm@willoughbyweb.net](mailto:wm@willoughbyweb.net) .

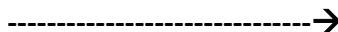
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**10<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm – 8.30 pm,**  
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Decorate your House, Window or Garden.

There will be Hot drinks, a raffle and some stalls at the church.

Children (under 16's) will be able to collect a pre Santa pressie at the end of the trail.

If anyone would like to donate towards the raffle, the cost of/ or donate some small selection boxes it would be much appreciated.

Part of the route will go through the Manor Farm paddock and the Shrubbery, so a torch may be advisable.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

Thank you to those who have ordered a Christmas Tree for our tree festival. We plan to decorate the trees on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

During the festival

- Sanitiser will be provided on tables
- Although not mandatory. Wearing of a mask in the church is advisable.
- Practice social distancing wherever possible.



Vote for your favourite, House, Window or Tree.

If you would like to take part either by decorating your house, window or garden please email me using the following email address [cmc@willoughbyweb.net](mailto:cmc@willoughbyweb.net) with your name, address and telephone number . We will be locking the trail map on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Outdoor Christmas Tree Decoration**

Once again, we will be having an outdoor Christmas tree in the churchyard which has been kindly donated by Skylark Farms.

Please feel free to place outdoor decorations on the tree.

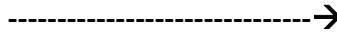
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