

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the January edition of the WM. I wish you all a Happy, Successful, and Healthy, New Year.

December was a mixed month with the successful Church Santa Trail and Christmas Tree Festival and lots of cheerful lights around the Village whilst news of the Omicron COVID variant threw a spanner in many peoples plans.

First a personal note, I am planning to reduce my Village work this year so that I can spend more time on my own interests. Therefore, having produced the first Willoughby Monthly way back in September 2008, at the request of the Parish Council and various Organisations, I have decided that the August 2022 edition will be my last one. Hopefully, there is plenty of time for a new recruit to be found (see the Parish Council item inside) and a smooth transition.

There are some volunteer opportunities available inside. Most of the facilities and spaces we have and value result from the efforts of volunteers and benefactors in the past. Now is a good time to think about how you would like the Village to improve and what you might do to help things happen. Let me have your ideas and any offers of help other than the ones organisations have asked for. I'll pass them on the appropriate organisation and report suggestions in the WM.

All the organisations have been planning for a more normal year with full programmes of meetings and events scheduled. If the Omicron variant of COVID results in new restrictions, cancellations may be necessary or limits on numbers, please check with organisers if this is the case.

Finally, I wish you all a Happy, Successful, and Healthy New Year.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
09-Jan-22	11:00 AM	Church	Family & All Age Service	Church
13 Jan 22	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Games Afternoon	Village Hall
15-Jan-22	2:00 PM	Women's Institute	Craft Time	Village Hall
18 Jan 22	07:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
20-Jan-22	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch The Friendly Inn	Frankton
20-Jan-22	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Val Taylor 'My Life in Serious Crime'	Village Hall
22-Jan-22	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
23-Jan-22	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
26-Jan-22	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Film Screening - No Time to Die	Village Hall

Thursday Club

13 January 2.30pm: Village Hall, Games Afternoon (with the usual raffle!)

20 January 12.30pm: Pub Lunch at the Friendly Inn, Frankton CV23 9NY

Willoughby Women's Institute

A Happy New Year to you all.

Our first activity is on Saturday, 15th January between 2-4pm in the Village Hall a time to, hopefully assemble our Wall Hanging, do some craft work, and have tea, cake, and a chat.

Thursday, 20th is our meeting with Val Taylor talking about her life dealing with Serious Crime.

Keep Saturday, 12th February free as much help is needed for our annual Jumble Sale.

Church

December was a very busy month. The Christingle was well attended and 25 children enjoyed making the oranges. £141.90 was sent to the Children's Society.

Our Santa trail and Christmas Tree Festival was very successful and could not have gone ahead without the help and support of many.

Results from the Santa Rail and Christmas Tree Festival voting:

- Best house - The Hiscox family.
- Best window - The Wooldridge family.
- Best decorated Christmas Tree - The Leamington Hastings School Tree - the children were convinced their school tree was the best making a beeline to where it stood. The W.I tree was runner up.

It was lovely to see so many people over the two days.. Thank you for the individual donations towards selection boxes and raffle prizes. Also to B.Beautiful, Charisma Hair, Braunston and Martins Veg shop Kingsway, Rugby for raffle prizes. A special big thank you to Bert and Dave for arranging the electrics. Finally thank you for all who braved the night air making the event such a happy occasion. Just over £350 was raised for the church.

A reminder there is a glasses collection bin in the church. Taking used reading glasses to be recycled. Tools with a Mission will restart on the 8th January 10-12. The volunteers working at the collection point really appreciate our donations.

Soup and Social restarts on January 22nd in the village hall 12-2pm.

The kitchen/toilet project shortfall is slowly reducing. Many thanks for the donations. If anyone would like to make a donation we would be very grateful. We are also seeking grants to help fill the gap.

Plans are underway for a very busy future as we organise Heritage activities and events. Our Heritage Lottery bid needs some more work before it is submitted as it is vital to get it right.

Finally, we need volunteers to help with the community garden. Replacements for some of the hedging that had died was delayed due to transport issues.

Many many thanks to all our supporters and volunteers.

We hope you had a Happy Christmas and good start to the New Year.

Memories, Memories.... As part of the Heritage initiative we want to record Villager's recollections of village life, people, and change over the years, especially if you have lived here for many years. Email items to cmc@willoughbyweb.net, more next month.

Willoughby Parish Council

Richard Jackson is to stand down from editing and producing the Willoughby Monthly in September 2022. Richard started the publication in September 2008 at the request of the Parish Council and other Village organisations and has done so ever since. The Parish Council would like to place on record their thanks to Richard for all the hard work he has put into this publication over the years and for keeping the Village informed.

Due to Richard standing down there is a need for someone to take up the mantle of producing the Willoughby Monthly going forward and provide an invaluable service for the Village. If you feel you could be a part of helping to produce the publication in the future, please contact Mike Thomas for a chat.

The Parish Council are seeking to employ a handyman to carry out work around the Village. This would ideally be a self employed person or a company who have their own Public Liability insurance and would be employed on an agreed rate on a price per job basis. The work would include upkeep of the public benches, maintaining the shelter in the playing field and any necessary repairs to the play equipment together with other assorted jobs that come up from time to time. If you are interested in being considered please contact Mike Thomas

There is still a vacancy for a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator who would provide a valuable service in helping to keep our Village safe. Please consider if you could help as this position could be very rewarding and satisfying.

On any of the above items and to discuss things further please contact Mike Thomas on 891338 or email mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday the 18th of January at 19.30 in the Village Hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

Willoughby Society

We hope everyone had a good Christmas despite the ongoing pandemic. A much reduced audience had a great evening on the 18th December with Jump the Trax our last event of 2021.

Our monthly meeting is at 7:30pm on the 26th January when we will have a screening of the film 'No Time to Die', the latest Bond film that has received considerable acclaim. Non-members are welcome to come along but are asked to make a donation toward the cost of the film license. As this item is being written there is much talk of further restrictions being imposed by the government, please call Richard Jackson – 891898 if you plan to come so we have an idea of likely numbers in case we need to limit them.

Our first Live & Local event of 2022 (all being well) is She' Koyokh in concert on Friday, 18th February at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Live and Local describe them as

'She'Koyokh gorgeous and virtuosic performances of folk songs of Jewish Eastern Europe, Turkey and the Balkans, have made them one of London's musical treasures. Their music is traditional yet fiery and emotional. This prize-winning multinational band are never less than brilliant.'

"THE UK'S BEST KLEZMER & BALKAN MUSIC BAND" (THE EVENING STANDARD)



Tickets will be £17-50 including a Fish & Chip supper. As usual please bring your own drinks and glasses. Available from Richard Jackson (Hazeldene, Main St. tel 891898) and Willoughby Society Committee Members.

Willoughby Cricket Club

The village cricket club will begin pre-season training in January.

Held at Bilton School Sports Centre, sessions start on Wednesday 12th January 2022 for both the junior and senior sections of the club.

They will run every Wednesday evening until the end of March on the following times:

- 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm ~ Under 11s and Dynamos
- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm ~ Under 13s and Under 15s.
- 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm ~ Seniors/adults

For details & contacts see the club website <https://www.willoughbycc.org.uk/contact>

Willoughby Cricket Club would like to extend its sincere thanks to all those who have supported the club in any way this year.

On behalf of the Management Committee, they would like to wish everyone a happy, successful, and healthy New Year

Leam Valley Community First Responders would like to thank members of the community for their kind donations which have enabled them to acquire a group vehicle, to use until sufficient funds are raised for a 4 x4 vehicle that will enable them to access all parts of the community in all weather conditions.



Police & Neighbourhood Watch

There are increasing reports of Cloned Company Scams where criminals investment opportunities are promoted via web sites that look like those of genuine companies. If you are responding to an online advert from a Company you haven't dealt with before check the contact details on the Financial Conduct Authority Register first.

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 Ashleigh Baker. 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.pnn.police.uk .

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

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
12-Feb-22	Women's Institute	Jumble Sale	Village Hall
18-Feb-22	Willoughby Society	She'Koyokh in Concert	Village Hall
14-May-22	Willoughby Society	Flats and Sharps Live in Concert	Village Hall

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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 .