

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the February edition of the WM. January turned out to be a fairly benign month weather wise and news about COVID improved suggesting we might get a 'normal' spring and summer, fingers crossed!!

Inside there are a number of opportunities to help your fellow villagers and Village. From Coordinating the Neighbourhood Watch, becoming Parish Clerk, helping with Jubilee activities, to taking over producing the Willoughby Monthly from me. All are valued by Villagers and therefore worthwhile. Small rural communities like ours can only survive if their residents take on these and similar roles. Some could be shared or taken on by a small team so do give them some thought and find out more if you are interested.

All of the Village organisations are back in action looking to make up for lost time. Please support them and their activities.

The Willoughby Society has a Live and Local (L&L) show in the Village Hall on the 18th February (see inside) bringing the sounds of the Balkans/Middle East to our Village. L&L shows bring us really good performers that would not ordinarily come to small villages. Many still remember the Zulus from South Africa and drummers from Ghana who brought us fantastic new experiences. A journey to the far end of the Mediterranean sounds like a good start the year's events!! Do go along if you can.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
08-Feb-22	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
10-Feb-22	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	"Fun on the Buses" Jess Nash	Village Hall
13-Feb-22	11:00 AM	Church	All Age Service	Church
17-Feb-22	12:00 PM	Women's Institute	Birthday Dinner The Countryman	Staverton
17-Feb-22	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch TBA	
18-Feb-22	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	She'Koyokh in Concert	Village Hall
19-Feb-22	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
23-Feb-22	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Wine Tasting Quiz	Village Hall
27-Feb-22	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
28-Feb-22	7:30 PM	Willoughby C.C.	Annual General Meeting	Pavillion

Thursday Club

10 February 2.30pm Village Hall: Jess Nash 'Fun on the Buses'

17 February 12.30pm Pub Lunch - details at our meeting on 10 February.

Willoughby Women's Institute

We hope that those who came to the Craft Afternoon enjoyed it.

Due to COVID concerns the Jumble Sale scheduled for the 12th February has been cancelled.

February 17th is our annual birthday dinner which this year will be at The Countryman, Staverton. Please let Lorraine know if you need transport.

Willoughby Parish Council

The Parish Council have just placed an order for some new play equipment costing almost £13,000 which hopefully will be installed in February and will provide some challenging stimulation for children in the Village. Councillor Rod Honess has led the negotiations on this project with costings and tender selection. Alan Belgrove has been successful in obtaining a grant of £5,000 from the National Lottery fund and the Willoughby Charity has kindly assisted with a grant of £3,500. Mr & Mrs Carlisle kindly donated £1,000 for the benefit of the village when they moved and the Parish Council have put this towards the new equipment. The remaining costs being met by the Parish Council.

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.

Alan Belgrove has stood down as a Councillor due to personal reasons and the Parish Council would like to place on record their thanks for all his work during his time as a Councillor.

Dennis Neville has also stood down as the Parish Clerk with immediate effect. Dennis has served as the Parish Clerk for 31 years and the Council are grateful for his contribution during this time. The Parish Council are advertising for a suitably qualified applicant to fill the position of Parish Clerk. If this is of interest to you please contact Mike Thomas.

The Parish Council are pleased to welcome Mrs Maggie Beech to the position of Parish Councillor.

The Willoughby Monthly needs a volunteer or volunteers to take over the production when Richard Jackson stands down from the role. This role provides a great service to the local community and would be very rewarding.

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 8th of February at 19.30 in the Village Hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

Cyril Pettifer

Eileen, Michael, Graham & Family thank all villagers for their condolence cards, visits and donations to the Air Ambulance & Church at the passing of Cyril in December and attending his funeral.

Willoughby Society

Friday, February 18th, Willoughby Village Hall

She'Koyokh in Concert



This is a Live & Local Show. Their description is: "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.

Songlines World Music Awards Best Group nominees 2018.

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In concert, this prize-winning and impressively multinational band are never less than brilliant, weaving a rich tapestry of intricate, kaleidoscopic melodies, rumbunctious rhythms and stunning and soulful song."

Oh and the name? She'Koyokh is a Yiddish word meaning "nice one!"

Standard Tickets £17.50 including Fish & Chip Supper From Richard Jackson Hazeldene, Main Street. Tel. 891898 And Willoughby Society Committee members.

A Willoughby Society Event



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Wednesday, 23rd February – Monthly Meeting - Wine Tasting Quiz an opportunity to test your taste buds and nose!!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022



The Queen's Green Canopy

A Woodland Trust supplied pack of thirty trees (Silver Birch, Rowan, and Wild Cherry) is expected to arrive in March. The tree planting season is October to March so they will need to be planted soon after they arrive.

The Church has a few earmarked for the churchyard and we are liaising with the Parish Council and land owners to identify suitable sites around the village for the remainder.

WANTED – Volunteers to help plant the trees (small saplings) when they arrive. It would be great to have them planted and adopted by village children/families who would keep an eye on their tree(s) and enjoy them as they grow.

Big Jubilee Lunch

Our first Big Lunch was part of **Willoughby 2012** marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This year's Big Lunch on Sunday, 5th June, marks another milestone as it will also be the 'Big Jubilee Lunch'. Put the date in your calendar/diary it will be a day for villagers, their families, and friends to enjoy. We will use the Village Hall and Garden perhaps streaming the Pageant from London onto the big screen. In previous years the playing field has also been in use with an impromptu rounders match so this year there will be the new play equipment give a work out!!

More details soon but in the meantime if you would like to be involved in arranging/setting up the Lunch and activities please let Richard know tel. 891898 email: rj@willoughbyweb.net .

Church

St Nicholas is continuing with its plans for the tea making and toilet facility. An appeal before Christmas helped to narrow the shortfall and we have just been told Heart of England Community Fund will give us £2,000 but we still need about £5,000. Donations are always welcome please - We are so nearly there. This project is on course to start at the end of May. A builder has been secured. A couple of other small grant requests have been made that we are waiting to hear about.

The Heritage Lottery bid for the nave roof, walls and community garden project has been sent to a Heritage Specialist to be checked over. Hopefully it should be able to be submitted soon.

We are starting Pennies from Heaven boxes again in March to coincide with the lighter nights. We will happily take any loose change for the church building fund. Thank you. Tools with a Mission and Reading Glasses Donations are continuing but moving to the second Saturday of the month between 10 and 12

February 13th at 11am we have an 'All Age Service' where we are looking at new beginnings. It is lambing time for many farmers and activities are planned. Please join us also on February 19th for Soup and Social in the village hall.

Finally, our new Priest in Charge, Rev. Phil Price is taking the Communion Service on 27th February at 11am. Refreshments planned after will give people a chance to meet him and say hello. We look forward to giving him a warm welcome.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

The recent surge in energy prices will likely give rise to a plethora of scams so beware of any approach that suggests it can reduce your bills or give you cheaper tariffs. The Safe in Warwickshire website (<https://safeinwarwickshire.com/news/>) is a useful source of information about 'crime' nearby and advice on how to prevent it.

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 & 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.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
25-Mar-22	Church	Children's Craft Evening (Mothering Sunday gifts/cards etc.)	
23-Apr-22	Church	Spring Craft Fair	Church
14-May-22	Willoughby Society	Flats and Sharps Live in Concert	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 15th of the month. Send them to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net .