

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the March edition of the WM. February has been relatively mild but wild with the various storms but as I write this there doesn't seem to be major damage. Village activities have been getting back to a normal rhythm once more.

The Willoughby Society's Live & Local show on the 18th February overcame the challenges of storm Eunice and gave everyone a great night of Balkan entertainment. It was great to have live entertainment in the Village Hall again.

Ahead of the Jubilee Celebrations the Thursday Club and Willoughby Society have partnered to buy new folding tables which you will see over the Jubilee weekend and other outdoor events afterwards. The Willoughby Society have also invested in two sets of higher legs for a couple of the stage units that will allow them to be used as tables or to extend the Village Hall stage. Also the Willoughby Charity has agreed to fund the purchase of a new top for the Village marquee which had become leaky!! All great for the Jubilee and the longer term.

Enclosed you will find a flyer with details of The Willoughby Jubilee Art Competition, organised by the Willoughby Society, open to everybody in the Village. Have a go and share your talent - all of the entries will be on display in the Village Hall at the Jubilee Events.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
10-Mar-22	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	A.G.M. with Cheese & Wine	Village Hall
13-Mar-22	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
15-Mar-22	07:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
17-Mar-22	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - Queen's Head	Bretford
17-Mar-22	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Kurling with Barby WI	Village Hall
25-Mar-22	5:00 PM	Church	Children's Craft Evening (Mothering Sunday gifts/cards etc.)	Church
26-Mar-22	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
27-Mar-22	11:00 AM	Church	Mothering Sunday	Church
30-Mar-22	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Gardens & Wildlife - Lucy Hartley	Village Hall

Thursday Club

10 March 2.30pm Village Hall: AGM with cheese wine and general jollity

17 March 12.30pm Pub Lunch - Queens Head, Bretford

New members always welcome - enquiries to our Sec, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805

Willoughby Women's Institute

St. Patrick's Day, Thursday 17th March, sees us welcoming members of Barby W.I. for an evening of Kurling in the Village Hall. Maybe on this occasion Willoughby W.I. can emulate Eve Muirhead and her team!!

Pat now has the tickets for 'Evita' on April 9th if you have reserved a place Pat needs payment before the 9th.

Membership subscriptions are due before our April meeting please send to Pat James.

Church

Our National Heritage Fund bid has been submitted. We are carrying on with all events and activities planned this year celebrating the Heritage that is St Nicholas. The Woodland Trust are donating hedge quicks for us to continue the hedge next to the spinney and replace those died off. Also thirty sapling trees are arriving as part of Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Only a few destined for the churchyard. Plans are continuing for the Community Garden volunteers welcome. Contact Karen, Sue or Andrea. Spring bulbs were planted at the new beginnings Service on 13th Feb. Another activity planned service will be on 13th March at 11am.

We are still about £5000 short for the toilet/servery project, ideas for fund raising or donations would be gratefully received. Work due to start end May.

A reminder we are starting our Pennies from Heaven boxes again in March. We will happily take any loose change for the church building fund. If anyone would like their previous boxes emptying before we start please contact Karen on 07866 572209 who will arrange for them to be collected.

Friday 25th March 5 pm – 7pm - Children's Mother's Day Craft Evening making Mothering Sunday gifts, cards etc. - An opportunity to create a gift ready for Mothering Sunday Service in Church on Sunday 27th March at 11am. Donations towards the church building fund or towards craft supplies will be gratefully received.

Saturday 26th March soup and social 12-2 Village Hall.

Saturday 23rd April 10.30am till 4pm – Spring Craft Fair and Table Top Sale, £7.00 a stall anyone wishing to book a place please contact Karen on 07866 572209 or Sue 07889 532810. All proceeds to St Nicholas Church Building Fund

Future Church Events

Church Calendar Photo Competition - Further info to be announced in the April Newsletter

Wednesday 1st June 1pm – 4pm - Children's Platinum Jubilee Craft Afternoon making Bunting, crowns etc. Donations towards the church building fund or towards craft supplies will be gratefully received.

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July – St Nicholas Church Heritage Weekend, crafts, maypole dancing, stalls and much more. Further details to follow

Willoughby Society

What a great evening we had!! even storm Eunice couldn't stop our first show of the year. She'Koyokh (Nice one! in Yiddish) bought the music of the Balkans to our Village Hall. Thanks, to Live & Local, and their funders Arts Council England, Rugby Borough Council, etc..

On the 30th March at 7:30pm, in the Village Hall, we have a talk by Lucy Hartley on 'Gardens and Wildlife'. Come along and get some ideas you can adopt in your garden.

We are beginning work on a new project to enhance the village by adding some bright and cheerful flowering plants and giving the Memorial Garden some TLC including creating a sensory area. Plans are at an early stage but it is a project that everyone, young and old will be able to get involved with - if you are interested contact Leonie Tromans on 890700.

Looking ahead plans are progressing towards the Jubilee Big Lunch (see below) and 10 new folding tables have been acquired in partnership with the Thursday Club and two sets of longer legs to allow two of the stage units to be used as an extension to the stage in the Hall, or as low, and high tables. These two investments will give greater flexibility especially for outdoor events and the tables will be easier to handle and store.

The Society is also running The Jubilee Art Competition (see the enclosed flyer) giving everyone the opportunity to let their artistic side loose!!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Queen's Green Canopy, thank you to everyone who has offered to help plant and look after the trees. We have identified a suitable site and requested permission from the land owner to plant the trees there. Hopefully permission will come through very soon. Richard will be in touch with everyone who volunteered to adopt/plant/look after the trees as soon as we have permission to use the site. Also anyone else who would like to get involved please call him.



The Willoughby Jubilee Art Competition

Two themes: create a picture of the Queen; create a picture of something the Queen owns. Any size, any media. All ages. See the enclosed flyer for more detail. All the entries will be displayed in the Village Hall over the Jubilee weekend. Organised by the Willoughby Society.



Jubilee Children's Craft Afternoon, Wednesday 1st June, Church, make bunting pennants and flags to use at home or decorate the Village Hall.

Jubilee Cream Tea, Saturday 4th June, Village Hall, organised by the Thursday Club

Jubilee Big Lunch, Sunday 5th June, Village Hall & Garden, sponsored by the

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23-Apr-22	Church	Spring Craft Fair & Table Top Sale	Church
14-May-22	Willoughby Society	Flats and Sharps Live in Concert	Village Hall
01-Jun-22	Church	Children's Jubilee Craft afternoon	Church
05-Jun-22	Willoughby Society	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch	Village Hall
02-Jul-22		Willoughby Village Festival 2022	Playing Field

Willoughby Parish Council

The Council

Malcolm Lewis: The Parish Council are pleased to welcome Malcolm as a new Councillor.

Parish Clerk: While we seek to appoint a new Clerk, Mike Thomas will look after financial matters and Maggie Beech will act as the Parish Clerk. You can contact Mike at mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com or on 01788 891338 and Maggie at maggie.beech.247@gmail.com or on 07855 325314.

New Playing Field Equipment

The installation of the new climbing equipment begins on 28 February and will take four days to complete. Children should be able to use the equipment from 5 March.

Thank you to:

Ed Beech who is redesigning and updating the Parish Council website. It should go 'live' early in March. Go to willoughbyparishcouncil.org to read about the work of the Parish Council, to see agendas and minutes for meetings and to find information about Willoughby.

Jackie Hesketh who is going to sort out and look after the Telephone Box book exchange on Main Street so that it is, once again, an attractive asset for residents.

The Willoughby Charity for funding a new canopy for the village marquee as this is an asset for everyone in the parish.

Brian Hall who has offered to help with maintenance tasks around the village.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Willoughby Society, the Thursday Club and the Church have all come forward with ideas to celebrate the Jubilee in June. The Parish Council is going to plant a tree in the playing field with a commemorative plaque and will provide Jubilee mugs for children in the village. If other groups or individuals are planning activities that residents could join in with, it would be great if you could let Malcolm Lewis know so that we can work together to provide a wonderful celebration in the village for this unique event. You can contact Malcolm at smlewisltd@gmail.com or on 07340 664610

Next Parish Council Meeting

Although normally meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, 15 March. Members of the parish are very welcome to attend, either to raise an issue during the 15 minute Public Participation session or simply to find out what happens at a meeting.

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 marking.

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.

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Ideas for improving the WM, and any articles/notices you have for your fellow villagers. Should be sent to Send them to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net by the 15th of the month.