

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the April edition of the WM. Last month saw more benign weather with some days positively warm!! The bulbs around the village appeared and brightened things up despite all the gloomy news.

There are quite a lot of events and activities being planned linked in some way to the Platinum Jubilee. They will be badged as 'A Platinum Project' or 'A Platinum Planting Project'.

The first of our **Platinum Planting Projects**, the tree planting, on the 12th March was very successful with over 80 trees, albeit small ones, planted on a bright sunny morning. It was great to see a good number of volunteers coming along, including some of our newest residents. The mix of rain and warmth since should give the saplings a really good a start. In a few years time our contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy should be established and making the walk along the Shrubbery Footpath even more pleasant. If you look at the map on the Queen's Green Canopy web site you will see Willoughby Has its 'pin' and a photograph.

There is a **Platinum Planting Project** to refresh the Amenity/Memorial Garden which will take some time to complete but with lots of help and plant contributions will make the garden a 'go to place'. There is more about this inside.

The date of the village festival has had to be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. It will now take place on **Saturday 16th July**. Please amend your diary/schedule/calendar.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
12-Apr-22	07:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
13-Apr-22	10:30 AM	Church	Communion Service	Church
14-Apr-22	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Life in the Music' Andy Smith	Village Hall
17-Apr-22	10:30 AM	Church	Easter Sunday Communion Service	Church
21-Apr-22	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The Cross Roads	Weedon
21-Apr-22	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Funny Times' David Moylan	Village Hall
23-Apr-22	10:30 AM	Church	Spring Craft Fair & Table Top Sale	Church
27-Apr-22	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Commonwealth War Graves Commission - Sarah Moody	Village Hall
28-Apr-22	6:30 PM	Village Hall Committee	Annual General Meeting	Village Hall
30-Apr-22	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall

Thursday Club

14 April 2.30pm Village Hall: Andy Smith 'Life in the music'

21 April 12.30pm Pub Lunch - The Cross Roads, Weedon Bec, NN7 4PX

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

We are still collecting old stamps for the RNIB.

Willoughby Women's Institute

Our Kurling evening with Barby was really enjoyed by everyone. The next event, 21st April at 7:30pm, is an open meeting, 'Funny Times' with David Moylan, an entertainer from Warwick Castle. We have heard great things about his talk. Visitors are very welcome, tickets are £5 from Lorraine Geddes (tel: 890846) in advance for catering numbers.

The Jubilee Weekend

Platinum Projects:

4th & 5th June - **Jubilee Art Competition Exhibition** in the Village Hall

4th June **Jubilee Cream Tea** (Thursday Club), Buckingham Palace Concert streamed on the big screen (if permitted)

5th June **Big Jubilee Lunch** - Village Picnic etc., Pageant on the Mall streamed to the big screen

Further details next month. These are events for villagers, their families and friends so get the dates in diaries and your crown polished!!

Volunteers to help put bunting up and set things up on both mornings would be appreciated just let Richard know (contact details on the back page)

Church

We move ever closer to our target for the servery/toilet project. After several generous sums, including £2,250 from the Benefact Trust we are left with about £750 find. Donations still would be very welcome. A meeting will be held with the builder and architect in April and work will hopefully be scheduled to start end May/early June.

We expect to hear the outcome of our Lottery bid by the beginning of April. As soon as we hear whether successful or not we will let everyone know. The community garden part of the project needs to be started.

The Ladies Fellowship formed in 1998 has reluctantly decided to disband due to a small and ageing membership. The remaining funds of £161.43 have been donated to the church specifically for the purchase of flowers as and when required. A very generous gesture meaning we now have a flower fund which we can build on.

Soup and Social events are growing in popularity and it is lovely to see everyone. April 30th is the last one until the autumn. We intend introducing 'Simple Salad and Cake' lunches through the summer months. Dates to follow.

April 17th, Easter Sunday Service. A communion service where all are welcome at 10-30am. Followed by an Easter Egg Activity for young and not so young at heart.

April 23rd a Craft Fair and Table Top Sale will be held at the Church and Churchyard. 10:30-4pm Tables £7. Contact Sue 07889532810 or Karen 07866572209 for details.

Finally a mid week Communion Service is planned for Wednesday 13th April at 10-30am. The middle of Holy Week. Followed by coffee and Hot Cross Buns/ biscuits. We look forward to welcoming people at our services.

Willoughby Society

Our next meeting in the Village Hall is on Wednesday, 27th April at 7:30pm. Sarah Moody will be telling us about the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. They look after the vast cemeteries in France/Belgium that TV shows on the anniversaries of the WWI battles and Normandy Landings. Visiting these sites is always a moving experience.

After our venture into the Balkans with She'Koyokh our next Live & Local show brings Flats & Sharps all the way from Penzance!! Don't miss it:



Flats & Sharps In Concert

Willoughby Village Hall

Saturday, 14th May, 7:30pm.

Tickets:

£17.50 including Fish & Chip Supper.

From: Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street. Tel 891898 and Willoughby Society Committee Members

"Flats and Sharps are a four-piece bluegrass outfit from Penzance, Cornwall. Delivering energetic, enthusiastic and spirited Bluegrass to audiences all around the world, Flats and Sharps have been performing their unique take on this music for over eight years. Their shows include a wide variety of influences, from a fresh and modern outlook on foot-stomping Bluegrass material through to their powerful and well-crafted original songs, with beautiful moments everywhere in between. Their music perfectly blends strong harmonies and stonking solos, their incredible stage presence and energy create an evening that'll have you dancing, laughing and singing along in no time."



Help needed! Refreshing the Amenity/Memorial Garden (behind the phone box)

Can you donate bulbs or plants? The aim is to re-develop the garden into a Sensory garden with the central feature being a Fraser fir Christmas tree that can be decorated each year.

An application for funding has been submitted but we may not be successful. Whether we are successful or not we still aim to transform the garden into a beautiful place where you can sit for a while whilst out walking, meet up with friends, or where you can just sit in quiet contemplation amongst beautiful scents and sounds of nature.

If you are going to divide any bulbs, corms, or plants in your garden and have some to spare, or if you have a surplus plant that could be incorporated into the garden. Please offer them to the this project

The plants needed are strongly scented perennial plants and shrubs; Shrubs and plants that attract bees and other insects; Herbs; and Plants that have a sensory feel.

Examples we would like to include are:- Forsythia, Buddlea, Lilac, Ceonothus, Mock Orange, Mahonia and Saraccoca (Sweet Box). Astantia, Stocks, Sweet William, Heuchera and Lupins. Ornamental Grasses. Lambs Ear and Rose Champion. Bulbs inc; Daffodills, dwarf Daffodils, Anemone, Tulips, Hyacinth, Snowdrops, Crocus and English Bluebells

We will also need volunteers to help create the garden. If you can help please contact Leonie Tromans (tel: 890700) *A Platinum Planting Project*

Willoughby Parish Council

The installation of the new climbing equipment in the playing field was finally completed on 18 March after an unexpected delay due to a worker's ill health. An independent inspector from RoSPA has visited and stated that the equipment is safe to use. On Saturday 26th March, Connie, Lilly, and Evie, the three friends who originally identified the need for more adventurous equipment, officially opened this wonderful addition to Willoughby's amenities.

The new Parish Council website went 'live' on 25th February and you can find agendas and minutes for meetings, other information about the Council and councillors, latest news and information about Willoughby. The website address is www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org.

Information about the mugs the Council would like to give to children in the parish to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be circulated to everyone as soon as possible. The cancellation of our meeting on 15th March due to Covid meant that decisions have been delayed.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday, 12th April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Please join us either to raise issues or to ask questions during the Public Participation session or just to find out what happens at a meeting.

Willoughby Village Hall

Willoughby Village Hall Annual General Meeting is on Thursday 28th April at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Every villager is invited to come along.

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 & 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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14-May-22	Willoughby Society	Flats and Sharps Live in Concert	Village Hall
01-Jun-22	Church	Children's Craft afternoon	Church
04-Jun-22	Thursday Club	Jubilee Cream Tea	Village Hall
05-Jun-22		Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch	Village Hall
09-Jul-22	Church	St. Nicholas Church Heritage Weekend	Church
16-Jul-22		Willoughby Village Festival 2022	

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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.