

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the October edition of the WM. Hello to my fellow Willoughby residents, my name is Hannah and, in a rush of blood to the head, I agreed some months back to take over from Richard in compiling the WM. Some people have said "Oh, you're going to be writing the WM" - so I must set the record straight, that the only bit I write is this bit. All the other information is kindly sent in by various village organisations and I can't take credit for that. I moved to Willoughby almost exactly a year ago with my husband Henry and our 2 boys. It is a lovely village and I wanted to get involved in village life; this seemed as good a way as any, but I have had a few panics getting my head round the software and trying to remember how Excel spreadsheets work! Anyway, quite enough about me. Obviously last month saw the sad loss of our sovereign of 70 years, Queen Elizabeth II. Whatever anyone's thoughts on the monarchy, I think few would disagree that she was true to the promise she made on her 21st birthday to devote her whole life to the service of the country and commonwealth. Her state funeral was the first many of us will have experienced. Did some of you go to London to pay your respects maybe? She will be very much missed by many. In the mean time we all need to get used to hearing people say 'The King' and seeing a new profile on our money and stamps. **Hannah**

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Oct-22	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
04-Oct-22	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
07-Oct-22	5:00 PM	Church	Harvest Craft Workshop	Church
09-Oct-22	11:00 AM	Church	All Sorts Harvest	Church
09-Oct-22	12:30 PM	Church	Harvest Lunch	Village Hall
13-Oct-22	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Love Food Hate Waste - Caroline Faulkner	Village Hall
20-Oct-22	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch	
20-Oct-22	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Safety in the Home' - Fire & Rescue	Village Hall
22-Oct-22	2:00 PM	Village Hall	Jumble Sale admission 50p	Village Hall
23-Oct-22	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion Service	Church
26-Oct-22	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Film Screening - Grease	Village Hall
28-Oct-22	5:00 PM	Church	Halloween Craft Evening & Bonfire Guy making	Church
29-Oct-22	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
31-Oct-22	5:00 PM	Church	Spooky Goings on In the Churchyard	Church

Village Hall Jumble Sale

Saturday 22nd October at 2pm – 50p admission. Clothes, bric-a-brac, toys etc. for sale. Refreshments will be available. All proceeds towards the upkeep of our village hall. Please leave any good quality items you wish to donate at the hall from 9am on the day, thank you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thursday Club

Dates for the Thursday Club

13th October 2.30pm in the village hall, Caroline Faulkner will be talking to us on the subject of 'love food, hate waste'.

20th October 12.30pm, pub lunch. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting on 13th October. New members are always welcome – enquiries to our secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891805.

Willoughby Women's Institute

We've called Warwickshire Fire & Rescue!! They are coming, complete with Fire Engine, to talk to us about 'Safety in the Home' on 20th October at 7.30pm. Visitors always very welcome. The competition is for 'an unusual small household item'



Church

Finally as this goes to print our long awaited build should have begun. The National Heritage Lottery sponsored one of the nave roof and stonework repairs will run alongside the toilet/tea making facility. Scaffolding will be up and the builders hope to be complete by Christmas depending on the weather. We can but hope. We are still able to hold church services but no one will be able to go in the church during the week whilst building work is going on. If a funeral occurs then build will stop for the day. Any questions please contact Karen 07866572209 or kjndon@aol.com.

The Heritage calendar photos have been passed round the village and we have had a considerable number of votes. The 12 most popular will be made into a calendar for people to purchase. Sponsored by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Next years calendar photo competition will be launched soon.

Our bird and bat boxes will be put up round the churchyard and in community areas. We are hoping to have one more build session. Two schools will also have an opportunity to get involved and their bird/bat boxes will go up at school. We plan to produce a map of whose box goes where so children will know what's moved into their houses.

Charlie the church mouse has had more mice join his family group. Children and grown ups are invited to create stories and poems about them and their adventures in the church with view to putting together in a book. All thanks to National Lottery Heritage Fund. Please talk to Karen (07866571109) Andrea (01788 891313) or Sue (07889532810) or e mail kjndon@aol.com.

Soup and Social restarts October 1st and 29th. £5 donation for bowl homemade soup and delicious pud at village hall 12-2pm

Harvest craft evening at church Friday 7th Oct 5-7pm All welcome no charge. Thanks to National Lottery Heritage Fund. Harvest Festival 9th October at 11am in church. Followed by Harvest Lunch in Village Hall. Tickets £8 adults children £5. Contact Andrea, Karen or Sue. Donations for Foodbank please. Spooky goings on in churchyard on 31st October. 5-7 pm Dare you visit and take part in the fun? Free games and treats. Glo sticks on sale.

There is a Halloween craft evening in church 28th October 5-7 where we will also make a Guy for Bonfire night.

We are running our Tree festival again this year. Please contact Sue if you would like a tree. Outdoor ones and A Festival of Light due to the build planned. December 9th/10th. A Santa Dash will add to festivities planned.

Willoughby Society

October 26th will be a film night. We will be showing 'Grease' dress in the style of the film, if you wish. Everyone is welcome to come along whether a member or not. A donation from non-members would be appreciated toward the film license.

Last month saw the completion of the refurbishment of the Amenity Garden one of the Society's Platinum Planting Projects that along with the Green Canopy Copse, and new planters, are a reminder of our late Queen.

Next month on the 30th November we will have our Annual General meeting. Joyce and Richard Jackson are standing down from the Committee after many years. We need some new committee members to help take the Society forward in this new Carolean age, if you can spare a little time you would be very welcome.

Live music in the Village Hall includes a return visit from Sunjay and also two Live & Local shows next year marked with an '*' below. Make sure these dates are in your diary. We have decided that we will sell 'Show Only' tickets for these shows because we cannot predict the cost of food in the coming months. You will be welcome to bring nibbles etc. along with drinks if you wish.

- 1 19th November 2022 Sunjay in Concert (tickets £15 from Richard Jackson
7:30pm Hazeldene, Main Street 891898 or Willoughby Society
Committee Members)
- 2* 27th January 2023 Paul Walker & Karen Pfeiffer with Auf Wiedersehen Me Duck
- 3* 4th March 2023 She'Koyokh in Concert

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - We are pleased to let everyone know that we will be holding a New Year's Eve party again this year (on the usual day !) just in case you might soon be making your plans. As last years party was cancelled at the last minute due to covid concerns, we wanted to confirm our intention to try again and with this in mind, we have booked Jump The Trax, the brilliant duo from Norfolk. They have already played twice in Willoughby, once at the evening of the Festival, the concert in the playing field and once in the Village Hall, so many of you will know how good they are. Tickets will probably go on sale in November, but if you want to reserve some tickets, please ring me on 01788 890134. More details to follow next month. Brian Hall

Willoughby Cricket Club

As the cricket season draws to a close, it's a good time to reflect on the fortunes of the village cricket club. Willoughby's two Saturday teams play in the Northamptonshire Cricket League and both have finished runners-up in their respective divisions – seven and thirteen – to earn promotion. The club also has two midweek league teams in the Rugby and District Cricket League and both too have earned promotion. Having been runners-up last season, the 1stXI finished top of Division 2 this time around to step up to Division 1, with the club's 2ndXI finishing runners-up in Division 3 and moving up to take their place. Willoughby CC continues to run junior teams at Under 11, 13 and 15 levels too, along with running their popular All Stars and Dynamos Cricket programmes; plus with their Ladies Tip and Run team there is cricket for all ages and abilities.

Find out more at the club website www.willoughbycc.org.uk and look out for details of pre-season dates for 2023.



Willoughby Parish Council

The Death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II The Parish Council was deeply saddened by the death of our Queen; she will be greatly missed by all of us. We send our condolences to King Charles III and wish him a long and successful reign.

Annual Community Meeting - Tuesday, 20 September 2022 We are delighted that over forty residents came to the meeting. Thank you. There will be more information about the discussions and new working groups in next month's WM.

Community Survey Report - This report was published on the Parish Council website on 21 September. It contains all the responses received and analysis of key issues. A 'Responses and Solutions' document will be published on the website shortly. If anyone would like a paper copy of either document, please contact Jo Jarman willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com or 07809 197817 and we will arrange delivery.

Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator - No-one had volunteered to take on this role for the community by 15 September. The next Parish Council meeting is on 4 October and we would be delighted if someone would come forward. A new Coordinator or Coordinators (if two people would like to work together) would be asked to do two things:

1. Act as the contact for residents to raise concerns e.g. strange vehicles, people acting suspiciously and to report these to the police.

2. Use the property marking kit to mark residents' property, when requested.

Training will be given. If you could do this for your community, please contact either Mike Thomas mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com 01788 891338 or

Jo Jarman willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com 07809 197817

Next Parish Council meeting

The Parish Council meeting on 13 September was cancelled because of the death of the Queen and will now be on Tuesday, 4 October 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

You are welcome to attend the meeting and to send us any suggestions, ideas or feedback you may have either by email or by phone. Please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, or one of the councillors if you prefer.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Crime Prevention Care there are lots of scams related to energy costs in circulation. Sadly, it is likely that there will be lots of attempts to take advantage of people who may be struggling financially, Citizens Advice & Trading Standards can help.

Police Community Support Officers for the area are PCSO David Banks & our Police Constable is PC Aimee Jarrett. 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: New Coordinator Needed.

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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 Hannah Gowney-Hedges, tel 726289, College Farm, Main Street, e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net .