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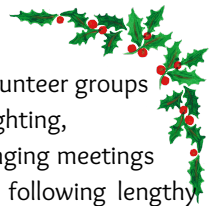


Welcome to December's edition. How are we nearly at Christmas already? This year the UK has seen 3 different Prime Ministers, the Platinum anniversary of our late Queen, a new King, record temperatures, the Lionesses winning the European Football championship and many more events. Covid is still with us, but it's no longer the headline act. Hopefully there were many positives for you all and you have managed to get to some of the wonderful things put on in the village. We had a lovely bonfire night and fireworks last month and we have several events to look forward to this month, so do check out the dates for your

diary below. I'd like to end by saying a big thank you on behalf of us all to everyone who has volunteered/organised/helped/taken part in village life this year and I wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year! Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
02-Dec-22	5:00PM	Church	Christmas Crafts 5-7pm	Church
03-Dec-22		Church	tree festival set up	Church
04-Dec-22	4:00PM	Church	Christingle Service	Church
05-Dec-22	7:00PM	Cricket Club	Bottle Bingo	Cricket Pavillion
08-Dec-22	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Christmas Dinner (DACT Bus leaves 12:15)	The Cross Roads, Weedon Bec
08-Dec-22	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Christmas Floral Decorations - Donna Truslove	Village Hall
09-Dec-22	5:00PM	Church	Santa Trail & Christmas Tree Festival (5pm - 7.30pm)	Church
10-Dec-22	5:00PM	Church	Santa Dash, Christmas Market, Santa Trail & Christmas Tree Festival	Church
11-Dec-22	11:00 AM	Church	Allsorts Service	Church
11-Dec-22	4:00 PM	Church	Carol Service	Church
13-Dec-22	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
24-Dec-22	11:00PM	Church	Midnight Mass	Church
31-Dec-22	7:15 PM		New Years Eve Party	Village Hall

Parish Council News



Volunteer Groups - Councillors have been working on your behalf to enable volunteer groups to move forward. Meetings have been held with the following groups: Street Lighting, Flood Action Plan and Flood Wardens. In addition, Stuart Sheppard will be arranging meetings in the New Year for the Traffic Group and Community Speed Watch Group following lengthy discussions with Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire County Council, to find out what we can do about the traffic issues that are causing so much concern. Councillors have produced reports for each of the groups. Please go to the News section of www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org to read these. As always, if you would like a paper copy, please contact Jo Jarman, the Parish Clerk, at willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com or on 07809 197817 and we will arrange delivery.

Next Parish Council meeting - The next meeting is on **Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Please come and join us for our last meeting of 2022 and remember, we welcome any suggestions, ideas or feedback, either by email or by phone. Please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, or one of the councillors, if you prefer.

The Parish Council wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Thursday Club

8 December 12.30pm Christmas Lunch at The Crossroads Pub, Weedon Bec. DACT bus leaves Village Hall at 12.15pm prompt. Start at 12.30pm approx at the pub. This is just for info, booking now closed.

9 and 10 December, St. Nicholas Christmas Tree Festival. We have booked a tree - please support the festival and admire the tree! Jim

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Our December meeting is two weeks earlier than usual on the 8th December. Donna Truslove will be demonstrating Christmas Floral Decorations – you will have time to practice at home before the Big Day!! The competition this year is for donations for the Food Bank which needs even more donations this year as people struggle to make ends meet. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.



St Nicholas Church

A big thank you to all helpers and supporters at our events including the Halloween workshop, Spooky goings on in the churchyard, bonfire and the Remembrance event. Plus of course our Soup and Socials. The work continues and we are hoping to get another tour in before completion. Please contact if interested in a tour 07866572209 or kjndon@aol.com We have had to reprint the Heritage calendars, still £5. Lovely pictures of the village and space to jot down those all-important events we have in our lives. We also have post cards and cards of our Peace Window. Look out for these at future church events. The Posada will once again make its way through the village ending up in the church Carol Service evening. 11th Dec at 4pm.

Art workshops are planned in church in the New Year again sponsored and will be free. These will be for anyone who fancies creating their own masterpieces. Dates confirmed are Saturday 21st Jan 1-3 pm and Thursday 26th Jan 10-12. All welcome. Refreshments served. Thanks to National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Soup and Social paused for Dec back on January 14th

Christmas Craft Dec 2nd 5-7pm. Tree festival set up Dec 3rd .

Christingle in church Dec 4th at 4pm. Christingle oranges made in church.

Christmas trail and tree festival Dec 9th 5-7-30pm and 10th 5-8pm.

Santa Dash, Dec 10th Village Hall. 9-30 registration 10-00am start £5 per family, £3 individual. A short Santa Dash with medal at end. Refreshments inc sausage and bacon baps on sale.

Christmas Market 1-30-4pm Village Hall Dec 10th Stalls £5 contact Sue 07889532810, Karen 07866572209.

Other church services 11th at 11am (two services that day) Allsorts and 24th Dec at 11pm

Christmas Eve Holy Communion. Please check our website for further information.

www.stnicholaswilloughby.co.uk

A very Merry Christmas from St Nicholas PCC. Looking forward to the New Year and bright plans for the future. Thank you to all supporters and friends.



Willoughby Cricket Club

Bottle Bingo - please note that the Bottle Bingo evening will be held in the pavilion at WCC on Monday December 5th. Doors open at 7:00PM and the bingo will commence at 7:30PM.

Everyone in the village is welcome to come along and try and win a bottle for Christmas. If you would like to donate a bottle for the evening, could you please take it to Glenys Rowe at 35 Main Street, so she can label it up before the night. Thank you, Brian Hall.

New Year's Eve Party

Confirmation that we have printed the tickets for the party and they are now available at a price of £15 from the following people:

Brian Hall 890134 Bert Ogle 890498 Leonie Tromans 890700 Tony Gasser 891433

Doors open at 7-15pm when there will be a light-hearted quiz sheet on every table, with a prize for the winners later. We will be having an American buffet again this year with each couple producing a plate of food, as requested by Leonie. The group for the evening is Jump the Trax, the wonderful duo from Norfolk, and they will play two sessions, our own disco music will then fill in for the rest of the time. Please bring your own drinks and glasses etc, but no need for nibbles as we will be providing them. Unfortunately, we only allow children over the age of 14 years to attend. Brian Hall



Notices

Norman and Betty Oates will not be sending Christmas cards to our friends in the village this year but have made a donation to help purchase plants for the new Heritage Garden at the church. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Willoughby Society



The Society doesn't have a meeting in December as everyone is so busy. However, there will be a 'Turning on of the Christmas Lights' in the Amenity Garden and on our new Village Christmas Tree at the end of the Christmas Trail on Friday 9th December.

A date for your diaries: Friday, 27th January 2023, Auf Wiedersehn, Me Duck! Presented by Paul Walker and Karen Pfeiffer an Anglo-German husband and wife folk songwriter duo. Their repertoire combines beautifully written original songs and a fine choice of folk favourites - with the occasional German folk song. This is another show from Live & Local whose status as an Arts Council of England National Portfolio Organisation was confirmed in the recent funding distribution announcement. There will be more information about the show on the flyer enclosed.

It is traditional at this time of year to look back and take stock. After the disruption of the pandemic this year has been more 'normal' with people gradually feeling more comfortable being in 'crowds'. The Society took the lead in finding a site and planting trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, Refurbishing the Amenity Garden complete with a permanent Christmas Tree, buying Planters to bring some colourful flowers to various places around the village. We also arranged the sourcing and installation of a flagpole in the Village Hall Garden which first flew the Platinum Jubilee Flag at the start of the Jubilee long weekend. Once more we arranged a Big Lunch, this time our tenth was a Big Jubilee Lunch. This was followed by a successful Festival despite the weather's best attempts to spoil it.

Looking forward plans are being made for a Big Lunch style 'Coronation' day and less certain a Eurovision Special Event!! We will also be welcoming back She'Koyokh in March curtesy of Live & Local. A February Village Day with indoor games, an opportunity to find out more about the history of the village and archive material, and more. We are only limited in what we can achieve by the number of members of the Society and the number of people that support our activities. If you are not already a member, give your Village a Christmas gift and join the Society. We wish everyone a Happy & safe Christmas!

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 - 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.

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: thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com

