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# Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to January's edition and Happy New Year to everyone. I hope you all got to enjoy the Christmas period however you chose to mark it. December saw some really cold weather, in fact, one morning my car external temperature gauge read -10, although, as I write, the weather has returned to the more familiar persistent rain and wind. January is invariably a quieter month after the hectic run up to the festive period and often one in which we make resolutions only to be forgotten the following month. I did make a resolution when we moved here, which was to get involved in village life. Whilst we haven't always

managed to get to everything, taking on the newsletter has allowed me to get to know more of you and to hopefully be contributing in a positive way. Maybe the key is to make resolutions in September instead! I'm sure 2023 will see plenty of opportunities for villagers to get together and I look forward to meeting more of you at some of them. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
8-Jan-23	11:00 AM	Church	Allsorts Service	Church
10-Jan-23	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
12-Jan-23	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Games Afternoon	Village Hall
12-Jan-23	7:00PM		Pub Quiz	The Rose
14-Jan-23	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
19-Jan-23	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The George	Kilsby
21-Jan-23	1:00 PM	Church	Art Workshop (13:00 to 15:00)	Church
22-Jan-23	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
25-Jan-23	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Talk on Stained Glass	Village Hall
26-Jan-23	7:00 PM	Neighbourhood Watch	Meeting	Village Hall
27-Jan-23	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Auf Wiedersehen Me Duck	Village Hall

# Parish Council News

## Volunteer Groups

Meetings for the volunteer groups will be arranged this month. There was just too much happening in December to find convenient dates and times.



## Community Speed Watch (CSW)

We have now received the report from PC K Bratley of the Road Safety Unit at Rugby Police Station concerning proposed CSW activities. Unfortunately, the report concludes that there are no safe sites for us to perform CSW within Willoughby. We understand that this news will be disappointing, particularly to those residents who volunteered to perform the speed watch activities and we would like to thank them for offering to participate in this. We will of course continue to look for other methods of improving the traffic situation within the parish. You can read the report from PC Bratley at [www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org](http://www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org) under News and, if you would like a paper copy, please contact Jo Jarman, the Parish Clerk, at [willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com) or on 07809 197817 and we will arrange delivery.

## Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Aimee Jarrett, our Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) police constable, has emailed to ask for a meeting with residents during Neighbourhood Policing Week (23 - 29 January 2023). Such a meeting would provide residents with the opportunity to meet Aimee and our PCSO (David Banks), to gain the latest crime prevention advice, to ask questions about matters that concern them and to find out the best way to relay their concerns to the police. We hope that residents will find this useful and have arranged a meeting on Thursday, 26 January from 7.00pm - 8.00pm in the Village Hall. The more of us who attend, the stronger the message we give about the importance residents attach to good access to our SNT and the police more generally.

## Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 10 January 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Please come and join us 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.

## Thursday Club

12 January 2.30pm Games Afternoon at the Village Hall  
19 January 12.30pm Pub Lunch at the George, Kilsby CV23 8YE

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## BOLLYWOOD DANCE TASTER SESSION

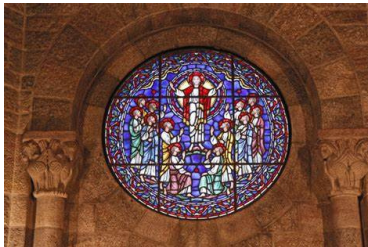
Come and join us for a Bollywood Dance Taster session on Saturday 28 January 10-12.30 in the Village Hall. As numbers are limited let me know as soon as possible if you would like to come. The price is £15 which includes two hours of dance plus a refreshment break. Reply to Lorraine – 01788 890846 or email [graham.geddes879@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.geddes879@btinternet.com)

## **St Nicholas Church**

As you read this Christmas will be becoming a memory and thoughts of the New Year surfacing. Our build progresses. January sees the tiling in the kitchen, toilet and round the font. Our build there will then be nearly complete. The National Lottery Heritage project still has some of the roof and stonework repairs. Some restoration work. In addition repair work due to the damage caused by the roof. However we are thankful that the work was completed before the north side completely disintegrated. Art workshops scheduled for January have been put on hold due to build delay. These will now take place in Feb and March. They will be free with refreshments thanks to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We still have activities and events to run as part of our commitment to National Lottery Heritage Fund. People are invited to join us on our journey. It is such a marvellous opportunity for all. An evening outlining our progress and future plans is scheduled for early February details to follow. The garden work will start in the spring for our Community garden. There will raised beds for those with mobility issues so all can enjoy. Heritage Craft sessions, Fashion through the ages and show, a Heritage Easter event and our summer heritage Weekend are all planned. Details to follow. As well as more Explore the Churchyard events and much more. Soup and Social restart January and we have two services please see the front for details. Any queries Karen 07866572209, kjndon@aol.com.

## **Willoughby Society**

I hope everyone has had a good Christmas and looking forward to a Happy New Year. Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 25th January 2023 when we have a talk about Stained Glass windows and their history. Non-members are welcome.



Our first Live and Local show is on Friday, 27th January 2023 at 7.30pm when we will welcome an Anglo-German couple to Willoughby for their performance of Auf Wiedersehn, Me Duck! The husband-and-wife folk songwriter duo will combine beautifully written original songs and a fine choice of folk favourites - with the occasional German folk song. Tickets are £15 and available from Leonie Tromans 07527 156920 or other committee members Val Taylor, Ann Bojko, Emily Ledson, Joanne Lewis and Val Baxter. More information about the show on the flyer enclosed. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

In February we will not be having our usual Wednesday evening meeting but will be hosting a Games afternoon after the Soup and Social on Saturday 18th February from 2pm. Looking forward we will also be welcoming back She'Koyokh on Saturday 4th March courtesy of Live & Local and plans are being made for a Big Lunch style 'Coronation' day on the 6th May.

## Notices

The Village Hall Committee would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre and to all who manned the stalls, and of course to Santa and his Elf! We raised £1,200 which will go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. We are working towards making improvements in the kitchen facilities and the heating system to make our hall even better. Once again thanks.

### Piano Lessons



If anyone - child or adult - is interested in starting piano lessons, I have some spaces now available in the New Year. I have relocated to Willoughby and have years of experience behind me. Lessons can work towards exams if wanted and also includes theory of music. For an initial discussion please contact me at [suesutton77@gmail.com](mailto:suesutton77@gmail.com)

## Police & Neighbourhood Watch

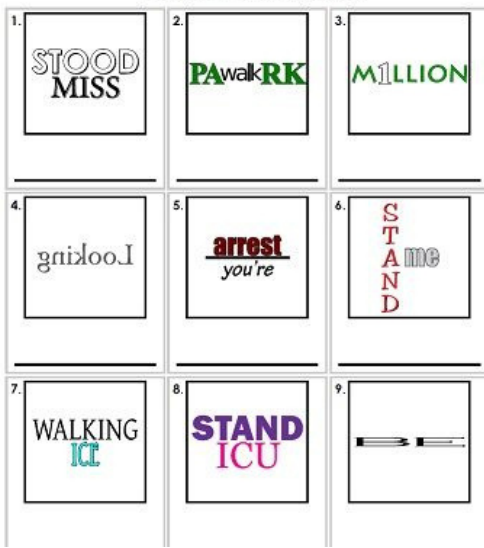
**Crime Prevention Care** - there are lots of scams related to energy costs in circulation. Sadly, it is likely that there will be lots of attempts to take advantage of people who may be struggling financially, Citizens Advice & Trading Standards can help.

**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](mailto:rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

**Neighbourhood Watch:** New Coordinator Needed. Please note information from Parish Council this month about the meeting on 26th January, please try and attend if you are able.

January being a quieter month has left a bit of space, so here's something to get the brain cells working again after too many mince pies!

### Brain Teasers



Do let me have your ideas for improving the WM and, of course, any articles or 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, College Farm, Main Street.

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Happy  
New Year