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# Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to February's edition. Have you noticed it is definitely starting to get a little lighter in the evenings, not much, but noticeable. I'd like to put a polite reminder this month for dog walkers to please clean up after their dogs. I know most of you do but on the last few occasions I have noticed an increase in dog mess on the footpaths round the village.

As you can see we have a month chock full of interesting dates for your diary. Whether you're a quizzing whizz or you fancy a go at painting or partaking in cheese & wine tasting, there should be something for everyone to take an interest in. I am looking forward to the Tudor Shrove

Tuesday evening. Apparently it used to be marked with court celebrations, including jousting, plays, music and masques, so I am intrigued as to which aspects we will see at our own Tudor evening; I suspect not jousting, although I have some hobby horses if anyone is game! Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
09-Feb-23	2:00PM	Church	planning mtng community garden	Church
09-Feb-23	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Northampton Castle - Ruth Thomas	Village Hall
09-Feb-23	7:00PM		Pub Quiz	The Rose
10-Feb-23	5:00PM	Church	Craft evening	Church
11-Feb-23	2:00PM	W.I	Craft & Cake	Village Hall
12-Feb-23	11:00AM	Church	Allsorts Service	Church
14-Feb-23	7:30PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
15-Feb-23	7:00PM	Church	Cheese & Wine social/build update	Church
16-Feb-23	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch	TBC
16-Feb-23	7:30PM	W.I	Kurling Evening	Village Hall
17-Feb-23	10:00AM	Church	Art Session	Church
18-Feb-23	12:00PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
18-Feb-23	2:00 PM	Willoughby Society	Games etc.	Village Hall
21-Feb-23	5:00PM	Church	Tudor Shrove Tuesday Event	Church
21-Feb-23	6:00PM	Church	BCP Holy Communion	Church
26-Feb-23	11:00AM	Church	Holy Communion Service	Church

# Parish Council News

## Annual Community Meeting (ACM) 2023

The ACM will be held on Thursday, 27 April 2023 in the Village Hall. This is not a Parish Council meeting but will be chaired by Mike Thomas, the Chair, and minuted by the Parish Clerk. It will be a social occasion with refreshments served and we do hope that as many residents as possible will join us. Further information about the meeting will be in the March edition of the Willoughby Monthly, on the website and on the noticeboard.

## Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Council wishes to give commemorative mugs to children in the parish who will be 12 years old or under on 6 May 2023, the date of the coronation. Information about how to request mugs will be circulated to everyone in due course.



## IndieGo - Rural Bus Service

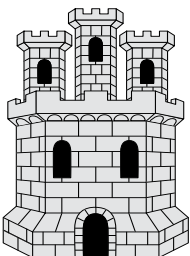
The transport manager for IndieGo has approached the Parish Council with information about a minibus service called IndieGo in Rugby Borough. The service is operated by Warwickshire Rural Community Council. Their intention is to help people from rural communities get into and out of Rugby. You have to book when you want to travel and they will pick you up. Find out more by phoning 0345 263 8139 or online at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-transport/indiego/2>

## Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 14 February 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, at [willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com) or on 07809 197817 or one of the councillors, if you prefer.

## Village Music Event

By popular request 'She'Koyokh in Concert' is returning to Willoughby at 7.30pm on Saturday 4th March, this is a Live and Local show, and we should be entertained by the whole band this time. Their description for those that were unable to join us last time, "the band provide a gorgeous and virtuosic performance of folk from Eastern Europe, Turkey, and the Balkans. Their music is traditional yet fiery and emotional". The Evening Standard described them as "The UK's best Klezmer and Balkan music band" so get in quick and reserve your tickets. Standard tickets £15 from Leonie Tromans, 01788 890700, or the other Willoughby Society Committee members: Val Taylor, Jo Lewis, Ann Bojko, Emily Ledson or Val Baxter.



## Thursday Club

9 February 2.30pm at the Village Hall: Ruth Thomas, 'Northampton Castle'.

16 February 12.30pm Pub Lunch - venue to be confirmed.

We are still collecting old stamps for RNIB (1 cm margin round the stamp if poss)

# W.I.

February sees us with an extra meeting, a Craft & Cake Afternoon 11th February 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm – places £3 per person to cover the hire of the hall which must be pre booked with Lorraine.

On Thursday 16th February, our usual meeting date, we will have a joint Kurling Evening with Barby WI, 7:30pm Willoughby Village Hall (WI members only due to limited capacity).



Looking forward to Friday, 3rd March, 7:30pm at Willoughby Village Hall - The Cocktail Boys, £6.00 per ticket - you will be very welcome even if you are not a WI member!! Tickets must be booked in advance with Lorraine. To book tickets: call Lorraine Geddes on 890846.



## St Nicholas Church

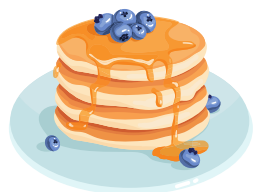


A quick update on the build. Work on our roof is nearing completion. The ceiling inside church on north and south aisles need strengthening and repair. The kitchen work continues. All taking bit longer than initially expected. The north porch on the outside is also having repair and restoration work and maybe the south porch depending on funds.

February sees a variety of activities start up. The National Lottery Heritage Evaluator we have is visiting. He will go through what we have achieved to now and the expectations moving forward.

We have a soup and social, craft evening restarts and we look forward to welcoming people. An art session at the church (thanks to National Lottery Heritage Fund).

Everyone is welcome to the church for our art session. We have an artist visiting who will run it. Refreshments will be served. The community garden planning meeting. If anyone interested in getting involved with the community garden please contact Andrea or simply turn up. We are also planning a cheese and wine evening at the church where we will talk about our journey with photographs. Everyone is invited to come to the church and find out, ask questions and enjoy a social event. In addition we have our two church services. We are hoping our children's choir will be singing on the 12th February at our Allsorts Service. Finally we are going to try something a bit different. A Tudor Shrove Tuesday Event at the church. February 21st. The first hour will be a fun event taking in the Tudor Shrove Tuesday customs (not quite all) and then the second hour we will have a BCP Communion for those who want to stay or who would just like to come for the service. Further information contact Karen 07866572209, [kjndon@aol.com](mailto:kjndon@aol.com) Andrea 891313, Sue 07889532810



## Willoughby Society

Don't forget we will not be having our usual meeting on the last Wednesday of February, as we are trying something different. Our meeting will be a fun games event to be held on Saturday 18th February from 2pm to 4pm after the Soup and Social lunch. Everyone is welcome so why not stay and enjoy some silly games or show how dexterous you are building a Jenga tower.

Our meeting in March will be back to our traditional date and time, on the last Wednesday in the month, at 7.30pm the 29th, when we will be testing your taste buds with a "Call my Bluff" cheese tasting and a fun cheesy quiz, you will need to bring along some wine to wash it down, so reserve the date. If you are not a member of the Society and fancy coming along, please let Leonie Tromans know so we can cater for the evening, which is free to members, a small donation would be helpful from non-members.



## Willoughby Cricket Club



Willoughby Cricket Club will be running All Stars and Dynamos again this year, they are on Friday evenings and commence on May 6th. It is a great way to introduce girls and boys between the ages of 5yrs - 11yrs to the game of cricket. If the weather is similar to last year then it's a lovely way of spending an evening down at the club, watching the children play cricket while you have a drink from the bar. Last year we ran out of spaces very quickly and a few children from Willoughby did not get on the course, as we only have the capability to cope with about 50 children. The best way of making sure your children get a place, is to visit one of the websites below and register as soon as possible. You will then get an invite to make an early booking as soon as it opens in mid February.



<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> for 5-8yrs old

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket> for 8-11yrs old

## 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 - is anyone interested in taking on this role?**

Please contact Jo Jarman, the Parish Clerk. For contact details please see Parish Council article.

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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*Thank  
you!*