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Welcome to the March edition, Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant hapus or Happy St David's Day to you all. for March 1st. As a native of Pembrokeshire I used to love celebrating with 'Cawl a Chân, which was a chance to get together and enjoy good, homemade food (the cawl, or stew) and singing (Chân) and other entertainment. On Tuesday we enjoyed the Tudor Shrove Tuesday and it was great to see the Rev Price, Karen Nichols et al, looking the part. Some keen knights came up to tilt at the menacing looking challenger waiting for them in the church yard. Hobby horses snorted and 'hooves' thundered and there were some rather dodgy below the belt blows to our challenger which would probably have

seen off William Marshall himself! Energy was restored with plentiful pancakes and victorious knights headed home in triumph. This month again sees a variety of entertainment, perhaps try your hand at cocktail making or enjoy some live music from She'Koyokh. Don't forget the clocks go forward an hour to BST on Sunday 26th March - I am already enjoying the noticeably lighter evenings and arrival of snowdrops, crocuses, catkins and other heralds of spring. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
03-Mar-23	7:30PM	W.I	The Cocktail Boys	Village Hall
04-Mar-23	1:30-3:30PM	Church	Art Workshop	Church
04-Mar-23	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	She'Koyokh in Concert	Village Hall
09-Mar-23	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	A.G.M.	Village Hall
09-Mar-23	7:30PM		Pub Quiz	The Rose
12-Mar-23	11:00AM	Church	Allsorts Service	Church
14-Mar-23	7:30PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
16-Mar-23	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, Staverton	The Countryman
16-Mar-23	7:30PM	W.I	Open Meeting	Village Hall
17-Mar-23	5-7PM	Church	Mothers Day Craft Evening	Church
25-Mar-23	12PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
26-Mar-23	11AM	Church	Holy Communion Service	Church
29-Mar-23	7:30PM	Willoughby Society	Call My Bluff cheese tasting/quiz	Village Hall
30-Mar-23	7-10PM	Church	Fashion show with a twist	Village Hall

Parish Council News



Mugs to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III

Reminder: Please ensure that requests for mugs are sent to maggie.beech.247@gmail.com or in a note to Malcolm Lewis' letterbox at 5 White Barn Close by **5pm on Sunday, 5 March**.

Local Elections on Thursday, 4 May 2023

All the councillors for Willoughby Parish Council must retire and there will be an election held on 4 May 2023 to form a new council. A copy of the notice of election will be displayed on the noticeboard and on the website from Tuesday, 21 March 2023. This notice will be the invitation for prospective candidates to complete nomination papers and return them to the Returning Officer at the Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR **by the statutory deadline of 4pm on Tuesday, 4 April 2023**.

Nomination papers can be downloaded from the Rugby Borough Council website (from 1 March) Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, will also have the papers and will issue one set of papers to anyone who expresses an interest in standing as a candidate. Contact her at willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com or on 07809 197817. If you have the time and wish to make a difference in our community, please do come forward.

You now need Photo ID to Vote at a polling station

For further information, go to:

- 1.The Electoral Commission electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id or
- 2.Rugby Borough Council - Elections Team Email: elections@rugby.gov.uk
Phone: 01788 533595 Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby CV21 2RR
- 3.The noticeboard in the Amenity Garden.



Annual Community Meeting (ACM) on Thursday, 27 April 2023

The meeting will start at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. It will be a social occasion with refreshments served and we do hope that as many residents as possible will join us. Items on the agenda will include short reports on 'outcomes so far and next steps' from the Flood Action Group and the Street Light Group and from Stuart Sheppard on Traffic/Community Speed Watch and Rod Honess on Footpaths/Bridleways. There will also be information about Emergency Planning and the opportunity for discussion about the various items listed.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Thursday Club

9 March: 2.30pm AGM at the Village Hall, with cheese and wine. If you have any proposals for new Officers or Committee Members, please tell me or any of the present committee.

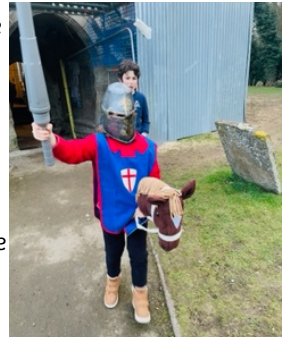
16 March 12.30pm Pub Lunch at the The Countryman, Staverton NN11 6JH



New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805

St Nicholas Church

Our roof is looking lovely in the warm sunshine. Work is continuing on the much needed stonework repairs and porches. Our servery and toilet is operational. The area around the font growing close to completion. Redecoration of areas will take place once the walls inside have had a chance to dry out. We have a full calendar of events and activities this year involving all and fulfilling our commitment to the National Lottery Heritage Fund who have enabled us to restore and save our church. Please join in and get involved. Everyone is most welcome. (photo Tudor Shrove Tuesday jousting)

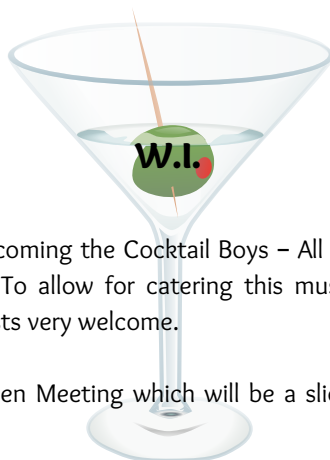


Our community garden is slowly getting started. We will be running some activity days and work shops surrounded around the work needed to get it ready for planting. Looking also at finding crafts people to help in restoring some areas. Volunteers always needed. Please contact Andrea for details.

March sees Art Workshop, Mothers Day Craft Evening, our two regular services with refreshments and a time to catch up. Soup and Social and not forgetting Fashion Show in the village hall. Wanda again is supporting with a range of outfits in our Fashion Show with a twist. Tickets £5 from Andrea, Karen, Wanda's Fashions in Dunchurch. Cheese and wine and raffle. If anyone has a dressmakers dummy they could let the church borrow for the week after the Fashion Show we would be really grateful. Please contact Karen.

April will see an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard after the Easter Day Allsorts Service and also not forgetting our scarecrow congregation on the 16th April. Families and groups are invited to make a congregation scarecrow member for our lovely church. Prizes will be awarded. Scarecrows can be placed in church any time the week before they will be most welcome.

Further information contact Karen 07866572209, kjndon@aol.com Andrea 891313, Sue 07889532810



March 3rd at 7:30pm sees us welcoming the Cocktail Boys – All you need to know about Cocktails and a chance to try some too!! To allow for catering this must be prebooked, tickets £6 from Lorraine Geddes tel. 890846. Guests very welcome.

March 16th at 7:30pm is our Open Meeting which will be a slide show to music by Geoff Stone. Again visitors very welcome.

Willoughby Society

Our meeting this month is back to our traditional date and time, on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm on the 29th, testing your taste buds and your intellect with a "Call my Bluff" cheese tasting and 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.

Our event this month is a return visit by popular request from the acclaimed group She'Koyokh. If you haven't already got tickets, you will soon be too late. The band is returning to Willoughby at 7.30pm on Saturday 4th March. 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.



Platinum Planting Projects

Last year we embarked on planting projects in the village these included: putting Willoughby on the 'Queen's Green Canopy' map by planting over eighty saplings on either side of the shrubbery path, which in time will create a mixed woodland the 'Jubilee copse', redevelopment of the Amenity Garden and supporting sponsorship of the planters through the village. The last of these projects was to do some work around the village sign triangle. Time and weather prevented this piece of work progressing, but it is still something that we would like to complete. If you have an hour or two to spare on a Saturday morning and you could help with this work, please let Leonie Tromans know on 890700 or email secretaryengxiii@aol.com. We will plan to start work sometime this month. We also have ongoing maintenance work in the Amenity garden if you could assist with this work including weeding and pruning, that would be a great help.

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 - 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.

Tel: 01788726289 e-mail: thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com

*Thank
you!*