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Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to April's edition. There's lots to try and fit in this month, with some extra contributions so I'll keep it short and sweet. I'd like to wish you all a Happy Easter and here's to some drier and warmer days ahead - I think we are all feeling a bit waterlogged! Hannah

Willoughby AED Volunteers

You could do something amazing in our village - like save a life! We are lucky to have two defibrillators with public access in Willoughby and a small group of volunteers trained to use them. In the event of WMAS getting a 999 call of a suspected cardiac arrest locally, in addition to despatching an ambulance they also instigate an automatic telephone "ring around" to our group of volunteers in the hope that one of us is available to pick up the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) and offer assistance until such time as the paramedics arrive. This can be vital in saving a life. We need a few more volunteers to swell our numbers so if you think you could help out, please get in touch with me, Kim Taylor, on 07771 908434 or email kimtqhf@gmail.com and I can talk you through everything. You would receive training in CPR and use of the AED of course and there is absolutely no obligation to be available and/or respond if contacted so the more volunteers, the better. Please give it some thought and get in touch - you might just save a life.



Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
09-Apr-23	11AM	Church	Easter Day Allsorts Service	Church
12-Apr-23	6:30PM	Village Hall	AGM	Village Hall
13-Apr-23	2.30PM	Thursday Club	It Could Only Happen at a Wedding	Village Hall
13-Apr-23	7.00PM		Pub Quiz	The Rose
15-Apr-23	2PM	W.I	Scarecrow making	Village Hall
16-Apr-23	1:30PM	Church	Scarecrow Sunday	Church
18-Apr-23	7.30PM	Parish Council	meeting	Village Hall
20-Apr-23	12.30PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch	TBC
20-Apr-23	7:30PM	W.I	meeting - talk by Kate Mawer	Village Hall
22-Apr-23	12PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
23-Apr-23	11AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
27-Apr-23	7:00PM		Annual Community Meeting	Village Hall
29-Apr-23	11AM	Willoughby Society	Rugby School Tour	Rugby School
29-Apr-23	2PM	Allotment Assoc.	Jumble Sale	Village Hall

Parish Council News

Mugs to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III

The total number of mugs requested is 68 - 37 mugs for children aged 12 years or under on 6 May and 31 to be paid for at a cost of £6.25 per mug. The plan is to present the mugs to children at the Coronation Big Lunch in May. After the lunch, mugs will be delivered to any children not attending and to others who are paying for their mugs.

Local Elections on Thursday, 4 May 2023

Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, has nomination papers for prospective candidates to be Parish Councillors. Contact her at willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com or on 07809 197817. The papers should be returned to the Returning Officer at the Town Hall, Evreux Way, Rugby, CV21 2RR by the statutory deadline of 4pm on Tuesday, 4 April 2023.

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

The meeting will start at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served and we do hope that as many residents as possible will join us. Items on the agenda will include short progress reports on the Flood Action Group, the Street Lighting Group, Footpaths and Traffic/Community Speed Watch, including the planned traffic calming measures at the Longdown Lane junction. There will be the opportunity for questions and discussion.



A New Stagecoach Bus Service for Willoughby

From Saturday, 15 April, Service D1 is to be rerouted through Braunston via Willoughby and Longdown Lane to rejoin the route at Barby. This service runs hourly between Rugby and Northampton via Daventry. The new route will include the following stops in Braunston/Willoughby Willoughby Main Street (A45), All Saints Church, The Green, Ashby Road and South Close. Full journey planning and timetable information will be released in due course to support this change.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 18 April 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Village Hall News

Hello all - it was suggested at our last Village Hall Committee Meeting that it would be a good thing to let everyone know what we are up to, so here goes: **Heating Project** - we have been looking for some time at updating our heating system. Lots of work is going into this and we are applying for suitable grants, we'll keep you updated on our progress. **Kitchen Project** - we have refurbished the ladies loo and are now turning our attention to the kitchen. Again we are applying for suitable grants and will. update you on progress in the WM. **Commemorative Tree** - the Parish Council will be planting a beautiful new cherry tree (once the weather permits!) in the grounds of the Village Hall, dedicated to our late Queen. This will be a lovely addition to the grounds and a fitting tribute to Queen Elizabeth. One of our problems, the replacement of the broken loudspeakers has been solved for us by the mysterious Wednesday Morning Coffee Drinkers - we are very grateful to them. Village Hall Committee



W.I

Saturday 15th April 2pm to 4pm in the Village Hall, an extra activity – making scarecrows for the church event, all welcome.

Thursday 20th April, 7:30pm in the Village Hall, Kate Mawer will talk about “The History of a Braunston Farmhouse”. Visitors are always welcome.





St Nicholas Church

Another month passes us by and April with Easter is upon us. Hopefully the restoration work outside the church will soon be complete. The building is looking so much better and we are learning along the way. There will still be some other work needed which is waiting for warmer and dryer days.

The beginning of April there will be a 'Fashion Through the Ages' exhibition in church. Following on from our event on March 30th in the Village Hall. This will run for several weeks. Easter Sunday sees an Allsorts service with an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard (inside if wet). All welcome to join in the fun.



Our Scarecrow Sunday on April 16th plans are gathering pace. People/families/societies are invited to make a scarecrow or several. We welcome any small or not so small, animal shaped, figures from history or stories. Ladies, gents, children. You are only limited by imagination. Prizes will be awarded. We look forward to filling our lovely church with your artistic scarecrow creations. No entry fee. The church will be open the week before and the Saturday for you to bring them. In addition we will have an art exhibition of pictures created by our workshops plus if anyone has Heritage themed art work they would like to display please feel free to bring it along. We plan a craft workshop on the day with refreshments. All thanks to the support of the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

A soup and social will be held again in the village hall on April 22nd. All welcome £5 donation for home made soup and pudding.

Plans continue for our Heritage Weekend on 8/9th July and if anyone wants craft/ activities/food stall please contact Sue for details.

Work has started on preparing the site for the Community garden. Bunny unfriendly plant donations would be appreciated. Plans have been made and ideas discussed and we welcome volunteers.

Finally, we seem to have some guests in the churchyard who are busy making it their home. Evidenced by the mole hills which is causing some upset. We are working hard to try to persuade them to move in a friendly way. We hope this will work as we do not want to consider other methods. Further information contact Karen 07866572209, kjndon@aol.com, Andrea 891313, Sue 07889532810

Willoughby Jubilee Allotments Association



Jumble Sale on Saturday April 29th at 2pm in the Village Hall. Donations of clothes, books and bric a brac needed and will be gratefully received. Please bring any donations to the Village Hall between 10am and 12 noon on the day of the sale. If you would like your donations collecting, please call Andrea on 07702 626268 or 01788 891313.



Thursday Club

13 Apr: 2.30pm Village Hall: Margaret Burgon 'It could only happen at a wedding!'
20 Apr 12.30pm Pub Lunch - venue to be confirmed, sign up sheet at the meeting on 13 April. New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805

Percival Guildhouse

Fantastic day schools and a raft of new full-term arts and craft adult education courses are on offer at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse starting after Easter. There's something to appeal to almost every taste. Full details can be found at www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk including information about fee remissions. Phone 01788 542467 to book a place or call in to the Guildhouse in St Matthew's St, just across from Asda and next to the Library, Art Gallery & Museum. A warm welcome awaits you.

Willoughby Society

We have a trip planned for our meeting in April to Rugby School. Because this is a guided tour, we need to do it on a weekend day rather than a weekday so we have booked in for the tour on Saturday 29th April. The tour will start at 11am from the school shop in Barby Road and lasts a couple of hours. This is a private tour but is open to anyone from Willoughby, family and friends. The tour will cost £6.50. We do need to know numbers so sufficient guides are available so please book your place and pay Val Taylor for the tour before attending, 07767 205047.

Membership of the Society is open to residents of the village, the surrounding area and to those with a connection to the village. You can attend or join many of the events and trips without being a member of the Society but if you would like to join, contact Leonie Tromans. 01788 890700



CORONATION and EUROVISION CELEBRATIONS



This year we are not only celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III, on Saturday the 6th May but the final of Eurovision Song contest is being held in Liverpool on the 13th May, and a fun evening live streaming the contest is planned. Rather than hold a Coronation celebration in May and then the Big Lunch picnic in June we have decided to combine the two events and hold a Coronation Big Lunch Picnic on Sunday 7th May. The Picnic will be from 1pm in the Village Hall gardens. Everyone is invited to this special event, book a table, join a party, bring a picnic. If the weather is inclement, we will retreat to the village hall. Please RSVP to Leonie Tromans, or Val Taylor so numbers can be catered for. If you can help or you would like to be involved, in arranging or setting up the lunch and activities, please let Leonie Tromans know Tel: 01788 890700, email: secretaryengxiii@aol.com. The Eurovision Song contest finals will take place on the Saturday 13th May starting at 21.00hrs and we plan to have a fun evening and live stream the event in the village hall. Please inform Emily Ledson if you would like to attend; 07790 436393.

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. A new Police Constable is tbc. The team have an e-mail address: rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk If you wish to report a crime please report it via the Warwickshire Police website or phone 101. Obviously, in an emergency please dial 999.

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!*