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Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to October's edition. As I type we are experiencing the remnants of Hurricane Lee; its strong winds and rain bringing an abrupt end to our mini 'Indian Summer'. Although no longer a hurricane, it has caused flash flooding and havoc around the country. It is good to know we have a Flood Action Group in the village who are committed to keeping our village safer. Flash flooding is becoming more frequent with climate change and having a flood action plan is a necessary part of many communities now.

We have a full calendar of events for October, St Nicholas has some appropriately themed events for younger villagers at the end of the month. I am hoping to see some pumpkins appearing by front doors soon. My youngest has grown Zombie Pumpkins which are starting to turn orange now and are covered in warts! They are, without question, the most successful plants in my vegetable garden this year and appear to be attempting a not so stealthy takeover - very zombie like indeed!

Check out the notices section this month - our lovely fellow Willoughby resident, Ravi, is a Yoga instructor and is hoping to start classes in the village and would love to know your thoughts, do get in touch with her. I am definitely up for this. Many of us don't practice enough self care and the many health benefits of yoga are well known. Who will join me? Have a great month, Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
08 Oct 23	11am	church	Allsort Service	St Nicholas
10 Oct 23	7:30pm	Parish Council	Meeting	village hall
12 Oct 23	2.30pm	Thursday Club	History of Morris Dancing	village hall
14 Oct 23	2pm	Village Hall	Jumble Sale	village hall
19 Oct 23	12.30pm	Thursday Club	pub lunch	Steam Turbine
19 Oct 23	7.30pm	W.I	Talk	village hall
21 Oct 23	12-2pm	church	soup & social	village hall
22 Oct 23	11am	church	Holy Communion	St Nicholas
27 Oct 23	5-7pm	church	Halloween Crafts	St Nicholas
27 Oct 23	7pm	Willoughby Society	Film Night - 'Official Secrets'	village hall
31 Oct 23	5-7pm	church	Spooky Goings On	St Nicholas

St Nicholas Church



Another month passes us by. Our restoration work at the church is complete. The difference is amazing. Visitors always welcome. The community garden offers peace and tranquillity as well as being a haven for local wildlife. Bees especially have been frequent visitors. A bulb planting day is planned (date tbc) and we look forward to welcoming helpers and volunteers.

We still have commitments to the National Lottery Heritage Fund with our continuation and eventual completion of the activity plan. Many thanks to all the volunteers and supporters who have travelled and continue to travel this journey with us.

Our soup and socials have restarted. Everyone welcome at these. Held in the village hall through the winter months it is a chance to meet old friends and make new. Soups and puddings are all home made and if anyone wants to get creative please contact Karen 07866572209. New volunteers always very welcome.

Spooky goings on is again planned for Halloween in the churchyard as is a Halloween craft evening.



We once again have a 2024 calendar showcasing the year £5 please contact any of us.

A look ahead to November 11th where we will be holding a 1940 Afternoon tea with songs, raffle, and bingo as well as tea with food from the era. Tickets £5 adults and £3 children from Karen, Sue 07889532810 Andrea 07702626268. Food donations and help always welcome. All money raised to Royal British Legion.

Finally any crafters looking to sell their wares? We have a Christmas Market on December 8th in village hall 10-4. That is same weekend as our Christmas Tree Festival and Santa Trail. Contact Sue if you want a stall or to decorate a tree. A Santa Dash is in the planning please contact if you can help. Date TBC.

W.I



Thursday 19 October at 7.30 in the village hall a talk entitled "A new life in leathers". As always visitors are very welcome.

Thursday Club

12 October, 2.30pm Village Hall: 'History of Morris Dancing', John Frearson

19 October, 12.30pm Pub Lunch, The Steam Turbine, off Barnaby Road, Rugby CV21 1GB

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



Notices

Would you be interested? I am Ravi, a Kundalini Yoga Instructor. Coming from a background of Eastern Mysticism, I've practised Yoga and Pranayama (an ancient breathing technique) since childhood. I can help you to 'inner engineer' yourself for your ultimate health in Mind, Body and Spirit. Let me know if this is something you would like to see offered in the village. If I get enough interest - watch this space! Looking forward to know your thoughts.

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Willoughby Society

Haywards Lodge has been spruced and tidied up for another year thanks to the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers who joined us on Wednesday 20th September. Thank you to those that helped on the day.

October is a quiet month for the Society as we do not have a speaker for our Wednesday evening, because of that we have decided to host a Friday night film night. This is not a Willoughby Society member's only event, and everyone is welcome to attend. A small donation from non-members to help cover costs would be appreciated.

Film Night. – Friday 27th October 7pm.

Official Secrets, starring Kiera Knightly is based on a true story, the film is one of dark deception, dirty tricks and a young British spy who tried to stop the Iraq war. It is a phenomenal film packed with amazing actors, giving equally amazing performances and a compelling watch that lays bare the sort of things that go on behind closed doors of Governments. Bring your own nibbles and drinks.



Rugby Male Voice Choir

Our next Willoughby Society event will be on the evening of Friday 10th of November at 7.30pm, when we will be joined by the Rugby Male Voice Choir. The choir sings a wide variety of music from much-loved favourites of the typical male voice repertoire to songs from shows and more contemporary numbers, there are bound to be some songs that you are familiar with and can sing along to. This event is also open to everyone, not just Willoughby Society members so please come and join in. Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

Village Hall

The Village Hall Jumble Sale will be on Saturday 14th October at 2pm. Refreshments will be available. If you have jumble to donate please leave it on the village hall steps from 9am on the morning of the 14th. Entry 50p

The Village Hall Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 18th November at 2pm- time to get into the (early) Christmas Spirit - further details to follow but there will be stalls, refreshments and of course a visit from Santa!

Put the dates in your diary and share the dates with your friends and family. All proceeds from these events goes towards the upkeep and running of our hall.



Notice

Kim McDonald would like to make people aware that Netty from the village café on the A45 passed away recently. She had been there for many years and served villagers and passers by alike her famous breakfasts. She will be missed by many.

Parish Council

Councillor Vacancy

We are looking for an additional member to join our friendly team. If you are interested in representing your local community and improving facilities and services for residents, then this role would suit you. The responsibilities of parish councillors cover a wide variety of topics that affect the local area including, managing public spaces (e.g. the playing field, grass verges, the pond, footpaths), keeping the street lights working, liaising with Highways when issues arise, organising Play Rangers, maintaining benches and bus shelters, and commenting on planning applications in the parish. If you are interested and have some time, please join us at our next meeting on 10 October to discuss the role further or visit the Parish Council website

www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org - Latest News. Contact details for Councillors and the Parish Clerk can also be found on the website.



Emergency Planning

The Parish Council has produced an Emergency Planning document to support residents in the event of an emergency. The document includes a lot of useful information and telephone numbers that will help residents should the unthinkable happen. It is available on the Parish Council website under Plans/Surveys. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, on 07809 197817 or at willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com

Play Rangers

Around twenty children attended each of the four sessions during the summer. Two and, sometimes three, Play Rangers organised the sessions and Malcolm Lewis received good feedback from the children's parents/guardians and from the Rangers. Our thanks to Malcolm for arranging and attending the sessions.

Councillor Dale Keeling

We were pleased to welcome Councillor Keeling to the Parish Council meeting on 12 September. He is the new councillor for the Leam Valley Ward on Rugby Borough Council. A walkabout has been arranged so that we can talk to him about issues that he might assist us with.

Police and PCSO

Police Constable - PC Matt Birch and Police Community Support Officer - PCSO David Banks.

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.

Do let me have your ideas and/or any articles or notices you have for your fellow villagers. Please don't presume I already know about something if you want it included - get in touch and I will do my best to include it if it is relevant to the village and space allows. The deadline for submission of items is always the 15th of the month. Send them to me, Hannah, at thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com

Tel: 01788726289 or drop into me at College Farm on Main Street.

*Thank
you!*