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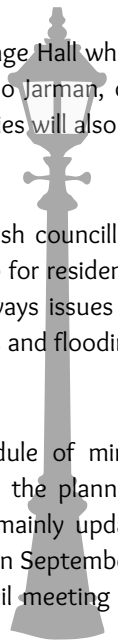
Welcome to November's WM. This is a fairly packed edition, a Squash and a Squeeze as Julia Donaldson might say, to fit it all in. November of course is fireworks month. I'd like to add my usual request for people who will be having fireworks to please just put a notice on the Facebook page to let your fellow villagers know. We can then make necessary arrangements, particularly with horses/livestock which might need bringing in, thank you so much. Several places including Lidl and Asda now sell low noise fireworks so, if you are thinking of having a display, why not check them out? Above all, be safe and have fun. Hannah

Would you know what to do to help if you found someone who had suffered a cardiac arrest? It You may just save their life if you knew basic CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). Even better if you could access a defibrillator (AED) as well. If you don't know this fairly simple life-saving skill, why not join us at Willoughby Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th November when Andy from West Midlands Ambulance Service will be on hand to train you. You never know where or when the skill may be life-saving. There is no expectation that you should join our team. Why not put that cold, dark November evening to good use and come and learn CPR and AED basics? Drop me, Kim Taylor, a text on 07771 908434 or email [kimqhf@gmail.com](mailto:kimqhf@gmail.com)

**Bottle Bingo** will take place again on Monday December 4th in the cricket pavilion, we want to start at 7.30pm so please arrive **early**. Would anyone who is kind enough to donate a bottle for the evening, take it to Glenys Rowe at 35 Main St or ring me, Brian Hall on 890134 and I will pick it up.

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
09-Nov-23	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Bubbenhall Lavender Farm	Village Hall
10-Nov-23	4pm	Willoughby Society	hoist 'Help For Heroes' flag	Amenity Garden
10-Nov-23	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Rugby Male Voice Choir	Village Hall
11-Nov-23	2pm	Church	1940's Afternoon Tea	Village Hall
12-Nov-23	4pm	Church	Alternative Remembrance Svc	St Nicholas
14-Nov-23	7.30pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
16-Nov-23	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub lunch	tbc
16-Nov-23	7.30pm	W.I	AGM	Village Hall
18-Nov-23	2pm	Village Hall	V.H Christmas Fayre	Village Hall
25-Nov-23	12-2pm	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
26-Nov-23	11am	Church	Holy Communion	Village Hall
29-Nov-23	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	AGM, cheese, wine & quiz	Village Hall

## Parish Council



### Upgrading Street Lighting to LEDs

You are invited to the meeting on Tuesday, 14 November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall where you can hear what is being proposed and give your views. The report prepared by Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, will be posted on the website and a link provided on Facebook. Paper copies will also be available at the meeting.

### Visit by Councillor Dale Keeling on 30 September 2023

Dale is Willoughby's representative on Rugby Borough Council. During his visit, parish councillors walked and drove round the parish pointing out issues we would like him to follow up for residents. These included the state of footpaths, funding to upgrade the street lighting, highways issues on Main Street, Moor Lane and Woolscott Road, completion of the Woolscott Road lights and flooding issues. Cllr Keeling has confirmed that he has followed up on all these issues.

### Review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The NDP is reviewed every two years to ensure it remains up to date. A schedule of minor modifications has been produced in collaboration with Rugby Borough Council and the planning consultant who supported us in developing the original plan. These modifications mainly update census information and references to the new national planning framework published in September. The policies remain the same. The modified NDP will go to a Rugby Borough Council meeting for approval in due course.

### Flood Action Group FLAG

FLAG is in contact with Warwickshire - Highways and Flood Risk Management Team - asking them to carry out work to improve the flooding situation in the village. At present, the focus is on two issues: getting the tarmac at the Lower Street junction lowered so that water can flow away down Moor Lane and having silt and bulrush rhizomes removed from the culverts and brook. This is a work in progress! Locally, there are 12 flood wardens who will do all they can to support residents in the event of serious flooding and we ask residents with riparian ownership to be sure your section of the brook is cleared before winter to help the flow of water. The group has produced a leaflet for residents about what to do in a flood situation and Bert Ogle, the Chair, has written a short, informative report on the impact of flooding on residents. Both documents are on the Parish Council website under Plans/Surveys. For a paper copy contact Maggie Beech on 07855 325314 or at

[maggie.beech.247@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.beech.247@gmail.com)

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

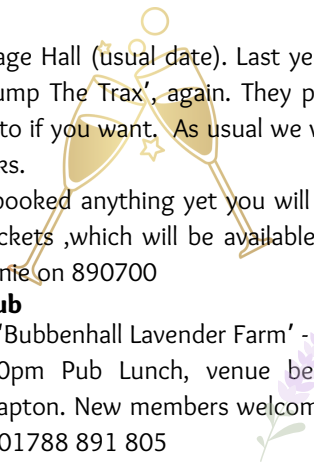
We will be having a New Years Eve Party again this year in the Village Hall (usual date). Last years party was really successful, so we have booked the same duo, 'Jump The Trax', again. They play 60's, 70's, 80's music which is brilliant to listen to, and even dance to if you want. As usual we will be having an American Buffet ,and everyone will bring their own drinks.

I have put this note out a little early, hoping that if you have not booked anything yet you will be able to join us. Please let us know if you would like to reserve tickets ,which will be available in November. Please ring me, Brian on 890134 ,Bert on 890498,or Leone on 890700

### Thursday Club

**W.I**  
Thursday 16th November at 7.30 in the Village Hall is our Annual General Meeting

9 November, 2.30pm Village Hall: 'Bubbenhall Lavender Farm' - Ian and Pippa. 16 November, 12.30pm Pub Lunch, venue being checked - possibly King's Head, Napton. New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805



## Willoughby Society

Don't forget to join us on at 7.30pm on Friday 10th November, when the Rugby Male Voice Choir will join us for a lovely evening of much-loved favourites. As previously stated, this event is open to everyone and is free to members, for non-members a £5 donation to help us cover costs would be gratefully received. As this event precedes Armistice Day, so to recognise and pay tribute to our armed Forces and remember their continued sacrifices, at 4pm on Friday 10th November you are welcome to join us in the village hall garden to hoist a 'Help For Hero's' flag.



**Society AGM.** 7.30pm Wednesday 29th November. The AGM is an opportunity to reflect on the events of the year and make plans for next year. The formal business includes the election of the Society's committee including the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and committee members. We are always seeking new members to join the committee, so if you have ideas and would like to get involved, why not give it a go. The evening will take its usual format, with Cheese, Wine and a Quiz following the formal business.

**Christmas Show** Friday 1st December 7.30pm. This is the first of our Live and Local shows for this season. We will welcome the eight-piece Orchestra of the Swan and their 'Midwinter' performance to our village hall. This event is open to everyone so I hope that many of you will join us to start the festive season. The evening will feature music and words from across the centuries, from ancient carols, folk fiddling, traditional Christmas songs and classical favourites such as Vivaldi's 'Winter' from the Four Seasons. This performance is suitable for all ages and is guaranteed to awaken your Christmas spirit and fill you with cheer. The event will be licensed so there will be a limited variety of wine, beer, and soft drinks available to purchase. You may still bring your own drinks.

### Willoughby Allotments Association 'Thank you'.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Amenity Garden BBQ last month, you raised an amazing £245. As previously mentioned, this year was organised and funded by Willoughby Allotments Association with the proceeds contributing to the grants and funds already secured and so we can employ a Hedge layer to expertly lay the Allotments hedge. It will be a Heritage event, and anyone will be welcome to attend the allotments to see him at work. Date to be advertised.

## Village Hall

The Village Hall Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 18th November at 2pm - time to get into the Christmas Spirit!!! Come and enjoy Refreshments, Raffle, Cakes Stall, Books & Jigsaws, the Thursday Club Stall, Bric a Brac, Guess the Weight of the cake, Tombola, Bottle Stall and the Pot of Gold courtesy of Santa and his Elf! Put the date in your diary and bring your family and friends. All proceeds go to the upkeep and running of our Village Hall. See you there!!

Thanks to everyone involved in setting up and running of the Jumble sale on the 14th October - committee members and all helpers - you all made this a successful event. We raised £388.00 which will go towards the upkeep of our lovely village hall.

## St Nicholas Church

November is such an important month. It is when we remember events of the past and when we then get ready for a busy December. Tickets are available for our 1940s Afternoon Tea Event. November 11th 2 for 2.30 start to 5.30pm in the Village Hall. Costing £5 Adults and £3 Children. An accompanied sing a long, bingo, raffle and afternoon tea. All proceeds to the British Legion. Food donations and help welcome. Contact Karen 07866572209 Sue 07889532810 Andrea 07702626268. Period costume optional.

Sunday 12th please join us at church at 4pm for our Service of Remembrance where we look at events and lives of those who kept our Home Fires Burning.



We still continue with plans with events and activities to fulfil our National Lottery Heritage Project commitments. The Christmas Market on December 9th from 10-4pm some craft stalls still available. Trees to decorate also for our Christmas Tree Festival. Please contact Sue or Karen.

The Community garden continues to create a haven of peace for visitors. Bulbs have been planted, wildflower seeds scattered. Next year promises a burst of colour. Thank you for the continued support of all volunteers.

Calendars still available at a cost of £5 which is a lasting record of one of the most important years in the life of St Nicholas in recent times.

Soup and Social in November is our last one before Christmas. Looking forward to welcoming people.

Finally we are hopeful that soon our Carillon (Tune barrel) in the church tower will once again be working. An opportunity then for people to hear one of the tunes it plays. Thank you to the volunteers who have spent time repairing. A complete restoration of this Heritage item is sadly not possible at the moment.

## Willoughby Funds

There are two funds currently held by the village which pays out grants on an application basis to residents of the village: The Willoughby Education Foundation awards grants to village residents under the age of 25 for extra curriculum educational activities and to schools attended by village students. Examples of these include textbooks for further education, educational school trips, sports clubs, computers and music studies. Under the Willoughby Fund, a limited number of funds are available for discretionary grants for help with personal expenditure such as spectacles, dentures and other specialist items. For further information or to make an application, please email the clerk, Helen Heckford, at [hheckford@icloud.com](mailto:hheckford@icloud.com). Our next meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 21st November.

## 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](mailto: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.

The deadline for submission of items is always the 15th of the month. Send them to me at [thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com](mailto:thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com) Tel: 01788726289 or drop into me at College Farm on Main Street and I will do my best to fit them in.

*Thank You*