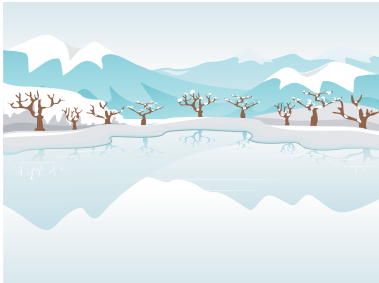


Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to February’s WM, it is definitely feeling very chilly outside, I wonder if we shall have snow? Last month saw the lower end of the village near the Lower Street junction badly flooded. Our flood wardens did an absolutely sterling job in awful conditions attempting to get drivers to slow down (unfortunately not always successfully) through the flood water to try and prevent damage to houses from water splashing up. I’m sure that everyone in the village is very grate-

ful for all their hard work and I’d like to say a grateful thank you on behalf of us all. If you feel you can offer some time to volunteer with the Flood Action Group, please see this month’s entry from the Parish Council for further details. Hannah

Notices - Alan Belgrove would like to thank all of his friends in the village for their kindness and support over the period of Linda’s illness. He would especially like to thank all of those people that helped in so many ways with her funeral in December. It was a reminder of what living in Willoughby is all about. Many thanks, Alan Belgrove (6 Magdalen Road).

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
02-Feb-23	10.30-12.30	village event	Pop Up Cafe	village hall
03-Feb-24	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Music Event - Filkin's Drift	village hall
08-Feb-24	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Talk by Ruth Thomas	village hall
10-Feb-24	12-2pm	St Nicholas church	Soup & Social	village hall
11-Feb-24	11am	St Nicholas church	Allsorts Service	church
13-Feb-24	7.30pm	Parish Council	Meeting	village hall
15-Feb-24	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, Frankton	Friendly Inn
15-Feb-24	7.30pm	W.I.	Meeting/kurling	village hall
16-Feb-24	7pm	Willoughby Society	Film Night - The Great Escaper	village hall
25-Feb-24	11am	St Nicholas church	Holy Communion	church
26-Feb-24	7.30pm	Cricket Club	AGM	clubhouse
28-Feb-24	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Talk - Archives & Local History	village hall

Parish Council

Graffiti in the children's playing field shelter

Councillors are surprised and disappointed that two pieces of graffiti have appeared in the shelter. These have been burned into the wood. Such behaviour is totally inappropriate and residents are invited to see for themselves the criminal damage caused, with a view to preventing any further occurrence. This activity also posed a potential fire risk. We have decided not to attach photographs of the damage as one piece might be offensive and the other contains the names of persons who may not be involved. The Council will now have to use some of its limited resources to have the wood sanded down and the walls re varnished.



Speed Concerns - Report It!

The Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has developed a central reporting system for speed concerns. Residents can submit their concerns on the website by filling out a simple form which includes details about the time of day, day of the week and location. You can then look at the outcome page to see the grading of your concern. Report here: <https://warksspeedconcerns.org>

Councillor Vacancy

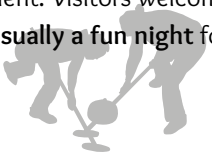
If you would like to join our friendly team, we are still seeking a fifth councillor. For more information, please go to www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org Latest News or contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, at willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com or on 07809 197817. The closing date for expressions of interest is 29 February 2024.

Flood Action Group (FLAG)

On 2 January, Main Street and Lower Street flooded as the brook could no longer cope with the volume of water from the sustained and, sometimes, heavy rainfall. Volunteer flood wardens spent hours, in the cold and rain, engaging with drivers at the three entrances to the village, asking them to turn around or, at least, to drive slowly through the village so that water was not thrown up against houses and onto gardens. This dedicated activity by volunteers really helped to mitigate the effect of the flooding on a number of properties. Thank you to everyone who turned out. If any resident is prepared to become a volunteer flood warden, to reduce the number of hours each volunteer has to spend carrying out this important work, please contact Bert Ogle bertogle@aol.com or Maggie Beech maggie.beech.247@gmail.com for further information.

W.I.

Our February meeting is at 7.30 on Thursday 15th in the Village Hall. This is our annual Kurling event and we are grateful to Dunchurch WI for allowing us the use of their equipment. Visitors welcome to join us on what is usually a fun night for all. Pat



Thursday Club

8 February 2.30 Village Hall - Talk by Ruth Thomas on 'The Great Fire of Northampton 1675'.

15 February 12.30pm Pub Lunch at the Friendly Inn, Frankton. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting on 8 February.

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



Willoughby Society

Music event

If you haven't already bought tickets for the next Willoughby Society organised event you are not too late as there are still tickets available. The event was advertised with a flyer in last month's WM and is a Folk duo called 'Filkin's Drift'. They are described as hugely entertaining as they weave together traditional and contemporary folk with stories of life as musicians at Glastonbury and the Commonwealth games. The event will take place on Saturday 3rd February from 7.30pm. Tickets are £15. As with our last show, there will be a limited bar providing wine, beer and non-alcoholic drinks. Tickets are available from Leonie Tromans; secretaryengxiii@aol.com and other Willoughby Society Committee members.

Friday film night

The next Friday film night will be at 7 pm on Friday 16th February when we will be showing the wonderful film 'The Great Escaper' starring Michael Caine. The story of Bernard Jordan who escapes from his care home to join fellow war veterans on the beach in Normandy. Described as an utterly transfixing film that no one can afford to miss. This is not restricted to Society members and all donation proceeds will be given to the Village Hall for the boiler fund.



Willoughby Society

This month we will host a regular Willoughby Society evening on Wednesday 28th February when Richard Jackson will be talking about 'The Archives & History – Local, House, & Family'. The first section will briefly consider what records the Archives hold and take a look at the major historical Archives of interest, focussed on our local level. There will be examples of the records that Richard used in researching local and family history. If anyone would like to, there will be some opportunity to do some ancestry research for members of the audience. The evening is not restricted to members of the Society so if local history interests you, why not come along. A couple of further dates that are worth reserving in your diary; Next month we will have a fun social games afternoon on Saturday the 9th March and on the Saturday the 16th March we will be planning a St Patrick's night celebration. Full details will be published in next month's newsletter.

Cricket Club



The cricket club AGM will be on Monday 26th February at 7.30pm in the cricket clubhouse - anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Percival Guildhouse - A Day With A Difference

Can a day in your life make a difference for the good? Well, there's every chance if you explore the inviting Saturday day schools being run at The Percival Guildhouse in Rugby in March. These days social media is alive with stories of women artists who've gone unnamed and unrecognised for centuries. So, David Price's Women Writers, Artists and Musicians in the Shadows in the 19th century day school is really timely. Also on offer on 9th March are courses on Tracing Your Irish Ancestry, Letter Carving in Wood, Crochet, Italian Culture (no language knowledge necessary), and an Introduction to Modern Calligraphy. For full details of all courses, plus timings and cost, please visit: www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk or phone 01788 542467.

St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas is working towards finally getting the Lottery bid signed off. There are activities and events planned through the year as our church is now an active part of the community. A meeting on 1st of Feb with volunteers and committees in the village hall with lunch will lead to the Evaluator producing a report to go to the National Lottery Heritage Advisor. Easter will hopefully see it all completed.

The church north and south aisle still has to have a final coat of paint. We will continue with the upkeep of our community garden. Volunteers always made welcome. The uncovering and research of stones in the churchyard is nearly complete. We have far exceeded the number we committed to. The tower mystery is still being researched by archivists, geologists and archaeologists. A report is being compiled with all our findings. The support of all volunteers, clubs, societies, local schools and communities has enabled us to work through an Activity Plan promised. Thanks to every one we have delivered far more than we promised. We have secured the future of a church needing care and attention.

February is a quiet month with few activities planned. Mothering Sunday is a date for your diary on March 10th as our wonderful children's choir will be singing. Creativity for all as April 7th sees our scarecrow Sunday again where we will once again welcome a congregation of scarecrows. Craft evenings at church March 8th (Mothers Day gifts) and April 5th (mini scarecrows). Any queries Karen 07866572209, kjndon@aol.com.

Village Hall

NEW HEATING SYSTEM - today (Monday 8th January) Custom Heat have started work at the hall installing our new heating system so by the time you read this it should all be done!!

Following the New Years Eve party organised by Brian Hall, Leonie Tromans and Burt Ogle - a donation was given to the Heating Fund of £250. We are very grateful for this donation and for all the donations given over the past weeks by villagers and friends of the village to the fund - THANK YOU ALL!

Pop Up Cafe

On Friday 2nd February we will be opening a pop-up cafe in the Village Hall. The cafe will be open from 10.30am to 12.30pm serving tea, coffee and a range of cakes and scones at very reasonable prices. Please come along and support us and enjoy a relaxing chat. Looking forward to seeing you there. Rachel and Karen



Police and PCSO

Police Community Support Officer - PCSO David Banks. We currently have no assigned PC. 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.

The deadline for submission of items is always the 15th of the month. Send them to me at thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com Tel: 01788 315893 or drop into me at College Farm on Main Street and I will do my best to fit them in.

Thank You