

# Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the March WM! Easter will soon be upon us and maybe some of you with better willpower have given up chocolate for Lent! Our picture this month depicts Eostre, also called Ostara or Eastre. She is a Pagan goddess of Germanic origin and associated with spring and the dawn. She was considered important in Anglo-Saxon and Old High German traditions and is believed to be the namesake for the Christian festival of Easter. She is associated with themes of fertility, renewal, and the changing of the seasons, as her name is originally linked to words related to dawn and the east, where the sun rises. She is often depicted with symbols of spring, such as eggs and

hares, which have become integral elements of the modern Easter celebration. However you choose to celebrate, I wish everyone a happy Easter.

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. send them to me at [thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com](mailto:thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com), tel: 01788315893. Thanks, Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
02-Mar-24	10-1pm	St Nicholas Church	table top sale	village hall
08-Mar-24	10.30-12.30	village event	pop up café	village hall
08-Mar-24	5-7pm	St Nicholas Church	Mother's Day craft evening	church
09-Mar-24	2pm	Willoughby Society	games afternoon	village hall
10-Mar-24	11am	St Nicholas Church	Mothering Sunday Service	church
14-Mar-24	2.30pm	Thursday Club	AGM	village hall
16-Mar-24	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	St Patrick's Night celebration	village hall
21-Mar-24	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub lunch, Braunston	The Plough
21-Mar-24	7.30pm	W.I.	meeting	village hall
23-Mar-24	12-2pm	St Nicholas Church	Soup & Social	village hall
24-Mar-24	11am	St Nicholas Church	Holy Communion	church
29-Mar-24	7pm	Willoughby Society	Film Night	village hall

# Willoughby Society

## Games afternoon and Social, Saturday 9th March from 2pm.

Our March meeting will be a fun games event to be held on Saturday 9th March from 2pm till 5pm. This is not restricted to Society members, and everyone is welcome so why not come along and enjoy some silly games, show how dexterous you are building a Jenga tower, or just come for a cup of tea and a natter.

## St Patrick's Night celebration, Saturday 16th March from 7.30pm



Some years ago, we have hosted a Burns night celebration and following its success we were encouraged to organise a St Patrick's night. As this year the date coincides with a weekend so on Saturday 16th of March, we will be entertained by a band playing mostly traditional Irish folk music with a bit of English folk and possibly a Beatles song thrown in here or there. The evening wouldn't be complete without a wholesome Irish stew and Colcannon mash, washed down with a splash of Irish Whiskey to toast the meal and to complete the taste bud riot we will be serving Bread and Butter pudding with Bailey's custard. If all that hasn't tempted you to join us for the evening, then I don't know what will. As with the last two events, will be running a bar on the night, stocked with Guinness, wine and soft drinks at very reasonable prices, or you can still bring your own tippie. There is a dress code for the evening, although fancy dress is discretionary, wearing something Green is compulsory. Because we are including food, tickets are slightly more expensive at £17.50 per person, but for a two-course meal, a tot of Whiskey and a live Band, I still think it is pretty good value for money. Tickets can be purchased from Leonie Tromans; [secretaryengxiii@aol.com](mailto:secretaryengxiii@aol.com), 07527 156920. Or from any of the Willoughby Society committee.

## Film Night, Friday 29th March 7pm start.

On Friday 29th of March we will host the last planned Friday film night in aid of the Village Hall Boiler fund. Although the heating is now installed and working beautifully, funding reserves were used to undertake the project and are now very low and need building up again. With this month's film we return to swashbuckling high adventure and the new Indiana Jones film, 'Dial of Destiny'. The film, starring Harrison Ford as he returns to the role of the legendary hero archaeologist, Indiana Jones, as he races against time to retrieve a legendary dial in this the final instalment. The film is rated fit for viewing by persons aged 12 years or more. Everyone is welcome and all donations will be given the village hall. Popcorn provided but bring your own drinks.

**Willoughby Society members;** Don't forget to book your place on the bus to attend Batsford Arboretum on Saturday 13th of April. What better way to welcome Spring than a walk amongst the daffodils and Spring flowers. There is also a great café for lunch and a garden centre.

## W.I.

Our March meeting is at 7.30 on Thursday 21st in the village Hall. Sarais Crawshaw will give a talk on her life as a Wildlife Artist and this will include a pastel drawing demonstration. The competition is for a wildlife picture or ornament. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.



## Pop Up Café

Karen, Val and Rachel would like to thank all of you who came along to the opening of our Pop Up Cafe. Profits were donated equally between the Village Hall fund, Marie Curie, and The Samaritans. The cafe will open again on Friday 8th March, 10.30am - 12.30pm, serving tea, coffee, with a variety of cakes and scones. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Parish Council

### Parish Council meeting on 12 March 2024 - Cancelled

In order to conduct business, the Council must have at least three councillors present. Cllrs Lewis and Sheppard are unavailable for most of March so the meeting has been cancelled. Any business that would have been transacted at the March meeting will be carried over to the April meeting.

### Annual Community Meeting (ACM) - Tuesday 7 May 2024

The ACM will be held on Tuesday 7 May 2024 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. This is not a Parish Council meeting but will be chaired by Maggie Beech, the Chair, and minuted by the Parish Clerk. It will be a social occasion with refreshments served and we do hope that as many residents as possible will join us. Further information about the meeting will be in the Willoughby Monthly, on the website [www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org](http://www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org) and on the noticeboard in April.

### VASA Community Service

VASA takes people to medical appointments and also to social inclusion events such as lunch clubs or warm hubs. All the drivers are volunteers, use their own cars and are fully DBS checked. Residents living in Rugby Borough can book a journey, paying a £3 fee and 45p per mile to the drivers.

Contacts: phone 01789 262889 or email [transport@vasa.co.uk](mailto:transport@vasa.co.uk). The website is [www.vasa.org.uk](http://www.vasa.org.uk)

## St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas church is welcoming spring and summer with a series of events and activities as we continue to work to complete our lottery commitments. A visit by the Evaluator went very well and we are looking forward to seeing the final report. Most of the Activity Plan has been completed but the legacy of what we have achieved must live on in the future. National Lottery Heritage has a vested interest in our wonderful church for the next 20 years. In addition the Diocese are very happy with all the hard work by our wonderful volunteers and supporters we cannot thank you enough.

Still a few tables left for our table top event on March 2nd. A craft evening for Mothers Day is planned on 8th March from 5-7pm followed by Mothering Sunday 10th March when children in the choir will be singing. April sees mini Scarecrow craft evening. If anyone has any dolls clothes or small baby clothes they can spare to dress them please contact. Sunday 7th where we hope scarecrows will pop along to the church. Our Basket Making and Willow Sculpture is on 18th April, tickets £15. Numbers by the 8th April. Please contact for details on any events or activities. Karen 07866572209, Sue 07889532810, Andrea 891313.



The Community Garden is waking up and volunteers are always needed please to help keep on top of weeds and deter our fluffy friends.

Finally as a PCC we work really hard to ensure our church is kept going. We need help to carry this work on please. Meetings are few, communication via WhatsApp and email we have found to be very effective. If anyone feels they can support us with keeping the church as a going concern please contact any of the numbers above. We promise it is not all consuming.

# Thursday Club

14 March 2.30 Village Hall: AGM with cheese and wine. If you have any proposals for Committee Members or Officers, please let me or any other committee member know.

21 March 12.30pm Pub Lunch, The Plough, Braunston. There will be a sign up sheet at the AGM

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



## Village Hall 100 club

Hello all - by this time you should have all received a flier through your door with details of our exciting 100 Club!! The Club is to raise funds for the upkeep of our lovely village hall but there are two opportunities to win a cash prize every month! The first draw will be in April and monthly thereafter but all subs need to be in by the end of March (£24 per annum). Please tell your friends and family about it as all are welcome to register (over 18's only please). The Club will be registered with Rugby Borough Council under a Small Lotteries Licence. If you want more information or a copy of the flier please contact me: Joss Ray (VH Secretary) - 891317 or [joss959@sky.com](mailto:joss959@sky.com).

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## Rugby Rural South

The Rugby Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team would like to invite you to sign-up for Warwickshire Connected.

Warwickshire Connected is a free community messaging system. You can sign-up to receive timely email updates about the things that matter to you and your local community including:-

- News from your local policing team.
- Appeals on local incidents.
- Useful crime prevention advice.
- Information about policing events happening in your area.

Signing up is easy – just [visit:-](#)

[www.warwickshireconnected.com](http://www.warwickshireconnected.com)



## ALL STARS AND DYNAMOS

We will be running All Stars and Dynamos for children again this year on Friday evenings commencing May 8th. It is a great way to introduce girls and boys between the ages of 5 years – 11 years to the game of cricket and also just to have some fun down at the Green.

Last year we ran out of spaces very quickly and a few children did not register on time with the ECB, as we only have the capability to take 50 children. The best way to ensure your children get a place is to visit one of the websites below and register as soon after the priority window opens on March 6th, as you can. You will then get an invite to make an early booking. The cost is £40 for the whole course and the children all get a shirt with their name on.

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars> (for 5-8yrs)

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket> (for 8-11yrs)

If you have any problems please let me know and I will try and help Brian Hall 890134



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