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# Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to April's WM. I hate to be banging on about the weather again but I am sure I am not the only one who will be glad to see the back of all this wet weather! What are the odds on a hosepipe ban in the summer? It is starting to feel more spring like - have seen lots of lambs out and about on my dog walks, they haven't had the driest start to their little lives but their antics always raise a smile.

There are lots of things to try both in Willoughby and further afield in this month's newsletter, I hope to see some scarecrows around the village or maybe some willow sculptures - enjoy! Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
05-Apr-24	10.30-12.30	village event	Pop Up Cafe	village hall
05-Apr-24	5-7pm	St Nicholas Church	Mini Scarecrow Craft Evening	church
07-Apr-24	2-4.30pm	St Nicholas Church	Scarecrow Sunday	church
09-Apr-24	7:00pm	Parish Council	Meeting (please note new time)	village hall
11-Apr-24	2:30pm	Thursday Club	Bubbenhall Lavender farm talk	village hall
13-Apr-24	10:15am	Willoughby Society	trip to Batsford Arboretum	Batsford
14-Apr-24	11am	St Nicholas Church	Allsorts Service	church
17-Apr-24	7:30pm	St Nicholas Church	Willow Sculpture workshop	church
18-Apr-24	12:30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch	TBC
18-Apr-24	7:30pm	W.I.	Meeting	village hall
20-Apr-24	12-2pm	St Nicholas Church	Soup & Social	village hall
24-Apr-24	7:30pm	Willoughby Society	How to Become a Medieval King	village hall
25-Apr-24	6:30pm	Village Hall	AGM	village hall
28-Apr-24	11am	St Nicholas Church	Holy Communion	church
29-Apr-24	6:30pm	St Nicholas Church	St Nicholas APCM	L. Hastings Church

## St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas was lucky to be allowed to have the North Aisle window restored and repaired with permission from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Lottery Evaluator has completed a final report and we are very close now to being signed off. Activities and events will continue at the church as an ongoing legacy for the future. Research into our rich Heritage continues. Friday the 5th April we have a Mini Scarecrow craft evening with refreshments between 5 and 7pm.



Sunday the 7th once again sees Scarecrow Sunday with scarecrows popping up in church. We welcome scarecrows from families and organisations in the village with prizes for the most popular. Please join us between 2 to 4-30pm for crafts, refreshments, raffle and a mini scarecrow competition.

Our Art of Basket Making and Willow Sculpture workshop still has a few tickets available on April 17th at 7-30pm in the church. Glass wine/soft drink and the opportunity to make your own wreath. Contact Karen for tickets. £15. Any queries Karen 07866572209, [kjndon@aol.com](mailto:kjndon@aol.com).

## Parish Council

**Annual Community Meeting**, Tuesday 7 May 2024, 7.00pm in the Village Hall

The purpose of this meeting is to give residents the opportunity to meet together and to raise and discuss issues that may concern them. Maggie Beech will chair the meeting but it is not a Parish Council meeting.

Some topics that directly affect residents are already on the agenda as follows:

Upgrading street lights to LED, measures to reduce flooding, highways issues, footpaths and bridleways, playing field, Climate Change. Action Reports will provide updates on progress and further actions, as needed. **BUT** this is your meeting and we would like to add topics to the agenda which are not in the list above but which you wish to discuss. These could be questions, concerns or ideas for future projects which would benefit the community. If you would like to add items, please email Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, at [willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com) or phone her on 07809 197817. The deadline to add items is Thursday 18 April. Light refreshments will be served and we hope to see as many residents as possible at the meeting so that we can move forward together as a community.

## W.I.

The WI April meeting is on Thursday 18th in the Village Hall at 7.30. Our speaker is Heather from Green Acres Farm who will advise us on the informal educational opportunities available at the Rural Enterprise Centre for young people to learn to grow and cook their own food.

The competition is for a table decoration to include herbs.

A reminder that annual subscriptions are due this month. Visitors are always welcome.



## Thursday Club

11 April 2.30 Village Hall: Ian and Pippa, Bubbenhall Lavender Farm

18 April 12.30pm Pub Lunch, venue to be decided. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting on 11 April

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

## Willoughby Society

We have a lovely visit planned for this month to Batsford Arboretum. The visit will take place on Saturday 13th April and we have organised for a DACT bus to pick up from the village hall at 10.15am, leaving by 10.30am. Seats on the bus are free to members of the society and allocated on a first come first served basis, if you are not a member of the Society and you would like to join us on the bus, we can put your name on a list and we will contact you if there are seats available. Non-members will be charged £10 to cover a proportion of the hire and fuel costs. The Arboretum is beautiful and well worth a visit. Concession entry to the Arboretum is £8.10, if we have sufficient for a Group booking, the entry costs will be reduced. There is also a very good café that serves an awesome lunch and a well-stocked garden centre. The bus will be leaving Batsford at about 3pm for our return to Willoughby. Please contact Leonie Tromans; 01788 890700 or one of the committee members to reserve a place.



Our meeting this month is on Wednesday 24th April at 7.30pm when our Speaker will be telling us all about 'How to become a King in Medieval England'. It takes a light-hearted look at what we think we know about Medieval Kingship, from Hastings to Bosworth, and comes to some unexpected and surprising conclusions. Attendance is not restricted to Willoughby Society members so if you would like to join us and learn a little bit more about Medieval Kingship please just turn up on the night.

### Licensing Act 2003 - Notice of Application for (Grant/Provisional Statement) of a Premises Licence.

Notice is given that on the 1st April 2024, the **Willoughby Village Hall Management Committee** applied to Rugby Borough Council for (Grant/Provisional Statement) of a Premises License under the Licensing Act 2003 for **Willoughby Village Hall, Village Hall, Main Street, Willoughby, CV23 8BH**.

The Regulated Entertainment and Licensable activities are: **The sale/supply of alcohol, the showing of films and the playing of recorded and live music on advertised occasions through the course of a year.**

Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to; Head of the Environmental Services, Rugby Borough Council, Town Hall, Rugby, CV21 2RR. Representations must be received no later than the **29th April 2024**.

The Licensing Authority's Register may be viewed during normal office hours at the above address. It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on Summary conviction for the offence is £5,000



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**SUNDAY 26TH  
MAY 1pm - 5pm**



## Pop Up Café

Rachel, Karen and Val would like to thank everyone who came along and supported our latest pop up cafe in the village hall. Alan, Tim, Pete, and Sue our lovely egg supplier suggested the following charities to benefit from our efforts, and donations have been made to Myton Hospice, Sailability and The Samaritans.

The café will open again on Friday 5th April, 10.30 - 12.30 serving tea, coffee and a variety of homemade cakes, scones and savouries. We look forward to seeing you there. Best wishes, Rachel



## Village Hall

# 100

we're pleased to say that we have 100 people who have registered for the club - thanks to all that are participating. The first draw will take place on Thursday 11th April at Thursday Club - the draw will be in the capable hands of Bert Ogle. First prize will be £70 and second prize £30. We will inform the winners asap after the draw and publish winners names on the Willoughby Facebook page and in the next Willoughby Monthly unless you have opted to be anonymous.

Good luck everybody!! **Village Hall AGM - Thursday 25th April at 6.30pm** - all villagers welcome.

## Percival Guild House

MAKE HAY IN MAY - Digital images today or portraits of Elizabeth I centuries ago could be used to influence opinion. The creation of both types of image is explored in different Saturday day schools at The Percival Guildhouse in May.

While tutor David Harding's focus will be on helping individuals get more from their digital cameras, Gillian White will be exploring how images of "Good Queen Bess" ventured into royal propaganda. The programme for the 11th May day schools also includes temptations for creative hands with a Matisse-inspired painting workshop; a book making course and a course on speedy-carve relief printing for everyone. Those with an itch to be musical have a Ukulele for Beginners course to look forward to. All of these courses take place at the Guildhouse, the only independent centre for adult education and the arts in Warwickshire, in St Matthew's Street, Rugby, next door to the Library, Art Gallery & Museum.

One further course – How to be a Home Herbalist run by the ever-popular Sue McCrea - is being held at West Haddon Pavilion. Again on 11th May from 10am-4pm.

For further details on these and all full-time courses, please visit: [www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk](http://www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk) or call on 01788 542467.

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