

# From the Willoughby Society Archives

## Willoughby I

A TRADITIONAL. Christmas tea of sandwiches, trifle, mince pies. Christmas cake. etc. was served at the first Christmas party for the senior- citizens of Willoughby. Entertainment was provided by local volunteers --- carols were played on handbells by Andrea, Rachel, Venessa, Larissa, Emma and Ned A shadowgraph sketch was performed by Alan Jones and Fred Mitchell. The Guys and Dolls, Danny, Glenys, David and Sandra provided the music and led a sing along. Johnathon Merritt played the flute accompanied by Brian Saunderland on piano and Roy Whitfield concluded the evening showing slides of Willoughby and other familiar places.

The event and refreshments were arranged and prepared by members of the village hall committee and it was funded by the Willoughby Charities. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by performers, organisers and audience. It proved an excellent start to the festive season.

FAMILY and friends from Willoughby attended the funeral of Mrs Ethel O'Keefe at Willoughby Church on Monday. Mrs O'Keefe lived in the village for many years and will be sadly missed by her sisters Kate Palmer, Margery Montgomery. Nancy Hancock. Alice Hallam and her many nieces and nephews.

WILLOUGHBY CC will again be having a Christmas Ramble on Friday, December n, starting at 10 am from the pavilion and over a 7 mile route. Tickets priced at £1 for adults and 50p for children are available from Brian Hall. A hot meal is included in the price and also prizes for winners of a treasure hunt set around the route.

LAST Friday the Willoughby Society held its Christmas party. The rich and varied fare, provided i by a number of the lady members, was very much appreciated by all present. All-singing entertainment was presented by a section of the Abbey Minstrels from Northampton and they rounded off the evening by leading the members in some hearty carol singing.

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