



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the March edition of the WM. After so much cold and wet lets hope the Snowdrops, Crocuses, and other spring flowers are right and the weather is going to improve.

Don't forget the LEADER supported Family Activity Day on the 2nd March plenty of fun for the little ones making a fabric wall hanging. Plus landscape panels painted with acrylic paints or virtual paint and apps on touch screens. There will also be Jewellery making to have a go at. All being well our temporary internet connection will allow our workshops to explore family and local history with the computer clinic and silver surfer taster helping people expand their knowledge of the internet and find answers to problems. Even if these activities don't appeal come along and enjoy some refreshment which is available from 11.00 am and provided by the ladies of the WI.

April will have a couple of highlights with the Zulus coming on the 13th to entertain us with their heritage in song, dance, drums, and drama. There will be a South African themed supper too. It should be an unforgettable night – don't miss it. On the 28th it will be Scarecrow Day, fingers crossed for fine weather!!

Lots to look forward to!!

Richard Jackson

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2 Mar 13	5:00 PM	Church	Family Communion	Church
9 Mar 13	02:00 PM	Women's Institute	Annual Jumble Sale	Village Hall
14 Mar 13	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	A.G.M.	Village Hall
17 Mar 13	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
19 Mar 13	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
21 Mar 13	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - Friendly Inn	Frankton
21 Mar 13	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Antarctica - Simon Coates	Village Hall
22 Mar 13	10:00 AM	Police	Mobile Police Station in Village until 11:30am	Village Hall
24 Mar 13	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Palm Sunday Holy Communion Service	Church
27 Mar 13	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Beat the Burglar - Leonie Tromans	Village Hall
31 Mar 13	9:00 AM	Church	Easter Day Holy Communion Service	Church

Thursday Club

The end of another Club year approaches and we will hold our AGM on Thursday March 14th. Do please come along and tell us what you would like changed about the way the Club functions, what activities you would like, or anything else that you have to say about the Club. After the business meeting [which is usually fairly brief] you can enjoy a glass of wine or a cup of tea and some nibbles.

Our pub lunch on March 21st is at the Friendly Inn at Frankton. Norman, as always, will have a sign-up sheet for you to enter your name if you wish to come or you can do so by phoning him on 890623.

Your programme planners are busy arranging next years programme and hope to give some information about these at the AGM.

Willoughby Women's Institute

Our March meeting is on 21st at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Simon Coates will be telling us about Antarctica. The competition will be for a photograph of a winter scene. All are welcome to this meeting.

Don't forget Saturday March 2nd, The Family Activity Day when members are serving refreshments.

The Jumble Sale postponed from January is on Saturday March 9th at 2 pm. Entry is 20p. Jumble may be brought to the Hall from 9.30 am. Refreshments will be available and there will be a cake stall.

ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE

Willoughby Village Hall

Saturday March 9th at 2pm

Entrance 20p

Cake & Produce Stall Refreshments available

Doors open for jumble from 9.30 am or

call 890427 or 890982 if you have anything big for collection



Scarecrow Sunday 28th April



Further details and information will be given nearer the date. For now make sure you have put the date in your schedule or diary. Hopefully you have given your design some thought. Don't forget there is no theme this year so you can let your creative side run riot!! If you need some help or inspiration then the internet is the place to go. There are many web sites to help including the obvious one www.makescarecrows.com/ albeit that it's Australian.



Willoughby Society

Saturday 2nd March is the Family Activity Day do come along and support it. The short workshops have been included in response to the suggestions made at the 'Willoughby 2012 and Beyond' event last November.

Our monthly meeting takes place on the 27th March, at the Village Hall as usual. Leonie Tromans will be telling us how to 'Beat the Burglar'. There have been quite a few burglaries in the area over the last few months. Now's the time to review your defences before the Summer season!!

Next month sees our Spring Event. This year something completely different, the Zulus are coming!! Song, dance, drums, and drama. This is a 'Live & Local' show. Live & Local specialise in providing shows for village halls. They receive funding from Rugby and Warwickshire councils as well as the Arts Council. Their scheme gives us access to professional shows that would be outside our scope otherwise. Details below and in the flyer. Do order your tickets as soon as you can as the show will be advertised to other Live & Local groups.

ZULU TRADITION



13th April 2013 7:30pm

Willoughby Village Hall

Licensed Bar provided by Willoughby Cricket Club

Tickets £12.50 including Hot South African Supper

From Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street.

This year the Society is working with the Village Hall committee on a project to 'E-Enable' the Village Hall. This would provide permanent broadband/wi-fi and a ceiling mounted high definition media projector in the Hall. These facilities will open the way for new activities in the Hall e.g. internet coffee club, silver surfer group, film clubs, family history group, and much more. Increasingly local and national government services are delivered via the internet so broadband/wi-fi in the Hall may provide a gateway for those without a home internet connection.

In order to deliver the project we will be raising funds to meet installation costs and establishing demand in order to seek funding support for the running costs. If you would like to discover more about this project, join the list for potential activities, or have other ideas how the facilities might be used, come along to the Family Activity Day.

Willoughby Parish Council

The Parish Council has paid half the cost of a further two years hosting of the Willoughby Web site. The other half is paid for by the Willoughby Society which manages the site for the village.

A survey has been carried out on all the trees that the Parish Council are responsible for and quotations are being obtained for carrying out the necessary pruning and associated work.

The hedge on the boundary of Haywards Lodge on the A45 has become very overgrown and untidy. The Parish council have placed a contract to have the hedge laid so that it can be easily maintained and kept tidy in the future.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

The Police have issued advice to the owners of vans, SUV, and 4x4s on how to protect themselves from thieves stealing catalytic converters. The advice follows an increase in the theft of catalytic converters, especially in the Rugby area.

Thieves can remove the catalytic converter in a few seconds especially from higher vehicles. The Police are urging the owners of these vehicles to consider taking anti theft measures such as fitting security devices to their catalytic converters, these are widely available on the internet costing around £100. Another option is marking the converter with an etching kit/smart water to enable identification if it is stolen. Window stickers stating that the catalytic converter has been marked may deter thieves.

The Police regularly carry out checks at scrap metal dealers, which is where the stolen catalytic converters end up. If a catalytic converter is marked it can be identified as being stolen. This in turn could lead to the arrest and conviction of offenders.

Crime prevention: Smart water, a means of uniquely marking your property can be obtained via Rachel Settle. It is a deterrent to burglars and increases the likelihood of stolen items being returned.

Police Community Support Officer for the village is PCSO 6149 Helena Steadman and our Police Constable is PC 868 Hazel Busch. They can be contacted on 01788 853851 this is the Safer Neighbourhood Team number so will reach a team member on duty quickly. The team also have an e-mail address : rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk .

Neighbourhood Watch: Rachel Settle (Co-ordinator) can contacted by telephone on 01788 823823 (daytime) or 01788 890724 (evening & answerphone) or e-mail neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net.

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Copies of the WM can be sent by e-mail or produced with large print on request.

Do let me have your ideas for improving the WM and, of course, any articles/notices you have for your fellow villagers. The deadline for submission of items for publication in the next edition is the 15th of the month. Send them to:

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Village web site: www.willoughbyweb.net

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13-Apr-13	Willoughby Society	Zulu - South African Night	Village Hall
28-Apr-13	Scarecrow Com.	Scarecrow Sunday	
02-Jun-13	Willoughby 2012+	The Big Lunch	Village Hall
09-Jun-13	Willoughby Society	Leam Valley Novelty Dog Show	Lower Street