



Willoughby Monthly

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Happy New Year and welcome to the January edition of the WM. I hope you all had a happy Christmas and wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

December was pretty busy with traditional events, sadly the Silver Band concert was poorly attended because several events took place on the same night, nonetheless it was a great evening and raised £165 for Motor Neurone research.

The work in the Church tower resulted in the bells being played by the 'carillon'/tune barrel for the first time in many years. It is amazing how the barrel, levers, wires, cranks, spring bars and hammers produce a tune albeit with 25 seconds and 6 notes some are difficult to pick out.

We start the year with two new regulars to add to the diary. Following the demise of the Zumba, session on Tuesday evenings, Lorraine Geddes has agreed to run Popmobility sessions instead. Just the thing for those with resolutions to keep!! Also starting this month is The Willoughby History Set for those who want to explore the village or their family history.

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08-Jan-14	10:00 AM	Police	Mobile Police Station in Village until 11:30am	Village Hall
09-Jan-14	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Social Afternoon	Village Hall
11-Jan-14	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Christmas Event with Gabriela	Village Hall
12-Jan-14	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
13-Jan-14	7:30 PM	Flood Project	Initial Project Meeting	Village Hall
14-Jan-14	7:30 PM	Popmobility	Popmobility Fitness Session	Village Hall
16/01/14	12:30:00	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - The Oak & Black Dog	Stretton
16-Jan-14	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Hearing Dogs for the Deaf - Merleen Watson	Village Hall
19-Jan-14	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
20-Jan-14	2:30 PM	Willoughby History Set	Initial Meeting	Village Hall
21-Jan-14	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
21-Jan-14	7:30 PM	Popmobility	Popmobility Fitness Session	Village Hall
26-Jan-14	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
28/01/14	7:30 PM	Popmobility	Popmobility Fitness Session	Village Hall
29-Jan-14	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	My Life in Prison - Nick Brooks	Village Hall

Thursday Club

A Happy New Year to you all.

Our Club activities resume on Thursday January 9th with a social afternoon in the village hall. Dorothy will be organising the ever popular "Kim's Game" and Norman will have concocted one more photo quiz to puzzle us all. Do come along and join us for a pleasant afternoon with a cup of tea and a chance to enjoy a chat with your friends.

The pub lunch on Thursday January 16th is at The Oak and Black Dog at Stretton on Dunsmore. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting on the 9th or you can phone Norman on 890623 if you would like to come along.

Just a reminder that the AGM will be on March 13th. Some new blood on the committee would really benefit the Club. Do give some thought to joining the committee, it's really not that onerous and your input would be greatly appreciated.

Willoughby Women's Institute

A Happy New Year to everyone.

Our first meeting of the New Year is on Thursday 16th at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall. Mrs Merleen Watson will be bringing Grace her hearing dog and will tell us about Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Mrs Watson is profoundly deaf herself and her talk with projected slides should be very interesting and informative. Any visitors or new members will be very welcome.

Annual subscriptions are due this month.



The Willoughby History Set

Interested in local or family history?

Join the Set for informal sessions exploring the history of our parish and surrounding area, building the history of a house or it's site, and for help building family histories, using the village archives and online research facilities via the Village Hall Lan and broadband connection (bring your laptop, notebook, tablet, or other mobile device, if you have one or use the community computer).



In the last few years there has been an explosion in the availability of historical records via the internet from ancient charters and wills to censuses. Using these we will be able to expand upon the known history of the parish, properties, and people. Whichever area you are interested in come along and use the resources and get or give help to overcome mysteries or problems.



If there is sufficient demand the set will meet monthly in the afternoon and, perhaps, quarterly in the evening. The cost of hiring the village hall will be shared amongst those attending

The initial session will be on Monday, 20th January 2014, at the Village Hall 2:30pm-4:30pm

Call Richard Jackson 891898 for more information



Willoughby Society

Happy New Year !! As usual the Society is starting the New Year with it's Christmas Event !! if you haven't got your tickets yet get them now!! (open to everyone including non-members) it isn't a night to miss. Here are the details:



Christmas Party

With
Gabriela the Ukelele Lady



Returning for another hilarious evening

Willoughby Village Hall

Saturday, 11th January 2014 at 7.30 pm

Licensed Bar by Willoughby Cricket Club

Tickets £12.50 including Buffet Supper

from Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street, Tel. 891898 & Committee Members



The first monthly meeting is on the 29th January when Nick Brooks will tell us about 'My Life in Prison'!! the venue as usual is the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm.

Allotment holders, vegetable growers, and gardeners, next month (26th) Dr. Anton Rosenfeld, of Garden Organic at Ryton, will be coming to talk about vegetable growing including some that are new or unusual in England – Lablab, Dudi, Calaloo,..... Ideas and advice just before its time to get growing do come along - everyone is welcome, including non-members, at our meetings.



Warwickshire County Council distributes its redundant computers to community groups. We applied for one to go in the village hall. We were successful and have received a refurbished desktop machine

which will enable us to extend the capabilities of the e-enabling work that was done last year. The computer will be connected to the network and will be linked to a copy of the village digital archive. It will also allow those who do not have a laptop or other Wi-Fi device to use the Village Hall network and Broadband connection and to more easily access the village archive material. The Willoughby History Set will be making use of new capabilities at its inaugural meeting this month.

We are grateful to the County Council for allocating this machine to us and helping our e-enabling plans grow.

New Year's Resolution to do more exercise or keep fit ?

Don't want to travel far?

Want to enjoy it?

Popmobility is for you!!

Come and join us at the Village Hall on

Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm

From 7 January 2014

Popmobility is suitable for all ages and abilities

A fun workout to help with flexibility and agility

Call Lorraine Geddes on 01788 890846 for further details



Willoughby Parish Council

The annual over 60s lunch and get together was held in the Rose Inn on the 7th of December with 55 Villagers attending. Thank you to the Willoughby Charity for providing the funding to enable this to take place.

Although it has been mild so far this winter, please remember to keep an eye on your neighbours to ensure they are keeping warm and in good health. Going into the New Year is a time when a visit or a chat is most welcome.

The speed aware signs have now come down as it is the end of the six months rental period. Please keep a watch on your speed especially on the narrow lanes around the Village as you never know what is round the next corner.

Volunteers - Thank You !!

Our village only functions thanks to the efforts of many volunteers. Last month we recognised the efforts of the people working in the Church tower and churchyard (a list which omitted Joss Ray – sorry Joss). There are many others whose efforts are no less worthy whether it be cleaning the Church, delivering this newsletter, sitting on committees, organising events, being a councillor, and much else. Let's all make a resolution to say a word or two of appreciation to those who make our village the place it is and maybe even join their ranks!!

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Thankfully the year has been quite quiet on the crime front in Willoughby. We mustn't let our guard down though recent reports from the police have shown an increase in break-ins in the surrounding area perhaps because of the dull weather. Do make sure your home and outbuildings are kept secure and report any dubious activity.

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 be 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-Mar-14	Thursday Club	A.G.M.	Village Hall
29-Mar-14	Willoughby Society	A Hungry Heart - Cat Weatherill	Village Hall
09-May-14	Willoughby Society	A Night at the Movies & More - Fordante	Village Hall
01-Jun-14		Big Lunch	Village Hall