



# Willoughby Monthly

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**Welcome to the April edition of the WM.** March was a welcome relief after the deluge of rain we have had over the last few months fortunately we missed the worst of it especially the flooding. The allotment site has been a hive of activity as holders prepare their plots for the first season of growing.

This month will be a very busy one with Murder at the Moulin and the Scarecrow Sunday to enjoy as well as the usual meetings and activities.

A brief update on the Superfast Broadband front: I learnt during the month that the CSW Superfast Broadband Project has not included Willoughby in their plans so far. The Braunston exchange has been upgraded but we will not benefit unless the Cabinet at the top of Main Street is upgraded. BT Openreach won't upgrade the cabinet unless it is commercially viable or they receive a payment to compensate. I asked them how much it would be if we were to get together and compensate them ourselves £42k was the answer!!! Please let me have your views on this; would you be prepared to contribute; is faster broadband important to you;....

**Richard Jackson**

**Popmobility Fitness Sessions** - Monday 3:00 pm & Tuesday 7:30 pm - Village Hall

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
05-Apr-14	10:00 AM	W.C.C.	Willoughby C.C. does Natwest Cricketforce 2014	The Green
08-Apr-14	7:15 PM	Church	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
13-Apr-14	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Palm Sunday	Flecknoe Church
17-Apr-14	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Butler to Royals & Stars - William French	Village Hall
17-Apr-14	7:30 PM	Church	Benefice Maundy Thursday	Leamington Hastings
18-Apr-14	1:00 PM	Church	Benefice Good Friday Service (walk 1 pm & service 2pm)	Church
20-Apr-14	11:00 AM	Church	Easter Day Holy Communion	Church
26-Apr-14	7:45 PM	Church	Murder at the Moulin	Village Hall
27-Apr-14	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Holy Communion	Grandborough Church
27-Apr-14			Willoughby Scarecrow Sunday	Village Hall
28-Apr-14	10:00 AM	WHS	Willoughby History Set	Village Hall
28 Apr 14	07:30 PM	Village Hall	Annual General Meeting	Village Hall
29-Apr-14	7:30 PM	Willoughby PC	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Village Hall
30-Apr-14	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Local Archaeology - Kevin Watson CDAS	Village Hall

## Thursday Club

Our April meeting is on Thursday 10th when the talk is 'Are Gardens Good for Birds and Birdwatchers' given by Mark Hope-Urwin. This talk should be of interest to many people so please join us. Everyone is very welcome.

The lunch for April is at The Folly, Napton on the 17th. There will be a sign up sheet at the next monthly meeting, 10th April, for those who wish to put their names down to come and join us.

The Thursday Club will be holding 'A cup of tea and a piece of cake' afternoon on 17th. May. There will be more details in next month's WM. Keep this afternoon free so that you will be able to join us.

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Join us for our annual open evening at Willoughby Village Hall starting at 7:30pm. William French, Butler to Royals and Stars, will be telling us about his experiences over the years.

All visitors are very welcome; a charge of £2 will be made to include refreshments. There will be a raffle and sales table.

Come and enjoy an unusual topic from an expert speaker.



## Scarecrow Sunday 27th April



You will have received your letter by now with the entry form. Please return this by 7th. April stating if you wish to enter, and for those on the outskirts of the village, if you wish to display your scarecrow in a more central position in the village.

There is also the opportunity to have a stall which have proved both profitable and popular. Please enter a scarecrow - the more the merrier!



## Well Done !!

To **Jackie & Kim Gibbard** their coffee morning raised £500 towards re-planting the triangular border at the church. Thanks to everyone who supported them.

To **Eric Palmer** on winning the prestigious Norman Sharp Award of the Midlands Club Cricket Conference - their long service award recognising his work behind the scenes over many years at Willoughby Cricket Club.

## Murder Mystery Evening - 'Murder at the Moulin'

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 7.45pm, Willoughby Village Hall**

Don't miss your chance to put your sleuthing skills to the test and solve the crime when the Willoughby stars are back again to entertain you at our very own Moulin Rouge, It will be a night to remember!

Supper will be included, please bring your own drink and glasses.

Tickets: £12.50 are available from Karen Duggan 3 White Barn Close tel: 890049 or Nick Hodges The Rohan, Main St tel: 890791. (in aid of St Nicholas Church).

**Willoughby History Set** - Our next meeting will be on the 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10:00 am one week later than usual due to Easter.

## Willoughby Society

***These events are open to everyone***

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2014**, Kevin Watson of the Coventry & District Archaeological Society will be telling us about their Lottery Funded project at Broadwell investigating a possible Roman Settlement. Their work has involved all of the 'Time Team' activities: Geophysics; Trenches: etc. so it will be a great opportunity to hear about community archaeology in action.

## **A Night At The Movies & More**

Presented by *Fordante*

**at Willoughby Village Hall**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 7:30 pm**

Licensed Bar by Willoughby Cricket Club

Tickets: £12-50 including interval food

From: Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street, Willoughby

**Don't miss this!!**

**A mini orchestra playing live music with a spectacular video backdrop**

**From Live & Local – Surprising Shows in Surprising Places**

## Willoughby Cricket Club

The cricket season gets under way for your village cricket club this month and they invite you to come along, get involved and be part of the action for 2014.

We will be in 'spring clean mode' for our annual Natwest Cricketforce Day on Saturday 5th April.

Amongst the list of jobs in and around the Pavilion, the club will be tidying up the perimeter as part of the Willoughby Clean-Up.

Free t-shirts, breakfast, refreshments, and a drink afterwards for everyone that comes along and get's involved.

If you want to lend a hand and can get involved, or want to find out about joining the club, please feel free to call in between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

Willoughby Cricket Club will begin their fixtures in mid-month ahead of the new league season in early May, so why not pop along to The Green and see them in action in the coming months.

Interested in playing? With a host of cricket available for everyone from juniors (boys and girls!), mens and ladies, why not get in touch to find out more?

Contact Karl on 01788 542441, mobile 07775 883102 or email

[karl@karlquinney.co.uk](mailto:karl@karlquinney.co.uk)

Details of our home fixtures will be displayed on the noticeboard behind the bus shelter by the Village Hall or visit our website – [www.willoughbycc.org.uk](http://www.willoughbycc.org.uk) – for details of all our fixtures and activities.

We are holding a special charity match on the 27<sup>th</sup> July. Our President's XI are playing the National Hunt Jockeys XI in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund. It'll be a great day so make sure its in your diary.

## Willoughby Parish Council

### Flood Risk

Following the formation of the Willoughby Flood Action Group a multi-agency meeting is being arranged to discuss the problem areas and the responsibilities for them. Those invited include Warwickshire County Council, Northamptonshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council, The Environment Agency and The Canal Trust.

### Dog Owners

Dog fouling continues to be a serious problem in and around the Village. Please clean up after your dog and if you are aware of those who don't, please advise your Parish Council who will take the necessary action.

Please remember that dogs should be kept on a lead, not only when on or adjacent to the public highway, but also on public footpaths across farmland.



### Annual Meeting

The Parish Council Annual Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> April starting at 19.30.

### Police & Neighbourhood Watch

There have been a number of Police reports to Neighbourhood Watch of break-ins in the surrounding area recently (Flecknoe, Broadwell, Napton, Dunchurch). Do make sure that your doors and windows are secure even if you are only in your garden.

Please keep an eye out for strangers/vehicles acting suspiciously and pass the details on – contact details below.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net).

### Willoughby Monthly

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send them to:

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e-mail: [willoughby\\_monthly@willoughbyweb.net](mailto:willoughby_monthly@willoughbyweb.net)

Village web site: [www.willoughbyweb.net](http://www.willoughbyweb.net)

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09-May-14	Willoughby Society	A Night at the Movies & More - Fordante	Village Hall
31-May-14	Willoughby Society	Family Activity Day 2	Village Hall
01-Jun-14		The Willoughby Big Lunch	Village Hall