



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the April 2010 edition of the WM.

March was a fairly busy month and at last we got some signs of spring. The Willoughby Society heard about metal detecting at their meeting and then were given the chance to scan the field between the Church and Moor Lane where they found a pistol ball, some .303 bullet cases, buttons, a few coins, pieces of lead, etc. There may be some more opportunities to scan land in the village in search of the "Willoughby Hoard" over the summer - let me know if you would like to have a go.

April will be busier with Easter, the Village Tidy Up, and the Scarecrow Sunday taking place. The Parish Council is entering the Best Village competition so we need to try and keep the village looking good. The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for the 20th a chance to hear about the work of the parish council is doing for us.

Richard Jackson

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Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
1 Apr 10	07:30 PM	Church	Maundy Thursday	Leamington Hastings
2 Apr 10	02:00 PM	Church	Good Friday (Walk from the Cricket Club 1.00 pm)	Church
4 Apr 10	11:00 AM	Church	Easter Day Holy Communion	Church
8 Apr 10	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Cake decoration and sugar craft flowers	Village Hall
9 Apr 10	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
10 Apr 10		Willoughby PC	Village Clean Up Denis Neville 890710	Village
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11 Apr 10	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
15 Apr 10	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	Life as an Artist & Oil Painting Demonstration - Mr. Michael Peachy	Village Hall
18 Apr 10	06:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
20 Apr 10	07:30 PM	Willoughby PC	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
22 Apr 10	07:30 PM	Village hall	Annual General Meeting	Village Hall
24 Apr 10	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Spring Event with the Backroom Boys	Village Hall
25 Apr 10		Church	Willoughby St.Nicholas Scarecrow Sunday Mike Thomas/Dorothy Ogle	Village
25 Apr 10	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
28 Apr 10	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	An evening of song - Rugby Male Voice Choir	Village Hall

Thursday Club

Spring is hopefully with us and there is a whole summer of blue skies and warm weather to enjoy [well we can dream can't we]. Our April meeting, on Thursday April 8th is the much delayed talk on cake decorating.

The pub lunch will be at The Romer Arms on April 15th, and on May 6th we have our first trip of the year when we will visit a couple of the Cotswold villages.

If you would like to come to either or both of these events please put your name on the sign up sheet which will be available at the Club meetings or telephone Norman Oates on 890623.

Nostalgia Nights at the Rose

As the first Saturday in April is in Easter Weekend the April Nostalgia night will be held the following weekend - Saturday 10th April.

As well as the usual pub games (crib, darts, dominos, etc.) and reminiscences there will be the opportunity to view the village archives and find out how to view them on your own computer, if you have one. Several people have said they would like help to learn how to use their computer to do different things or solve problems they have. If you would like some help come and talk to Richard and we will see what can be arranged to help.

If you have any old village photographs, documents, maps, etc. that haven't been copied for the Archives do bring them along so that we can extend the archive.

Beryl, Jean, Glenys and Jackie

Willoughby Cricket Club

April sees the start of the new cricket season at Willoughby Cricket Club, in what promises to be another interesting and packed summer ahead.

The first fixtures see a series of club friendlies for the senior XI before the weekend and midweek league seasons begin in earnest come early May

Details of all fixtures for the season can be found at the club website -

www.willoughbycc.org.uk, with details of forthcoming home fixtures listed in the club noticeboard outside of The Rose.

Junior & Youth Cricket

The new league season for our teams at Under 13 (aged 11-13 years) and Under 15 (aged 13-15 years) level also begin in early May.

The club are always keen to welcome and get as many local village youngsters involved, so if you fancy playing for either of these teams or know of someone who could be, please get in touch.

Also this summer will see Willoughby further develop its programme of offering cricket to boys and girls aged 7 to 11 years.

Many will have played Kwik Cricket at school, and Willoughby CC will be offering even more opportunities with Kwik Cricket on Saturday Mornings (from mid-May) and special 'Kwik Cricket' Game Nights during the week and also possibly at points during the school half term and summer holidays

Further details are to follow and be announced. In the meantime, if your son/daughter/grandson/grand-daughter are interested or you know someone who is - (get them to bring their friends!), get in touch and register your interest now.

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Willoughby Society

At the time of going to press there are still a few tickets available for The Backroom Boys on Saturday 24th April so it is not too late to get a ticket from Bob or Bert - It will be a very good evening.



At our next monthly meeting on Wednesday 28th April we will be hosting Rugby Male Voice Choir, who will be entertaining us with "An Evening of Song". This will include a variety of popular tunes, light classical music and songs from the shows. ALL ARE WELCOME at this event which starts at 7.30pm and at which refreshment will be provided.

On Saturday 20th March fourteen members enjoyed a hands on introduction to metal detecting thanks to Alan Standish and his colleagues. We didn't find the "Willoughby Hoard" but quite a few objects were unearthed from the fields between the Church and Moor Lane (by kind permission of Richard Heckford). This event was organised at short notice but we have the opportunity to run further sessions in the coming months if there is sufficient demand. If you would like to take part please let Richard Jackson know.

Willoughby Women's Institute 1920 - 2010

Thursday 15th is our annual Open Evening in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Artist Mr. Michael Peachy will be demonstrating his skills with oil paints - with a humorous commentary. There may be an opportunity for budding artists to have a go. It should be an interesting and amusing evening.

There will also be a raffle and sales table.

Non-members/visitors will be very welcome at a cost of £2 including refreshments



Willoughby Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee wishes to thank all those who helped to give the village hall a "spring clean" following completion of the remedial work on 15th February.

We have been fortunate that those regular hirers of the hall who had to find alternative venues during its enforced closure have returned. This has been due, in part, to the speedy way in which repairs were performed together with the very competitive rates charged for hire of the hall.

The hall is available for hire for parties and private functions. Bookings made by residents of the village for non-commercial activities are charged at preferential rates of £6.00/hour for the main hall and £4.00/hour for the committee room only. The day hire rate for most functions is £50. All bookings or enquiries should be made with the Booking Secretary, Beryl Hallam, on 890003.

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee takes place in the hall on Thursday 22nd April at 7.30pm. We invite you to support your village hall by attending this meeting. Our committee is now depleted following the departure from the village of Jim and Barbara Walton and we need volunteers to put themselves forward for election to the Committee. If you are interested please contact our Chair, Val Hall, on 890134 or our Secretary, Paula Palmer, on 890109

Willoughby Parish Council

The island on the pond has been raised and will now be able to be used by the moorhens to build a nest. The drain from the pond is now running clear and we have requested a pressure wash and camera inspection from Warwickshire County Council.

There have been soap suds in the brook and this has been reported to The Environment Agency who have investigated and found that it is entering the brook from outside the village. The exact entry point is still being sought and once the outcome is known we will let you know.

We are entering the Best Village competition again this year and all help to keep the village looking tidy will be appreciated. There will be a Village Clean up on the weekend of the 10th and 11th of April. If you can help please let Dennis Neville (890710) know if you can help - gloves, sacks, and litter pickers will be provided.

Finally, this month, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on the 20th April in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm.

St Nicholas Scarecrow Sunday 25th April.

Straw for scarecrow making will be available free of charge courtesy of Richard Heckford on Saturday the 10th of April from the pumping station in Moor Lane. Please bring your own bag and try to keep the area tidy.

There will be tea and cakes for sale on the day and would anyone able to make some cakes please let either Dorothy Ogle (890498) or Mike Thomas (891338) know by the 10th of April.

We currently have 39 scarecrows entered but it would be great to have some more. If you wish to enter please advise Dorothy Ogle or Mike Thomas.



Police

Care - don't leave valuables in your car and make sure that your home is secure. If you see anything suspicious do let the Police know.

Our Police Community Support Officer is PCSO 6092 Judy Haydon and she can be contacted on 01788 541111 voicemail 16092, alternatively PC 868 Hazel Busch can be contacted on 01788 541111 voicemail 10868

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Do let me have your ideas for making WM better and, of course, any articles/notices you may have. Copies can be sent by e-mail or produced with large print on request.

Material for publication must be received by 15th of the month.

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Date	Org	Description	Venue
12 Jun 10	Women's Institute	90th Birthday Garden Party	Hazeldene
26 Jun 10	Other	Annual Fête	Village Hall
30 Jun 10	Willoughby Society	Annual Dinner	Draycote Hotel
27 Oct 10	Willoughby Society	The Royal British Legion - Philip Wilson (County Chairman)	Village Hall