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Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to May's WM. This month sees the Annual Community Meeting. This is a great opportunity for residents to raise concerns or put forward ideas which will be of benefit to the community. So if you've been sitting on a great idea or there is an issue which you feel is not being addressed - this is your moment to have your say.

The pop up café is fast becoming a success, it is nice to have something like this in the village. I have also heard mention of the possibility of a shop up by the main road - if anyone can shed light on this, please let us know! I can't be the only one who would appreciate having a village shop.

There are quite a few summer events listed in this month's newsletter, so don't forget to save the dates. Especially for our fabulous Village Festival in June! Also congratulations to our first 100 club winners for April!

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
03-May-24	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall
07-May-24	7pm	Parish Council	Annual Community Meeting	Village Hall
09-May-24	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Dancing With Diana'	Village Hall
09-May-24	5.30pm	St Nicholas	Ascension Day	Church
10-May-24	7pm	W.I	Bingo Evening	Village Hall
12-May-24	11am	St Nicholas	Allsorts Service	Church
14-May-24	7pm	Parish Council	Annual Meeting	Village Hall
16-May-24	12.30pm	Thursday Club	pub lunch, Admiral Nelson	Braunston
18-May-24	12-2pm	St Nicholas	Soup & Social	Village Hall
24-May-24	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Ukulele Band	Village Hall
25-May-24	2-4pm	Thursday Club	Cream Tea & Plant Sale	Village Hall
26-May-24	11am	St Nicholas	Holy Communion	Church
31-May-24	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall

Willoughby Society

Instead of a speaker this month at 7.30pm Friday 24th May we will be entertained by a Ukulele band. The evening promises to be a fun toe tapping event and is not restricted to Willoughby Society members, so if you would like to join us, please just turn up on the night. We are raising funds to refurbish the bar area in the hall so a £5 donation towards costs would be gratefully received. We will be running a limited bar on the night, or you can bring your own drinks and nibbles.

80th Anniversary of the 'D' Day landings. This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings and in recognition and remembrance of this event, please join us on Friday 7th June at 6pm in the village hall garden when we will be hoisting a D-Day remembrance flag. After the event help is needed decorate the garden ready for Saturday's Big Lunch picnics starting at 1pm on Saturday 8th June. If you would like to have a table at the event, please contact Val Taylor or Joanne Lewis. We also hope to be able to show you the Royal British Legion 'Help for Heroes' Soldier, which many of you helped to purchase and will take pride of place in the Amenity Garden later in the year.



Willoughby Festival Saturday 22nd June from 1pm. Date for your diaries. Our Annual village Festival will be held on Saturday 22nd June from 1pm. The day will follow the usual format with fun races, refreshments, stalls, and games programmed for the afternoon. Tickets will be available for the evening event, and we have booked two bands to entertain us, and the Pizza van is booked to cater for those who do not wish to bring a picnic. Further details will be published in next month's Monthly.

Village Hall

Our first 100 Club draw has taken place and the winners are:

1st place - Mark Cleaver

2nd place - Kim Bendzak

Congratulations to them both and thanks to the Thursday Clubbers for overseeing the draw - could be your turn in May!!

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Pop Up Café

Karen, Val, Sheila and Rachel would like to thank all of you who came along to our Pop Up Café on Friday 5th April. Profits will be donated equally between the Village Hall, a bereavement centre for parents of stillborn babies and a charity helping homeless young people in the local area. The café will open again on Friday 3rd May, 10.30am - 12.30pm, serving tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries, cakes and scones. The café will also be open on Friday 31st May, 10:30am - 12:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there, Best wishes, Rachel.

Parish Council

Play Rangers - Five Play Ranger sessions have been arranged from noon until 2pm on Monday 22 July, 29 July, 5 August, 12 August and 19 August in the playing field. All children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is welcome but the activities are more suitable for children aged under 12. If the weather is wet, the activities will take place in the Village Hall. More information about the themes for each session will be provided, when available.



Annual Community Meeting - Tuesday 7 May 2024 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the noticeboard and on Facebook once it is finalised. Community Action Reports will be provided at the meeting with updates on progress and further actions on issues which directly affect residents. This meeting is for residents to discuss items on the agenda, to raise concerns or to suggest ideas for future projects of benefit to the community. Maggie Beech will chair the meeting but it is not a Parish Council meeting. Light refreshments will be served and we hope to see as many residents as possible at the meeting.

St Nicholas Church

St Nicholas is seeing the last of the National Lottery Heritage Funded capital work being carried out at the moment. We have been allowed to have the North Aisle window repaired and restored. This should be completed in May and then the final submission will be sent. It has been quite a journey and moving forward there will still be events and activities at the church. The ceiling of the north and south aisle still have to have its final coat of paint.

Scarecrow Sunday welcomed visitors to church and mini scarecrows were created as well as the chance to see the scarecrow visitors and enjoy a cream tea. Please take time to visit our community garden. It is looking lovely with the colourful spring flowers. Volunteers to keep churchyard tidy always welcomed.



May 9th is Ascension Day and we very much hope you will join us at the church from 5-30pm for music, food and activities which include Teddy Bears, please bring your own if he likes some excitement. We would have liked them to ascend the tower, however due to the laws of physics they may be descending instead. There is something for all ages so please come along.

Our final soup and social before our summer break is May 18th . We look forward to welcoming all. Finally please keep July 7th free for Heritage Day at the church 10-5pm There are lots activities planned including the hoopla guy, maypole dancing, tower and moat tours crafts and songs of praise. Any queries Karen 07866572209, kjndon@aol.com.

W.I.

At the W.I. May meeting we will be discussing this year's Resolution "Dental Health Matters" which will go forward to the NFWI Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on the 5th June. Members will choose how they wish our delegate to vote.



This month's competition will be a bookmark.

BINGO EVENING - Friday 10th May, Willoughby Village Hall. 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. £5.00 per person to include a light supper. Tickets available from: Lorraine – 01788 890846, lorrainearnettgeddes@btinternet.com and Pat – 01788 891223 patjames@btinternet.com

Thursday Club

9 May 2.30 Village Hall: Colin Hill, 'Dancing with Diana'. We have high hopes for this event, so have a special raffle prize - a bottle of Irish Cream Liqueur from M&S. Non-members welcome.

16 May 12.30pm Pub Lunch, The Admiral Nelson, Braunston. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting on 9 May.

25 May Cream Tea and Plant Sale: 2 - 4pm, Village Hall, £5 (or £3 for children)
New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805



Percival Guildhouse

Do you have a passion for history or an urge to express your creative side? If so, look no further than a Saturday day class at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse this June. From popular academic expert, Gillian White, looking at Henry VIII and the Field of the Cloth of Gold, to a relaxing and fun workshop on silk painting cushion covers, there's something to feed the interests of adult of all ages.

Other day schools on 8th June include life drawing, relief carving in wood, an impasto to floral landscape workshop or an opportunity to create attractive gifts with a class on air dry clay ornaments. For anyone interested in ancient healing traditions, Sue McCrea is running a day class on Healing Traditions from East to West. All of the 8th June day schools run from 10am-4pm.

There are also two summer schools starting on 2nd July – one on creative writing – a summer of inspiration (lasting three days), and the other on experimental watercolours being run over two days. For full details, including information about tutors leading the courses, please visit: www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk or phone 01788 542467 to talk to a member of the Guildhouse team.

Police and PCSO Police Community Support Officer - PCSO David Banks. We currently have no assigned PC. The team have an e-mail address: rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk If you wish to report a crime please report it via the Warwickshire Police website or phone 101. Obviously, in an emergency please dial 999

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. send them to me at thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com, tel: 01788315893. Thanks, Hannah