



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to October's Willoughby Monthly. How are we fast approaching the clock change already? I feel like we've only just done 'Spring forward' and now it's time to 'Fall back'. It won't be long before spookily carved pumpkins are appearing outside doorways and ordering a Pumpkin Spiced Latte in the coffee shop suddenly seems like a good idea! (I could really do without seeing mince pies and Christmas cards in the shops already though, that is just too much! Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
05-Oct-24	2-4pm	Community	Charity Afternoon	Village Hall
08-Oct-24	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
09-Oct-24	10am	Willoughby Society	Pond Project	The Duck Pond
10-Oct-24	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Experience of Period Clothing	Village Hall
11-Oct-24	10.30am	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall
12-Oct-24	11am	Willoughby Society	Visit to Hill Close Gardens	Warwick
13-Oct-24	11am	St Nicholas	Allsorts Service	Church
16-Oct-24	10am	Willoughby Society	Pond Project	The Duck Pond
17-Oct-24	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub lunch, The George	Bilton
17-Oct-24	7pm	W.I.	Meeting	Village Hall
20-Oct-24	11am	St Nicholas	Service	Church
25-Oct-24	7.30pm	'Da Tree Fellas'	Evening of music	Village Hall
26-Oct-24	12-2pm	St Nicholas	Soup & Social	Village Hall
27-Oct-24	11am	St Nicholas	Holy Communion	Church
31-Oct-24	5-7pm	St Nicholas	Spooky Goings On	Churchyard

Village Hall 100 Club

100 Club September Draw winners: 1st - Hilly Honess

2nd - Jade Flear Well done!



St Nicholas Church

A lovely Harvest Service saw a large congregation enjoy our wonderful children's choir, followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. The Food Bank received donations of produce and non perishables. Thank you to all who donated, supported and helped.

The churchyard should, by the time this goes to print, have had some much needed work completed on some of the mature trees. It is a responsibility we take very seriously working hard to maintain to ensure it remains a lovely place to visit. Our Community Garden is becoming well known and cyclists and walkers often stop enjoying the peace offered.

St Nicholas has a stained glass window appeal running to raise funds for a new window at the re positioned Baptistry. Designed by our conservation architect and a master glassman it is a unique work of art celebrating and remembering our last few years. Details are in the church and a picture in the porch. The consultation period runs for 28 days. Donations can either be by cheque made payable to ST Nicholas PCC Willoughby or BACs A/C name St Nicholas PCC, a/c no 0511556 6 sort code 54-41-00 ref stained glass

In addition St Nicholas has signed up on the easy fundraising site. Simply go to the site select the church and shop from there. Will cost you no more but companies travel agents etc give a donation. (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-church-willoughby/>). Thank you An extra service to enable people to see the church after a wedding has been put in on October 20th at 11am. Please join us and celebrate our Flower Ladies hard work.

October sees a soup and social on the 26th October. Pop along between 12-2pm meet old friends and make new. £6 suggested donation for lovely homemade soup and pudding. Volunteers to help always are sure of a very warm welcome.

31st October once again there are spooky goings on at the churchyard.
Pop down if you dare and join in the fun. Between 5- 7pm.



Looking ahead if anyone would like to decorate a tree for our tree festival in December please contact Sue she has all details. Contact Sue 07889532810, Andrea 07702626268 or Karen 07866572209 for any information.

Newsletter deliveries - new delivery person required

I am looking for somebody to deliver the Willoughby Monthly Newsletters to Longdown Lane from November onwards as I will no longer be able to do it. There are 8 properties from the canal bridge to Frolesworth Lodge. There are no drives to go up. Please contact me, Karen Nichols, on 07866572209 or Hannah at thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com if you would be able to do this, thank you.



'Da Tree Fellas'



Hello Folks! Come and join Jim, Paul and Babbo for an evening of music with your best loved Irish and Country songs. Village Hall from 7.30pm until 11pm on Saturday 26th October. There is a licensed bar. It would be good to see you. Tickets are £5 each available from Jim Ross 01788890291 and Brian Hall 01788890134. Proceeds will go towards the Village Hall Fund.



Willoughby Society

On Saturday the 12th of October, we are visiting Hill Close Gardens in Warwick, for their annual celebration of the apple harvest. The gardens and tearoom are open from 11am to 5pm, entry is charged at £6 per person. Although transport is not arranged, car sharing is possible. You can make your own way, or if you would like to car share, please contact: Leonie Tromans by email; secretaryengxiii@aol.com or one for the Society committee. We will be planning to leave Willoughby late morning, returning after lunch.

Pond Project. The Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers will be joining us on the 9th of October and on the 16th of October, when we will be working on the pond and the adjoining Memorial Garden. These are both Wednesdays as that is the only day of the week that they work, if you can help with the project, please join us on either date after 10am. Bring some wellies or if you have full waders, that would be ideal. Please wear work clothes and bring gardening gloves, as there are brambles that need clearing.

On Friday the 1st of November at 7pm we have organised a **Gin tasting evening**. Through the course of the evening, you will have the opportunity to try five different Gin and Tonics, plus some tasting samples. The evening will cost £20 for Society members and £25 for non members. Please contact Val Taylor if you would like to attend, a £10 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your place.

At 11am on Saturday 2nd of November, we will be raising our Remembrance 'Lest we Forget' flag followed by siting our 'Tommy' in the Amenity Garden. The "Pop up Café" have kindly changed their date so Tea and cakes will be available.



Film Night. 7pm on Friday the 15th of November we will be showing the film "See no evil, hear no evil" certificate 15. The film is described as a Comedy/Thriller with Richard Prior as a blind man and Gene Wilder as a deaf man, who witnessed a murder. It follows them as they try to convince the police that they are credible witnesses and at the same time avoid the criminals. The film is described as absolutely hilarious and well worth watching. Non-members welcome. As Film nights are an addition to the normal Society evenings, a donation on the night to cover the hire costs would be gratefully received.



The WI will meet on Thursday 17th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Nick Martin who will introduce us to the secret wildlife to be found in our gardens, from bees to badgers! This is sure to be an interesting and enjoyable evening and, as always, visitors are very welcome to join us. The competition is for a picture of wildlife.



Thursday Club

10 October 2.30pm Village Hall: An experience of Period Clothing, Jo and Steve Parish

17 October 12.30pm Pub Lunch: The George at Bilton, Rugby

New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805

Parish Council

Village Pond



Provided the weather is reasonable, there will be a lot of activity at the pond on 9 and 16 October when the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers (WCVs) visit us to help maintain and improve the pond area. On 9 October, the first round of work for the project led by the Willoughby Society will take place. You can read more about this in their article.

On 16 October, the WCVs will return and carry out work agreed with the Parish Council on the area to the left of the pond where

the Catherine Marlow memorial bench is situated. The bench has been refurbished and the aim now is to turn this into a place of quiet contemplation with a lovely view of the pond. The vegetation that has grown up in front of the bench will be removed and the area generally will be tidied up. Initial work on the ivy that is growing up trees on either side will be carried out and a dead tree at the back of the pond will be removed. We would like to thank the WCVs in advance for their agreement to help with this work and the Willoughby Society for taking the lead in improving the pond itself.

Pop Up Cafe

Karen, Pete, Val and I would like to thank you all for coming along to our Pop Up Café on Friday 6th September. As always, we are very grateful for your support. Thank you also Lynn, Lorraine and Jack who helped out behind the scenes. Our profit this time has gone to support our local Air Ambulance. The café will pop up again on Friday 11th October 10.30am - 12.30pm, serving tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries, cakes and scones, and we look forward to seeing you there.

NHS Coffee Morning Fundraiser

DON'T FORGET 5th October is a Charity afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00 in aid of Asthma & Lung UK.

There will be a cake stall, tea and coffee, raffle and a bottle tombola. You don't necessarily have to donate wine, it can be anything that is in a bottle, the more the merrier. I will be calling round to see if you have any bottles over the next few days. Thanks, Pat Atkins



Police and PCSO Police Community Support Officer - PCSO David Banks, PC Rebecca Bailey. 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