



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to November's WM. We have a packed edition this month. I hope those of you who went away over half term had a lovely time. This month I have an exciting piece of news for Willoughby CCs junior members. Charlie Docherty, up and coming Willoughby CC U11s player, entered a competition run by the opticians, Scrivens, over the summer holidays which he only went and won! The prizes were tickets to the T20 cricket finals at Edgbaston and £500 for his cricket club. Charlie very generously donated the the money to Willoughby CC and the cheque was handed over to Jimmy Andrews (via Max!). It will go towards benefitting Willoughby CC's youth teams. Well done Charlie and thank you, what a fantastic prize! Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
02-Nov-24	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Cafe	Village Hall
02-Nov-24	11am	Willoughby Society	Unveiling and Flag Raising	Amenity Garden
03-Nov-24	2-4pm	St Nicholas	Remembering	Church
10-Nov-24	10.30pm	St Peter's	Remembrance Sunday	Grandborough
12-Nov-24	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
14-Nov-24	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Carry On Films	Village Hall
15-Nov-24	7pm	Willoughby Society	Film Night	Village Hall
16-Nov-24	12-2pm	St Nicholas	Soup & Social	Village Hall
21-Nov-24	12.30pm	Thursday Club	pub lunch, Braunston	Admiral Nelson
21-Nov-24	7.30pm	W.I.	AGM	Village Hall
23-Nov-24	2pm	Village Hall	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall
27-Nov-24	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	AGM	Village Hall
29-Nov-24	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Rugby Male Voice Choir	Village Hall

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

St Nicholas Church

The Beginning of November is a time we like to remember the loss of loved ones either past or present. There will be an opportunity on Sunday 3rd November between 2-4pm when the Church will be open for anyone wishing to come and take time to remember and pray for their lost ones by lighting a candle and taking time to be quiet and reflect. There is also a led service being held at 4pm at Grandborough where if you wish a name to be read out and a candle lit please do contact either Rev Phil Price or Cath Harrison 07885 265177

Remembrance Sunday 10th November 10.30am there will be a service of remembrance at St Peter's Grandborough where the Memorial for those who gave their lives are listed for Grandborough, Willoughby and Flecknoe.

The Posada will be starting its journey in late November around schools and homes in the village. It is a time when we reflect on the journey Mary & Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem just before the birth of Jesus. It is a small model accompanied with a story to share with children telling of the journey. If you would like to host the Posada for a night please contact Andrea 07702626268 The churchyard has had some much-needed surgery on some of the mature trees. Our Community Garden offers as always peace and tranquillity. Volunteers are always made very welcome to help with the upkeep. Please contact Andrea 07702626268

The 16th November sees our last soup and social of 2024. Why not pop along between 12-2pm meet old friends and make new. £6 suggested donation for lovely homemade soup and pud.

6/7th December - Christmas Tree Festival and Trail of Light - If you your family, school, business or organisation would like to take part in either decorating your house or a window for our trail or take part in our Tree Festival please let us know. We can provide a real tree at £20.00 each or you can make your own Tree using recycled or natural materials and book a space for £10.00. We have to confirm our tree booking by Tuesday 12th November. Please contact Sue Waddington 07889 532810 or Karen Nicholls 07866 572209.

We will be having a Christmas Craft Fair in the village hall on Saturday 7th December 11.00 am till 3.00pm. (This is a separate event to the Village Hall Christmas Fayre). Tables cost £10.00, if you would like to book a table, please contact Sue Waddington 07889 532810 or Karen Nicholls 07866 572209. As with all our events any Volunteers offering help are always sure of a very warm welcome.

Pop Up Cafe

Karen, Pete, Val and I would like to thank you all for coming along to our Pop Up Cafe on Friday 11th October. We are very grateful for your support. Thank you also to Lynn, Lorraine and Jack who helped out behind the scenes. We have sent a charitable donation to Warwickshire Search and Rescue who are invaluable in searching for people missing from home.

The next pop-up cafe will open on Saturday 2nd November, 10:30am-12:30pm in conjunction with a Willoughby Society event. As usual we will be serving tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries, cakes and scones.

Village Hall



Good News - the National Lottery have kindly awarded us £6,500 towards refurbishment of the Gents loo in the Village Hall we need to raise a bit more before we start the project but we're on our way and VERY grateful to players of the National Lottery.

Christmas Fayre - We would be grateful for donations for the tombola stall, raffle, homemade cake stall, bottle stall and good quality bric-a-brac, children's toys etc. Please give to Joss or any other member of the committee, thanks.

100 Club October Draw winners: Well done!

1st - Hilly Honess 2nd - Hannah Gowney-Hedges.



Flood Action Group – Update



You will all be aware that the wet weather conditions have already led to some localised flooding in the village in the last few weeks. When flooding does occur, we now have road signs, barriers and reflective poles to indicate to drivers where there is flooding and, importantly, to mark the edge of Main Street to prevent drivers inadvertently driving into the brook, especially in the dark. You may have spotted our flood wardens in high visibility jackets patrolling the entrances and exits to the village and directing traffic. We are grateful to those residents, who have also provided additional help.

We are looking to recruit more flood wardens, especially during working hours, to relieve the pressure on our small group. Flooding in the village affects almost all of us, as access to properties involves driving through flood water contaminated by sewage. The bow waves created by passing vehicles also throw water onto frontages and into the gardens of a significant number of residents. We would be grateful if all drivers could remember to drive slowly to reduce the bow waves.

To improve the flow of floodwater out of the village, members of FLAG have recently cleared the thick vegetation in the brook alongside Moor Lane. Again, we are grateful to those villagers, who volunteered their time, muscles and wheelbarrows to help out! To ensure that we ease the flow of the water through and out of the village, we do need all those residents, who are responsible for maintaining a section of the brook, to keep these as free of vegetation as possible throughout the year.

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to act as a flood warden or help to clear vegetation, please do get in contact with Ant Ray, Lead Flood Warden on 07711 502854 or at ant.ray1963@sky.com or Bert Ogle, Chair, on 07456 956026 or at bertogle@aol.com A more detailed update of the group's activities, which includes a summary of contact with Warwickshire County Council, Highways and other authorities regarding measures to alleviate flooding in the village, is available on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard. Residents can also find advice on the website about actions to take in the event of flooding.

Parish Council

Brook Clearance along Moor Lane - A working party of FLAG members and other residents cleared the dense vegetation and debris from the brook between the Lower Street junction and the pumping station on 4 and 5 October. This work had to be done before the winter sets in to improve the flow of floodwater out of the village. Many thanks to all those involved for their hard work both over these two days and at other times.

Village Pond - The work carried out on 9 and 16 October by the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers, ably supported by residents, has made an enormous difference to the pond and the surrounding area. Much of the overgrown or dead vegetation has been removed, the view from the Catherine Marlow memorial bench opened up and the island flattened and topped with additional soil and new plants. Our thanks go to the Conservation Volunteers and the residents who gave their time and energy to improving a much-loved village asset.

Hedges - We would ask residents to please ensure that their hedges are cut right back next to pavements, public footpaths, grass verges and roads so that pedestrians can pass easily, verges can be mowed and motorists' view is not obstructed. Thank you.



Willoughby Society

Pond Project. Thank you to everyone who helped with the pond project on the 9th and the 16th of October. With the help from the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers, who were sponsored by the Parish Council, I think we have made a great start. With support from all those who have pledged sponsorship of water lilies we should be able to create a haven for wildlife and lovely village scene.

Don't forget to join us at **11am on Saturday the 2nd of November**, when we will be unveiling our 'Tommy' in the Amenity Garden followed by hoisting our Remembrance 'Lest we Forget' flag. The "Pop up Café" will be serving 'warm you up' Tea and cakes in the village hall after the ceremony.

Film Night. 7pm Friday 15th of November: "See no evil, hear no evil" cert 15. Described as a Comedy/Thriller with Richard Prior as a blind man and Gene Wilder as a deaf man who witness 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. 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 Society **AGM** is on Wednesday 27th of November at 7.30pm in the village hall. Cheese and wine will be served after the formal business of the evening.

Following the success of last year's performance, on **Friday 29th November** at 7.30pm the **Rugby Male Voice Choir** will be returning to entertain us with their repertoire of much-loved favourites. Tickets are not required for this event, and it is open to everyone. It is free for Society members, a donation of £5 per person from non-members to help cover our costs would be gratefully received.

Willoughby Funds.

The Willoughby Education Foundation awards grants to village residents under the age of 25 for extra curriculum educational activities and to schools attended by village students. Examples of these include textbooks for further education, educational school trips, sports clubs, computers etc. Under the Willoughby Fund, a limited number of funds are available for discretionary grants for help with personal expenditure such as spectacles, dentures and other specialist items. For further information or to make an application, please email the clerk, Helen Heckford, at hheckford@icloud.com. The next meeting of the trustees is due to be held on 19th Nov 2024.

W.I

The WI will hold their Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21st November at 7.30pm. We will be recalling our many events during the past year and electing the Committee members for next year. This will be followed by cheese and wine. The competition is for a small glass object

Thursday Club

14 November 2.30pm Village Hall: 'Carry on films', Steve Dimmer
21 November 12.30pm Pub Lunch: The Admiral Nelson, Braunston
New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805

I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended "Time for a Cuppa" on Saturday 5 th October raising money for Asthma and Lung UK. It was a lovely afternoon we have raised £1,271.50 for the charity. I would also like to thank all of the friends and family who helped me to set up, made cakes and endless cups of tea and coffee and cleared up afterwards. Thank you all. Pat Atkins