

Willoughby Monthly

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Season's Greetings to you all! We have already had some festive sprinklings of snow this winter and now we have a newsletter packed full of lovely events to get you in the Christmas Spirit. The Posada (see left) is making its way around the village and we always look forward to the Trail of Light and the lovely window displays people do. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the people who volunteer in the village, in whatever way, for everything you do and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
02-Dec-24	7pm	Willoughby CC	Bottle Bingo	Cricket Club
05-Dec-24	7.30pm	W.I.	Max Board - Christmas Classics	Village Hall
6-7 Dec-24	5-7.30pm	St Nicholas	Xmas Tree Festival/Trail of Light	Church
07-Dec-24	11-3pm	St Nicholas	Christmas Craft Fair	Village Hall
08-Dec-24	11am	St Nicholas	Christingle Service	Church
08-Dec-24	2.30pm	Benefice	Living Crib Service	Birdingbury
08-Dec-24	2.30pm	Community	Afternoon Tea - pre booked event	Village Hall
12-Dec-24	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Christmas Lunch	Weedon Bec
15-Dec-24	4pm	St Nicholas	Family Carol Service	Church
22-Dec-24	11am	St Nicholas	Communion Service	Church
22-Dec-24	4pm	Willoughby Society	Children's Film Afternoon	Village Hall
24-Dec-24	5.30pm	Willoughby Society	Christmas Eve Carols	Community Gdn
31-Dec-24	7.15pm	Community	New Year's Eve Party	Village Hall



Thursday Club



12th December 12.30pm Christmas Lunch at the Crossroads Pub, Weedon Bec. DACT bus leaves Village Hall at 12.15pm prompt. Start meal at 12.30pm approximately at the pub. This is for info - booking closed. New members welcome - just ask Jim Rowley, the Secretary, 01788 891 805

St Nicholas Church

We are now in Advent, a time of Preparation for Jesus' Birth at Christmas. During Advent we focus on Hope, Joy, Peace and Love, the promises God has for his people, through Jesus his Son. Our Services at Willoughby,



during December, will be our **Christingle Service on Sunday 8th at 11am** led by Karen Armbrister, where we will learn about Christ being the light of the world. We are also lucky to have the wonderful St Nicholas Children's Choir singing for us.

Our **Family Carol Service** is on **Sunday 15th December at 4pm** led by Rev Phil Price. A time of readings and carols and safe journeys end for our Posada. St Nicholas Children's choir will again be joining us, so we are in for a wonderful service to celebrate our Lord and Saviours Birth.

Our monthly **Communion Service** at **11am** on **Sunday 22nd December** will be our final service of 2024 before we start a brand-new year in January.

On **Sunday 8th December 2.30pm** the Benefice is holding a **Living Crib service**. This will take place at Bondon Farm in Birdingbury. If you would like to come along do pick yourself up free tickets from Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.com/e/farm-nativity-carols-tickets-1076451438229). If you are interested and would like to know more, please either email Rev Phil Price on revphilprice@outlook.com or Cath Harrison 07885265177.

Have you bought your Christmas presents yet? Do you shop on line? St Nicholas has signed up to the 'Easyfundraising' web site. This provides a charitable donation whilst shopping with well-known brands. Go to the site, select St Nicholas Church Willoughby, log into the shop you want to buy from and shop from there. Shopping will not cost you anymore and you can still collect any points you would normally get. (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-nicholas-church-willoughby/>).



We will be having our **Christmas Tree Festival/Trail of Light on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th December 5pm until 7.30pm**. Starting and finishing at the church, Come and vote for your favourite tree, enjoy our light trail, indulge in a mince pie and a cup of mulled wine or soft drink. We will also be holding our Christmas Craft Fair in both the main hall and committee room of the village hall on Saturday 7th December 11am to 3pm. Stalls, Children's craft area, Refreshments, If anyone has a raffle prize they can donate for our raffle which will be run over the weekend or a cake for our refreshments at the craft fair or want to take part in our light trail by decorating their House, garden or window please contact Karen Nicholls 078660572209 or Sue Waddington 07889 532810. As with all our events any Volunteers offering help are always sure of a very warm welcome. Monies raised to go to the St Nicholas Church Build, Maintenance and Window Fund.

We would like to say a big Thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who has supported us at our community events. Without your support and kind generosity St Nicholas Church wouldn't be where she is today. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Parish Council

Village Pond There is now a lifebuoy by the pond and 'Danger Deep Water' safety signage is in place. We would like to thank Leonie Tromans for producing a risk assessment. We would also like to thank the members of the Gentlemen's Coffee Morning for funding the lifebuoy and particularly Steve Tromans who purchased and installed it so swiftly.

Upgrading the Street Lighting to LEDs - A Case Study ENC, the contractor that installed the new street lights, has been enquiring about how this cost- saving project was carried out. As a result, Cllr Lewis produced a case study to support other parish councils undertaking similar projects. The case study can be found on the Parish Council website - News section.

www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org

Brook Clearance along Moor Lane Thank you to all the members of FLAG and other residents who spent 9 and 30 November clearing the brook on Moor Lane beyond the pumping station. The amount of vegetation that has been removed is phenomenal. We would also like to thank Richard Heckford who provided a trailer and removed the vegetation each day.

Willoughby Flood Action Plan This plan has been produced by the Flood Action Group and can be found on the Parish Council website under Plans/Surveys. Part 1 of the Plan provides information about flooding in Willoughby and what will happen, if flooding is imminent or occurring. Part 2 provides an overview of longer- term measures to mitigate flooding with updates on progress. If you would like a paper copy, please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk on 07809 197817 or willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com

Parish Council meeting on 10 December 2024 This meeting has been cancelled as only two councillors are available and three are needed for the meeting to be 'quorate' (i.e has sufficient councillors for business to be transacted).

Christmas and New Year We wish you all a very happy Christmas and an enjoyable and successful year in 2025.



W.I.

Thursday 5 December – 7.30pm - Willoughby Village Hall - We welcome Max Board a local resident who will be singing Christmas Classics along with other popular songs. Visitors to our meeting are always welcome £5 for non-members. If you would like to come along please let either Lorraine Geddes on 01788 890846 or Pat James on 01788 891223 know for catering purposes.

Sunday 5 January – 2.30pm – Willoughby Village Hall - We welcome Aunty Jen Productions a professional touring company who are presenting Jack & the Beanstalk. Adults £10 concessions £8 booking essential at www.auntyjenproductions.co.uk



Village Hall

November 100 Club winners are:

1st - Inez de Konig 2nd - Helen Heckford
Well done ladies!





Willoughby Society



It was lovely to see so many of you at our AGM last month and to welcome some new members. After a packed month last month, including the work to refurbish the bar area in the village hall, which was made possible through fund raising at the events that we have hosted, December is traditionally a quiet month for the Society and we do not have a Christmas show this year.

Children's Film afternoon. On Sunday 22nd December at 4pm we will be screening one of the Home Alone films. The film is rated PG, but we will be running a Pop up Bar, so while the children are watching the film parents can enjoy the time with a pint of beer or a glass of wine.



Christmas Eve Carols. Weather permitting, After the success of the last two years, at 5.30pm on Tuesday 24th December, we will again be congregating in the Amenity garden, where we will be serving Mulled wine and Mince pies to accompany your carol singing. Wrap up warm and bring a torch.

2025 New Year's Eve



We will be holding our New Years Eve Party again this year, as usual on December 31st. Doors will open for the evening at 7-15pm and the buffet will start at 7.45pm. We have a new group this time KINGSFORD, playing an assortment of 60's 70's and 80's covers, so please come along and enjoy listening to them and hopefully have a few dances as well, particularly near to midnight. As in previous years it is an American Buffet and you bring your own drinks. PTO The tickets are priced at £15 again this year and can be purchased from Brian on 890134 or from Leonie on 890700. Any profit that we might make will go towards the new bar area in the Village Hall. Brian

Pop Up Café

Karen, Pete, Sheila, Val and I would like to thank you all for coming along to our Pop Up Café on Saturday 2nd November. The café was really busy and, as always, we are very grateful for your support. Thank you also Lynn, Tim, Lorraine and Jack who helped out behind the scenes. Our profit from this café will be donated to a breast cancer charity. REMINDER: to all who have booked in for our afternoon tea, the date is Sunday 8th December from 2:30pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.



Christmas Notices



Jean and Pat will not be sending out cards this year and instead will be giving a donation to a charity of our choice. We hope you all have a peaceful Christmas with families and we wish you a very Happy New Year. Pat and Jean

Di McKnight, Dawn and Jane wish all friends in Willoughby a very Happy Christmas. Instead of cards this year we are donating to MIND for John.

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.

