



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to March's Willoughby Monthly. We can look forward to lighter evenings soon and hopefully some sunshine which has been very sparse recently. My family and I really enjoyed the recent pop up pub & quiz. It was lovely to see it so well supported and a big thank you to everyone who made it happen. As a Welsh rugby supporter, I am slightly more tentative about the next pop up evening with live 6 Nations coverage as I suspect it will be a bit of a pasting for us from England! There's a packed calendar of events this month; I think the ice age archaeology talk sounds fascinating - maybe I'll see you there, Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Mar-25	10am	Willoughby Society	Trip to Hidcote Gardens	Hidcote
07-Mar-25	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall
09-Mar-25	11am	St Nicholas	Allsorts Service	Church
11-Mar-25	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
13-Mar-25	2.30pm	Thursday Club	AGM	Village Hall
15-Mar-25	11.30-3pm	FoW	Spring Craft Fair	Village Hall
15-Mar-25	4.15pm	Willoughby Society	Pop Up Pub & 6 Nations Rugby	Village Hall
20-Mar-25	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, Ashby St Ledgers	Old Coach House
21-Mar-25	7.30pm	W.I.	Kate Mawer talk	Village Hall
22-Mar-25	12-2pm	St Nicholas	Soup & Social	Village Hall
22-Mar-25	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Music - Serena Smith & Friends	Village Hall
23-Mar-25	11am	St Nicholas	Holy Communion	Church
26-Mar-25	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Ann Bojko - Ice Age Archaeology	Village Hall
27-Mar-25	1pm	Thursday Club	Ten Pin Bowling	Strikes Bar
30-Mar-25	11am	St Nicholas	Mothering Sunday Service	Church

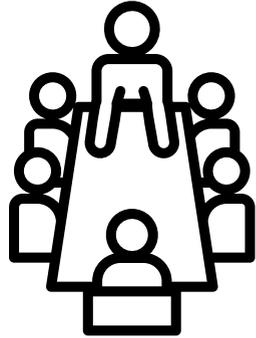
Parish Council - Maggie Beech

New Parish Councillor - Grahame Ash

We are delighted that Grahame has agreed to join the Parish Council. He was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the meeting on 4 February 2025. We now have five councillors after a lengthy period with only four. Grahame moved to Willoughby in late November 2024 and lives at Manor Farm Barns. He was both a parish councillor and a district councillor in Oxfordshire before moving abroad some years ago. You will have the opportunity to meet Grahame at Parish Council meetings and at the Annual Community Meeting.

Annual Community Meeting - Tuesday, 29 April 2025

The meeting will be at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. It will be a social occasion and we really hope that as many residents as possible will join us. Refreshments will be served. This is not a Parish Council meeting but will be chaired by Maggie Beech and minuted by Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk. The purpose of the meeting is to celebrate community successes over the past year or so and to discuss matters that residents would like to raise, including concerns and possible future projects. More information about the meeting will be in the Willoughby Monthly, on Facebook, on the website, and on the noticeboard in April.



Willoughby Society - Leonie Tromans

March is a busy month for us starting with the visit that was advertised last month to Hidcote Gardens on the 1st of March. Pick up for people using the DACT bus will be outside the village hall from 10am – 10.30am, leaving the gardens at the latest at 3.30pm.

Pop-up-Pub and Rugby Six Nations: On Saturday 15th March the Six Nations Rugby match – England V Wales will be Live Streamed onto the big screen in the village hall. The bar will be open, if you are a Rugby fan why not come and enjoy the match with friends. Match starts at 16.45hrs.

Music Event: Our second Live & Local music event is on Saturday 22nd March from 7.30pm when we will be joined by 'Serena Smith and Friends' for a unique blend of traditional and modern English, Irish and Scottish folk. The four piece band promise to deliver a night of Celtic Fusion with unforgettable music and lively ceilidh dancing. As the date is close to St Patrick's night, the evening will definitely have an Irish theme. We will be running a bar on the night, tickets are £15 and available from Leonie Tromans, secretaryengxiii@aol.com 07527 156920 or any member of the committee.

Speaker: On Wednesday 26th March our resident archaeologist, Ann Bojko will be telling us all about the Ice Age Archaeology that can be found in the Midlands.

Finally, a date for your diaries is Saturday 12th April when we will be joined by Sarah Jane, a soloist who will entertain us with 70's and 80's covers songs. She is welcomed back to Willoughby following the feedback that we received when she sang for us at Willoughby Festival the year before last.



St Nicholas Church - Rev. Price

What's on at St Nicholas' - As March arrives, bringing longer days (hopefully) and a bit more sunshine, St Nicholas' is getting busier. There's lots coming up in March and April, including a special Mothering Sunday Service and the launch of a new midweek Sing-a-long activity. We've also got our regular monthly activities going on.

Key dates for March (plus advance notice of a date in early April):

- Join us for our Sunday Allsorts Service at 11am on 9th March in the Church.
- Don't miss Soup and Social on 22nd March from 12.00 - 2pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to savour delicious homemade soup and puddings over a chat. A £6 donation is suggested.
- Our Monthly Communion Service will be held in the Church at 11am on 23rd March.
- Celebrate with us at a special Mothering Sunday service,

featuring a performance by our Children's Choir, at 11am on 30th March in the Church.

- Get ready for our new Sing-a-long & Slice on Thursday, 3rd April, at 3 p.m. in the village hall. Enjoy singing beloved classics, accompanied by tea and cake with friends. A £3 donation is suggested. Mark your calendars and help us spread the word!

All suggested donations for activities, after covering costs, are reinvested into the Church here in Willoughby. Rev Phil Price



Thursday Club - Jim Rowley

13 March, 2.30pm Village Hall: AGM with wine and nibbles.

20 March, 12.30pm Pub Lunch at the Old Coach House, Ashby St Ledgers

27 March 1.00pm Ten Pin Bowling at Strikes Bar, Rugby Central (was Dunelm at Clock Towers).

New members welcome - ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley on 01788891 805



W.I. - Lorraine Geddes

Thursday 21 March - Village Hall - 7.30pm - Kate Mawer on How to Tackle Global Poverty we will also be having a collection for Rugby Food Bank on the evening. Visitors always welcome.

Diary Date - Friday 16 May - Bingo evening, further details to follow.



Village Hall 100 Club February Draw - Joss Ray

1st prize - Jackie Street, 2nd - Angie Essex

Congratulations



Friends of Willoughby - Sue Waddington

The Friends of Willoughby invite you to a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday 15th March 2025, 11.30 till 3.00pm at Willoughby Village Hall. Free Entry

Homemade Crafts, Childrens Craft area, Raffle and Refreshments including Homemade cakes, Soup and a roll and Jacket potatoes. If anyone could help with refreshments, make a cake or donate a raffle prize it would be much appreciated.

Dates for your Diary for 2025

Summer Craft Fair 6th July

Fashion Show by Wanda Fashions 9th October

Family Halloween Event 31st October

Christmas Craft Fair 6th December

Halloween Craft Session 25th October

Family Christmas event, and Santa Trail to be confirmed

Further information regarding timings etc will be confirmed nearer the time.

Raising Funds for our local community, Sue, Val and Karen



Pop Up Café - Rachel Settle

Karen, Sheila, Val and I would like to thank you all for supporting our Pop Up Café on Friday 7th February. As always, we are very grateful for your support. Thank you also to Lynn, Pete and Tim who helped out behind the scenes. Our profit, as always, will be shared with local charities linked to our village residents. The café will pop up again on Friday 11th March, 10.30am - 12.30pm, serving tea, coffee, a variety of savouries, cakes and scones, and we look forward to seeing you there. If you have a favourite cake you would like to see on the menu please let me know.



Percival Guildhouse - Clare Turnbull

Workshop Wonders

Whether your interests tend towards art, family history or exercise there will be something for you among the April Saturday workshops at The Percival Guildhouse in Rugby.

Courses in Life Drawing, Watercolour Painting, Air Dry Clay Ornaments, Family History or Tai Chi are being run on 5th April. Go to www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk for full details and times. Or call 01788 542467.

And, if you are reading this before 1st March, it may not be too late to book onto a March Saturday workshop when Spirit Doll Making and Needlefelting are among courses on offer.



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.