



# Willoughby Monthly

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October is nearly here and things are starting to feel decidedly autumnal with that little chill in the air - someone definitely stopped putting money into the summer slot machine I think - it's the perfect time for cosy evenings, hot drinks and a bit of seasonal fun. Halloween is, of course, the big event! Look out for the Children's Halloween Craft and Pumpkin Carving coming up and a Family Halloween Party with spooky goings on, games and some warming food. Time to dust off those witches hats! I must mention a special event, a concert night, to raise money for the Flood Action Group - please see Bert Ogle's article inside the newsletter, hopefully there will be a good turnout as this is something the whole village benefits from.

Lastly, I will be giving up editing the newsletter in December. My commitments as Welfare Officer for a local football club take up a considerable amount of time and I wish to prioritise that. So if anyone fancies taking the reins, please get in touch. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
02-Oct-25	3pm	St Nicholas	Sing Along & Slice	Church
07-Oct-25	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
09-Oct-25	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Talk - Sean McGovern	Village Hall
09-Oct-25	7pm	FoW/Village Hall	Fashion Show	Village Hall
10-Oct-25	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall
11-Oct-25	7.30pm	Flood Action Group	Da Tree Fellas concert	Village Hall
12-Oct-25	11am	St Nicholas	Harvest Festival & Lunch	Church/VH
16-Oct-25	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, The Folly	Napton
16-Oct-25	7.30pm	W.I.	Meeting	Village Hall
18-Oct-25	12-2pm	St Nicholas	Soup & Social	Village Hall
18-Oct-25	6pm	Willoughby Society	Play - Murder Most Tropical	Village Hall
25-Oct-25	2.30-4.30	FoW/W.S.	Children's Halloween Craft	Village Hall
26-Oct-25	11am	St Nicholas	Holy Communion	Church
31-Oct-25	6pm-8.30pm	Fow/W.S.	Family Halloween Party	Village Hall

## Parish Council - Maggie Beech

**Island around the Village Sign** - Work on the overgrown shrubs on the island will be carried out in October. Old lavender bushes may be beyond saving and need to be replaced The oak post on the sign will be treated with linseed oil for protection.

**Hedges** - We would ask residents to please ensure that their hedges and any overhanging branches from trees and shrubs 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.



## St Nicholas Church - Rev. Price

There's plenty happening at St Nicholas' this October, and we'd love to see you at any (or all!) of our gatherings.

**Singalong & Slice** — Thursday 2nd October, 3:00pm - An afternoon of favourite songs with tea and cake mid-way to keep us going — a relaxed, cheerful get-together for all.

**Harvest Festival & Lunch** — Sunday 12th October - We are very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations. A warm welcome awaits you at our Family Service at 11:00am, where the Children's Choir will be singing. We'll be collecting tinned and packet food, rice, noodles and toiletries for the Rugby Food Bank, and any fresh produce will go to Hope4. Thank you. After the service, do join us for our Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at 12:30 for 1:00pm. Tickets (£8, including a glass of wine) are available from Andrea Hughes or Kathryn Watson.



**Soup and Social** — Saturday 18th October, 12:00–2:00pm - Drop in any time for homemade soup, a delicious pudding and a warm welcome — a lovely chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

**Holy Communion** — Sunday 26th October, 11:00am - A quiet and reflective Communion service — all are warmly invited.

## Village Hall - Joss Ray

100 Club September draw

winners:

1st - Jackie Street

2nd - Anonymous - Congrats to you both.



A very forward date for your

diaries - Village Hall Annual

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 29th  
November

## Pop Up Café - Rachel Settle



Thank you to everyone who came along to our café on September 5th, we are very grateful for your support. Our profit from the cafe this month will be donated to helping young people in the village.

The Pop-Up Café will be opening its doors again in the village hall on Friday 10th October; a week later than usual as our esteemed waitress has decided she needs a holiday . We very much look forward to seeing you there.

## Willoughby Society - Leonie Tromans

Saturday, the 18th of October. Aunty Jen Productions returns to Willoughby for a 'Murder Most Tropical'. Join them on board the SS Nauti for an evening of murderous mayhem. As old school cabaret performer Jenny Lane rehearses for her comeback show, how will the other performers react to her demands, and can manager, Armitage Shanks, keep tempers from boiling over? Join us at 6pm on Saturday, the 18th October, to find out. Tickets are available to book online; [www.auntyjenproductions.co.uk](http://www.auntyjenproductions.co.uk). Adult tickets with a buffet supper - £19. Without food - £11. Under 16s - £15. Tickets will also be available to purchase from Leonie Tromans; [secretaryengxiii@aol.com](mailto:secretaryengxiii@aol.com). Buffet supper includes: Meat, Vegetarian, and Vegan options.

Friday, 7th of November, 7.30 pm. We will be joined by the owners of Fleur Fields Vineyard, Brixworth, for a Wine tasting evening. The vineyards, on the south-facing fields overlooking Pitsford reservoir, were planted in 2000. In 2004, they started producing award-winning sparkling and still British wines, and they will bring eight of their wines for us to sample. Members receive a discounted rate of £15, non-members £20. We need to know numbers, so please book your place with either Val Taylor or Leonie Tromans.

Wednesday, the 26th November, 7.30 pm. Willoughby Society AGM. Cheese and wine will be served after the formal business of the evening.



## Willoughby Flood Action Group - Bert Ogle



CONCERT with DA TREE FELLAS on Saturday, 11th October at the Village Hall in aid of the Brook Improvement Fund. DA TREE FELLAS will be performing from 8pm until 11pm. Doors open from 7.30pm. Come and enjoy a mixture of Irish Folk and Country and Western music and a drink from the bar (including real ale). Tickets £10.00 available from:

Brian Hall [brianjameshall@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:brianjameshall@yahoo.co.uk) 01788890134

Maggie Beech ([maggie.beech@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.beech@gmail.com) 07855 325314.



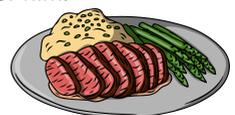
**Why do we need to raise money?** - The Group with other volunteers has spent 100s of hours clearing the brook to reduce the risk of flooding in the village. To conclude the work we need YOUR support. WCC Highways removed ten tons of silt from the culverts at Lower Street but will not fund further work. Silt has built up in the brook from the Lower Street culverts to The Moat on Moor Lane which now needs to be removed to further improve the flow of floodwater out of the village. This work cannot be accomplished manually by our volunteers and requires work by a contractor with a large digger. To fund this we need to raise an estimated £1,600.

Please buy concert or raffle tickets. Donations to the raffle would be very welcome.

## Thursday Club - Jim Rowley

9 October 2.30pm Village Hall: Sean McGovern, Senior Coroner at Coventry, will talk about his work. We are fortunate to have such a distinguished speaker, and will welcome non-members for this meeting, without charge. We hope Willoughby will provide a decent turn-out for him.

16 October 12.30pm Pub Lunch: The Folly at Napton on the Hill CV47 8NZ  
New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805





## Friends of Willoughby - Sue Waddington



Fashion Show Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The Friends of Willoughby and The Willoughby Village Hall Committee Invite you to a Fashion Show by Wanda Fashions on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at Willoughby Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30PM start. Tickets £10.00 per person and will include a choice of one glass of wine, bottle of lager or soft drink plus cheese and nibbles (GF and DF will also be catered for). We will also have a raffle, licensed bar and a discount voucher from Wandas. Tickets can be bought from Wanda Fashions, The Green, Dunchurch, CV22 6NX tel 01788 522021, Sue Waddington email [friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com) or Joss Ray [joss959@sky.com](mailto:joss959@sky.com) Why not join us for a for a night of fashion and friendship.

We will be running the following October activities jointly with the Willoughby Society Children's Halloween Craft and Pumpkin Carving. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm – 4.30pm - Free Entry Why not pop into the village hall for an afternoon of fun, carve a pumpkin (we will have some or bring your own), children's crafts or just drop in for coffee, cake and a natter.

Family Halloween Party Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 6.00pm – 8.30pm - Children £2.00 per ticket and must be accompanied by a parent. Finished Trick and Treating? Why not drop into the Village Hall and see what spooky things lay in store. We will have music, games, hot dogs, jacket potatoes and for the older children (Adults) a pop-up bar. Fancy dress optional – Prize for the best costume Oh! nearly forgot there will also be lots of sweets.

For tickets or more information please contact Sue Waddington email [friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com) or Leonie Tromans [secretaryengxiii@aol.com](mailto:secretaryengxiii@aol.com)

### W.I. - Lorraine Geddes

October Meeting – Thursday 16 October 7.30pm – Village Hall, Elisabeth Ainsworth – “No way back” – the story of her mother during WW2

Competition – unusual item – visitors welcome



Extra meeting on Saturday 8 November 2-4pm – Village Hall - Teams4U will be coming to tell us about their shoebox appeal the shoeboxes are given to children from 3-12+ in poor communities in Eastern Europe bringing much needed joy and excitement. Please come along and find out more about this and how you can help visitors are welcome. If you would like to come along, please let Lorraine ([01788 890846](tel:01788890846)) know so we can make sure we have enough cake!



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](mailto: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](mailto:thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com), Tel: 01788315893. Thanks, Hannah.