

Lest We Forget.



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As November arrives and evenings draw in, a quick reminder for anyone planning fireworks - please do let your neighbours know in advance. It really helps those with pets, livestock or anyone who might find the noise unsettling, to prepare. A little consideration helps everyone enjoy the season safely.

This month we also take a moment for Remembrance Day - a time to quietly reflect and give thanks to those who served and sacrificed.

And finally, a reminder - December's Newsletter will be the last one from me. So, I am looking for a new volunteer to carry it forward. Expenses are generously covered by the Parish Council. If you enjoy sharing local news and keeping our community connected, I'd love to hear from you. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
6-Nov-25	10am	Thursday Club	Possible shopping trip	Milton Keynes
7-Nov-25	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Cafe	Village Hall
7-Nov-25	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Wine Tasting - Fleur Fields Vineyard	Village Hall
8-Nov-25	2-4pm	W.I.	Teams4U - shoebox appeal	Village Hall
9-Nov-25	10.30am	Church	Remembrance Service, Grandborough	St Peters
11-Nov-25	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
13-Nov-23	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Steve Dimmer on Dad's Army	Village Hall
20-Nov-25	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, Braunston	Admiral Nelson
20-Nov-25	7.30pm	W.I.	AGM - Cheese & Wine	Village Hall
22-Nov-25	12-2pm	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
23-Nov=25	11am	Church	Holy Communion	St Nicholas
26-Nov-25	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	AGM - Cheese & Wine	Village Hall
28-Nov-25	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Rugby Male Voice Choir	Village Hall
29-Nov-25	2pm	Village Hall	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall
30-Nov-25	11am	Church	Christingle Service	St Nicholas



St Nicholas Church - Rev. Price



There has been a lot going on at St Nicholas' over the past few weeks, and we'd like to thank everyone for supporting our services and community events with such enthusiasm.

It was wonderful to see and hear the church so full of life, colour and music for our Harvest Service, and the delicious lunch which followed extended our celebrations so appropriately into the afternoon. Special thanks must go to the team of flower ladies for making St Nicholas' look so lovely, the St Nicholas' Church Children's Choir for sharing the message of thanksgiving so beautifully and to Malcolm for chronicling this and sharing it on the Willoughby Monthly Facebook group. Also thanks to everyone for the generous donations of produce and goods for the Rugby Food Bank and Hope 4 and to Graham for delivering this with our best wishes.

Our regular Soup and Social continues on Saturday 22th November, 12.00-2.00pm. If you are able to make a soup or pudding, or help in any way on the day, please do let Andrea Hughes know (Tel 07702 626268). If you haven't been before, Soup & Social is a lovely chance to catch up with friends and neighbours and enjoy delicious homemade soups and puddings.

It was great to see and hear yet more new faces and voices at Singalong & Slice in October. Do put Festive Singalong in your diaries - Thursday 4th December at 3pm in the Village Hall. As the song goes "It's the most wonderful time of the year" so we'll be venturing into a "Winter Wonderland" and "Rockin' around the Christmas tree!"

As we move towards Christmas, the St Nicholas' Posada will once again be starting the journey to 'Bethlehem' (St Nicholas') to arrive in time for the Carol Service on December 14th.

November Services:

Our Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th, at 10.30am will be held at The Grandborough, Willoughby and Flecknoe War Memorial at St Peters' Church, Grandborough. If anyone would like a lift to this service Andrea Hughes (Tel 07702 626268) or Kathryn Watson (Tel 07952 884390) will be very happy to help.

Holy Communion - Sunday 23rd, 11am - A quiet and reflective Communion service

Christingle Service - Sunday 30th, 11am - A joyful family celebration to share the light and hope of Jesus, supporting The Children's Society.



Village Hall - Joss Ray



100 Club October draw winners:

1st - Jackie Sue Thomas

2nd - Di Ellard - Congrats to you both.

Don't forget our Willoughby Village Hall Christmas Fayre, Saturday November 29th at 2pm.

Willoughby Society - Leonie Tromans



For those of you who joined us, we hope that you enjoyed the Murder Mystery evening and our joint Halloween events. We have three Society events this month, the first of which is:
Friday, 7th of November, 7.30 pm. When 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.

Friday 28th November, 7.30 pm. By popular request, Rugby Male Voice Choir returns to Willoughby with their Christmas performance. The Choir members are all volunteers; a suggested donation of £5 to cover their costs will be gratefully received.

Parish Council - Maggie Beech



Village Car Park - The village car park opposite the village hall on the other side of Main Street is private land and belongs to the Parish Council for the benefit of residents, their visitors, and users of local community facilities. The Council intends to clarify the terms of use for the car park to include: Short-term parking only (12 hours maximum in any 24 hours) for cars, motorcycles and small vans. The Car Park is not intended for long-term vehicle storage or commercial use. If you wish to comment on this proposal, please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, by 5.00pm on Wednesday, 5 November. Email clerk@willoughbyparishcouncil.org or phone 07809 197817. Thank you.

Thursday Club - Jim Rowley

6 November: Possible shopping trip to Milton Keynes with DACT bus, if enough members have supported this. £12 per head, leave Village Hall 10 00am, return to reach Village Hall about 5.00pm.

13 November 2.30pm Village Hall: Steve Dimmer on Dads' Army.

20 November 12.30pm Pub Lunch: The Admiral Nelson at Braunston.
New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805



W.I. - Lorraine Geddes

Saturday 8 November 2-4pm – Village Hall - Teams4U will tell us about their shoebox appeal. Shoeboxes are given to children 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 open to all. If you would like to come along, please let Lorraine (01788 890846) know so we can make sure we have enough cake!

Thursday 20 November 7.30pm – Village Hall – AGM followed by cheese and wine

Thursday 4 December 7.30pm – Village Hall – Danetre Ukelele Orchestra – visitors welcome
£5 includes refreshments – tickets from Lorraine 01788 890848 or Pat 01788 891223



Friends of Willoughby - Sue Waddington

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fashion Show, it was nice to see so many people there, and we had many positive comments. Our thanks go to Paula from Wanda Fashions and her team whose support and inspiration were greatly received and a massive thank you to all our volunteers, the models, gentlemen escorts and serving on the bar, raffle seller, welcome hostess and our washer uppers you are all stars. We also had our Pumpkin carving and Children's craft afternoon and Halloween Party and once again wish to thank our volunteers, cake makers and donations towards the raffle. Without the support of our volunteers and our community we would not be able to run the events we do.

Friends of Willoughby was established to give a little back to our community we have raised some funds and would like to give a little back to village organisations. We know Willoughby charities help our neighbours when they are in need and are grateful for all that they do. If you or your group, have a village project you are fundraising for, please drop us an email friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com and we will see if we can help.

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 6th December Christmas Craft Fair 15.00 – 18.30 and Trail of Light 16.30 – 19.00.

Friday 12th December Christmas Party 18.00 – 20.30



Pop Up Café - Rachel Settle



Many thanks to everybody who came along to our café on October 10th, as always we are very grateful for your support. Our profit from the café this month will be donated to help pay towards the brook clearance costs. The Pop-Up Café will be opening its doors again in the village hall on Friday 7th November, and we very much look forward to seeing you there. We are also taking bookings (and a small deposit) for our afternoon tea on Friday 5th December when we will open in the afternoon.

Quayside Café Extends Opening Hours and Launches New Marina Walk

Following a hugely successful first season, Quayside Café at Dunchurch Pools Marina is delighted to announce that it will now be open all year round, serving a delicious winter menu featuring toasties, all-day breakfast baps, freshly baked cakes, and locally roasted coffee. The café is easily accessible, with parking right outside the step-free access and a picturesque drive through landscaped parkland. The new Quayside Walk map offers a 2.5-mile circular route starting and finishing at the café, giving visitors the chance to take in the marina's peaceful surroundings before returning for a warm drink or seasonal treat. Quayside Café is located at Dunchurch Pools Marina, on the A45 near Dunchurch. Opening hours and the new walk map can be found on the café's Facebook page, @dunchurchpools, info@dunchurchpoolsmarina.co.uk 01788247290

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.