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Welcome to the March edition of the Willoughby Monthly

Hello everyone!! I know it's probably obvious to most of us by now but isn't it wonderful to see Mother Nature waking up again? It's delightful to see the crocuses, snowdrops, daffodils and blossoms on their various journeys to bring such pleasure to their human growers and admirers. We welcome them all with much enthusiasm after a dreary few months that aren't, unfortunately, quite over just yet.

We've been asked by two groups outside of Willoughby if we could squeeze them into this edition. We're pleased to be able to do that so Rugby Percival Guildhouse workshops are on page 2 and Woolscott Flower Club is on page 4.

WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT MARCH?

Celebrity Birthdays: Justin Bieber (1st), Daniel Craig & Jon Bon Jovi (2nd), Prince Edward (10th), Billy Crystal (14th), Eva Longoria (15th), Bruce Willis (19th), Reese Witherspoon (22nd), Elton John & Sarah Jessica Parker (25th), Diana Ross & Jennifer Grey (26th), Quentin Tarantino (27th), Lady Gaga (28th), Celine Dion (30th).

Famous Events: Concorde's maiden flight (2nd in 1969), Herald of Free Enterprise capsized (6th in 1987), Albert Einstein birth (14th in 1879), assassination of Julius Caesar (15th in 44BC), St Patricks Day (17th), Eiffel Tower inauguration (31st in 1889).

Other Facts: Astrological signs are Pisces & Aries, twin birthstones (aquamarine & bloodstone), the primary flower is the daffodil (narcissus), and March birth trees are the Ash & the Alder.

Michael Nelson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
Wed 4 th	7:30pm	Woolscott Flower Club	Demonstration	Village Hall
Fri 6 th	10:30am	Pop-Up Cafe	Pop-Up Cafe until 12:30pm	Village Hall
Sat 7 th	10:00am	Percival Guildhouse	Clown & other workshops	Guildhouse
Sun 8 th	11:00am	Church	Morning Worship	Church
Tue 10 th	7:00pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
Thu 12 th	2:30pm	Thursday Club	A.G.M.	Village Hall
Sat 14 th	11:30am	Friends of Willoughby	Spring Craft Fair until 3:00pm	Village Hall
Sat 14 th	7:30pm	Willoughby Society	6 Nations Rugby Final Match+Bar	Village Hall
Sun 15 th	11:00am	Church	Mothering Service	Church
Thu 19 th	12:30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch	TBA
Thu 19 th	7:30pm	Women's Institute	Local Singer & Keyboard player - Favourite Songs	Village Hall
Sun 22 nd	11:00am	Church	Holy Communion	Church
Wed 25 th	7:30pm	Willoughby Society	British Sign Language	Village Hall
Sat 28 th	12:00pm	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
Sun 29 th	11:00am	Church	Palm Sunday Service	Church

Thursday Club

Jim Rowley

12th at 2.30pm Village Hall: AGM with wine and nibbles.

19th at 12.30pm Pub Lunch. Possibly at the Stag at Offchurch, if the committee's trial visit is ok. A sign-up sheet will be available at the AGM.

As ever, new members are welcome via the secretary, Jim Rowley, on 01788 891805

JUST CLOWNING AROUND

Clare Turnbull

Ever fancied becoming a clown? Sign up to the Clowning in physical theatre and improvisation Saturday March workshop at the Rugby Percival Guildhouse on Saturday 7th, 10am-4pm and unleash your inner "fool".

Also on offer on that day are craft workshops in embroidery on postcards and macrame; art in the form of super realism with coloured pencils; photography; a beginners' guide to Irish genealogy and Friends in High Places, an illustrated journey meeting Sherpa traders, Berber tribesmen and Tibetan nomads in some of the world's most remote mountain regions.

For further information on all workshops, please visit <https://percival-guildhouse.co.uk/workshops-general-interest/> or call 01788 542467. Lower fees apply for those in receipt of means-tested benefits.

Willoughby Society

Leonie Tromans

Saturday 14th at 7.30pm. We'll be live-streaming the Six Nations Rugby final match on the large screen in the Village Hall. Everyone's welcome and the bar will be open so why not come along to cheer on the teams and enjoy a fun night.

Wednesday 25th at 7.30 pm. We've organised a speaker to provide an interactive evening, learning the basics of British Sign Language. By the end of the evening, you'll be able to sign some usual words or phrases. This event isn't restricted to Society members, so why not join us for the evening?

Saturday 18th April – Afternoon Visit. Our first planned visit of the year is to Tulley's Tulip Garden at Hatton in Warwickshire. £15.95 entrance but tickets must be pre-booked so, by 15th March, please identify if you intend to join us. A decision will then be made either to go ahead and book or cancel. We plan to hire a DACT bus (free for Society members) but we'll need at least 10 passenger adults. The visit isn't restricted to Society members and attendance will be based on the availability of tickets at the time of booking. Confirmation and timings will be in the April WM.

Friday 24th April, 7.30pm - Live Music Night. Music of the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac, Dire Straits & others, £12.50 + bar, further details next month. Should be a great night for all who enjoy '60s reminiscing and dancing.

Friends of Willoughby

Sue Waddington

We'd like to invite you to our first event of the year - our Spring Craft Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 14th March, 11:30am until 3pm. See what goodies you can find or just meet up with friends for a chat. It'll be lovely to see you.

We'll have a variety of stalls showcasing homemade goods, a raffle, and refreshments that include homemade soup, jacket potatoes, and cakes.

If you can help with donations of raffle prizes, cakes, homemade soup, or just some help on the day, it'll be greatly appreciated so please contact Sue on friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com

See you soon.

Pop-Up Cafe

Rachel Settle

Thank you to everyone who came to support our cafe in February. We haven't yet decided which charities will benefit but we'll keep you posted. Doors open again on Friday 6th March, 10:30am-12:30pm in the Village Hall. Don't forget to bring your takeaway containers!

We very much look forward to seeing you!!



Willoughby Women's Institute

Lorraine Geddes

Our March meeting is Thursday 19th at 7.30pm when we'll be hosting a local singer, accompanied by a keyboard player, to perform all your favourite songs. Visitors are always welcome to join us.

Church

Rev Phil Price

With the days beginning to lengthen and the promise of Spring and Easter just around the corner, St Nicholas is getting busier! Below are the key dates for March, an advance notice of the return of Singalong & Slice at the beginning of April and a date to highlight in your diary for June:

Sunday 8th at 11am - Morning Worship

Sunday 15th at 11am - a special Mothering Service with music by the St Nicholas Church Children's choir

Sunday 22nd at 11am - Our Holy Communion service

Saturday 28th from 12:00 - Soup & Social in the Village Hall

Sunday 29th at 11am - Palm Sunday Service to mark the start of Holy week. Come and celebrate Christ's triumphal journey into Jerusalem announcing his true mission. Coffee and Hot Cross buns follow the service.

Thursday 2nd April at 3pm - Singalong & Slice returns in the Village Hall - great company, plenty of favourite songs, and some excellent tea and cake mid-way to keep us singing!

and finally ... a date for your diary -

Saturday 20th June, St Nicholas Church Fete and Family Fun Dog Show. Full details to follow in the coming weeks but please do save the date!

"As surely as seeds sprout and grow, the Lord will save his people, and all the nations will praise him. Isaiah 61:11
God bless

Village Hall

Joss Ray

Roof leaks - we've unfortunately had two separate leaks. Although the smaller of the two has been repaired, the other works required will take a little more time and effort but we now have a contractor who'll be carrying out the work (after the rain stops!!).



February 100 Club Winners -
1st Place Kelly Pickard and
2nd place Norman Oates - Congratulations to you both!



If you'd like to book the hall, or for more information, please contact Karen Skipp (Booking Secretary) - wvhenquiries@gmail.com

Tuesday 10th March at 7pm - Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall

New Website

The Parish Council has a new website www.willoughby-pc.gov.uk. Please also note that the Clerk and Councillors have new email addresses which are on the website.

The Shrubbery Footpath (from Lower Street to Main Street)

Dogs running loose: Some owners are allowing their dogs to run off the lead on this narrow path. This poses a serious risk to children, adults and other dogs. Please keep your dog on a lead at all times as you'll be responsible for any injury, if this occurs. Rugby Borough Council has information on dog control and fouling on its website, along with information on how to report any issues:

[Public spaces protection order - dog control](#) [Report dog fouling](#)

Children's Playing Field

The field is held in trust for children aged 16 and under. Dogs are NOT allowed on the field for health and safety reasons so please respect this. If you wish to walk from the Shrubbery Footpath to the field on the other side, you can use the public footpath which runs straight across the football pitch. Users must keep dogs on a lead at all times. Additionally, dog waste should be picked up and deposited in the bins located near each end of the Shrubbery Footpath or taken home.

RBC Local Plan Submission – Public Consultation

The final public consultation began on the 30th January and ends on the 13th March. Information about the consultation and how to respond has been posted on the RBC website. RBC aims to submit the Plan in the spring and is hoping that the Examination in Public will take place in the autumn. For more information, see rugby.gov.uk/proposed-submission-local-plan

Woolscott Flower Club

Amanda Burgess

We're a friendly group of flower lovers who enjoy meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Willoughby Village Hall, to watch inspiring expert flower arrangers put together designs while picking up tips and tricks along the way. We raffle the designs at the end of the evening, enjoy refreshments, and have a chance to look closely and learn. Why not come along to our March or April meeting as a guest (7.30pm start) – £10 at the door and this includes the refreshments.

For further information about our club, or to contact us, visit our Facebook Page – Woolscott Flower Club, or our webpage – www.southmidlandsnafas.org.uk.

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Do let us have your ideas for improving the WM and, of course, any articles/notices you have for your fellow villagers. The monthly deadline for submission of items is the 15th. Send them to e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net or call Richard on 01788 891898.

Police

Police Officers for the area are PC Seb Payne, PCSO David Banks and PCSO Paula Parkes. The team have an e-mail address: rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk. If you wish to report a crime, please use the Warwickshire Police website or, by telephone, dialling either 101 or, in the case of an emergency, 999.