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Welcome to the April edition of the Willoughby Monthly

With all that's going on in the world, it's easy to be disheartened about the future. What's encouraging is living in a village that has a thriving community enjoying the "same old, same old" of events and life. Queen Elizabeth II frequently referred to Royal and political events as 'coming around again' – reassuring but, despite repeating yearly, not repetitive. In Willoughby, the evidence is all around us - in nature and in the continuation of Willoughby Monthly (WM). Nature isn't perfect but it keeps 'coming around again'. WM isn't perfect either but it keeps on delivering news to help knit together our community. We can't always attend everything in the monthly programme (although I know many do) but we can all enjoy whatever level of participation we can manage. Let's keep on keeping on!!

WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT APRIL?

Celebrity April Birthdays: Matthew Goode & Sebastian Bach (3rd), Robert Downey Jnr (4th), Agnetha Faltskog & Lily James (5th), Jackie Chan (7th), Emma Watson, Emma Thompson & Luke Evans (15th), Charlie Chaplin (16th), David Tennant (15th), Tim Curry (19th), Elizabeth II (21st), Oliver Cromwell (25th), Daniel Day-Lewis (29th), Sam Heughan (30th)

Famous April Events: Start & finish of the US civil war (1861 & 1865), assassination of Abraham Lincoln (1865), Titanic maiden voyage & sinking (1912), start of the Falklands War (1982), the Chernobyl Disaster (1986), first manned spaceflight – Yuri Gagarin (1961), Robert Walpole – our first Prime Minister (1721), George Washington – first U.S. President (1789), first modern Olympics (1896).

Michael Nelson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
Thu 2 nd	3:00pm	Church	Singalong & Slice	Village Hall
Thu 9 th	2:30pm	Thursday Club	The Italian Job - Kim & Val Taylor	Village Hall
Fri 10 th	10:30am	Pop-Up Café	Pop-Up Café	Village Hall
Sun 12 th	11:00 AM	Church	Morning Worship	Church
Tue 14 th	7:00 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
Thu 16 th	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - Red Lion????	Kilsby
Thu 16 th	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	British Wildlife - Nick Martin	Village Hall
Sat 18 th	Afternoon	Willoughby Society	Tulleys Tulip Festival	Hatton
Thu 23 rd	7:00 PM	Parish Council	Annual Community Meeting	Village Hall
Fri 24 th	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Move-On in Concert - A 60's-80's Covers Band	Village Hall
Sat 25 th	12:00 PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
Sun 26 th	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church

The Annual Community Meeting, in the Village Hall, is on Thursday 23rd at 7:00pm. This is not a Parish Council Meeting but an opportunity to meet other residents to introduce and discuss issues that matter to you. The Annual Report for the meeting already includes some issues but you can add items to the agenda - questions, concerns or ideas for future projects which would benefit the community. If you would like to add items please email the Parish Clerk, Jo Jarman, by Monday 13th, at clerk@willoughby-pc.gov.uk or phone/text her on 07809 197817. Refreshments are included – please join us.

Consultation on the Submission of the Local Plan

The Parish Council made two representations to RBC. One was to endorse SALFV's representation which supported the Local Plan, insofar as it does not allocate Lodge Farm and objected to any allocation or reintroduction of Lodge Farm by the planning inspector. The other was to support Policy EN3 which designates part of the Rainsbrook Valley as a 'landscape of heightened sensitivity' but also to request that the policy be extended to include the whole area of the valley within Rugby Borough's boundary. The representations can be seen in 'News' at willoughby-pc.gov.uk

Friends of Willoughby

Sue Waddington

Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring Craft Fair in Willoughby Village Hall on Saturday 14th March. It was so nice to see so many friends old and new. Thanks must go to all our volunteers who helped on the day - made cakes, ran the raffle, donated raffle prizes, ran the refreshments (including the washing up) and our stall holders - your support, as always, is very much appreciated.

Now a look ahead to a **Race Night on Saturday 23rd May:**

The start - Racing begins at 7:00pm sharp and punters need to be seated by 6:45pm.

Tickets – £10.00 each and include a hot supper. Tickets need to be booked in advance for catering purposes and please advise any dietary requirements when booking.

Attendees - Children are allowed but must be 18 and over to place a bet.

Sponsors – We're seeking sponsors for each race and sponsorship costs £25.00.

The last race – An owner's race and we'll be taking bids for people to own a horse.

Betting – This will be a simple tote and payout will be for the first past the post.

Drinks & Prizes - We'll have a bar and, of course, a raffle. Please help with donations of raffle prizes; as ever these will be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds – The beneficiaries will be Friends of Willoughby and Willoughby Village Hall Committee.

For further information or to book tickets please contact Sue Waddington at friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com or Bert Ogle bertogle@aol.com

We look forward to seeing you there.

Pop-Up Cafe

Rachel Settle

Thank you to everyone who supported the cafe last month - our busiest morning yet! Funds have been donated to the Friends of St Cross and the Friends of Danetre Hospitals. The next Pop-Up cafe will open its doors in Willoughby Village Hall on Friday 10th April, 10:30am - 12:30pm.

Don't forget your Tupperware or cake boxes for takeaways!
We're all looking forward to seeing you.



Willoughby Society

Leonie Tromans

Saturday 18th April – Afternoon Visit. We've decided to proceed with the visit to Tulley's Tulip Garden at Hatton, Warwickshire.

Cost - The tickets, £15.95, will be pre-booked and are non-refundable. Please either transfer the funds to the Society account or pay Leonie Tromans by the 30th March.

Transport - Pick up for the DACT bus is 1:00pm from the Village Hall car park. This will be free for Members but we need at least 10 adults to make paying for the bus worthwhile. There are still places available and the visit isn't restricted to Society members, although a £5 contribution for the bus will be asked from non-members.

Friday 24th April at 7.30 pm. Music night. Join us for this additional music night when we'll be joined by a local five-piece band called Move-On. They've a packed schedule so we've been lucky to book them. They play a wide variety of 'Covers' tracks from bands like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Coldplay, Stereophonics and Dire Straits. Definitely a date to put in your diary as there'll be lots to get you up and dancing or to just sing along to and the bar will be open. Tickets are £12.50, available from Leonie Tromans, secretaryengxiii@aol.com or from any of the Society committee members.

A peek beyond April is, on Sunday 17th May at 2.30 pm, Aunty Jen Productions returning with another of Oscar Wilde's plays - 'An Ideal Husband'.

The play revolves around blackmail and political corruption, with themes of public and private (dis)honour. Despite being written over 100 years ago, it seems that the world of politics hasn't changed at all!! We've booked a matinee performance to make the event accessible to a wider audience so please join us for the afternoon. The bar will be open and there'll also be tea and coffee available.

Tickets: Adults £12 and Concessions £10 from www.auntyjenproductions.co.uk or by calling 07904 872990. Tickets will also be available to purchase from Leonie Tromans or other Willoughby Society committee members.

Photo competition. Don't forget WS is sponsoring a photographic competition to create a calendar. Full details were in the January issue of the WM but entries should be emailed to photo-comp-only@willoughbyweb.net together with details of when and where your photo was taken. The photos of life in and around Willoughby can include scenes, people, animals or birds and, in September, we'll select the 12 that will create the calendar. We do hope that then you'll all want to buy one!!



Thursday Club

Jim Rowley

At our AGM on the 12th March, Lynn Busby and Riet Hodges retired from the Committee and were thanked for all their help over the years. Alan (Oh, go on then!) Belgrove and Ian Baxter were elected in their places.

On the 9th April at 2.30pm in the Village Hall: "The Italian Job" - Val and Kim Taylor.

On the 16th April at 12.30pm is our monthly Pub Lunch, probably at The Red Lion, Kilsby, but this is to be confirmed at our meeting on the 9th.

New members are always welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley on 01788 891805 or at recorderjim@icloud.com

Church

Rev. Phil Price

It was lovely to see and hear the church full of life during March and we look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

Thank you to our wonderful team of flower ladies for making St Nicholas look so lovely and to the Children's Choir for singing beautifully on Mothering Sunday.

Below are the key dates for April:

Thursday 2nd at 3:00pm - **Singalong & Slice** at the Village Hall. Come and enjoy a great community sing with tea and cake mid-way to keep us all going!

Sunday 12th at 11am - **Morning Worship** - Accessible and community-focussed worship, including some familiar hymns/songs and something for everyone.

Saturday 25th from 12.00 - **Soup and Social** - Enjoy delicious homemade soups and puddings in the company of family, friends and neighbours.

Sunday 26th at 11am - **Holy Communion service** - A familiar, structured and thoughtful service that balances tradition with contemporary life.

... and do remember to keep Saturday 20th June in your diaries for the St Nicholas Church Fete & Family Fun Dog Show.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter filled with the joy of Christ's resurrection and the hope of eternal life.

Willoughby Women's Institute

Lorraine Geddes

Our April meeting is Thursday 16th at 7.30pm

We're delighted to welcome back Nick Martin, who'll be giving a talk on British Wildlife; visitors are welcome.

Members are reminded that subs are due at this meeting.

Looking ahead, a date for your diary after April is Bingo on Friday 15th May.

Village Hall

Joss Ray



100 Club 1st place - Rachel Chivers

100 Club 2nd place - Pat Atkins



To make enquiries regarding hire of the Village Hall, please contact our Booking Secretary Karen Skipp.

Email: vwhallenquiries@gmail.com

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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.