



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the May edition of the WM. April was a busy month again with Easter activities and the Scarecrow Sunday. Life and colour have returned to the gardens and countryside too.

This month isn't quite so busy giving us a lull before June's Big Lunch, mini-festival, and Willoughby Weekend. All of which are family focused so get the dates in your diary and get ready for relaxed summer fun on your doorstep!

Haywards Lodge had a tidy up in the middle of last month focused on the North-East area with large amounts of bramble removed. Five native trees have been planted, 3 by Keith Skinner's family. Two more by the Willoughby Society in memory of members who died over the last year. Hopefully, as they get established they will form a quiet corner even though traffic on the A45 is so close.

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The Annual Parish Meeting was postponed and has been re-arranged to take place on Tuesday, 12th May 2015.

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
10-May-15	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
12-May-15	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
14-May-15	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Scrapbooking - Mavis Tweed	Village Hall
16-May-15	10:00 AM	Church	Spring Clean Up	Church
16-May-15	14:00:00	Thursday Club	Tea, Cake, & Plant Afternoon	Village Hall
17-May-15	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
19-May-15	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
20-May-15		Willoughby Society	Trip to Black Country Living Museum	Village Hall
21-May-15	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Resolutions Social	Village Hall
24-May-15	10:30 AM	Church	Pentecost Service + Bring & Share Lunch	Grandborough Church
27-May-15	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Them & Us Paul & Alex Thompson	Village Hall
31-May-15	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Communion	Flecknoe Church

Thursday Club

Our next meeting is on the 14th May when we will be learning about 'Scrapbooking' if you would like to join in please bring scissors, a glue stick, and a photograph with you. Thursday May 21st 12:30pm is our pub lunch at The Paddox, Hillmorton.

Saturday 16th May 2pm - 4 pm Tea & Cake Afternoon with Plant & Bric-a-Brac Sale Willoughby Village Hall Everyone Welcome!!



Willoughby Women's Institute

On Thursday, 21st, we will be discussing the resolution for the AGM in June followed by a social evening. The competition is for a Black and White item. Visitors welcome 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

An outing to the Arboretum at Alrewas has been arranged for Wednesday June 10th. The coach leaves the village hall at 9:30 am. £12 inclusive of coach and other expenses.

A packed lunch can be taken but there are plenty of eating facilities.

This should be a lovely day out. More details from Lyn Gerrard on 891409.

Willoughby Village Hall & Garden Sunday, 7th June, 1pm



**Bring your family and friends along
to Our Annual Village Picnic**

Look out for your invitation it will be arriving soon!!

Willoughby Society

On the 20th May we will be visiting the Black Country Living Museum. Those who have booked to go are reminded that outstanding balances of £11 per person must be with Wendy Cox (Sundell, Moor Lane) by the 11th May.

Our monthly meeting is on the 27th May, as we approach the anniversary of D-Day Major Thompson will first be briefing the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment followed by a reminder about equipment and weapons. Later he will return to give us the story from across the channel. This should be an interesting insight into operation Overlord. The venue, as usual is the Village Hall and start time 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Saturday June 20th from 6pm

An evening 'mini-festival'

Willoughby Playing Field & Hall

Featuring The West Street Band

(who perform an eclectic mix of folk, country, traditional English, Irish and popular music from artists such as Van Morrison, The Pogues, Kirsty McColl, and more)

Tickets will be £10 for adults, under 16s free!!

Set out your rug, chairs, even a pop-up or gazebo etc.

Bring your drinks, have a picnic, settle in for a relaxed evenings entertainment

fingers crossed festival wellies won't be needed!!

Order your tickets from Richard Jackson (891898) or Leonie Tromans (890700)

(If the weather is awful we will use the Village Hall)

Superfast Broadband / Mobile Coverage - Update

Broadband

We still haven't had any news on when we might be connected to the new fibre network, which is the key to faster speed, despite being in scope for the second tranche of work. Although the published start date for 'contract 2 part 1' is 2016 I am told that negotiations are taking place between BT and Digital UK to allow the contract and other similar ones to start this year.

It is incredibly frustrating that despite being able to publish exactly how many properties would benefit from contract 2 that we still do not have any firm information. Given the involvement of central government I guess it is likely that it will be after the election before anything happens on bringing the start date forward.

Mobile Coverage

There has been no news on this front since the announcement that the operators had agreed to ensure that their networks actually covered the majority of the UK by area rather than by population.

Those of you using Vodafone via a Sure Signal home unit may see coverage being reported as 100% while in range of the unit, if so please make sure that you complain about the lack of coverage outside your home as otherwise the fact that you have a Sure Signal unit may well delay the improvement of coverage generally.

We will need to engage with the new RBC councillor after the election to make sure that they focus on the poor communications our village has.

Willoughby Parish Council

The Parish Councillors carried out a litter pick around the Village, with five dustbin bags full of rubbish collected from Longdown Lane.

Now that the brook has been cleaned in Moor Lane the roadside fencing has been extended and the area is looking much tidier now.

Quotations have been obtained to drain and level the land that was kindly donated to the Parish Council. This land is to be used to extend the playing field. The Parish Council are applying for grants to enable this work to be carried out.

Church

Spring clean up

Saturday May 16th 10.00am anyone interested in helping at church and grounds for spring clean up please contact Jackie or Kim Gibbard on 891191

The 'Carillon' played the church bells on:

March 22nd in memory of Margaret Hubbard following the burial of her ashes

April 5th for Mrs Ann Marie Patton in memory of her childhood.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Caution – Cold Calls & Bogus Web Sites

Beware!! fake web sites being used to collect personal details. These are followed up with telephone calls or e-mails 'selling' a product requiring bank account and identification details. A bogus National Savings & Investments web site is a recent example - offering 65+ Bonds. Follow up e-mails may be from 'Kevin Archer'.

Check that any web site or follow up asking you for personal information is genuine.

Crime prevention: Smart water, a means of uniquely marking your property can be obtained via Rachel Settle. It is a deterrent to burglars and increases the likelihood of stolen items being returned.

Police Community Support Officer for the village is PCSO 6149 Helena Seal and our Police Constable is PC 868 Hazel Busch. They can be contacted on 01788 853851 this is the Safer Neighbourhood Team number so will reach a team member on duty quickly. The team also have an e-mail address : rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk .

Neighbourhood Watch: Rachel Settle (Co-ordinator) can contacted by telephone on 01788 823823 (daytime) or 01788 890724 (evening & answerphone) or e-mail neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net.

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Copies of the WM can be sent by e-mail or produced with large print on request.

Do let me have your ideas for improving the WM and, of course, any articles/notices you have for your fellow villagers. The deadline for submission of items for publication in the next edition is the 15th of the month. Send them to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: willoughby_monthly@willoughbyweb.net

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07-Jun-15		The Big Lunch	Village Hall
20-Jun-15	Willoughby Society	Mini Festival with West Street Band	Playing Field /Village Hall
27-Jun-15		Village Fete	Playing Field
28-Jun-15		Willoughby Challenge	Playing Field