



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the June edition of the WM. May was a busy month and we fared better than many areas weather wise. Let's hope June is nice and warm especially for the weekend family events.

A lot of effort has gone into arranging a series for family events over the month starting with the Big Lunch. Do come along and help make them a success.

There was a Superfast Broadband Roadshow at the Town Hall recently. We are currently due to have our 'cabinet' connected to the fibre network as part of the 2nd contract part 1 (2016 to 2019). However, the 1st contract is around 3 months ahead of schedule and the project is in negotiation to start contract 2 early. They cannot say when we will benefit yet. They say that you will get superfast speeds up to a 1 km cable run from the cabinet (top of main st.) and well beyond this if conditions are good. If you run a business and can't wait for the project you can get vouchers worth up to £3,000 for 50% of the cost of an alternative e.g. a satellite link - I have a few leaflets about this, let me know if you want one.

Richard Jackson

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09-Jun-15	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting (See the Public Participation Statement)	Village Hall
10-Jun-15		Women's Institute	Outing to the Arboretum at Alrewas by coach	
11-Jun-15	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Garden Party	
14-Jun-15	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
16-Jun-15	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
18-Jun-15	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Jill Gittings - Delegate at 2012 Paralympics	Village Hall
19-Jun-15	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch - Friendly Inn	Frankton
20-Jun-15	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Summer Mini Festival with West Street Band	Playing Field/Village Hall
21-Jun-15	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
27-Jun-15	2:30 PM		Sports & Fun Afternoon	Playing Field
28-Jun-15			Willoughby Challenge	Playing Field
28-Jun-15	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church

Thursday Club



The Thursday Club next meeting is on the 11th June and is our Annual Garden Party at Di McKnight's, all members very welcome.

The next pub lunch is on 19th June at the Friendly Inn, Frankton.



The afternoon tea and plants was, again, successful in raising funds for the Club. Although slightly down on last year we took £345. The plant, cake and bric a brac stalls were very popular and thanks go to all those who contributed plants, cakes, and items of bric a brac. Thanks, also, to members who staffed the refreshments and raffle table and particularly those who kept on top of the washing up.

Willoughby Women's Institute

This month's meeting is on the 18th June, 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

Gill Gittings will be talking about her experience as a delegate for 2012 Paralympics.

The competition is for a sporting photograph.

Any visitors are welcome to join us.

Two of our members are to go to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party to celebrate 100 years of the W.I. Congratulations!!



SCARECROW 2015



The weather did much to ensure the success of Scarecrow Sunday this year. After a dubious morning the afternoon turned out glorious resulting in a good turnout of visitors.

We had a very slow start with entries to the extent that we considered cancelling the event. However thanks to Richard giving us publicity via his extensive e-mail

contacts we eventually had 30 Scarecrows and 16 Tabletop stalls which made for an enjoyable day for visitors.

The winning scarecrow by common vote was "Shaun the Sheep & Friends", display number 29 in the Church. The red bearded leprechaun with Guinness, number 19 by Jo and Malcolm Lewis was second and the gory accident with the woodchipper, number 5 by Darren Dunkley was third.

The draw of competition entries was won by Christine Hawkins of Main Street.

The excellent standard of scarecrows took a lot of effort by the participants, without whom the event would not be possible. Thanks to all those who entered.

This year a total of £1025 has been distributed between the Cricket Club, The Village Hall and the Church to assist them with their projects. The money was raised from the sale of Competition entry/map sheets, refreshments and raffle tickets. Additional money comes from donations by stallholders. Thanks to all who helped in any way, including the donation of cakes for the refreshments.

Thanks also to Bert, Di, Dorothy, Dennis, and Jane, for organising the event. The Scarecrow Sunday has raised a phenomenal amount for the village this year and cumulatively over the years. We shouldn't take for granted the effort required and the stresses of organising events especially on this scale.

Richard

Willoughby Society

After a busy May culminating in our talk about the events surrounding D-Day. We are hoping for a 'flaming June'!! The month starts with the Big Lunch which the Society sponsors and includes a new event our summer festival style evening. Details of these are below.

The committee are busy planning events for the Autumn onwards and are pleased to announce that there will be a special Christmas show on Friday 4th December called 'A Victorian Christmas' and performed by 'Blast from the Past' - extremely talented professional musicians/actors. The show will include some carol singing, a short mummings play, and a festive tale from the court of King Arthur!! The show is suitable for children from around 6 years old. It will be a fantastic start to the Christmas Season so do put the date in your diaries now!! (tickets will be £10 for adults and under 16s will be free). We are hoping to have a Live and Local show before this - more news about that when we have it!!

Willoughby Village Big Lunch

Village Hall & Garden

Sunday, 7th June, 1pm

Bring your picnic, family, and friends!!

An invitation has been sent to every home in the village. If you didn't get one or have lost it don't worry just let Clare Hewitt, Worrall House, Lower Street (07757 678674) know that you are planning to come along



Open Air Festival

Willoughby Playing Field

Saturday 20th June 2015 from 6pm

with Echo River, Chicken Switch, and

The West Street Band

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

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

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

If you don't want to bring a picnic The Rose Inn, next door, will be running a BBQ.

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

fingers crossed festival wellies won't be needed!!

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



A Willoughby Society Event



Willoughby Parish Council

Ant Ray has now joined the Parish Council and will be a welcome addition to the Council in our work to improve and enhance the Village for its residents.

Speeding through the Village is an ongoing issue and whilst we are investigating ways of dealing with the situation we would ask all residents to monitor their own speed through the village and surrounding area.

The Village Fete has been renamed as Willoughby Sports and Fun Day. Please come along and support the day. We would also welcome additional volunteers to help on the day. As with all Village events, a shortage of volunteers and lack of support for events will mean they will not happen in the future. If you are able to help please contact Mike Thomas on 891338.

Church

VE Day - to mark 70th anniversary On May 8th Kim Gibbard got a band of six bell ringers together to ring the Willoughby bells, Several people came to listen and a tea and cake was shared by all.

BIG CLEAN UP - THANKS

Thank you very much to the hard workers who cleaned up Willoughby Church and Churchyard On May 16th. It looks amazing Thank you Ant, Brian, Chrissie, Eric, Jackie, Kim, Les, Pat, Reit, and Roger.

Date for your diary: there will be Strawberry Teas at Vicarage on July 12th at 2.30pm

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Summer is here, sort of, several reports of thefts from outbuildings and gardens in the area. Do make sure your home/property is secure even if you are only in your back garden.

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 be 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

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
12-Jul-15	Church	Strawberry Teas	Vicarage
04-Dec-15	Willoughby Society	A Victorian Christmas with Blast from the Past	Village Hall