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Welcome to the July edition of the WM. June was an eventful month with a few really nice days and a few awful ones too. On the 6th June the hourly bus service between Rugby and Daventry ceased to serve the village. Enclosed is a flyer with the remaining and new services detailed, this can also be downloaded from the village web site.

On the 12th June the Village Hall was filled for the Big Lunch celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday. There was even a band of hardy souls in the garden who were rewarded with fine weather after a few early spots of rain. I am collecting photographs to be added to the archives I would be grateful for a copy if you have some.

The 25th June was our Festival which was fine for most of the afternoon allowing the races to go ahead with the usual energy and enthusiasm. Most of the evening was fine if cool but we were treated to one terrific cloud burst that sent everyone to shelter in their Gazebo or at the side of the stage in the Marquees. In true Glastonbury style (without the mud) the show went on!! Thanks to everyone involved in organising the day and bringing exhibits especially the team that put the marquees up with the height extensions and gutters. Surely we must be due for a lovely warm day next year.

Looking forward there is at last, progress on our quest to get superfast broadband for the village, see details inside.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
09-Jul-16	10:00 AM	Women's Institute	Coffee Morning	5 College Road
10-Jul-16	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
12-Jul-16	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
14-Jul-16	10:00 AM	Thursday Club	Winterbourne Gardens Visit	
17-Jul-16	2:30 PM	Church	Strawberry Tea	Vicarage Garden
17-Jul-16	4:00 PM	Church	Songs of Praise	Vicarage Garden
19-Jul-16	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
21-Jul-16	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Mrs Barbara Potter on 'Lacemaking'	Village Hall
24-Jul-16	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
27-Jul-16		Willoughby Society	Car Rally	
31-Jul-16	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Service	Broadwell Church

Thursday Club

14 July: Visit to Winterbourne House and Garden, Edgbaston – Arts and Crafts period house, and seven acres of botanic gardens, run by the University of Birmingham. DACT bus leaves Village Hall 10am or thereabouts.

Willoughby Women's Institute

Thursday 21st is our meeting at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Mrs. Barbara Potter on "Lacemaking". The competition is for an item of lace or crochet.

All welcome to join us.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th July 10am to 12 pm

at the home of Lin Gerrard – 5, College Road

Bring & By and a Raffle

Everyone is Welcome to Join Us



Broadband

As those who receive the e-mail Willoughby Monthly Extra will know the new green cabinet for fibre connection to the exchange was installed on the 27th May and there has been work going on to connect it to the old cabinet and the fibre cable through to Braunston. This is the 6th of the 9 steps to us being able to order an upgrade. According to BT Openreach it is typically within 4 months that the 3 remaining steps are completed so before the end of September all being well. This will make 'Fibre to the Cabinet' (FTTC) available. I will send out an email when the final step is complete and orders can be placed.

Once orders can be placed those of you who wish to upgrade to the new faster service will be able to select a 'fibre' contract from the Internet Service Provider of your choice. There are generally two options one that gives up to 40 mega bits per second (mbps) download and 10mbps upload that seem to be about £5 per month more than current slower deals and a faster version with up to 80mbps download and 20mbps upload around £10 per month more. Some ISPs charge a connection fee and others don't so read the details carefully. You will need a VDSL2 router to handle the faster speeds which most ISPs supply as part of their package. Your chosen ISP will give you detailed instructions of how to connect your new router which will be a very similar to connecting current ADSL models.

The actual speed you get will depend upon the length of copper cable from your home to the cabinet at the top of main street but there is no loss from there so you should get much faster speeds than today as well as some reliability gains from the newer equipment.

If you are keen to get onto fibre it is probably worth starting to explore the deals that are available from your ISP and others bearing in mind that if you move to a different one you may have to wait for your current contract to expire or pay a penalty fee.

Thanks to Bob Hughes and others who have lobbied hard to get the upgrade done sooner rather than later and the efforts of Emma Craine our Borough Councillor and Jeremy Wright our MP who secured a meeting with the Minister that, maybe coincidentally, was just before the new cabinet appeared. We have probably brought delivery forward a year or two which has to be good for those running businesses, working from home, and those who stream on demand TV or use lots of cloud storage.

Willoughby Society

Thanks to everyone who braved the weather for the Willoughby Festival we hope you all enjoyed the evening music despite the downpour.

Our next event is the summer Car Rally on the 27th July starting from the Village Hall Car Park. It is open to non-members subject to the overall limit of 12 vehicles. There are still a few places if you would like to take part please call Richard Jackson on 891898.

Monthly meetings resume in September.

Our 5th Big Lunch, sponsored by the Willoughby Society, was a great success with over 100 villagers and friends taking part. Thanks to Clare Hewitt for organising the event for us.



During the Big Jubilee Lunch in 2012 a raffle was taken which has covered the costs of holding the Big Lunch through to this year. As the fund, which is held by the Willoughby Society, was nearly exhausted we held a raffle this year which raised over £100 to cover the cost of Big Lunches for the next few years.

Willoughby Festival 2016

The weather gave us a challenge!! The afternoon started fine and stayed that way but during the evening we got a deluge.

Brain Hall ran the races with his usual aplomb!! Lots of effort and smiles. The obstacle race was a tour de force of straw, tunnels, cones, balls, and racquets. The tug of war was reinstated this year and considerable effort was expended!

Audrey Mitchell presented the medals at the end of the races after which a stage was constructed, gazebos appeared and the Ochos Rios steel band began the evening's music in lively Caribbean style. They were followed by The West Street Band's first set. Event Horizon then took to the stage and the heavens opened. Fortunately the marquees stayed dry and they played on despite the cascades from the marquee gutters.

All in All an eventful day!!



Willoughby Cricket Club

The cricket club is holding two 'Cricket Camps' at The Green this year, 25th-29th July and 8th to 12th August 10am to 4pm each day. The cost is £23.50 per day or £94 per week. Details and bookings at www.twenty20cricketcompany.com/book, tel 0345 20 20 29 or email bookings@twenty20cricketcompany.com.

Willoughby Parish Council

There have been reports of dogs being exercised off lead and people not clearing up after their dogs when walking over Big Ground. Please remember dogs should be kept on a lead when using footpaths, especially where there is livestock and you are responsible for clearing up after your dog wherever you are.

The ducks, ducklings and moorhens at the Village Pond are in constant danger of being run over by speeding vehicles. Please reduce your speed when going past the pond.

Strawberry and Cream Teas



Followed by a Songs of
Praise Service at 4.00 pm

On Sunday 17th July

at Willoughby Vicarage



On the 10th September 2016 Val Taylor and 4 friends are doing a 25km walk over the 16 bridges over the River Thames in London. They are doing this for cancer research as they all have known someone or have lost family and friends to Cancer. The challenge for Val is not only to walk the 25km but to do it over bridges as she had a real fear of heights - she doesn't even wear high heels normally! Please donate to this good cause if you can and support her in this challenge online at: <https://www.justgiving.com/Val-Taylor5>

If you'd rather do it in person, she has an old fashioned sponsorship form.. Contact Val at 01788 899007, 07767 205047 or 44 Main Street

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

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

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
03/09/16	Village Hall	Produce Show	Village Hall