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**Welcome to the July edition of the WM.** The early part of June was fairly dry and mostly warm and then we had a scorching!!

## Lodge Farm

Just four days before the full council meeting the updated traffic assessment appeared (150+ pages) supposedly a Rugby Wide study. Notably it doesn't cover anywhere west of the A45!!! and only one map of many shows Willoughby at all.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June many of us braved the heat to go to the Benn Hall to listen to the Full Council consider whether to submit the draft Local Plan to the Government, the last stage before it gets adopted. A couple of days before the meeting it emerged that our Councillor, Emma Crane, would be allowed to move an amendment to remove Lodge Farm from the plan. Sadly however, councillors voted 20-18 against the amendment. They then voted in favour of the plan being submitted.

The debate was a fairly depressing affair with a number of speakers having read the representations made to them and being convinced that Lodge Farm should be removed. Offset by a number of die-hard 'the developers are itching to force development where we don't want it therefore we need a plan' (any plan it seemed). They repeated that they can't build on green belt so Lodge Farm is ok. All this against the startling acceptance that the plan includes substantially more houses than necessary to meet the required numbers and extra for contingency. The draft plan itself and its predecessors say that building in open countryside can only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.

So despite everyone else, from MP's to Coventry City Council and the Local Enterprise partnership, saying Lodge Farm is wrong it remains in the draft plan. SALFV will now have to consider whether to launch a legal challenge (the substantial over provision means there is no exceptional need therefore the plan contradicts itself) and representation at the public examination of the plan by the Government's planning inspector. Either or both will be costly so please support their fund raising if you want to see Lodge Farm removed it is not yet a done deal just a bit more difficult and costly.

**Richard Jackson**

**Stop press:** The Village Festival Afternoon was successful and raised around £200 for Rugby First Responders.

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
06-Jul-17		Thursday Club	Visit to Lavender Fields	Snowshill
08-Jul-17	02:00 PM	Church	Jumble Sale	Village Hall
19-Jul-17	06:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Annual Car Rally (limited to 12 cars)	Village Hall Car Park
20-Jul-17	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	The History of the Post in Warwickshire; Alan Godfrey	Village Hall
23-Jul-17	02:30 PM	Church	Strawberry Tea	Church

## Thursday Club

6 July Visit to Cotswold Lavender Fields, Hill Barn Farm, Snowhill, Broadway, Worcestershire WR12 7JY. Using our own individual transport this time.

We are still collecting stamps and foreign and old coins for 'Hearing Dogs', just bring any to one of our meetings.

New members very welcome, ring Jim (the Sec) 891805

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Alan Godfrey will be talking about 'The History of the Post in Warwickshire'.

The competition is for an unusual postage stamp.

Any visitors are always welcome.

There is no WI meeting in August. Our annual outing is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Ironbridge. Details next month. Make sure your name is down to go.

## Parish Plan & Design Statement or Neighbourhood Plan ?

You should have received a survey from the Parish Council asking whether you would like there to be a Neighbourhood Plan for Willoughby. The following, extracted from the CPRE web site, gives an overview of what they are and their relative merits.

Parish Plans & Village Design Statements are non-statutory neighbourhood planning tools so the main difference to consider is that they will carry less weight in the decision-making process than a formally adopted Neighbourhood Plan.

An advantage of a non-statutory neighbourhood planning tool is that their scope does not have to be limited to matters covered by planning law. So it could, for example, cover social issues or activities as part of the vision for your local area. Such documents may also help form part of the evidence base on which a Neighbourhood Plan can be developed.

The RBC draft Local Plan refers to these as follows:

### **Policy GP5: Parish or Neighbourhood level documents**

Where the views of a community are expressed in a Parish or Neighbourhood Plan (or equivalent), they will be taken into account in the planning system. For the views of a community to be considered, the Parish or Neighbourhood Plan will need to:

- Have been endorsed by Rugby Borough Council;
- Be in conformity with national policy; and
- Be regularly reviewed and updated if necessary

The use of Parish or Neighbourhood Plans will principally inform:

- The determination of a planning application;
- The requirement and scope of development contributions associated with a planning permission; and
- The assessment of schemes in the context of a need identified through the Parish or Neighbourhood Plan

On the face of it in regard to RBC's use of either type of plan there is little difference.

You may view a copy of the current village plan on the Parish Council's web site along with the last published update dated May 2015. This plan was based upon a survey carried out in 2012. Perhaps the plan and design statement fully reviewed and updated would be sufficient for our village.

Anybody registered to vote in local elections is entitled to express their opinion.

## Willoughby Society

Thanks to everyone who helped set up the Willoughby Festival and clearing away afterwards. After two years when torrents of rain were a feature this year was a dry but cloudy one maybe next year we'll get fine and warm!! Do tell us what we got right, what we didn't, and what you think it would be good to have/do. If you didn't come this year, other than family commitments, please tell us what put you off. It would be really nice to see the whole village coming along next year (30<sup>th</sup> June 2018).

Our next monthly meeting is a way off in September. In the meantime:

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July from 6:30 pm** - The Annual Car Rally will take place organised by Bert Ogle and his crew. This is limited to twelve cars so if you would like to take part please contact Bert on 890498, no later than Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, to book your place and get further details.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 7:30pm** - Village Hall- **'Puccini to the Movies' with Fordante**. Pre-show finger buffet in the garden from 6:30 pm. Flyer enclosed.

This is a return visit by five piece Fordante who perform some of the most beautiful light classics plus music from the movies alongside their own enchanting original music, Just the thing for a summer's evening.

Tickets £14.00, including a finger buffet before the show, from Richard Jackson 891898 and Willoughby Society Committee members.

We have just received notification of our Live & Local shows for the coming season so here is a list of dates to save in your diary/calendar/schedule -

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, Holy Moly & the Crackers**, will, by demand of those who saw them last year, be returning for a rousing Saturday night show.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, A Christmas Carol**, A Folk Opera

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, (Live & Local) Noble Jacks in Concert** - NOBLE JACKS are a rip-roaring Alt-Folk band with roof raising energy and whose warm electro-acoustic interactions fuse together with a mixture of upbeat folky footstompin' rhythms and engaging lyricism.

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April, (Live & Local) An Ensonglopedia of Science** with John Hinton. Expect atoms, black holes, cells, DNA and everything in between. Expect folk, gospel, hip-hop, interpretative dance, jive and klezmer. In fact, expect the alphabet to feature quite prominently. Above all, expect the unexpected. And expect it to rhyme.....

### Church

8<sup>th</sup> July, Jumble Sale at the Village Hall, admission 20p. Jumble to hall from 10.00am on the morning, admission 2.00pm. If anybody wants jumble collecting call Jackie Gibbard on 891191.

23rd July, Cream Teas at Willoughby church, cake stall, bring and buy, and toys. Enjoy a cream tea £2.50. There will also be a raffle, prizes welcome. Proceeds for church funds. Roof repairs are imminent and a lightening conductor has recently been fitted so all proceeds will be much appreciated.

**Karen Nichols is cycling from Lands End to John O Groats in August to celebrate being 60!!**

She is raising funds for St. Nicholas Church Willoughby as it has a leaky roof and needs facilities. Please sponsor if you can and help support this lovely church. All monies raised will go to the church (A just giving page has been created: Just giving Karen Nichols lands end to John O Groats).

## Willoughby Parish Council

By now you will have received the Parish Council survey form in connection with a possible Neighbourhood Plan. Your Parish Council want to know if you are happy with the existing Parish Plan and Village Design Statement and feel that is sufficient, or if you would like a Neighbourhood Plan to be developed.

It is important you give us your feedback as it is your decision what happens going forward. We either stick with the existing Parish Plan and Village Design Statement, or carry out a Neighbourhood Plan. If the decision is for a Neighbourhood plan, there will need to be volunteers to form a committee which will take the plan forward. This will involve up to two years of hard work. Please indicate on the form if you wish to be involved.

We have distributed one form per household, but if you wish for any additional copies please contact Mike Thomas on 891338 or [mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com](mailto:mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com)

There has been a duck killed on the road by the village pond. It was run over by a vehicle. The ducks sit on the road because it is warm and it would be helpful if drivers slowed down when passing the pond.

### Willoughby Alpacas

We have plenty of alpaca manure which is ideal for use on allotments and gardens. It is ready for use and doesn't need to be rotted-down first. As some of you already know, we leave bags at the bottom of the Vicarage drive and all are welcome to help themselves. Please return the larger bags which we need for the poo-picking machine!

There is plenty more manure in large bins in a couple of the paddocks. Just bring a barrow and a shovel. Please call at the Old Vicarage first so we know who's around and we'll happily direct you to the poo! **Jeremy & Judith Stocker**

### Police & Neighbourhood Watch

#### Crime prevention:

Property marking is a deterrent to burglars and increases the likelihood of stolen items being recovered. Rachel has the Village property marking kit and can mark items. Contact her (see below) to arrange to take smaller items to her or a home visit, in the village, to mark larger items.

**Police Community Support Officer** for the village is PCSO 6149 Helena Seal and our Police Constable is PC 621 Paula Haden. 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 : [rs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:rs.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](mailto:neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net).

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send them to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: [willoughby\\_monthly@willoughbyweb.net](mailto:willoughby_monthly@willoughbyweb.net)

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