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Welcome to the July edition of the WM. Our Big Lunch was blessed with good weather and as I write this the forecast for our Festival is also good.

June was a month with good news too! Congratulations to Richard on being made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. His citation in the Prime Minister's list is "Chairman, Rugby Farmers Market. For services to Agriculture in the Midlands". The award is recognition for the part Richard played in saving Rugby Farmers' mart after plans were revealed to develop the site it had been using for 133 years in 2004. A consortium of 250 farmers was formed enabling the 'Mart' to move to a site at Stoneleigh where it has gone from strength to strength.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Festival. No village event can run without volunteers. In a small village like ours it is only when residents offer their help that improvements can be made or events put on. It is impossible, very often, to generate sufficient revenue to pay for professional help. Do get involved if you possibly can e.g. join a village organisation, volunteer to help with an event or project even if you can only help for a short time or infrequently.

Richard Jackson

Stop Press: WCC U15s in Cup Final at Barby, Sunday 1st July 10:30 start.
WCC 6-a-side is Sunday 8th July, 11:00-18:00.

A Willoughby Progressive Supper ?

Progressive dinners/suppers a.k.a. Safari Suppers - a meal where each course is eaten at a different venue - are very popular in some places. If you would like to give one a try please call Nicky Sutton on 891979 or email nickyasutton@hotmail.co.uk. You don't need to be an outstanding cook to take part. It's a fun way of meeting other villagers you may not have met properly before.

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
07-Jul-18	02:00 PM	Church	Jumble Sale	Village Hall
08-Jul-18	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
09-Jul-18	07:00 PM	Plan Group	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Village Hall
11-Jul-18	07:00 PM	Willoughby Society	Evening Canal Trip	Braunston
15-Jul-18	04:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
19-Jul-18	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	Sue Waddington & Linda Belgrove -Community First Responders	Village Hall
22-Jul-18	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
29-Jul-18	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Holy Communion	Church

Thursday Club

Holiday break for July. The Cotswold Distillery were booked out for July, and we aim to run that trip in September.

2 August, Countryfile Live show at Blenheim - Lynn Busby has the booking list and info.

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

Willoughby Women's Institute

Sue Waddington and Linda Belgrove (Community First Responders) will be talking about the vital work they do to help our local community.

The competition is for a flower arrangement in a cup.

Visitors welcome!!



STAND AGAINST LODGE FARM VILLAGE (SALFV)

The Chairman and Committee of SALFV invite you to a

Celebration Garden Party



at Woolscott Manor, Woolscott (by kind permission of David & Carolynn Thompson)
on Sunday 22nd July 2018 12 noon - 2pm.

Tickets: £10 to include Drinks and Finger Buffet (£5 children under 12)

Drinks include Champagne, Pimms, Beer and Soft Drinks

Ring: 01788 811699 or email: mrscthomcat@gmail.com to book your tickets (by 18th July)

(No Tickets will be available at the door)

Church

Another month passes us by and our fundraising target is inching ever closer. We are still waiting for news of two grant applications. The third grant we applied for was rejected. Unfortunately in the storms a few weeks ago a lot of water came into the church highlighting another area which will need attention once the chancel has been completed. We hope to build a Lottery bid once it has been identified as to the extent of repairs needed including other work. This will be a longer term project Anyone who can help or who has any experience in this please contact either Jackie or Karen.

Thank you.

Bell ringers meet most Tuesday evenings for either a practice or have guest ringers. We have a wonderful set of bells with a rich history.

Future fundraising includes:

July 7th, Jumble Sale in the Village Hall at 2pm. Jumble donations to the hall in the morning please.

August 5th, Strawberry Tea at the church.

September 8th, soup and social in the village hall,

October 27th, Has Willoughby Got Talent Show? in the village hall.

November sees a quiz night.

Please if you have time to spare to help organise events, help with church tidy sessions, or have fund raising ideas we would love to hear from you. St Nicholas Church needs Friends. We cannot do it all alone.

Willoughby Society

After a busy first half to the year that seems to have flown by the Society has a break for a couple of months. There is the re-arranged canal trip on the 11th of July for those who have booked a place.

We will shortly learn whether our bid for Live & Local shows, for the autumn and spring, has been successful. Hopefully we will be allocated a few of the excellent live shows on this year's menu. The scheme supported by the Arts Council and some local authorities has given us access to performers/shows that we would not otherwise be able to have in our small village.

PLANNING

1. In May we received the welcome news that the Planning Inspector had told Rugby Borough Council that a large number of, so called, Main Modifications were required to the draft Local Plan in order for him to find that it is sound. These included the removal of the Lodge Farm Village proposal. Even with that being removed and several other reductions in numbers the draft Local Plan would deliver nearly 19% more dwellings than are actually required.

Subsequently it has been announced that Councillor Heather Timms has relinquished the Growth and Investment portfolio in the RBC Cabinet and that Mr Rob Back the Head of Growth and Investment had resigned. The RBC statement announcing these changes implied their departures had nothing to do with the mauling the draft Local Plan was given in the Public Hearings and the large number of Main Modifications needed to make it sound. It is certainly right that they have nothing further to do with planning in the area. Their complete failure to listen to residents or read and act upon their representations, many of which made the same points that the Inspector has, delayed the adoption of the draft Local Plan and at least for now has lost the desperately needed improved access and parking at Walsgrave Hospital.

2. It is clear that, if the current pressure to build more houses is maintained in coming years, it will be important to have a library of evidence containing detailed information about the natural and historic assets in our parish. Being able to produce such specific, local evidence would quickly demonstrate the impact of development at a particular site and should reduce the risk of having to fight battles similar to the Lodge Farm one in the future as well as supporting the Neighbourhood Plan.

Identifying 'Green Infrastructure' e.g. habitats and pathways that are used by animals of any kind is an important element of the library. The Draft Local Plan seems to assume this is restricted to watercourses, perhaps in the absence of reliable data. As the Neighbourhood Plan is developed there will be the opportunity to provide a more detailed and comprehensive map. However, to do that we all need to record the flora and fauna we have seen in the parish. There is a 'sighting' form on the village web site at

<http://www.willoughbyweb.net/ws/ws-nn.html> that can be used for the purpose. Don't worry if you can't identify something take a photograph and send a link to it in the sighting form. We can then find someone to identify it and let you know what you have seen. Knowing where, for example, Brown Hares, Hedgehogs, Purple Hairstreak Butterflies, etc. are seen or Skylarks heard will really help to make sure developers are not permitted to destroy centuries old habitats.

Willoughby Parish Council

Your Parish Council have arranged for the Rugby Play Rangers to come to the Village Playing Field and provide some play sessions for children during the summer school holidays. These sessions were very successful last year. They will start on Monday the 23rd July from 13.00 to 15.00 and run for five weeks.

We are also looking into the possibility of providing activities for older children and teenagers.

If there is anything else you would like your Parish Council to look into the possibility of providing, then please let us know.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

A warning has been issued by Action Fraud, the National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre, about **fake text messages** purporting to come from EE saying a bill hasn't been paid and contain a link to a web page which is designed to get you to enter your log in details which would allow the scammers to steal your personal data. Don't click on any link in the message. Check your account from a different device or computer using your usual log in address not the one in the message.

There are a lot of reports of telephone calls along these lines " - Some money has been removed from a victim's bank account and staff at their local bank branch are responsible. Suspects have already been arrested but the "police" need money for evidence. " or "A business such as a jewellers or currency exchange is operating fraudulently and they require assistance to help secure evidence" . The victim is then asked to withdraw cash or currency and hand it over to a courier to go for forensic examination. Banks and the Police never ask people to do this. Remember basic information, even mother's maiden name, can be easily found these days.

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 Officers for the area are PCSO 6149 Helena Seal and PCSO Joanne Jackson, our Police Constable is PC 978 Andrew Crouch. 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

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