

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the May edition of the WM. Last month was pretty cold and miserable at times but then turned warm and benign for Easter. All a bit topsy turvey but at least not too extreme.

The Neighbourhood Plan has negotiated its latest consultation with plaudits from Historic England and extra detail relating to water!! more on the back page.

The repair work on the church is nearing completion and though the task has been a daunting one it pales into insignificance with the one facing Notre Dame's custodians after the immense fire there.

On the 17th April a working party from the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers spent a day in Hayward Lodge clearing brambles and tidying up. You will now be able to walk through without being snagged by brambles. See inside for the opportunity to have some wild flower seed for free. The aim is to sow some along the back of the wide verges around the village, and other suitable spaces to help the wild life, especially pollinators.

It seems like no time since it was Christmas but already we are approaching the middle of the year. Our Big Lunch on the 2nd June which will be an opportunity for a relaxed time with family, friends, and neighbours. Your invitation is enclosed with this issue – don't forget to let me know if you are coming, preferably by email (richard.jackson@willoughbyweb.net).

Again this month there is a separate page with news from Willoughby Cricket Club, don't miss it!

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
06-May-19	7:00 PM	Plan Group	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Village Hall
09-May-19	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Country Crafts - Bert Manton	Village Hall
11-May-19	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Sunjay in Concert	Village Hall
12-May-19	11:00 AM	Church	Family/All Age Service	Church
14-May-19	7:30 PM	WPC	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall
16-May-19	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	The Blue Pig, Wolvey LE10 3LG	Wolvey
19-May-19	4:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
25-May-19	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Fund Raiser - Plants, Cakes, Bric a Brac, and Raffle	Village Hall
26-May-19	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
29-May-19	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	"Stan & Ollie" the film	Village Hall

Thursday Club

9 May, 2.30pm Village Hall: Bert Manton on Country Crafts

16 May, 12.30pm Pub Lunch - The Blue Pig, Wolvey, LE10 3LG

25 May, 2.30pm Village Hall: Fund Raiser - Plant Stall, Cake Stall, Bric a Brac, and Raffle

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

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

Willoughby Women's Institute

Thursday 16th is our annual Resolutions meeting to discuss for the AGM in June. 7:30pm in the Village Hall as usual.

The competition is for something Black or White.

Help Our Wildlife!!

Pollinators like Wild Flowers!!!

Following recent publicity regarding the decline in bees and other insects vital to our ecosystem, and with the agreement of the Parish Council, Rachel Settle has purchased a large bag of native wild flower seeds to sow along the back of the wide grass verges around the village and anywhere else where people have space for them. Rachel is happy to give villagers some of the seeds so they can sow them in their gardens, back of verges, or other places with the land owner's agreement.

Here is some more information:

- The mix contains up to 35 native wild flower varieties including chamomile, corn marigold, meadow buttercup, oxeye daisy, red poppy, wild carrot and yellow rattle. There are also some grasses included in the mix.
- If sowing on grassed areas it is a good idea to rake over the area thoroughly to create gaps so the seeds will land on the soil. Sowing on bare soil doesn't need any special preparation. The seeds will appreciate light and sunshine in whichever location you choose.
- The seeds can be sown now.

Seeds can be collected from Rachel or she drop them round. Contact her on 01788 890724 you can leave a message if she can't take your call. I will tell the grass cutting people where they have been sown so those areas will be avoided until after flowering.

Hope we can get some good wildflower patches on the go so fingers crossed!

Hedgehogs

These little animals are getting rare, but some share our village with us, please do your bit to help them:

- Make sure that each of your garden boundary fences or walls have at least one gap about the size of a CD/DVD so that the hedgehogs can pass through (and eat some of the pests on their way).
- Look out for them crossing the road at night – they don't have any road sense and many are killed crossing roads.

There is much more information on how you can help these creatures at <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/> .

Willoughby Society

Our next event is:

Sunjay in Concert - Saturday 11th May, 7:30pm at Willoughby Village Hall

Tickets £15.00 including a finger buffet From: Richard Jackson, Hazeldene, Main Street. Tel:891898 and Leonie Tromans, Stonewell, Pye Court. Tel:890700.

Then on the 29th May, also 7:30pm in the Village Hall, our first film screening is:

STAN & OLLIE

The 2018 film about Laurel and Hardy, the world's most famous comedy duo, attempt to reignite their film careers as they embark on what becomes their swan song - a gruelling theatre tour of post-war Britain.

This screening is in place of our usual meeting and is open to all!!

The Society is also sponsoring this year's BIG LUNCH on the Sunday 2nd June more information below.



Willoughby Big Lunch No. 7

Sunday 2nd June, Village Hall & Garden

This year there will be a film screening in the Hall starting at 11:00 am for the young (and not so young) of **'Open Season: Scared Silly'** – your bean bags, floor cushions, and favourite chairs welcome!!

Our annual Village Picnic will start about 1:00pm. Bring a picnic or team up with family, friends, and neighbours to make one. As usual the aim is to be in the Village Hall Garden although the Hall will be available if you prefer to be inside or the weather is unkind.

There is an invitation for everyone included with this edition of the Willoughby Monthly.

Please let Richard (contact details on the back page) know you are coming so that we can make sure there are enough tables etc. Some helpers in the morning would be appreciated to put the bunting up and table covers on!!

CHURCH

The work has continued inside the church. Due to Health and Safety grounds we have unfortunately had to close. The plaster in the chancel is complete and as soon as it is dry the ceiling will be painted. A big clean up is planned at the beginning of May. If anyone has time and can volunteer please speak to any of the pcc. Thank you.

A Craft Fair and Easter Egg Hunt was held in the churchyard. It was lovely to see children running around looking for answers to picture clues. A big thank you to all the volunteers who give up time to help us set up and clear down. We really appreciate the help. Rustic Roots gave a brilliant and enjoyable performance in the Village Hall raising funds for the Cricket Club and Church.

May 18th - Table Top and Garage sale. Regretfully we have decided this year to cancel this event. We are all exhausted from the efforts of fundraising and keeping the church going. We are faced with a large clean up operation. Sorry to everyone for this but we need to recharge our batteries.

Don't forget St Nicholas Church needs Friends. People willing to help out at fund raising events or offer advice/ideas on planning. Church tidy ups. You don't have to serve on committees or necessarily be a church goer just someone who wants to see our lovely church remain open for future generations.

Willoughby Parish Council

The drain from the Villager pond had become blocked with tree roots and earth. This has been cleaned out by the Parish Council.

The new goal posts have been erected in the playing field.

The Annual Parish Meeting has been rearranged for the 14th of May.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

The three *Responses Tables* for different groups of respondents were published online on 5 April 2019. These tables contain all the representations received during the last consultation and proposed amendments to the Draft NDP. They are available under Key Documents at <https://www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org/neighbourhood-plan> If you would like to read a paper copy of the tables, please ask any member of the Steering Group.

The NDP has been revised after the last consultation and two other required documents, the Consultation Statement and the Basic Conditions Statement, have been produced. Rugby Borough Council (RBC) has received the independent inspector's final report about their Local Plan which will be published on the 7th May and, hopefully, the plan will be finalised in May. We can then submit our NDP for RBC to conduct the final consultation. We will let you know exactly what is happening when we have more information.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

As the weather improves, take care if you are out of the house, even if only in your garden, sneak thieves will try to get in your house if they see an open window or door. Keep windows and doors secure. There have been plenty of instances where it appears people have been touring the area looking for opportunities for break ins or various scams. Be on your guard!!

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 is 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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Large print copies available 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
02-Jun-19		Big Lunch	Village Hall
29-Jun-19		Willoughby Festival	Playing Field

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Willoughby Cricket Club

The new cricket season has started in earnest at Willoughby Cricket Club with another summer in prospect.

Visit their website – www.willoughbycc.org.uk – for more details on forthcoming fixtures and how you can get involved this summer (there is cricket for all ages and standards!)

Willoughby CC will once again be also running their popular *Kwik Cricket* sessions from May to July, the perfect opportunity for budding young cricketers aged 6-11 years to come and try cricket for the first time details below.

For further details about Willoughby CC and joining any of their adult or junior/youth teams for the 2019 season, please contact Karl on 07775 883102. Or go to the club website – www.willoughbycc.org.uk

- **Events**

1. **Fixtures throughout each week** – check website or see the poster in noticeboard outside The Rose
2. Sunday 12th and 19th May - **Kwik Cricket** – 10.00am to 11.30am



It's back again this Summer at Willoughby CC

Kwik Cricket

Fun-based softball cricket for boys & girls aged 5-10 years

**Sundays 12th & 19th May, & 2nd June to 7th July 2019
10.00am to 11.00am**

- weekly coaching and game sessions
- great fun-based introduction to cricket
- sessions run by club's ECB-qualified coaches
- all kit and equipment provided...just bring yourself and your friends
- Cost: £2.00 per session **** First session FREE****

Interested in playing cricket and joining us?

Or do you know someone who is or could be?

Why not come along and get involved

with Kwik Cricket at Willoughby CC this summer!

For further details, please contact Matt on 07842 419486

or email him at mattcgoss@icloud.com

....Or just come along on a Sunday morning!