

# ***The Willoughby Monthly***

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**Welcome to the June edition of the WM, the second digital only edition.** I hope this issue finds you safe and well and coping with the different pace of life that lockdown has brought. Don't forget help is available from the pool of volunteers if you need it, just call Linda Belgrove on 890416 or Rachel Settle on 890724.

May has had its ups and downs weather wise with several days of heavy frost that damaged some plants especially seedlings. At times it has seemed eerily quiet with few vehicles moving. A steady stream of people walking around the village with socially distant chats along the way.

The 8<sup>th</sup> of May was the anniversary of VE Day. Sue Waddington had suggested a virtual street party which struck a chord with many households taking afternoon tea 'out front'. Malcolm Lewis has made a video of photographs and video clips taken on the day which you can view from the village archives at [https://willoughbyweb.net/ws/archives/ws\\_archive-video.htm](https://willoughbyweb.net/ws/archives/ws_archive-video.htm).

Looking ahead the continuing virus restrictions have made it necessary to cancel the Big Lunch and the Annual Festival usually held on the playing field and around the village hall. Although as I write this some relaxation is being predicted it will not be sufficient to allow either.

The Big Lunch is due to take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. The weather forecast is quite good at the moment so the plan is to have a Socially Distant Village Big Lunch similar to the VE Day event. More details inside.

Sadly our organisations are all 'on hold' and there is little sign that they will be able to resume their activities in the short term. We will need to be innovative to be able to resume events at the earliest date in the 'new normal' so do have a think about what sort of events you would like to have and how they might be arranged to keep everyone safe. Pass your ideas to one of the committee members, or to me and I will pass them to the most appropriate group.

Many of us have spent more time in the village than in the past what have you seen that stood out for you, what do you think needs attention/improving? Let me know and I will report it in a future Willoughby Monthly or pass it to the relevant group.

Stay Safe!!

**Richard Jackson**

## Thursday Club



Bert Ogle is offering plants for sale outside his house, the Willows, and will keep this going as long as plants come in. This is instead of our usual plant sale/fundraiser. As our funds are in reasonable shape, the proceeds will go to our First Responders, and over £150 raised so far.

We hope you are all keeping well - if you need any help let us know. Tony says 'Keep safe and keep your distance'; Jim says 'Keep cheerful'!

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## Willoughby Women's Institute 1920 - 2020



A memorable time but sadly not for our celebrations. Like other organisations we cannot get together but we hope all our members are fit and well.

### Church

Although unfortunately the church is still not open it very much stands as a beacon to the community. The churchyard is kept mown and tidy. The long weeks seem to stretch endlessly on but there is light at the end on the tunnel.

There have been a few grant applications put in to try to start to raise funding for the Facilities and Roof issues. Some grant providers have diverted funds in the Pandemic whilst others still invite you to apply. It is difficult to think when we will be in a position to get the work done but we still have to try to look to the future.

Stay safe everyone and look after yourselves.

### Picture Windows

For those, young and not so young, who have been sharing their artistic talents the themes for the next few weeks are:

29 May - Space.

5 June - Butterflies/ Moths

12 June - Sports.

19 June - Along the Seashore.

26 June - Castles.

3 July - Birds.

10 July - Knights, Princesses or both.

17 July - Transport.

24 July - Canals.

31 July - Around the Countryside.

## Willoughby Society

Sadly we have not been able to hold any of our meetings or the shows scheduled over the last couple of months. Also, we have reluctantly had to cancel the evening music planned for the Festival day. As soon as the restrictions ease, or we know when they will be, we will try to get some events arranged so that we can move on.

Live & Local are working hard with performers to put together events that allow for spacing and other restrictions. The final details will depend upon how the restrictions are lifted but amongst the possibilities are outdoor performances, indoor ones with part of the audience in the hall and the remainder watching a live stream of the event at home. There are of course technical issues to work out for streamed performances. There is also the financial question of how could we make a part live part streamed show cover its costs. It would be helpful to know whether you have a fibre broadband connection and whether you would be prepared to pay to watch a live show streamed from our village hall ( just let Richard know, please).



**Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 1pm+**

### **Picnic Lunch 'Out Front'**

This year we can't gather in the Village Hall garden/playing field but we can share a lunch and socially distanced chats

- lunch on your front door step, or
- lunch in your front garden, or
- share your front space with another keeping 2m apart

**The Big Lunch is an Eden Project initiative this is their description of it:**

"The Big Lunch is the UK's thanksgiving weekend for neighbours and communities - a time where people come together to celebrate community connections and get to know one another a little better. Now more than ever, we need to make time for each other, so let's get the nation talking over a cuppa and a bite to eat and have some fun with The Big Virtual Lunch."

Do join in, and please encourage your neighbours to join in too – they may not have seen the Willoughby Monthly or the Facebook page. Last month many villagers enjoyed afternoon tea to commemorate VE Day, this one is for all of us and the place we call home.

## Willoughby Parish Council

Although there have been some small changes to what you can do during the Covid 19 epidemic it is vital that we continue to observe the Government guide lines. Enjoy the sunshine and stay safe. Your Parish Council will not be holding any meetings until we are advised it is safe to do so. If you need any help or assistance please contact your Parish Council who will assist where possible.

### Police & Neighbourhood Watch

The range of scams gets ever larger and can be via email, a doorstep caller, or a telephone caller. A common feature is all are slick tongued persuasive individuals with only one aim that is to part you from your money. They don't care if they leave you penniless. Do not buy anything from a doorstep trader, do not give any personal or financial information to anyone you are not certain is genuine. Legitimate organisations and businesses will not ask you for sensitive information like account, card and pin numbers.

Currently many scams are linked in some way to the corona virus including selling PPE/masks and test kits that are either ineffective or don't arrive.

Also on offer are 5g neutralising devices that appear to be no more than a low capacity USB memory stick with a label – no research has shown 5g signals to be dangerous. The devices are sold at up to £300....the USB memory sticks sell for £5.

**YOU** can't be too careful!!

**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](mailto: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

### Willoughby Monthly

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

**Take Care & Stay Safe**