

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the August edition of the WM which is once again in print and delivered to every home in the village by volunteers. Last month was a pretty typical English Summer with lovely warm days, rainy days, and cool cloudy ones too. The relaxation of the Government Rules at the beginning of the month brought the playing field back into use and the children have been able to use the play equipment again. The various relaxations in the regulations are allowing life to move nearer to normal...albeit at a greater distance from one another.

The Cricket Club was able to restart matches at the Green and the Thursday Club held their 'Garden Picnic' successfully. The other village Organisations are on their normal summer break and are looking to restart in September. subject to the Village Hall being open and being able to comply with the various requirements.

You will also find inside an update on activities at Leamington Hastings Academy and also the plans for the reopening of the Percival Guildhouse adult education centre.

Richard Jackson

Willoughby Cricket Club

Hand sanitiser at the ready as cricket is back at Willoughby CC

After several months delay to the start of their 2020 season and a nervous wait to see if any play would be permitted at all, cricket is back on the sporting agenda at Willoughby.

The release of new guidelines for recreational cricket by the ECB made it a busy week of final preparations at The Green to make the club deep cleaned, safe and with new distancing procedures and one-way systems in place around the pavilion. The use of changing rooms and the traditional mid-match sit down for tea may be off the menu for now to be replaced by regular sanitation breaks to player's hands and cricket balls, but that is a small inconvenience for everyone to have the opportunity to take to the field once again.

Willoughby now have an abridged Northamptonshire County League (NCL) season for the next two months. The club's two Saturday sides will still compete in 40 over matches against teams in their own divisions but in a 'World Cup' style format, leading to a 'Last 8' knockout stage to decide the mini-tournament winners. And some will have to set their alarms as all games over the coming two months or so are scheduled to have 11.00am starts in order to fit in with the regular mandatory sanitation breaks.

There is midweek cricket with a shortened Wednesday Night League schedule, plus WCC's Sunday friendly programme still remains largely intact until the end of September.

Where junior cricket is concerned, there are league and friendly fixtures for our Under 13 and Under 15 teams, plus weekly coaching sessions for all our junior cricketers aged 8 to 16.

For fixtures, results, and regular news and updates from Willoughby CC, head to their website www.willoughbycc.org.uk, or find them on Facebook and Twitter.

Thursday Club

13 August, 2.00pm until 4.00ish. Garden Picnic at Bert Ogle's - The Willows, Main Street, opposite the Village Hall. The Club will provide wine, but please bring your own food. We will have a raffle to cover the costs. Gazebos etc to give shade or protection from rain (no, of course it won't rain!).



Willoughby Women's Institute 1920 - 2020



Below is the lovely card Willoughby WI received from Warwickshire WI to celebrate their centenary. Unfortunately, the events planned to celebrate our centenary have had to be cancelled due to Covid. During lockdown ladies have donated toiletries and toilet bags for the women's refuge. Members have also been busy creating a square each for our centenary wall hanging.



DOORS OPEN AGAIN AT ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE

We've learnt a lot in recent months with many of us using unplanned extended time at home to discover new skills or re-discover old ones.

Rugby's Percival Guildhouse, Warwickshire's only independent adult education centre, has been on the same journey. The charity, forced to close its doors in March when Lockdown struck has, in common with so many households, embraced Zoom.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of its staff, for the first time the Guildhouse has offered classes online during June and July, thus maintaining contact with its students at a critical time.

Plans are now underway for the re-opening of the Guildhouse on 28th September, when more than 70 courses will be on offer ranging from Italian, Spanish, French, German and Japanese language courses, to a good mix of Arts and crafts. To safeguard students, most courses will be run on a blended basis with some places in-house and others joining virtually. Full details will be available from mid August when they can be viewed at www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk

Guildhouse Chairman, David Dove, says: "The charity was set up a century ago to provide professional, tutor-led adult education to the local community. I'm proud we've kept doing that and look forward to welcoming folk back into our St Matthew's Street home in September."

Phone: 01788 542467

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Willoughby Society

The Society hope to be able to resume meetings in September but is awaiting details from the Village Hall Committee on what the limitations on numbers will be and their requirements of organisations hiring the Hall. Hopefully this will become clear in the next few weeks enabling plans for September to be finalised. All being well we will screen an acclaimed recent film.

Live & Local are working hard with the National Rural Touring Forum and other organisations to devise ways of getting live performance back in village halls and elsewhere which recent announcements say will be possible toward the end of the year.

Willoughby Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee are working hard to follow the Government Coronavirus Guidelines and hope to reopen the hall, with limited capacity, in September 2020. Further details will follow.

Annual Produce Show

It is with regret that due to the current Coronavirus situation the Committee have decided to cancel the annual Produce Show for this year.

This 2020 Produce Show would have been Will Hewitt's last time as organiser of this event and the Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his hard work and dedication running the show over many years.

We are actively trying to seek a new show organiser to ensure this annual village event continues so if anyone is interested in taking up this role, then please speak to any member of the Village Hall Committee.

Church

St Nicholas church has been open at time's for people to visit. We are delighted that life is beginning to get back to normal. A service was held observing guidelines in July and it was lovely welcoming people back.

There are no planned church services in August as clergy are taking time to recover. Although there may be some streamlined services.

We are pleased to report we have been promised a grant of £20000 towards the replacement and repair of the nave roof. An architect is drawing up specification documents in order for us to find out exactly how much we need to raise. Also to enable us to obtain tenders and the Faculty.

Work is also progressing on plans for the facilities in church and once they are completed the necessary permission can be applied for with tenders. Once that is in place grants can be sought.

In order to secure a future for St Nicholas as a church serving the community we have to progress with this work. It is a challenge even more so because of the events of the last few months.

Any advice and offers for help will always be gratefully received. Please contact -Anne Hinks or any of pcc. It is a journey we feel we have to make and one we hope the community will accompany us on.

The churchyard is being kept mown and tidy for people to visit and walk round.

The autumn should see a return to our services and hopefully other regular events in the church calendar.

Face Coverings

if you need a Face Covering Cath Harrison is making face coverings that fit on the nose and under the chin - cost - donations to Cancer research, all washable and easy to use, contact her on cath1981@live.co.uk

Willoughby Parish Council

The Parish Council are still unable to have meetings due to the Covid 19 virus but we are keen to deal with any items that need attention. If there are any issues that you feel need attention please contact Mike Thomas on 891338 or mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com. The Playing Field is now open and we have put up signs advising how to use the facility and to take care ensuring social distancing is maintained at all times. Please ensure children using the facility have hand gel available and thoroughly wash their hands when they get home. Whilst the Parish Council have done all they can to make the area safe, use of the Playing Field is at the individual's own risk. Please remember dogs are not allowed in the Playing Field. We hope you continue to observe the Government's recommendations and stay safe.

Leamington Hastings Church of England Academy

We've had a very busy past few months! The school remained open for children of key workers throughout lockdown, and then welcomed back most children from the 1st of June in their different bubble groups. Although the usual end of term events couldn't take place in the usual way, the experiences have still been provided for children but with a twist! Children took part in a sports day in their bubble groups, with a virtual element for those remaining at home. The end of year play was replaced with an end of year video and yearbook, with input from all the children whether they were at home or at school. We have been unable to hold the traditional Rose Queen Day this year but look forward to holding an event as soon as we can, where we will of course invite our children who are leaving us back into school to join us.

We are very much looking forward to reopening the school to all children in September. If you have a child due to start Nursery or Reception between now and September 2021, there is a wealth of information available on our website. Visits to school will be dependent on the Government directive at the time in order to keep the children and staff safe, but we are happy to provide 'virtual' tours and a talk with the Head of School using a webcam. Do get in touch, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Suzanne Marson, Head of School, 01926 632359,

<https://www.learmingtonhastings.covmat.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LeamingtonHastingsCofEAcademyRugby/>

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 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 contacted by telephone on 01788 823823 (daytime) or 01788 890724 (evening & answerphone) or e-mail 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 is always the 15th of the month. Send them to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net.