

The Willoughby Monthly

Village Web Site: www.willoughbyweb.net

facebook Group: Willoughby Monthly

Volume 13
September
2020

Welcome to the September edition of the WM. What a weird year!! last month we were roasted for days then drenched and then blown by high wind. Nearby, there were spikes in the number of cases of Covid 19. Hopefully, they won't lead to increased restrictions here.

The sound of leather on willow have been heard again from The Green, home of Willoughby Cricket Club. Also the shouts of children using the playing field. It seems as though village life is awakening but most of the organisations have been able to do do very little.

The Village Hall Management Committee have announced that the Hall will be open from the 1st September. Initially for one session (morning or afternoon or evening) on Tuesday and Friday. Social Distancing will be required with numbers limited to 30. They intend to review the arrangements in the middle of the month with a view to increasing availability. Hopefully they will be able to extend usage to accommodate the various organisations regular dates and bring an element of normality back to our Village.

I have brought the calendar back this month albeit with only two items but it is another step toward normality.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
08-Sep-20	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Film Screening (Note this is on Tuesday!!)	Village Hall
27-Sep-20	11:00 AM	Church	Harvest Service (You must book a place in advance for this service, see inside)	Church

Thursday Club

Our first meeting since lockdown will be on **Tuesday**, 8th September at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. As you will see elsewhere the Village Hall is open on Tuesday and Friday for one session hence the change of day for this month. Providing there are no changes to the regulations that force us to change plans we will have a film show.

Everyone wishes to be sure all proper safety measures are taken and meetings are Socially Distant. Please play your part by wearing a face covering, using the hand sanitizer, and following the signs/instructions. The kitchen is closed, so please bring your own refreshments, if you wish.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8th for a rather different meeting!!



Willoughby Women's Institute 1920 - 2020



At last we have been able to celebrate our 100th anniversary!! On Saturday, 22nd August, 14 of us enjoyed a garden picnic underneath the awning at Hazeldene. It was a windy afternoon but it was also dry and there was even some sunshine!! Everyone brought their own picnic etc. Only sanitizer and wipes on the table!! It was good to catch up after so long. What would the founding ladies of 1920 thought? Maybe they wouldn't have been surprised having experienced WW1 and later WW2. They valued ingenuity and craft skills that many have taken to, during lockdown.



Hopefully we will be able to resume meetings soon.

Linda Belgrove

Just a note to pass on my grateful thanks to everyone who messaged, sent cards, flowers, gifts or telephoned myself or Alan during my recent illness. It meant a lot knowing so many friends and neighbours were holding me in their thoughts and prayers. I was humbled by your kindness and I'm so pleased we live in this wonderful Village. Bless you all.

Willoughby Society

Sadly, although the Village Hall will reopen on the 1st September it is only available on Tuesday and Friday initially. Consequently our provisionally scheduled meeting on September, 30th has had to be cancelled.

We understand that the Village Hall Committee will be meeting in mid-September to review initial experience of reopening and consider whether opening of the Hall can be extended. We hope that they will decide to extend opening so that we will be able to resume our meetings in October.

Re-opening of Willoughby Village Hall – September 2020

The Management Committee of Willoughby Village Hall have been working very hard to put measures in place for the safe re-opening of the hall in line with Government guidelines. This has been a very complex process and we appreciate the patience of all our hirer's.

The Hall will re-open with limited capacity and availability from Tuesday, 1st September 2020. Initially the Hall will only be available on Tuesday or Friday morning, afternoon, or evening. All village organisations who usually book the hall will be contacted shortly to advise them of the procedure for booking their hiring session.

The Village Hall Risk Assessment will also be published on Willoughbyweb.net for all to view and further updates will be provided as the regulations and guidance change.

As a Committee we are keen to open up the hall and get back to some kind of normality whilst keeping all parties safe. We appreciate your anticipated co-operation.

Willoughby Village Hall Management Committee

Church

Rev Anne Hinks has held two small services around the village one in College Road and one in the Amenities Garden. These were appreciated by those who attended. In addition there was a christening held in church observing Social Distancing Guidelines.

Now that we can't have a Harvest Service outside, through lack of staff and concern re weather, we would love everyone to come to the Harvest service, in the church, at 11am on September 27th. As we will be socially distancing, please ring Jackie on 01788 891191, to book a place if you wish to come. If there are too many for one service, we shall have two! If children would like to bring a small box (shoe box size) of fruit and goodies for elderly or poorly people, we will distribute them afterwards.

Further church services are waiting guidance.

Other news, the schedule of work for the nave roof has gone to tender. Once that is back the intention is to try to apply for grants to help cover the cost. If this work is not undertaken then the roof will in all likelihood eventually fail. We realise that it is a big challenge in these uncertain times but one that we will do our best to meet.

Finally Rev Anne would like to give you this blessing from ancient times:

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine upon you; and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Amen"

Willoughby Parish Council

Your Parish Council are investigating the possibility of providing a youth club in the Village. To help with the feasibility study we need to find out the number of youngsters in the Village between the ages of 5 and 13 who would be interested in attending a youth club. It would also be helpful to know if parents would be willing to contribute to the costs. Please email mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com or put a note through the door of Church View, Lower Street indicating if your child would be interested, their age and if you would be willing to contribute to the cost.

David Stearn 31st August 1927 -9th August 2020

Sadly David passed away at the age of 92 at home on Sunday 9th August.

David and his parents initially farmed at Cranfield in Bedfordshire. In 1950 after their farm was compulsorily purchased for Cranfield University, they moved to White House Farm on Main Street, Willoughby, where David farmed for the last 70 years.

David loved his farm and took particular pride in his Charolais cattle. He loved the village and enjoyed being part of the farming community.

The family organised a small funeral service for him at the farm. Due to the restrictions of Covid, it wasn't possible to invite everyone who knew David, but please keep him in your thoughts at this time.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Last month saw an attempted burglary in Pye Court. The perpetrators failed thanks to the quick action of neighbours. As a result their vehicle was spotted and eventually stopped and they were caught by the Police. They will face a number of charges. Do take note and report if you see someone or a vehicle behaving oddly. Timely reporting can lead to effective action being taken as in this case.

Rachel is currently setting up a Willoughby NHW WhatsApp group to make the warning of suspicious activity in the village to other residents faster and easier. If anyone wishes to join the group they will need to let me have their mobile numbers. They can be e-mailed to her or texted to 07885501551.

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.

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 15th of the month. Send them to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net .

willoughbyweb.net

The web site will be updated this month to add a new section for the Village Hall. If you have material you would like adding or ideas for changes please let Richard know.