

# ***The Willoughby Monthly***

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## **Welcome to the May edition of the WM.**

There have been quite a few property sales recently so to those who have moved into the Village, Welcome! I hope you will find the WM useful and will get involved in Village Life.

Last month was pretty dry and featured some really warm spring days. Let's hope we get some equally warm summer days and that the COVID restrictions are eased as planned so we can enjoy them in a 'normal' fashion.

According to the COVID road map the Village Hall is expected to be able to reopen from May 17<sup>th</sup>. Probably with similar arrangements to the brief spell last Autumn.

The outline plan for the Village Festival afternoon is now in place, see inside. It is hoped that the Village Organisations will each have a display/stand/stall taking the opportunity to relaunch themselves and maybe raise some funds. It is hoped that it will be possible to hold a concert on the playing field in the evening but many groups have not been able to practice and are not taking bookings so soon after the reduction in restrictions. Keep the evening free further details will follow in next months WM or a Willoughby Monthly Extra email.

The 'Big Lunch' weekend is 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June and as in previous years we hope to be able to have a Village Picnic in the Village Hall Garden on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**Richard Jackson**

## **Sue Skinner**

Sadly Sue, a village resident and member of several of the Village organisations for many years, passed away on the 12<sup>th</sup> April. Her funeral is to be on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, Willoughby Church at 1pm and Rainsbrook Crematorium at 2pm.

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
21-May-21	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Film	Village Hall
30-May-21	10:30 AM	Church	Service	Church

All events subject to COVID Regulations

## Thursday Club

Getting closer! We hope to be able to hold our usual garden party in June. The committee will meet shortly to agree the details, and we will let you know. Fingers crossed.



## Willoughby Women's Institute



Our first event after the easing of lockdown restrictions on 21 June will be the Willoughby Village Festival Day, on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, where we will have a stand, come along and find out more about the WI - we are so much more than "Jam and Jerusalem" - there will be a make and take for the children.

## Willoughby Village Festival

### Save the Date - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June

There will be Children's Races as usual plus two performances by Joe Garbett's Dance - contemporary dance with table tennis!!

Leam Valley First Responders are providing First Aid cover and will be fund raising too. It is hoped that the other village organisations will have a stand/display/stall/sideshow too.

**Volunteers needed before and on the day.** Contact Richard Jackson if you can help

## Willoughby Cricket Club

**The cricket season is off and running at The Green with something on virtually every day of the week at Willoughby Cricket Club in the coming months.**

And there is no better time for local youngsters to get into cricket and with your local village club as they have opportunities for boys and girls aged 5 through to 16 years.

For 2021, Willoughby CC will be running:

- All Stars Cricket (5-8 years)
- \*NEW\* Dynamos Cricket (8-11 years)
- Teams (Hard ball) at
  - Under 11 (school years 5 and 6)
  - Under 13 (school years 7 and 8)
  - Under 15 (school years 9 and 10)



In addition to matches played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there will be weekly coaching and training sessions for each team on either a Saturday or Sunday morning.

Registration for All Stars Cricket and the ECB's new Dynamos Cricket programmes - which start at Willoughby on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May - are now available online. For more information and to register, simply go to the Willoughby CC website - [www.willoughbycc.org.uk](http://www.willoughbycc.org.uk)

For further details on joining any of the junior hard ball teams at Willoughby Cricket Club for 2021, contact Rob on 07867 507069 or email him at [rcartridge@hotmail.com](mailto:rcartridge@hotmail.com).

## Willoughby Society

Later this month, all being well, we will be able to meet again in socially distanced fashion. For this month only the committee have decided to move our meeting to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May with a film screening, if permitted, Possibly, Raold & Beatrix: the Tail of the Curious Mouse. The DVD isn't due to be released until April 26<sup>th</sup> hence the uncertainty.

The Society has supported the Big Lunch Village Picnic for many years and will do so again. This year it will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June. As the COVID rules stand it will be necessary to form groups of up to six individuals or two families suitably spaced. Once the post May 17<sup>th</sup> rules are known we will be able to put together a detailed plan which will be in the next WM. In the meantime all village residents and their friends and family are invited!! so be prepared to share some time near friends and neighbours.

We have arranged with Live & Local for Joe Garbett's Dance to give two performances of 'DOUBLES' at the Village Festival. Doubles is a contemporary dance 'show' centred around a robust outdoor table tennis table. The action involves moves around, on, over.... the table tennis table with some table tennis thrown in. After each 'show' you will be able to learn a move or two or take part in a game of table tennis with the performers. At this stage the plan is to have one 'show' before the children's races and the second after them. This will be something new for our Festival and hopefully interest and entertain everyone.

Live & Local have just launched their 'menu' for the second half of the year and first half of next including a number of familiar names and some new that look and sound good. Hopefully we will be able to have a 'proper' village hall show before long and get back to our normal pattern of meetings and events.

### Festival Races - Trophies

Some of the records for the last Races a couple of years ago have gone astray. Did you win or know who won the Adult points trophy 'Neil', Who was in the winning Tug-of-War team, or holds one of these cups, if so please contact Brian Hall on 890134.



### Church

The churchyard looks lovely in the sunshine. It is being kept mown and we hope that people can visit this haven of peace. The memorial wheel is going to have some tidy up work this year and always there are the weeds we need to do battle with along where the church joins the spinney. If anyone has any spare time and feels like a gardening challenge there's plenty to keep the most enthusiastic among us busy.

Plans for the servery/disabled toilet are now looking promising. It is hoped that we can put them up in the church for interested parties to view. There are a few issues to be addressed before we can submit to the Diocese. Most of the funds required are in place for this and as soon as we have tender amounts one more grant can be applied for.

The church roof has not been forgotten. All permissions are in place for this. It is now a question of finding some way to raise the large amount of money needed to get the work done. As always any offers of help and ideas would be gratefully received.

Please contact Karen Nichols with any issues or queries concerning the church. kjndon@aol.com or 07866572209. Thank you.

There is a church service at Willoughby on May 30th at 10-30am. The rest of the Benefice services for other Sundays can be found on the Leam Valley Website .

## Willoughby Parish Council

There has been a problem recently with dog mess in the Playing Field. Dogs are not allowed in the Playing Field under any circumstances.

You are permitted to walk your dog through the Playing Field extension where the goal nets are as long as you keep your dog on a lead and stick to the footpath. Should your dog mess whilst walking the footpath please ensure you clean it up.

It is law that you should clean up after your dog wherever this occurs. There is a lot of dog mess around the Village which is unacceptable so please act responsibly and clean up after your dog.

The Parish Council have arranged to have the Rugby Borough Council Play Rangers come to the

Village again for sessions during the summer months subject to no COVID-19 restrictions. There will be more details to follow in the coming months.

### Police & Neighbourhood Watch

<https://actionfraud.police.uk> hasn't reported any 'new' scam trends in the last month or so but that is no reason to relax. Fraudsters will keep looking for opportunities to steal our hard earned money. They are expected to try to take advantage of the rush for tickets to major concerts and events as COVID restrictions are lifted – make sure you deal with legitimate ticket sellers and if booking online lookout for search results that go to a site that looks like the genuine one but the web address is wrong e.g. a letter is changed or for example xyz.co.uk becomes xyx.co.uk, or something like anyweb.com/xyz.co

**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 David Banks & PCSO Helena Seal, our Police Constable is PC Ashleigh Baker. 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 e-mail [neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net](mailto:neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net).

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
06-Jun-21		Big Lunch	Village Hall Garden
26-Jun-21		Willoughby Village Festival	Village Hall & Playing Field

### 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) .