

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the July edition of the WM. June was (at least until I sat down to write this) warm and dry. All of the plants seem to have taken off being much stronger and taller than last year.

The first village event of the year the Big Lunch Village Picnic took place on the 6th June which was a lovely sunny day. It was great to have a near normal landmark event after all of the cancellations and limitations.

On the 1st July the rearranged Village Hall annual general meeting will take place. This your opportunity to find out a bit more about how it is run and who keeps it going.

There is a coffee morning in the village Hall, on the 3rd July to raise funds for the 'Heart Failure Team' at Rugby St.Cross Hospital. Pat Atkins, the organiser, hopes it will become an annual event supporting different teams in the hospitals that serve us.

Later in the month the WI will have its first proper meeting and a garden party to celebrate its 100+1 birthday since COVID put paid to last years celebrations.

Needless to say we all need to keep being careful to avoid COVID in its various forms. Hopefully the vaccination programme will allow the delayed removal of restrictions to go ahead this month allowing us to get back to 'normal' village life focusing on things that have been neglected.

Do please support the organisations as they get going again. The restarts are an opportunity to try something new or get to know how they work and benefit our community. The restrictions have meant that they have had little income for many months so your support for them and their activities is vital.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Jul-21	6:30 PM	Village Hall	Annual General Meeting	village Hall
03-Jul-21	10:00 AM		Coffee Morning - NHS C & W Heart Failure Team	Village Hall
15-Jul-21	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	Marton Museum of Country Bygones & Quiz - David Fry	Village Hall
24-Jul-21		Church	Flower Festival	Church
25-Jul-21	11:00 AM	Church	Communion Service	Church
31-Jul-21		Women's Institute	Garden Party	Hazeldene

Thursday Club

Nothing planned for July. 19 August, we hope to have a barbecue in the Village Hall Garden - more details later

Willoughby Women's Institute



Your WI has the following events coming up please put them in your diary: –

Thursday 15 July – 7:30pm we will have a meeting in the Village Hall. We are looking forward to welcoming members back to a proper meeting. We are delighted our speaker will be David Fry from the Marton Museum of Country Bygones. Visitors are always welcome to join us for our meetings.



On Saturday 31 July we will be having a garden party and Joyce Jackson has very kindly offered us the use of her garden for the afternoon when we can celebrate 101 years!

There are also various Warwickshire events for you as well.

The Big Lunch 2022!!



Next year the Big Lunch is due to be held on Sunday 5th June and it has been announced that it will be part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend. It will be a double celebration for Willoughby being our 10th Big Lunch too.

Our first Big Lunch was part of Willoughby 2012 when we were fortunate to secure a large grant that enabled us to have events every weekend in June that year. It would be great to have a few people, especially new residents, get involved in organising our Big Lunch for 2022 bringing some new ideas/activities to the day so that it appeals to as many Villagers as possible. The Willoughby Society has supported the Big Lunch each year but it is not a Society event it is a Village Event. Contact Richard (rj@willoughbyweb.net or 891898) to find out more.

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 3rd July – Willoughby Village Hall



The NHS celebrates its birthday on the 5th July each year and holds the 'NHS Big Tea' to support the NHS heroes at University Hospital Coventry and Rugby St Cross

I am holding a coffee morning in the **Village Hall on Saturday 3rd July from 10:00 – 12:00** to raise some money for a good cause in the NHS. We can nominate which area it goes to and this year I am going to do it for 'The Heart Failure Team' which helped my husband Roger. My aim is to hold this event yearly and nominate a different area each year. Most of us in the village will have come into contact with most areas of the NHS and would like to support them.

Look forward to seeing you all and if you would like to bake a cake, large or small, it would be most appreciated.

Pat Atkins

Willoughby Society

As I write this preparations for the Village Festival are at an advanced stage. The delay to the removal of COVID restrictions was unhelpful but we can still go ahead by making arrangements to keep groups of people to no more than 30 people as we did for the Big Lunch. More about the Festival in next month's WM.

On the 6th June we supported our Village's ninth Big Lunch – a village picnic in the Village Hall Garden. To comply with the COVID restrictions the event was split into three zones each with well under 30 people. Nonetheless, many were able to socialise with friends and neighbours for the first time in a long while.

Getting on for 70 villagers enjoyed their relaxed picnic lunch and afternoon thanks to the balmy weather. There was a game of rounders in the playing field as in previous years. The photographs below give a flavour of the afternoon.



CHURCH

The summer months beckon and still some uncertainty as to when life will return to normal. People however are remarkably resilient and making the most of what can and can't be done.

The mini kitchen and disabled toilet draft plan have been sent to the Diocese in an effort to find out exactly what will be allowed. It will then go to tender. In addition, it is hoped that we will be able to display this in the coming months in the church so anyone interested will have an opportunity to see. Historic churches and the Victorian Society will need to feedback.

A flower festival with activities and refreshments is planned for Saturday 24th July at the church. Everyone is welcome to come and join in. More details will follow.

On 25th July at 11am there is a Communion Service.

A steering group is being formed. The idea is to look at how St Nicholas can engage and involve people in the rich Heritage of the area where we all live. It is hoped to put together a National Lottery Heritage Grant bid.

According to UNESCO: Heritage is our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and that we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration.

Willoughby as a village boasts many examples of Heritage.

There is to be a wedding on July 17th

The memorial spoke plaques have all been replaced. These can be kept clean by using Brasso or similar.

If anyone has any free time to help with the upkeep in the churchyard weeding etc. please feel free to lend a hand. It is a large area to keep tidy. Thank you.

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

Willoughby Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to thank the people who kindly volunteered to help with the upkeep of the Village footpaths. After a lot of investigation it has been decided not to proceed with this project on a volunteer basis due to complications with insurance, health and safety issues, and the provision of tools and equipment. This work will be carried out by paid contractors when required. If you notice work that needs doing to footpaths in the Village please inform the Parish Council. Thank you again to those who kindly volunteered.



PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 4th September

Willoughby Village Hall

Gardeners, Growers, Crafters, & Photographers put this date in your diary, NOW!!

The annual produce show will follow the usual format and the schedule will be included with next month's Willoughby Monthly. The theme for the photograph classes is 'Trees', for Arts & Crafts a 'face covering decoration', and for the two classes for juniors: six pieces of brownie; and a painted pebble.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Opportunist burglars love hot weather when we pop out or go into the garden forgetting to lock doors and windows! They can be in, out, and away before you know it. Keep your home secure and watch out for suspicious characters loitering around.

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 Chris Knight. 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 890724, by e-mail rachelsettle@btinternet.com/ juststoves@btconnect.com or by mobile/ WhatsApp etc on 07885501551.

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
04-Sep-21	Village Hall	Produce Show	Village Hall
16-Oct-21	Village Hall	Jumble Sale	Village Hall
27-Nov-21	Village Hall	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall

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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 .