

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the August edition of the WM. July so far has been mixed weather wise – very cool and wet to very dry and hot!! The COVID relaxations have allowed some Village activities to restart at last.

The Willoughby Festival, at the end of June, had a lovely fine afternoon after being grey and threatening rain in the morning. The Festival was the product of a lot of work by volunteers from planning to putting up marquees it was good to have a few new faces to help the 'usual suspects' without whom many Village activities wouldn't happen. Even though the expected relaxation in COVID restrictions didn't happen we have lots of space and some simple measures were designed to keep everyone safe. This year we had 'something different' – the Bell Orchestra with the giant tubular bells which many enjoyed (thanks to Live&Local and their funders RBC and the Arts Council England). We are grateful to the Leam Valley Community First Responders who provided First Aid cover as well as some training and fund raising. Many young faces acquired a new look thanks to Liz Wooldridge's face painting. Inside you will find a report from Brian Hall on the 'Races' which were as popular as ever.

If you took photographs at the Festival I would love to have copies to add to the Village archives and the online gallery. So far I have just over 100 which I hope to have on willoughbyweb.net very soon.



Next year will be a special one with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee events the first weekend in June. Our Big Lunch (Sunday, 5th June) will be part of the national network and probably in the Village Hall so that we can screen events from the 'Palace'. It has been suggested that we might have a special event on the Saturday perhaps to raise funds for the First Responders or other worthy cause. Please let me know if you think this would be a good idea and if so what sort of event you think it should be. Also we will need help and new ideas organising if you could help please let me know.

Next year's Festival will be on Saturday, 2nd July, a week later so that there is more of an interval from the Big lunch. Planning will need to start fairly soon to make the day a success and we need some younger people involved – the current age average is probably more than three score and ten!! Long standing resident or new one, young or old, please give a little time to your Village's life, let me know if you can.

This WM is rather different in size because it includes the schedule and entry form(s) for the **Village Hall Produce Show**. If you need additional entry forms you can download this WM from www.willoughbyweb.net/wm/wm.html and print them. Please note that entries must be in by 9:00pm Wednesday, 1st September.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
19-Aug-21	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Members BBQ	Village Hall
22-Aug-21	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Holy Communion	Church

Thursday Club

19 August, 2.30pm Village Hall: members BBQ. The club will provide food and wine. Please let Pat Atkins (pat.atkins2609@gmail.com or 01788 891 799) know if you are coming, just to give an idea of numbers.



Willoughby Women's Institute

It was good to be able to meet together and have a speaker in July. We are looking forward to our 100+1 birthday party on the 31st July...fingers crossed for good weather. Warwickshire Federation have compiled a Cryptic Quiz on UK Coastal Resorts, copies available from Lorraine (cost £1).

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 16th September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Lucy Morgans talking about Changes and Dramas in 30 years working in the travel industry. Visitors are always welcome.

Church

Many thanks to all who completed our survey. This will help to evaluate what the community feel about our historic building.

The Flower Festival at the end of July will hopefully have brightened spirits. A big thank you to all who gave their time and all volunteers. We could not do these events without you. Also thank you to everyone who visited and spent time enjoying the activities.

Apologies to people who have tried to attend church services only to find the church locked. There has been some confusion over dates but hopefully after the summer this will change.

From September we are hoping to return to a bit more normality. The Harvest Service is on the 12th September followed by lunch in the village hall. Tickets will be available soon for the lunch at a cost of £7.50 adults and £5 for children. It is very much hoped that we can restart the Soup and Social from October.

The Bell ringers are planning to start up again. Practice will be on Friday afternoons from 2pm. Anyone interested in learning please contact Kim Gibbard 891191.

We hope you enjoy the quiet solitude the churchyard has to offer.

Projects:

1. We are still waiting feedback from the Diocese about the kitchen and disabled toilet.
2. A steering group is being formed 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 an application to the National Lottery Heritage Grant fund for a grant towards the enormous cost of repairing the nave roof.

Willoughby as a village boasts many examples of Heritage which according to UNESCO is *our legacy from the past, what we live with today, and what we pass on to future generations. Our cultural and natural heritage are both irreplaceable sources of life and inspiration.*

3. 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. There are plans to also clear the overgrown area at the back and replant.

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

WILLOUGHBY VILLAGE HALL

PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 4th September 2021 at 3:00pm
Admission to show – Free

ENTRIES:

1. **All adult classes restricted to Village residents**
2. Must be accompanied by the correct fees
3. Must be received by 9:00PM on **Wednesday, 1st September**
4. Class tickets must be obtained from the Show Secretary
5. Staging must be completed by 12:00 Noon



Show Secretary:

Graham Geddes,
4, Magdalen Road, Willoughby. Tel. 890846
email: graham.geddes879@btinternet.com

CLASSES		33	A variety of Garden Flowers in a Vase
VEGETABLES & FRUIT <i>(fee 50p/entry)</i>		34	Specimen Bloom or Spike - not a Rose
1	Six Runner Beans (with stalks).	35	Three Roses.
2	Eight French/Dwarf Beans (with stalks).	36	Specimen Rose.
3	Three Beetroot (tops tied).	37	Five Dahlias - not Pompom.
4	One Cabbage.	38	One Pot Plant - Floral.
5	Four Carrots (without tops).	39	One Pot Plant - Foliage.
6	One Lettuce.	40	One Cacti or Succulent.
7	Five Onions (pricked out,transplanted, and shown dressed).	41	Five Orange Marigolds.
8	Five Onions (bed, as grown, not transplanted - tops & roots intact)	42	Six Pansy Heads -staging card supplied
9	Three Parsnips (without tops).	43	Six Fuchscia Heads -staging card supplied
10	Five Red or White Potatoes.	44	A bunch of mixed herbs to be tied and displayed in water
11	Three Leeks	HOME PRODUCE <i>(fee 50p/entry)</i>	
12	Eight Large Shallots	50	A loaf of home made bread.
13	One Cucumber.	51	A Tea Loaf
14	Three Courgettes	52	Jar of Soft Fruit Jam.
15	Six Tomatoes.	53	Jar of Chutney.
16	Six Miniature Tomatoes.	54	A Fruit Flan
17	Longest Runner Bean.	55	Six pieces of Shortbread
18	Oddest Shaped Vegetable	56	A Traditional Apple Pie
19	Heaviest Marrow.	57	Everyday Fruit Cake.
20	Other Vegetable - not in classes 1 to 19 (duplicate entries a & b permitted)	58	A Victoria Sponge, 4oz Margarine, 4oz Caster Sugar, 4oz self-raising flour, & 2 Large eggs.
21	Collection of Vegetables at least six kinds, to be shown on a card table (provided)	ARTS & CRAFTS <i>(fee 50p/entry, One entry only per class)</i>	
22	Six Dessert Apples (with stalks)*	60	Hand Painted picture
23	Six Cooking Apples (with stalks)*	61	A Decorated Face Covering
* n.b. Apples should not be polished		62	Needlecraft item (including Sewing, Embroidery etc.)
24	6 Plums	63	Handicraft Item (incl. Pottery, Woodwork, Metalwork work, etc.)
25	Other Fruit - not in classes 22 to 24 (duplicate entries (a & b) permitted)	64	A Child's Soft Toy
FLOWERS <i>(fee 50p/entry)</i>		65	Home-made Greeting card
30	Container Home Grown Flowers as many kinds as possible, not an arrangement.	PHOTOGRAPHS <i>(fee 50p/entry, Duplicate entries (a & b) allowed, max size 5"x7", photos must be taken by the exhibitor)</i>	
31	Floral Arrangement entitled "NHS" Fresh Flowers, accessories permitted, staged on a table 24" x 24"	66	A Photograph of a Willoughby scene or object taken in the last two years.
32	Foliage Arrangement (berries & seed heads permitted – max 24" overall).	67	A Photograph featuring Trees
		The subject for class 66 next year (2022) will be a 'Still Life'	

JUNIOR CLASSES *free, Open to Non - Residents*

Age 8 and under. (state age on form)

80 6 pieces of brownie

81 A painted pebble

Age 9 and over. (state age on form)

90 6 pieces of brownie

91 A painted pebble

Notes

1. All decisions by the judges are final and they have the right to award extra prizes, or with-hold a prize if an exhibit is deemed unworthy
2. Any protest or objection must be made in writing, to the Show Secretary within one hour of the show opening, with a deposit of £5.00, returnable if the objection is upheld.
3. The committee will endeavour to protect all property of the exhibitors, but cannot accept any liability for loss or damage.
4. Exhibitors are allowed only one entry in each class (except classes: 21(other Vegetables); 24(other fruit); 65 & 66

(photographs) in which a second entry is permitted.

5. It would be appreciated if exhibitors would allow their exhibits to be auctioned after the show, in aid of village hall funds.
6. Exhibitors wishing to retain their exhibits must remove them between 4.45pm & 5.00pm.

Awards & Prizes

Points and monetary prizes will be awarded as follows :-

Best in show 3 points £1.00

First 3 points £1.00

Second 2 points £0.50

Third 1 point



PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHIES PEMBERTON CHALLENGE CUP

Exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the show.

R & J BUSSEY ROSEBOWL

Exhibitor gaining second highest number of points in the show.

MARTIN LADIES CHALLENGE CUP

Exhibitor gaining third highest number of points in the show. (previously awarded as the Ladies Cup)

Alan Jones Commemorative Cup

Exhibitor gaining the highest number of points across the Fruit and Vegetable Classes

BATES CUP

Exhibitor of Best Entry in show.





Willoughby Village Hall Produce Show - Entry Form

Please use a separate entry form for each person entering.

Please tick the box below for each class that you wish to enter:

Adult Classes (Fee 50p per class)					
1		21		50	
2		22		51	
3		23		52	
4		24		53	
5		25a		54	
6		25b		55	
7		30		56	
8		31		57	
9		32		58	
10		33		60	
11		34		61	
12		35		62	
13		36		63	
14		37		64	
15		38		65	
16		39		66a	
17		40		66b	
18		41		67a	
19		42		67b	
20a		43			
20b		44			
Junior Classes (Free)					
80		81		Age	
90		91		Age	

I hereby declare that I intend to stage the above entries in conformity with the rules.

Exhibitors Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Number of entries _____ Total of Fees enclosed for the above entries £

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11		34		61	
12		35		62	
13		36		63	
14		37		64	
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Willoughby Society

We were pleased to see so many Villagers, their friends, and relatives at the Willoughby Festival. The Society was delighted to be able to provide the medals for the races once again. Our evening concert was a great success albeit a little cooler than we would have liked. The funds raised in the afternoon and the raffle, after costs, have been set aside for next year's festival. The evening concert was a great success and made a surplus that restored the Society's finances and will allow us to continue to support Village life/events. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the day a success.

Looking forward we have submitted requests to Live & Local for subsidised 'shows' later this year and through to the middle of next year. Hopefully we will learn whether we have been successful soon and be able to put together a program of meetings and events for the coming year. There is a trip to look forward to – A Visit to Napton Cidery in September!!

Willoughby Festival 2021

Leam Valley First Responders

Leam Valley Community First Responders would like to thank everybody who supported their stall at the Village fete, and had a go a CPR. Your support is much appreciated.

St Nicholas Church

Thank you to everyone who bought chutney and plants during and after the Village fete, cakes and had a go at name the Cuddly Toy. With your support we raised a total of £165.35.

RACES (by Brian Hall)

What a wonderful day we experienced after all the problems of lockdown, it was so good to see so many families there, enjoying themselves in such a great atmosphere. It was particularly nice to see so many of the families new to the village in the last couple of years, attend. There were over 50 children in attendance which reflected how many young families have rejuvenated our village recently and newly arrived grandparents who have persuaded their families to take part.

The result was some really competitive races that gave us many humorous moments with children falling all over the place in the sack and three-legged races, men diving over the bales and falling headlong in the obstacle race. My thanks to all the adults who took part and made the day special and made their children laugh.

Over 80 medals were presented by Janet and Jim Rowley. Every child that attended received at least one - a dead heat in the children's obstacle race made sure that happened! In the final count up there were a number of children who won two, three or four medals notably Ava Truslove, Charlotte Heckford, Emily Hiscox, and Felicia Pears, as well as taking part in the relays. Pat Atkins who helped record the winning athletes, decided the boy who had won the most races was Noah Higham and the girl, was Annabelle Hall and they received a trophy each. Even more than usual, this was a day for all the children to take part and enjoy themselves with friends and family. Our adult champion after a close tussle with Heather Hiscox for the most wins, was John Heckford, who together with brother Will, managed to help me sort out the races, and still won most himself.

I have photographs of the ladies and gents winning tug of war teams, If anyone would like a copy of either picture please e-mail me at brianjameshall@yahoo.co.uk and I will send one on. The Willoughby Society sponsored the medals once again this year.

My thanks to everyone who helped get things ready, namely Davvi Thomas, Heather and Adam Hiscox, Dennis Neville, and Leonie Tromans, hopefully next year will be just as good.

Willoughby Parish Council

There will be vacancies for Parish Councillors on Willoughby Parish Council. Being a Parish Councillor enables you to contribute to the running of the Village and covers planning issues, highways and footpaths, the playing field it's upkeep and equipment, street lighting, the Village pond, grass cutting of verges and items of concern raised by the public. It is important that these positions are filled by Village residents who want to help in the smooth running of the Village and its amenities. If there are not enough Parish Councillors then the work would be carried out by Rugby Borough Council who would not have the same feelings for our community. If you would be interested in being a Parish Councillor or finding out more please contact us or come along to a Parish Council Meeting and see what is involved. Contact Mike Thomas tel:891338 or email: mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com .

Play Rangers: Your Parish Council have arranged for the Rugby Borough Council Play Rangers to provide six sessions on the Playing Field starting on Friday the 23rd of July and for the following five Fridays. These sessions are free of charge and will start at 1pm and last for two hours. They are open to all children but those under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

NHS Coffee Morning - 3rd July

I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended, donated and brought cakes to the 'NHS Coffee Morning' on Saturday 3rd July. Thanks also to the people who helped me to set up, make endless cups of tea and coffee and clear up afterwards. There was a lovely atmosphere in the village hall and your kind donations resulted in us raising a brilliant £324 for the Rugby St Cross Heart Failure Team that helped my husband Roger.

Pat Atkins

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 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 or 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

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 .