

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the August edition of the WM. June started with great weather except for Big Lunch Sunday when we had to go into the Hall. July started with good weather until our Festival afternoon when it rained heavily. Nonetheless races happened, faces were painted and games were played. Thankfully, the marquees kept most of the rain out and there was a lot of smiles and laughter. The evening concert moved inside (wet grass and electrics don't mix well) but like the Big Lunch everyone had a good time. Just a week later the Church's Heritage weekend was treated to scorching hot weather. Perhaps next year we can have some nice warm days for our special events,

A massive thank you to all the volunteers who have given time to make events possible from putting up marquees and stages, organising races, looking after stalls, being First Responder, to serving tea and cakes. The effort involved is immense and shapes our community. Also a massive thank you to everyone who has come along whether rain or shine to enjoy time with fellow Villagers.

Nothing is ever perfect so if you thought something could have been better if it had been done differently don't keep quiet tell me and I will make sure that the feedback gets to the right people. Volunteers to help prepare and run things are always needed give it a go if you can.

Space inside is in short supply this month but here are a few photos from the Festival afternoon and evening concert.



Richard Jackson

Don't forget to send your Parish Council Survey in!



Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Aug-22	12:00 PM	Parish Council	Play Rangers - National Play Week	Playing Field
08-Aug-22	12:00 PM	Parish Council	Play Rangers - Mad Science	Playing Field
09-Aug-22	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
14 Aug 22	11:00:00	Church	Family All Age Service	Church
15-Aug-22	12:00 PM	Parish Council	Play Rangers - Mini-Olympics	Playing Field
22-Aug-22	12:00 PM	Parish Council	Play Rangers - Water Play	Playing Field
28 Aug 22	11:00:00	Church	Holy Communion	Church

Thursday Club

There are no events in August.

Look forward to seeing you again at our Film Show on 8 September.

Willoughby Women's Institute

Hope you are managing to stay cool during the heat wave. August is our annual break so we are looking forward to: The 15th September when Will Hewitt will be talking about Flowers Afloat. On Friday 30th September Dunchurch have invited us to their Open Evening – 1960s fashion!! (£5 with cheese and wine) time to get in trim for your minis from the loft....if you dare!! Please let Lorraine know if you would like to go.

Willoughby Parish Council

Play Rangers

The Parish Council has arranged five sessions with Rugby Borough Council's Play Rangers during the summer holidays (one has already taken place). These sessions are free and are great fun. The activities are mainly focused for 5 to 13 year olds but no one gets turned away. Children under eight years old must be accompanied by an adult. The sessions will be held on the village playing field or in the village hall, if the weather is wet. They are from 12:00 - 2:00 pm on

Monday, 1st August - National Play week Monday, 15th August - Mini-Olympics

Monday, 8th August - Mad Science Monday, and 22nd August - Water Play

Community Survey

You will have received a copy of the Community Survey by now. We are asking your opinion on upgrading all the street lighting to LEDs, setting up Community Speed Watch (if speeding is still considered a problem in the village) and updating the Flood Action Plan. We are also asking you what you would like to see improve or change over the next three years in Willoughby.

Please take some time to read and complete this survey. The outcome will potentially have a significant impact on what happens in the parish and how your money is spent over the next three years. You can complete the survey on paper or online at <https://willoughbyparishcouncil.org> (scroll down to Latest News or go to the News section on the menu and click on the link). The closing date is 5 pm on Friday, 12 August 2022.

The results from the survey will be shared with residents at the Community Meeting on 20 September 2022 in the Village Hall.

Community Vehicle

A generous offer has been made by Frank Marsden to provide a car for Community use. Frank has also offered to provide parking for the vehicle and tax and insurance for the first year. This is not in the remit of the Parish Council and therefore anyone interested in volunteering to support the implementation of a Community Vehicle Service e.g. as a 'Manager' or 'Driver' should contact Frank Marsden at 23 Main Street.



Willoughby Society

August is a holiday for the Society and a time to look back. The first half of the year has seen several concerts bringing really good live music to the Village. It was great to see lots of people at the Jubilee events. The Society was instrumental in providing a Village Flag Pole (and Jubilee flag) and also in arranging the Big Lunch, our 10th. Our efforts also included:

- Running the Art Competition which was well supported and showed our Village has a good deal of artistic talent!

Leading Platinum Planting Projects:

- Planting Queen's Green Canopy trees either side of the Shrubbery foot path with more to come in the autumn
- New Planters dotted around the Village with more to come as funds allow.
- Renovation of the Amenity Garden

July's hot summery weather deserted us for the Festival afternoon ☹ an amazing number of people braved the rain and enjoyed socialising in the marquee until it was fit to run a limited programme of races (see Brian Hall's piece below). After the rain we reluctantly decided to move the concert into the Hall with all the doors open and space for the children to play. Coloured lights, bunting, and good music from Eclectic Mix made for a great evening. The unplanned raffle added £161 to the Village Event Fund!!

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped with any of these activities without you events and projects wouldn't happen and our village would be a poorer place.

Look out for a re-opening event for the Amenity Garden next month. There are games and film nights, and more planned for later in the year!!

Festival Day Races

Unfortunately we were not blessed with good weather this year, after so many sunny days in recent weeks it decided to start raining at about 12pm and kept on until nearly 4pm. The question was whether to attempt to hold the races in persistent rain or abandon them altogether this year. Fortunately my helpers Val and Pat together with a number of parents press ganged me into starting and the result was very enjoyable for everyone who took part or watched. There were no Obstacle Races due to the conditions but the races went ahead reasonably problem free with few fallers. David Thomas, from Flecknoe, kindly agreed to present all the medals, he is the farmer who supports us every year by providing bales of hay for the obstacle course.

As usual the races were keenly contested and a number of children did really well and won a few medals, namely Emmie, Evie, Annabelle, Noah, Evangelina, Izzy, and Oriana. Overall runners up were Tilly Nunn and James Hall who both won 4 medals. This year we had 2 new trophies and the champions were Emily Hiscox for the girls who won 5 medals and Sam Taylor for the boys who won 4 medals but also won in the tug of war; however, in a show of wonderful sportsmanship, he insisted on sharing the trophy with James Hall. The adult winner was Heather Hiscox who performed really well and also had the time to help me prepare everyone for the races. We also gave medals to children who had not won any races because taking part deserved one! The Tug of War shield was shared by the two ladies teams who were very evenly matched, but we had a clear winner in the men's event. In spite of the bad weather, it turned out to be really enjoyable for everyone involved. It is amazing how resilient children are and I thank all the families who supported the races with their participation and attendance. My thanks to everyone who helped me on the day, particularly Pat Atkins, Val Taylor, Val Hall and Heather Hiscox.

Hopefully next year's weather will be kinder to us.

Brian Hall.

Church

A wonderful Heritage Weekend saw people out enjoying the sunshine, visiting the church with its Rural Crafts Exhibition. Thank you to Marton Bygones Museum for supporting us, The Blacksmith, Willow Weaving, Canal Art, Louise and noisy little goblins for giving a Historical Interpretation, the Scarecrow stall and the artwork produced, the Women's Institute for sharing knowledge and crafts enabling people to get involved. We hope the Maypole dancing and Punch and Judy along with traditional bell ringing and games and stalls enabled people to have a lovely time. Thanks also to National Heritage Lottery whose support has enabled us to begin our long journey. Big big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time. We couldn't do this without you.

August will see us continuing our journey of discovery. A preparatory visit by archaeologists is planned for the beginning August with a A 3D scan of the building being done soon after. These are the first steps towards solving the mystery surrounding our church's age.

Coming soon:

Activity days in the churchyard are in the early planning stages.

We will share dates and events on Social Media and the notice boards outside church and on the bus stop in Main Street.

The building work is due to start on the 12th September.

Please contact if any queries. kjndon@aol.com or 07866572209

Soup and Social is taking a rest through August and back on October 1st 12-2.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Beware!

There are increasing numbers of examples increasing energy costs being a pretext for fraud. Along the lines of give us your bank details and we'll reduce your bills.....

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 Officer for the area is PCSO David Banks. He 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
10-Sep-22	Church	Harvest Craft Fair	Church
17-Sep-22	Willoughby Society	Amenity Garden Reopening Event	Amenity Garden/Village Hall
20-Sep-22	Parish Council	Annual Community Meeting	Village Hall

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Send your ideas for improving the WM and any articles/notices you have for your fellow villagers to Richard Jackson, tel 891898, Hazeldene, Main Street, e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net. The deadline for items is always the 15th of the month.