

The Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the September edition of the WM. As I write this we have a respite from the very hot weather and even have had a few days with some rain that wasn't too heavy. Hopefully the weather will settle into a more normal pattern and the gardens and crops will recover. So far the trees we planted back in March seem to be doing well as are the planters and Amenity Garden planting.

Two not to miss meetings this month!

1. On the 7th September at the Rose when the new owner of the freehold will tell us about himself and his plans, see the invitation inside. The Rose has been at the core of the Village for hundreds of years this is an opportunity to hear what the next phase may hold.
2. There is the Parish Council Community Meeting on the 20th September an opportunity to hear about their plans and share your views and ideas on them.

Finally, this is my final issue of the WM. The first was back in September 2008 which seems an awful long time ago. I hope that the Willoughby Monthly has been useful in some way to everyone. Thank you to all of the contributors and distributors for their efforts over the years. Also thank you for the words of appreciation that have come my way from time to time from readers.

Hannah Gowney-Hedges, who lives at College Farm on Main Street, is taking over from me and will, I am sure, bring her own take on Village Life and activities to the monthly.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	
07-Sep-22	7:00 PM	Rose Inn	Meeting with the New Owner	Rose Inn
08-Sep-22	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Film Show - Mrs. Caldicot's Cabbage War	Village Hall
11-Sep-22	11:00 AM	Church	Allsorts Service	Church
13-Sep-22	7:30 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
15-Sep-22	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch	
15-Sep-22	7:30 PM	Womens Institute	Flowers Afloat - Will Hewitt	Village Hall
17-Sep-22	1:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Amenity Garden Renovation Event	Amenity Garden & Village Hall
20-Sep-22	7:00 PM	Parish Council	Annual Community Meeting	Village Hall
25-Sep-22	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion Service	Church
28-Sep-22	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Games & Social	Village Hall

Thursday Club

8 September 2.30pm Village Hall: film 'Mrs Caldicot's Cabbage War'.

15 September 12.30pm Pub Lunch. There will be a sign up sheet at the Film Show on 8 September.

New members always welcome - enquiries to our Sec, Jim Rowley 01788 891805

Willoughby Women's Institute



After the 'Big Heat' we are back to our normal schedule with our meeting on the 15th September. Will Hewitt will be talking about Flowers Afloat! Often seen on the boats along the canals.



Don't forget that it is Dunchurch W.I.'s Open Evening, 1960s Fashion, on the 30th September (£5 with cheese and wine). Please let Lorraine know if you want to go.

Willoughby Parish Council

Community Survey

In total, 198 surveys were delivered to every household in the parish and 56 surveys were returned - 26 online and 30 on paper. We wish to thank everyone who returned a survey; we appreciate your time and thoughtful responses and look forward to sharing the findings at the Annual Community Meeting.

Annual Community Meeting - Tuesday, 20 September 2022

The meeting is at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall. This will be an informal occasion with light refreshments served. As residents, this is your opportunity to give your point of view about what you would like to see happen in the future.

The information from the community survey will be shared at the meeting but we are happy to listen to additional ideas and to answer questions (where we can). This is also an ideal opportunity for residents to meet councillors and the parish clerk where you do not know us. Please come and join us.

Neighbourhood Watch

Rachel Settle has resigned as the Coordinator. The Parish Council wishes to thank her for all her work on this over the years. Rachel's resignation means that we now need a new Coordinator or Coordinators (if two people would like to work together). Specifically, we would ask the volunteer(s) to do two things:

1. Act as the contact for residents to raise concerns e.g. strange vehicles, people acting suspiciously and to report these to the police.
2. Use the property marking kit to mark residents' property, when requested.

If you could do this for your community, please contact either

Mike Thomas: mike.anthony.thomas@gmail.com 01788 891338 or

Jo Jarman: willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com 07809 197817

Play Rangers

The five Play Rangers sessions on Monday afternoons were a great success with mostly under 9 year olds attending. There were lots of different games for the children to play which they did enthusiastically. Quite a number of parents and carers also came and enjoyed the social aspect too.

Willoughby Society

Our September meeting is on the 28th and will be a Games & Social Evening. Carpet Bowls to Dominos, Giant Jenga to board games. Plenty of different ones to try and time to catch up with everybody else. Bring your own drinks etc. if you wish.

October 26th will be a film night with Top Gun Maverick (if it is released in time) and Grease leading of the selection race at the moment.

Everyone is welcome at our meetings, do come along.

We have arranged a return visit from Sunjay and also have two Live & Local shows next year marked with an '*' below. Make sure these dates are in your diary

1 19th November 2022 Sunjay in Concert

2* 27th January 2023 Paul Walker & Karen Pfeiffer with Auf Wiedersehen Me Duck

3* 4th March 2023 She'Koyokh in Concert

Saturday, 17th September 1:30pm

Viewing & BBQ

Amenity Garden Main Street

An Event To Mark the Completion of the Platinum Renovation Project

Come and have a look around the newly fenced garden, talk to some of the people that helped, see the newly planted Village Christmas Tree and, of course, enjoy a chat and the BBQ with fellow villagers.

There will be a Simple BBQ with some drinks (adults £5 age 5-16 £2.50) Please let Val Taylor know if you would like BBQ tickets (fitnesswithval@gmail.com, 07767 205047)

Although there are a number of seats in the garden now you may want to bring a chair with you to sit and enjoy the garden and the BBQ. The Village Hall has been booked in case the weather is unkind!!

Notices:

INVITATION

We would like to invite you to a meeting at the Rose Inn on Wednesday the 7th of September at 7pm to meet the new owner, Martin Pitcher. Martin will be able to give you details of his background, his reasons for buying the Rose and his long term plans for the future.

We hope you will be able to come.

Rudi and Gillian Prymaka

Big Tea Coffee Morning - Pat Atkins, Di MacKnight and Pat James would like to thank all the villagers, friends and family who supported the Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th July. It was a lovely morning with a wonderful atmosphere. Thanks to everyone who helped to set up, provided cakes, and generally helped out. We are extremely pleased to say that we raised £1,070 for the Motor Neurone Charity. Thank you!!

Village Hall Jumble Sale - 22nd October 2022, 2:00pm, details next issue. Please keep good items of clothing, bric a brac, toys etc. for the sale.

Church

The long hot summer has delayed our community garden plans but we will be continuing with this. If anyone has old garden tools they can donate it would be appreciated. Contact Karen (kjndon@aol.com), Andrea (mrsandreaahughes@btinternet.com or Sue (susanwaddington2@btinternet.com).

Several Explore the churchyard days have been held in August and also a talk about stained glass windows. It is hoped by the time the Willoughby Monthly goes to print the 3D building scan will also be completed. Further events are planned in the next few years and are supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It is a wonderful opportunity for people to get involved. Many are free. We will post on social media, put posters up and flyers around the village. Feel free to contact any of us.

Our first Heritage Trail quiz leaflet has arrived back from the printers. A chance to learn obscure facts about our church. It introduces Charlie the Church mouse, our mascot and who has many friends in the church. Watch out for some of them when visiting. Children and adults are invited to write stories and poems about our little mouse and his exploits. We hope with the help of the National Lottery to be able to put these in an illustrated book and have it printed.

The photos for the calendar have been passed around and voted on. The final twelve will form our 2023 Calendar.

September 12th sees the long-awaited start of our two building projects. The replacement of the nave roof and stonework repairs to our lovely church and the toilet and tea making facility which has been over twenty years in the planning. Whilst the build is in progress entry into the church is **not** allowed from Monday to Friday, due to the risk of plaster etc. falling. There will be hard hat tours to see the work in progress and guest speakers organised. The organ will be sheeted and covered. We can, however, still hold our twice monthly services and funerals provided that sufficient notice is received.

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Crime prevention: Property marking is a deterrent to burglars and increases the likelihood of stolen items being recovered. To be resumed when a new Co-ordinator is trained. In the meantime the PCSO may be able to tell you where a marking session is being held.

Police Community Support Officers 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: New Coordinator Needed see Parish Council item above.

Date	Organisation	Event	
07-Oct-22	Church	Harvest Craft Workshop	Church
04-Nov-22	Church	Bonfire & Fireworks	
19-Nov-22	Willoughby Society	Sunjay in Concert	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 e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net or call Hannah on 01788 726289.