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Welcome to May's edition. I am sure some of the sharper eyed amongst you noticed I forgot to change the date on the last WM so we had two March editions, apologies for that. I send it for proof reading too so some of us clearly need to go to Specsavers but mainly me!

This month, of course, sees the Coronation of Charles III at Westminster Abbey, alongside Camilla, Queen Consort. For many of us, this will be the first Coronation we have seen in our lifetimes and our village organisations do not disappoint with ways to help us celebrate. Please check the diary dates and inside the newsletter for more information - I hope you will be able to come along to some of the events. It's a great opportunity to get to know your fellow villagers better too.



The Parish Council have been advertising for a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for a while - could this be you? It is usually at the bottom of the WM, where it has, perhaps, been overlooked. According to a review by the College of Policing, it is estimated that for every 100 crimes an average of 26 were prevented by Neighbourhood Watch. The role of a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator is to set up and maintain a Neighbourhood Watch scheme within their neighbourhood. They'll be in contact with the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team who will help clarify what is involved and the initial steps to take. Please contact Jo Jarman, willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com or on 07809 197817 if interested.

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
07-May-23	1PM	Willoughby Society	Coronation Big Lunch Picnic	Village Hall
08-May-23	2-4PM	Thursday Club	Coronation Cream Tea	Village Hall
11-May-23	2.30PM	Thursday Club	Greenacres Rural Enterprises	Village Hall
11-May-23	7PM	Quiz	Pub Quiz	The Rose
13-May-23	1PM	Church	Maypole Dancing & Big Draw	Church
14-May-23	11AM	Church	Allsorts service and Children's Choir	Church
16-May-23	7.30PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
18-May-23	12.30PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, The Red Lion	Hellidon
18-May-23	12.30PM	W.I	Annual dinner, Arnold Arms	Barby
23-May-23	7PM	Church	Lost Railways talk	Church
27-May-23	12PM	Church	Soup & Social	Village Hall
28-May-23	11AM	Church	Holy Communion tbf by AGM	Church

Parish Council News

Election of Parish Councillors on 4 May 2023 - The election is uncontested. Notification from the Returning Officer for Rugby Borough Council states that the following were duly elected for Willoughby: Margaret Beech, Rod Honess, Malcolm Lewis and Stuart Sheppard. Although there is no need to hold a poll, the candidates will not be elected until Thursday, 4th May 2023 or entitled to take up office until the existing members retire on Tuesday, 9 May 2023.

Mike Thomas - Mike decided not to stand for re-election this year. We wish to thank him for his many years of service to the community as a councillor and, in later years, as Chair of the Council. His knowledge and commitment have been greatly appreciated and we wish him all the best for the future.

New councillor - Based on population, Willoughby should have five councillors. As a result of Mike's decision to stand down, we wish to co-opt a new councillor. If you care about your local community and have the time, please consider becoming a councillor. A Notice of Co-option will be posted on the website and on the noticeboard shortly. For more information, please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, at willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com or on 07809 197817.

Annual Community Meeting (ACM) held on 27 April 2023. The deadline for submission of articles for the May edition of the Willoughby Monthly means that information about the ACM will be in the June edition.



New Stagecoach Bus Service - Service D1 now runs from Braunston via Willoughby (A45 bus stop) and Longdown Lane to rejoin the route at Barby. The service runs hourly between Rugby and Northampton via Daventry. There is a link to the new timetable under News on the website www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org

Next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Thursday Club

8 May Coronation Cream Tea : 2 - 4pm, Village Hall, £5 (or £3 for children) see Coronation Flyer, distributed separately, for further details.

11 May: 2.30pm Village Hall: Heather, Greenacres Rural Enterprises, Daventry

18 May 12.30pm Pub Lunch - Red Lion, Hellidon NN11 6LG

New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805



W.I



Following on from the Coronation celebrations, Willoughby W.I. celebrate our Annual Dinner at the Arnold Arms, Barby on the 18th May. Please make sure Pat has your menu choices and money as soon as possible. Anybody requiring transport please contact Pat

Village Hall

HEATING PROJECT - this is ongoing - we are still applying for suitable grants to fund the project and we're still looking into the best system for our Village Hall needs.

KITCHEN PROJECT - A lot of hard work has been put in to applying for grants to fund this project by our committee member Kim Taylor and we're pleased to report success!! We have secured 2 grants and work should begin in June.

Willoughby Society

Coronation Weekend

I hope that you all have your flags ready for the Coronation on the 6th of May. Preparations for our village events will start on Friday 5th May, if you can help to decorate the village hall gardens we will be congregating from 4pm to string the bunting and at 5pm we will be raising the Coronation flag ready for the big day on Saturday 6th May. Our Coronation Big Lunch Picnic is being held on Sunday 7th May. If you haven't already booked a table for your picnic, please let Leonie Tromans know, tel:01788 890700, email: secretaryengxiii@aol.com. We will be setting up for the event from 11.30am on the 7th, please come along if you can help with the setting up of tables and decorations. This is our eleventh Big Lunch celebration and we will be joining millions across the country in this community celebration. Our event will be opened by the Parish Council at 1pm with a special tree planting ceremony followed by a presentation of commemorative mugs. The Big Lunch picnic will follow the presentation and weather permitting will be held in the village hall gardens.

Eurovision song contest

Many of you will have seen the notice on the Willoughby Facebook group advertising this event, for those of you who do not use FB; - The evening will start at 6pm with kids disco. This will be followed by a Eurovision party for all ages from 7.30pm with live screening of the Eurovision finals from 8pm. Rather than selling tickets for the event we will be taking donations on the night for Ukraine. To secure a seat contact Emily Ledson, 48 Main St or one the Willoughby Society committee; Leonie, Val T, Ann, Jo or Val B. Bring your own drinks and snacks.

Film Night

This evening is not restricted to members of the Willoughby Society and everyone is welcome. Wednesday 31 st May 7.30 pm. 'Top Gun Maverick' described as "A high class spectacle and the ultimate feel-good movie of the last decade." "The perfect adrenalin rush, with thrilling aerial action, the likes of which the world has never seen." Fit for viewing by persons 12 years or more because it contains infrequent strong language. Under the terms of our licence, we are not permitted to charge for viewing but if you would like to make a donation for tea and coffee refreshments it would be gratefully received. Anything stronger you need to bring along yourselves.



Willoughby Funds

There are two funds currently held by the village which pay out grants on an application basis to residents of the village. The **Willoughby Education Foundation** awards grants to village residents under the age of 25 for extra curriculum educational activities and to schools attended by village students. Examples of these include textbooks for further education, educational school trips, sports clubs, computers and music studies. Under the **Willoughby Fund**, a limited number of funds are available for discretionary grants for help with personal expenditure such as spectacles, dentures and other specialist items. For further information or to make an application, please email the clerk, Helen Heckford, at hheckford@icloud.com



St Nicholas Church

As we write this Scarecrow Sunday is approaching. Another event made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The external part of the restoration and repair work is nearly complete and scaffolding will be coming down. We are so appreciative of the talents of the conservation builders and stonemasons. Internally work still has to be done repairing damage caused by the leaky roof. On top of that whilst we have the scaffolding in place we are hoping to be able to do some repair and restoration work on the north aisle walls. The plaster is crumbling there and it makes sense to get as much done whilst we can to save paying for a second lot of scaffolding at a later date. This is not part of our National Lottery Heritage Fund grant. We have been very fortunate to be allowed to repair the porch roofs and the north aisle ceiling as part of the project. This final stage is scheduled to start towards end May with completion end June.

We have been very lucky to secure another grant from Janet and Bryan Moore Trust towards the north aisle walls of £5000 and we are now about £4000 short. A generous donation of £1000 has helped our funds. It has been agreed that as much as possible will be done with funds available. Hopefully we shall see most completed.

Our Fashion Through The Ages show was very well attended and enjoyed. Wanda Fashions joined in the fun and Paula was very patient with the distractions - many thanks there.

May sees Maypole dancing, the big draw an event in church aimed at encouraging all to have a go. The children's choir will once again be singing at our Allsorts Service, A talk on the railways by Kim Taylor and our last soup and social before our summer break and our Annual General Meeting after the Communion Service. We would love it if some people feel they could join our merry group in the PCC.



We have a wide variety of events and activities planned. The Community Garden will hopefully start to take shape after we managed to find someone to do some of the heavy work in order to get some structure in place. Volunteers always welcome. The Heritage Weekend on July 8th and 9th is taking shape, rumour has it the Vikings may visit for the weekend among other activities. Further information contact Karen 07866572209, kjndon@aol.com. Andrea 891313, Sue 07889532810

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Police Community Support Officer - PCSO David Banks. **Please note PC Matt Birch is our new PC for the village.** The team have an e-mail address: rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk If you wish to report a crime please report it via the Warwickshire Police website or phone 101. Obviously, in an emergency please dial 999.

Neighbourhood Watch: **New Coordinator Needed - is anyone interested in taking on this role?** Please contact Jo Jarman, the Parish Clerk. For contact details please see Parish Council article.

Do let me have your ideas for improving the WM and, of course, any articles or notices you have for your fellow villagers. The deadline for submission of items is always the 15th of the month. Send them to Hannah Gowney-Hedges, College Farm, Main Street.

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