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Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to June's edition. The summer solstice is nearly upon us and perhaps you, like me, are wondering how we got here so fast?! Last month saw us enjoying some fantastic village gettogether's, the sun shone down on our Big Coronation Lunch and it was great to see so many village kids enjoying themselves and getting to know each other better both there and at the disco before the Eurovision screening. I think the less said about how the UK got on in that particular competition, the better!

June appears to be a quieter month for the village, but it does precede the Willoughby festival on the 1st July with lots of different activities on for adults and children alike. Please check out the dates for your diaries below. Hannah

Message from Mike Thomas

Having been Chair of the Parish Council for 17 years and decided to step down as a Councillor I have reflected on this time and on a lot that has been achieved. The achievements that have been made are down to the hard work of many Councillors during this time and it is important that they are recognised. The past members are Tony Thomas, Richard Heckford, Ant Ray, Rachel Settle, Alan Belgrove and Ben Hallam and those still serving are Maggie Beech, Rod Honess, Malcolm Lewis and Stuart Shepherd together with the Clerk Jo Jarman. I would also thank Dennis Neville who served as the previous Clerk for 30 years. Mike

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
08-Jun-23	9am	Willoughby Society	Boat Trip	Braunston Marina
08-Jun-23	7pm	quiz	pub quiz	The Rose
10-Jun-23	4-6pm	Church	Bellringing	Church
11-Jun-23	11am	Church	Allsorts Service	Church
13-Jun-23	7:30pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
15-Jun-23	7:30pm	W.I	Tai Chi	Village Hall
25-Jun-23	11am	Church	Holy Communion	Church
29-Jun-23	11:45-1pm	Willoughby Society	Guided tour Ryton Organic Gdn	Ryton Organic

Parish Council News

Chair of the Parish Council

At the Annual Council Meeting on 16 May 2023, Maggie Beech was elected as Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

New councillor

Willoughby now has only four councillors and we should have five. We, therefore, wish to co-opt another councillor. If you care about your local community and have the time, please consider becoming a councillor. A Notice of Co-option inviting applications has been posted on the website, the noticeboard and the WM Facebook page. The closing deadline is 30 June 2023. Applications will be considered at the meeting on 11 July 2023. For more information, please read the Co-option Policy and Procedure on the website and/or contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, at willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com or on 07809 197817.



Annual Community Meeting (ACM) held on 27 April 2023

The meeting was attended by 19 residents. Councillors gave updates on progress and next steps on four initiatives which seek to maintain and, where possible, improve our community. Residents were invited to comment and ask questions about these Community Action Reports, as well as to raise other matters they were concerned about. The Reports and notes from the meeting are available on the website under News. If you would like paper copies, please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk.

Dates of the period for the Exercise of Public Rights

The dates between which the public has a right to inspect the Parish Council's accounts, for the year ended 31 March 2023, are from 5 June to 14 July 2023. Further information can be found on the Notice of Public Rights posted on the website and noticeboard from 2nd June 2023.

Play Rangers

Weekly play sessions, run by Rugby Borough Council Play Rangers in the playing field during the summer holidays, are being arranged and, once the dates and times are finalised, these will be advertised.



Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 13 June 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

W.I

15 June 7.30pm Tai Chi. Come and find out about this ancient practice - there will be an opportunity to try some of the moves - visitors always very welcome just come along on the night



St Nicholas Church

We hope you have had time to see the wonderful work our conservation builders have done on the church. Most of our external build work is complete. We still have the buttresses and west window to have rendered. Internally some ceiling repair work and redecoration of damaged areas both north and south aisles is all that is left of the National Lottery Heritage work. In addition we are hoping to be able to get the plaster of the north aisle walls repaired and redecorated where damage has occurred. It makes sense to do this whilst we have the scaffolding in place to save costs later on. We are still facing a shortfall for this part of the work despite a grant and donations. All our fund raising is being channelled into this and we will get as much as we can completed. People have been so generous giving up time and supporting us. The final stage of work is due to start end May and through June. Completion beginning July. It will be lovely to see the church emerge from all this upheaval.



On Tuesday 16th May the St Nicholas church children's choir went and sang beautifully at Galanos House British Legion Care Home. They have worked so hard and were really appreciated.

Our big event is our Heritage Weekend the weekend of 8/9th July. If anyone wants a stall or details please contact Sue 07889 532810. Or Karen 07866572209. Or can volunteer to help at all. Finally a big thank you to all who support and volunteer. It is so much appreciated. We couldn't do it without you.

Further information contact Karen 07866572209, kjndon@aol.com . Andrea 891313, Sue 07889532810

Thursday Club

After all the festivities in May, we have a blank in June. Then a combined BBQ and Garden Party on 20 July. New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891805

Village Hall

HEATING PROJECT - no further news as yet but we're on the case!

KITCHEN PROJECT - members of the committee will be meeting with the kitchen fitters this week to finalise details. A beautiful new cooker has been purchased! Work is still scheduled for the beginning of June - we'll inform our usual hirers of exact starting date but the bar area will still be available to make drinks.

COMMEMORATIVE TREE - A beautiful winter flowering cherry tree has been planted in Village Hall grounds to commemorate our late Queen Elizabeth. Many thanks to the Parish Council for providing the tree and plaque.



Willoughby Society

Coronation Weekend

I am so pleased that the Coronation events and our own celebrations went off without a hitch, even the weather behaved.

Trips this month.

This month we have two trips planned, the first of which is a full day canal boat trip on Thursday the 8th of June. We have two boats reserved for us giving us the capacity to accommodate 24 people. In the first instance places will be reserved for Willoughby Society and Thursday club members. If you would like to attend and you are not a member of either of the groups, then please still register your interest and you can be added to a list should all the places not be filled. The trip starts from Braunston Marina at 9am and travels to the New Inn at Buckby Wharf for lunch then returns to Braunston. Please register your interest in joining the trip as soon as possible with Leonie Tromans. secretaryengxiii@aol.com the trip is free although a donation to the staff would be welcome.



The second trip that we have planned is on Thursday 29th June. The trip is a guided tour of **Ryton Organic Garden centre**. The tour starts at 11.45am till 1pm and costs £7.50 per person. The tour is open to members and non-members. If we get sufficient numbers, we will book a DACT bus to take us all there and back, the bus will pick up at the village hall at 11am. If we do not get sufficient for a bus, we will advise anyone that has booked if you need to make your own way. Non-members £14 includes tour and bus. Please book your place and pay by Bank transfer or cash before the 15th of June. Leonie Tromans, email as above.

Lastly don't forget to put Saturday the 1st of July in your diaries. This is our traditional **Willoughby Festival**. It will follow the usual format starting at 1pm with side shows, refreshments, and races, and special medals marking the Coronation year for all children taking part. In the evening we have a band booked to entertain us. Tickets for the evening are only £10, under 16s free. Leonie Tromans, secretaryengxiii@aol.com or 01788 890700.



Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Police Constable - PC Matt Birch

Police Community Support Officer - PCSO David Banks.

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.

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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*Thank
you!*