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Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to September's newsletter - well, here we are, summer holidays over, kids heading back to school, the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us. Summer was unseasonably wet and often chilly, let us hope September is more kindly disposed.

After a quieter summer period, village events are starting to gear up again. Maybe it's time to think of getting involved with one of our many organisations with lots of things on offer from films to days out. If you can get involved in helping to tidy up our village nature reserve at Haywards Lodge (on the A45) on 20th September, your time would be much appreciated.

We have had a terrific response to the plea for more AED volunteers - thank you everyone! Please see an update from Kim Taylor inside the newsletter. Hannah

Pat Atkins would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended "Time for a Cuppa" on Saturday 29th July and bought cakes, plants, produce and raffle tickets. Also thanks to those people who helped me to set up, made cakes and endless cups of tea and coffee and cleared up afterwards. There was a lovely atmosphere in the village hall and your kind donations resulted in us raising a brilliant £1,150 for the Dementia UK.

thank you

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
08-Sep-23	5-7pm	Church	Harvest Craft Event	Church
10-Sep-23	11am	church	Harvest service	Church
10-Sep-23	12.15pm	church	Harvest lunch	Village Hall
12-Sep-23	7.30pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
14-Sep-23	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Film show - A Foreign Field	Village Hall
20-Sep-23	11am	Warks Conservation	Haywards Lodge tidy up	Haywards Lodge
21-Sep-23	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch Long Itchington	Duck on the Pond
21-Sep-23	7.30pm	W.I	Jennifer Rigby comedy sketch	Village Hall
23-Sep-23	12-2pm	Church	soup & social	Village Hall
24-Sep-23	11am	Church	Holy Communion	Church
24-Sep-23	2.30pm	Willoughby Society	BBQ	Amenity Garden

Parish Council

Village - Street Lighting Upgrade

The Parish Council is in the process of analysing three quotes for upgrading the street lighting to LEDs. Once this has been done, funding to enable the upgrade will be considered either at the Parish Council meeting on 12 September or 10 October. Residents are asked to look out for the agendas for these meetings and to attend the relevant one, if they wish to share their views about the proposed upgrade.

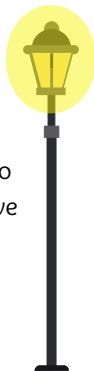
An LED upgrade will result in a significant saving on the current electricity and maintenance costs. In addition, when our existing fixed price contract ends in July 2024, it is expected that electricity costs could double. If we do not upgrade, it means we will have excessive and increasing maintenance and running costs. Further information, about the proposed lighting, quotes and funding mechanism, will be provided in due course.

Woolscott Road - Street Lighting Upgrade

The latest information from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) is that we are waiting for a 15m light installation by Gate Farm which will then 'energise' the remaining, previously installed, street light run along the Woolscott Road. The delivery time on this is estimated to be in excess of 12 weeks. Stuart Sheppard will continue to contact WCC regularly so that we can be kept up to date with what is planned and when.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 12 September 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.



W.I

Willoughby WI invite members and guests to:

Albert, worms & George, don't do that! comedy classics of the past:

Victoria Wood, Joyce Grenfell, and Pam Ayers with performance extracts

Presented by Jennifer Rigby

Thursday 21 September 2023, Willoughby Village Hall, Time - 7.30pm

Tickets £5 to include buffet - Booking essential for catering purposes.



contact Lorraine on email: graham.geddes879@btinternet.com or Tel: 01788 890846



Thursday Club

14 September, 2.30pm Village Hall: Film show - 'A Foreign Field', nostalgic comedy drama, so they tell me.

21 September, 12.30pm Pub Lunch, The Duck on the Pond, Long Itchington CV47 9QJ

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

Willoughby Society

Fortunately for all of us the weather for the Village Festival Day was just right and both the day and our evening event went off without having to revert to shelter. A combination of the Refreshments and the sideshow games netted £285. This will be ringfenced in the Village Event fund to support not only the village festival day but also events such as the Amenity Garden BBQ, Christmas carols in the garden and Children's parties. The proceeds from both the First Responders stand and the Face painting went to their respective organisations. Thank you all for supporting the day and making it a success. The date for next year has already been pencilled in as Saturday the 22nd of June.

We should have a meeting in September, but due to a bereavement we have postponed the talk.

We do have a couple of events in September though. On the 20th of September the Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers will be coming to Haywards Lodge to give it a tidy and clear. All help it will be gratefully received as many hands make light work.

Amenity Garden BBQ

On Sunday 24th September at 2.30pm weather permitting we will be holding the Amenity Garden BBQ. This is not a Willoughby Society event so everyone is welcome to join us. The proceeds this year will go towards the money needed to lay the hedge at the allotments.



Our next Willoughby Society event will be on the evening of Friday 10th of November when we will be joined by the Rugby Male Voice Choir. The choir sings a wide variety of music from much-loved favourites of the typical male voice repertoire to songs from shows and more contemporary numbers, there are bound to be some songs that you are familiar with and can sing along to. This event is also open to everyone, not just Willoughby Society members so please come and join in. More details to follow in next month's edition.



Leam Valley First Responders



Willoughby residents have rallied in response to an appeal for more people to join the AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) Volunteers and we have more than doubled those available to be called on to 11 with 3 more awaiting training. The process involves some basic training in AED use and CPR to improve the survival chances of someone unfortunate enough, so suffer a cardiac arrest in the village. The golden time to receive CPR/defibrillation is only eight minutes so the AED volunteers callout scheme provides that possibility whilst the ambulance travels to the village...

Many thanks to all those who came forward to join - you are all Super Heroes!

CPR alone can improve survival chances - do YOU know how to do it? Would you like to learn this simple but amazing "life skill"? The next training session for AED Volunteers on Wednesday 15th November at 1930 hrs in Willoughby Village Hall. It will be opened up for anyone to attend with no expectation to join the callout scheme at all - just a chance for you to learn this simple skill and maybe give some poor soul the amazing gift of life... Everybody is welcome and there is absolutely no charge - so not a bad way to spend a dark, cold November evening eh?... Come and join us. Drop me (Kim Taylor) a line please at kimtqhf@gmail.com or text me on 07771 908434 if you are coming - just so I know how many to expect. I will get a reminder out again closer to the date.

St Nicholas Church

A delay due to damp on our internal work means the much awaited completion never materialised. We are hoping that once this newsletter goes to print we will be in a much better position. Thank you to everyone for the support offered and given. For those who help and who attend our events and activities it means so much.

Our community garden continually offers peace and a chance to unwind. Any bunny unfriendly plant donations always welcome.

Moving into the autumn we have activities and events planned. Not forgetting our soup and socials restart. Quick reminder also our craft evenings are free events enabling anyone to come along and have creative fun.

On the National Lottery Heritage Fund we still have promises to fulfil. More Heritage puzzles to solve. Our tower mystery and graveyard challenge has kept people busy. A visit to the archives in Oxford another one planned to Warwick. No stone unturned.

Tickets for Harvest Lunch Sept 10th are £10 available from Karen 07866572209, Jackie 01788 891191, Andrea 01788 891313. In the Village Hall. Glass of wine included. Food donations for the food bank please.

Our calendars are once again available £5. They will be at all soup and socials or contact Karen, Andrea, Sue Waddington.



Finally a 1940s Tea Dance is planned on Nov 11th in aid of Royal British Legion at the Village Hall. A real community event supporting by using our Village Hall to enable future generations to enjoy this valuable village commodity.

Willoughby Darts Team

Calling all darts players! The team, normally based at The Rose Inn, are looking for some new blood to play in the forthcoming Rugby District Winter League. Matches are Thursday evenings, 8pm onwards, September to April; informal practice on Monday evenings.

Why not get involved, whether you have ever played or not! We all have to start somewhere!! Beginners welcome to come and have a try with absolutely no commitment! For more details ring Rod on 890652.



Police and PCSO

Police Constable - PC Matt Birch and 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 and/or 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 at College Farm, Main Street.

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*Thank
you!*