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Willoughby
Near Rugby
10th August 1979

Mr. P. Brownlow
Secretary Willoughby Society

WILLOUGHBY SILVER JUBILEE Committee

Dear Sir,

Recently the above committee has been disbanded following the completion of their "Terms of Reference", dated January 1977.

Enclosed is a write-up of the activities of that committee from January 1977 until August 1979 which takes the form of the brochure published in the Autumn of 1977 updated to include the Lychgate Project completed recently.

We hope that you will find the write-up of value for your records and would take this opportunity of thanking you for your help and support throughout the 2½ year operation.

Yours sincerely,

F.L. Mitchell

CHAIRMAN W.S.J.C.

Copies for information= Parish Council,
Parochial Church Council.

WILLOUGHBY SILVER JUBILEE COMMITTEE

Come to our first Money-making effort

A JUMBLE SALE to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 5th March, 1977, at 2.pom. Entrance Fee 5po Refreshments available.

Please sort out your Jumble and Collectors will call on you on Friday evening, 4th March.

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At the first meeting of the above Committee consideration was given mainly to organising a week of Jubilee Celebrations and your Committee have drawn up the following Diary of Events which they hope will meet with your approval.

Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Saturday

Sunday Monday Tuesday

28th May - Dance 29th May

30th May - Ladies v Gentlemen Evening Cricket Match. 31st May

1st June - Concert Evening in the Village Hall 2nd June

3rd June - Whist Drive in the Village Hall.

4th June - Barbecue & Disco in the Village Hall. 5th June - Special Church Service.

6th June - All Day Cricket Match with Side Shows & Stalls etc. 7th June - JUBILEE DAY - Children's Day with Maypole Dancing,

'Rose Queen', Fancy Dress, Sports for all, Children's Tea, and an Arts & Crafts Display in the Village Hall

The above all have to be confirmed but your Committee will keep you informed of any changes •

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The following have been proposed as suggestions for a Commemorative Project and it would be appreciated if you would kindly mark with a cross the Project of your choice. Any further suggestions can be noted on the tear-off slip which will be collected at the same time as your Jumble on 4th March.

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Repair of Church Carillon (no expenditure envisaged - Plaque to commemorate)

Church Lych-gate Seats

Trees

Rebuilding of Brook Bridge (west side) adjacent to Village Hall

Any other suggestions.

WILLOUGHBY

SILVER

JUBILEE

1977

The Willoughby Parish Council called a General Meeting on Thursday, 27th January, 1977, in the Village Hall.

The Agenda was "Our Queen's Silver Jubilee Year 1977 and what our village was going to do by way of special celebrations"

The Clerk to the Council read out correspondence already received by the Parish Council dated September and October, 1976, concerning County and Town activities toward raising cash.

The meeting decided that these letters were not relevant to our Villages efforts and consequently the Chairman (K Gealy) called for nominations for the Willoughby Silver Jubilee Committee

The village organisations were asked to nominate a person or persons to serve on the Committee, but nominated from the meeting were Mr. Jim Walton, Mr Alan Jones and Mrs. Audrey Mitchell

The Cricket Club had already nominated their Secretary, Mr. Fred Mitchell to serve and the Parish Council nominated Mrs. Vanessa

Cuthbert. Following their respective Committee Meetings the organisations further nominated:-

Church Council	Mrs. Barbara Walton
Willoughby Society	Mr. Joe Bussey
Women's Institute	Mrs. Betty Jones
Village Hall	Mrs. Jackie Gibbard & Mr. John Midwood
Football Club	Mr Jim Howkins Jnr

It was further agreed that the inaugural meeting of the new Committee be on Monday, 14th February, 1977, at 8opom. in the Village Hall.

The first meeting was duly attended; Mr Fred Mitchell was elected Chairman, Mrs Audrey Mitchell elected Secretary and Mrs. Betty Jones elected Treasurer

It was agreed that the Programme of Events would commence on Saturday, 28th May, 1977, and proceed to Jubilee Day - Tuesday 7th June, 1977

The Committee were unanimous in their approval of the "Diary of Events" drawn up as follows:-

Saturday 28th May	Dance
Monday 30th May	Ladies & Gents Evening Cricket Match
Tuesday 31st May	5-a-Side Football Tournament
Wednesday 1st June	Ryton Ladies Concert
Thursday 2nd June	Senior Citizens Mystery Trip Games Evening
Friday 3rd June	Whist Drive

Saturday 4th June	Barbecue & Disco
Sunday 5th June	Special Church Service
Monday 6th June	All Day Cricket Match with Sideshows and Stalls etc.
Tuesday 7th June	Jubilee Day - CHILDRENS DAY with Maypole Dancing, 'Jubilee Queen', Fancy Dress, Sports for all, Children's Tea and an Arts & Crafts Display

In order to finance the principal events the Committee decided to organise a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 4th March, 1977

A circular was prepared to advertise the Jumble Sale and to inform the village of the progress made toward organising the celebrations.

The Committee members were allocated a set number of houses to visit so that during the period immediately prior to the celebrations the village could be circulated quickly.

SATURDAY 5th MARCH, 1977

JUMBLE SALE

Village Hall

2.000p.m.

Admission 5p

Following the village circular which was distributed by Committee members, the Jumble was collected and assembled at the Hall on Friday evening, 4th March, and Saturday morning, 5th March.

A large variety of items were on sale - household items, clothes, hats, shoes etc., the larger items had been collected on a sale or return basis.

Committee members and their respective wives or husbands manned the stalls, the prices being largely "open to offer" sales were not especially difficult to make.

Refreshments were on sale for the buyers who came in their dozens from quite a few outlying areas.

The sale overall was a success - the Treasurer announced an event profit of £57.01 which included £5.20 from Tranter's of Rugby who collected the residue of goods from the Village Hall during the following week.

FRIDAY, 29th APRIL 1977.

A COUNTRY DANCE

Village Hall

8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets £1.00

Fund Raising - Numbers limited to 80 - Harvest Supper served at 8.30p.m. to commence the evening.

Catering by the Committee ladies and helpers, Mrs. Jackie Gibbard was in charge of arrangements.

The Country dancing, music by records, the Caller Mr. Robin

Spicer, commenced at 9.15.p.m.. Very few of the people present had been to a Country Dance before and it was especially pleasing to note that the ladies and gentlemen who were more experienced at this form of dancing encouraged the non-participants - to "have-a-goll and after a very short time everyone, 'was joining in the dancing to the absolute limit of some people's endurance.

Some 10 children attended which for them was a wonderful introduction to dancing proper - the expertise of Mr. Robin Spicer as Caller was evident from the start and

even with the additional problem of no microphone (Which was found to be broken at the beginning of the evening) he performed admirably and was congratulated by the Chairman of the Jubilee Committee at the end of the evening.

The variety of dances was endless, the appeal was universal from the "Country Girl" on the one hand to the "Red River Girl" on the other.

The operation of a Country Dance depends largely on the participation of all people attending and to this end the dancers of Willoughby excelled, not only for performing "well into the night", but for supporting what was for most of them a "first-time" event.

An evenings profit of £52.00 was announced •

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SATURDAY, 28TH MAY, 1977

JUBILEE DANCE

Village Hall

8.p.m. to 11.45 p.m.

Tickets 75p

Dancing to the Doug Draper Trio - Tickets circulated around the Village by the Jubilee Committee.

Tickets were slow to be sold but on the night a comfortable gathering of 70 people had a most enjoyable evening.

The Doug Draper Trio were new to the village social scene but in the unusual role of pianist/vocalist, Doug Draper provided a programme of music for dancing which was both varied and entertaining.

A number of his specialist singing spots had a Jubilee or Royalist theme and got our programme of events off to a flying start The Bar was organised and run by Tony Adkins.

A Prize Draw fur a bottle of Whisky raised £27002. 3.nd an event profit of £29.52 was announced.

Prior to the event the Jubilee Committee had completely decorated the interior of the Hall with streamers, Balloons and Union Jacks for the 10 days or events to follow.

MONDAY, 30TH MAY, 19770

LADIES & GENTS CCMBINED TEAMS

CRICKET MATCH

At the Green

6.45 p.m.

WEATHER : OVERCAST.

TEAMS:

S.G. Ivens (Capto)

Mrs. J. Gibbard (Capt.)

Mrs. J. Howkins

S. Pollard

W. Hall

Mrs. E. Pettifer

Mrs. R. Bussey

H. Chadwick

A. Payne

Mrs. V. Hall

Mrs. L. Stewart

J. Midwood

R. Harrison

Mrs. I. Gealy

Mrs. Jo Palmer

J. Bussey

R. Martin
Mrs. V. Cuthbert
A. Hatwell
Mrs. B. Walton
R. Adams
R. Whitfield
C. Jarvis

J. Warwick
G. Stewart
J. Hall
Mrs. R. Chadwick
Jo Howkins
K. Priest

The sight of Charlie Jarvis, Arthur Hatwell and Bill Hall playing their favourite game of yesteryear stirred many memories for the spectators. The ladies who entered into the spirit of the evening made the whole event worthwhile. The Cricket was very entertaining - so-much-so that some fielders (notably Mrs. Vera Hall) and certainly the umpires, Mrs. Betty Skelton and Jim Howkins Jnr., spent most of the time laughing at the antics of the other participants.

An excellent innings of 15 by Bill Hall and a praiseworthy 10 by Arthur Hatwell ensured a reasonable total of 69-12 for the Sidney Ivens team.

In reply the Jackie Gibbard team recorded 71-8 with John Midwood being 36 not out completely dominating the innings.

The ladies had prepared refreshments of Bread, Cheese, Pickle Onions, Black Pudding etc. the cost of which was defrayed by a collecting box operated on the night by Jim Walton.

The entire social event in the Pavilion after the match was attended by some 80 - 90 people and was an outstanding social success.

TUESDAY, 31ST MAY, 1977.

FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

7.00.p.m.

WEATHER: COOL WIND - SUNNY.

Football Tournament of 4 Teams organised by Jim Howkins Jnr. at the Big Ground pitch of the Willoughby F.C.

Teams:

(1) K. Priest (Capt.)

D. Rowe

R. Bostrom

K. Barden

W. Shilton

(2) H. Ogle (Capt.)

P. Sheaf

T. Truslove

W. Merchant

F. Mitchell

(4) E. Palmer (Capt)

B. Hall

K. Billingham

J. Walton

S. Berta

(3) A. Richardson (Capt.)

A. Baugh

R. Cox

A. Jones

F. Hallam

All the players who were conned into making an appearance had long since 'retired' from the game. The dress for the occasion was shorts and pumps which added to the attraction for the 100 spectators who turned up to witness the events of the night.

Jim Walton and Jim Howkins had marked out half-a-full-size Soccer Pitch and erected the appropriate size Goal Posts. The weather was right for football - cool, sunny and a light wind.

After the spectators had finished laughing at the sights which met their eyes, the tournament finally got under way with Team (1) v Team (2).

From the kick-off it was evident that stamina was going to be supreme on the night, grown men "rushing" all of 15 yards after the ball only to be upended within kicking distance of it! and taking a considerable time to pick themselves up before taking any further part, was funny to watch but very energy consuming. Indeed after 10 minutes there were some 'grey' faces sucking in oxygen as if it were their last!

Dennis Neville the Tournament Referee kept a close control over the match - without bias - even if some of the over-zealous tackling was technically a bookable offence. During the match Mr. Neville had occasion to show the 'yellow' card with a further threat of the 'red' card following an off-the-ball incident concerning Bill Shilton and Frank Hallam, this had been brought to his attention by the self-styled senior linesman Neal Hallam.

Other incidents were too numerous to mention in this report, but many of the injuries received were very evident some 10 days afterwards.

Team (2) beat Team (1) 1 - 0 and Team (3) beat Team (4) 1 - 0 In the final between Team (2) and Team (3) there was no score at full time but Team (3) won the tournament on penalties"

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Following the event most participants returned to the Cricket Pavilion for yet another social evening attended by some 50 people, the ladies again providing the usual refreshments.

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE, 1921.

RYTON LADIES CONCERT PARTY

Village Hall

8 p.m.

Tickets at 25p each were sold round the village and an audience of some 100 people attended"

The Hall entrance had been decorated overall with Flags and Bunting in traditional colours and made a very impressive sight for our visitors, this had been the work of one member of our Committee - Alan Jones whose efforts are to be highly commended.

A varied programme of acts had been prepared by the Ryton Ladies who did not charge for their services although the Jubilee Committee agreed to pay their entire travelling expenses amounting to £14,,00.

The programme ranged from selections from 'My Fair Lady' monologues - a solo tap-dancing performance - Spanish dancing and the evening's entertainment was brought to a close with the Ryton Ladies tribute to Jubilee Year consisting of famous folk songs of the four home countries.

During the interval Coffee, Orange Juice and biscuits were served at 5p per head by the Jubilee Committee.

An event profit of £10.36 was recorded

THURSDAY, 2 JUNE, 1977.

SENIOR CITIZENS MYSTERY
COACH TOUR

WEATHER: COOL BUT SUNNY (PERFECT)

Senior Citizens Mystery Coach Tour leaving the village at 2.00 p.m. collecting people from their homes and returning to the village hall for tea at 5.00 p.m.

All senior citizens had been circularised and invited to attend and 27 people joined the outing together with the Chairman, Secretary and Mrs. B. Jones from the Committee and Mrs. R. Howkins in an advisory capacity.

The tour took in a large number of Northamptonshire villages, noted for their picturesque quality.

Ashby St. Ledgers - Watford - West Haddon - Guilsborough Hollowell - Creton - Brixworth - Boughton - Litchborough - Maidford Adstone - Canons Ashby - Moreton Pinkney - Sulgrave (watering stop) Thorpe - Mandeville - Wardington - Chipping Warden - Byfield Charwelton - Daventry - Willoughby.

A tea was prepared by the Committee ladies and helpers in the Hall - each table was decorated with a posy of flowers and red, white and blue plates.

The Chairman welcomed everyone with special thanks to the

Coach driver - Mr. Bill Hall thanked the Jubilee Committee on behalf of all the senior citizens who attended ..

The persons on the Outing were as follows:-

Mrs. Holt

Mr. & Mrs. W .. Hall

Mrs. Stearne and friend

Misses Kingston

Mrs. Clarke

Mr . Fred Wooldridge

Mr. & Mrs. C. Jarvis

Mr. J . Howkins

Mr. & Mrs. Bamford

Mrs. I. Roach

Mr. & Mrs. A. Hatwell

Mr. Frank Wooldridge

Mr. F. Hubbard

Mrs. Fleming

Mr . & Mrs. Black

Mrs. V. Hall

Mrs. Tanser

Mr. & Mrs. J. Hall

Mrs. K. Palmer

THURSDAY, 2ND JUNE 1977.

GAMES EVENING

Village Hall

7.00 p.m

Entrance - Free

A Games Evening organised by the Jubilee Committee with a Table Tennis Tournament, Subbuteo Championship and Darts Competition. Prizes were awarded - and a Cup presented to the winner of the Subbuteo - donated by Mrs. V. Cuthbert.

Some 35 children attended the earlier part of the evening when some 26 different indoor games were organised.

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The winner of the Table Tennis was Lisa Sheaf.

" " " " Dart s was Emily Marlow.

" " " " Subbuteo was Tim Howkins.

The only casualty was a member of the West Bromwich Subbuteo Team who broke both legs

Later 20 adults arrived and tried their hand at the game of Table Tennis - this provided quite a few surprises, the ladies performing particularly well.

Refreshments were again served by the Committee during the evening.

In summarising the evenings efforts the Committee would like to record their special thanks to the youth of the village for their participation without which the night would not have been the success it undoubtedly was.

FRIDAY, 3RD JUNE, 19770

Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Halliday - Navigation House - who had generously donated to Committee funds during the initial appeal, decided to open their grounds and aviaries to the school children and Teachers of Willoughby School as an educational treat during Jubilee week.

All the children were entertained to refreshments and presented with a Jubilee Mug and Chocolate Orange.

The thanks of the Jubilee Committee are hereby recorded for this most generous gesture.

FRIDAY, 3rd JUNE, 1977.

GRAND PRIZE WHIST DRIVE

Village Hall

7.30 p.m.

Tickets 25p

Tickets were on general sale and Prizes were donated by all the Village organisations

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Parish Council Church Council Women's Institute

Willoughby Society Cricket Club Football Club

the Village Hall authorities waived charges for the evening as their contribution.

The Whist Drive was started at 7.40 p.m. and the M.C. was Committee Member - John Midwood.

There were 17 Tables +2 which had surprised the Committee's wildest expectations.

A raffle prize of Half a Bottle of Whisky was donated by Mr. & Mrs. J. Walton

At the half-way stage refreshments were served by the Committee ladies Mesdames Mitchell, Gibbard and Jones.

At the conclusion of the Whist Drive the Prizes comprising of Sherry, Biscuits, Coffee and Jubilee Mugs, were distributed to the following Prize. winners -

Mrs. Q. Hancock Mrs. P. Hall Mrs. E. Pettifer

Mr. J. Howkins Mr. D. Prudhoe Mrs. P. Thomas

The Raffle raised £7.75 and an event profit of £24.75 was announced.

SATURDAY, 4TH JUNE, 19770 BARBECUE & SUGAR & SPICE DISCO

Weather: Blustery and Overcast.

Village Hall 8.00 p.m. to 11.45.p.m. Tickets £1.50

Barbecue served at 9.30 p.m. to 110 people

Menu: Lamb Chop - Sausages - Onions Salad with Roll & Butter - Coffee.

A large canvas awning was erected by Alan Jones with assistance from Joe Bussey on the east side of the Hall and within this, the cooking facility was 'set-up'. The Lamb Chops were pre-cooked during the day and conveyed to the Hall where they were placed in dixies surrounded by boiling water.

The sausages were grilled on open trays over a Charcoal fire which provided the right atmosphere for 'open-air' serving. The Head Cook was Alan Jones with assistance from his staff of Joe Bussey, John Midwood and Jim Walton. One mishap - a sausage literally fell out of the frying pan into the fire much to the amusement of the onlookers and consternation of the Head Cook.

At the appointed hour of 9.30 p.m. the customers filed from the Hall (kitchen exit) and on production of half the entrance ticket were equipped with plate, knife and fork and filed past the serving counter to collect Roll and Butter, Salad, Lamb Chop and finally sausage direct from the Cooking Tray - together with the usual condiments which was consumed in the Village Hall on a variety of "Tables".

The entire serving operation took 20 minutes, and was most efficiently carried out even to the serving of Cups of Coffee after everyone (including staff) had been served.

Washing up was attended to by the Committee ladies and Mrs. Midwood.

The Sugar and Spice Disco provided the music for dancing

and by a careful blending operation by Paul Midwood (Joint Partner) managed to satisfy most people's musical tastes.

A most enjoyable evening eagerly awaited by all and was undoubtedly one of the successes of the week.

The evening was rounded off by the ceremonial playing (conducted by Paul Midwood) of the National Anthem which again brought to everyone's notice the purpose for which we were all celebrating.

The canvass awnings were dismantled post-haste to beat oncoming showers, Jim Howkins showing considerable promise as a "patrol leader" in assisting Jim Walton in tying guy ropes.

A somewhat surprising event profit of £99.30 was announced, this being mainly due to the Committee's insistence of pricing the Barbecue at a reasonable figure without giving the tickets away. This theory Was borne out by the fact that the event was a complete sell-out some 3 weeks before.

SUNDAY, 5th JUNE, 1977

CHURCH SERVICE

6.30.p.m.

A special Form of Prayer & of Thanksgiving Service was conducted by Mrs. Howes.

The Church Bells were rung to mark the occasion and the singing of Land of Hope and Glory was included in the special form of Service.

Following the Blessing there were 'Three Cheers for the Queen.

MONDAY, 6th JUNE, 1977.

ALL-DAY CRICKT MATCH

Weather: Showery Conditions.

WILLOUGHBY v PRESIDENTS XI

11.30.a.m. Start

1.30 p.m. Lunch

4.30 p.m. Tea

Due to heavy rain at 11.00.a.m. the start was delayed until 1.00op.m. to allow the wicket to dry sufficiently to enable play to start.

The President had invited his usual galaxy of stars from other Clubs to play in this invitation event and on paper at least his side was very representative.

The sides were:

PRESIDENTS XI

WILLOUGHBY

P. H. Sheaf (Capt.)

N. Hallam (Capt.)

G. Burton

L. Kemp

K. Witts

F. Mitchell

D. Billingham

R. Adams

T. Adkins

P. Stone

B. Shaw

P. Allibone

D. Emery

R. Anderson

C. Emery

B. J. Hall

N. Cotton

J. Sheaf

P. Bell

J. Howkins

J. Law

G. Ivens

Umpires R. Witts and A. D. Baugh

Scorer Mrs. Karen Stone

The Presidents XI batting first made an excellent start, Graham Burton (Courtauld, Nuneaton) and Kevin Witts (Flecknoe) putting on 75 for the first wicket and building on this steady start batted on for 52 overs making 198 for 7 wickets. Kevin Witts 92 Tony Adkins 43 not out Graham Burton 35

Willoughby openers Les Kemp and Phil Allibone were both out at 22 and it was left to Gil Ivens and Peter Stone to salvage

a difficult position and at 96 for 5 the game was swinging the Presidents way but some determined batting by the middle order saw Willoughby to a creditable draw 142 for 9 from 47 overs.

A canvas awning, kindly loaned by Kim Gibbard, was erected

next to the cricket club outbuildings to house the sideshows planned for the day.

During the rather miserable afternoon the Silver Jubilee Committee attempted to operate the dozen or so sideshows and a

very creditable £14.41 was taken for Committee funds, had the weather favoured us this figure could very well have reached £50.

A special word of thanks must go to the Cricket Club and all those ladies and gentlemen who assisted with the assembling of sideshows and awnings.

TUESDAY, 7TH JUNE, 1977.

JUBILEE DAY

Preparations for the big day had been under way for many weeks, but unfortunately as the 7th of June dawned, overcast skies prevailed and eventually heavy showers precluded the Committees preparations for the afternoons events. Not to be deterred the Committee and their many helpers began the task of preparation, with particular attention to the layout in the Schoolroom.

The Playing Field being the main stage of events was duly marked out for the Sports events - 50 yds. by 8 lanes (Olympic style) by Jim Howkins and the Chairman. Decorations and bunting were erected by Alan Jones.

The Arts and Crafts Exhibition was prepared by Mrs. Hilda Martin and her helpers using the display stands and covers etc. loaned by the Women's Institute. Many people displayed their talents for the remainder of the Village to view and the resultant display was magnificent. To we of lesser ability this part of our Jubilee Day only served to prove the point that one needs to !E! to succeed. The Exhibition was obviously "Jubilee" but the over-riding effect when one entered the Schoolroom was of beauty - from the Model Engines to Art in all its forms - Paintings, Jewellery, Needlework, Upholstery etc. An element of surprise was expressed by many visitors who could not believe the wide range of hobbies shown and the quality of all the exhibits.

In conjunction with the Exhibition a Prize Draw was held for 2 Paintings very kindly donated by Mrs. Clarke of Magdalan Road, which

raised £14.50 to the Jubilee Fund. The pictures were won by Mr. R. Yates (a visitor during Jubilee week) and re-donated and won by Mrs. B. Nurser of Braunston.

The afternoons events were commenced with the ceremony of Crowning the Jubilee Queen - Debbie Sutherland - who had been chosen from among the school-children along with her attendant - Simon Gibbard - and from among the "hand-maidens"

Donna Truslove read out the Crowning Speech whilst officially Crowning the Queen after which the entourage processed around the village School play-ground.

The Maypole Dancing, which has been an annual feature at our School for many years, then took place - given by the local children of the village who had been previously rehearsed by Mrs. B. Green, Headmistress. Music and final supervision was carried out by Mrs. F. Ivens and Mrs. G. Rowe.

After a hasty change of dress for many of the children some 33 entrants then took part in the Fancy Dress parade which was judged by Dr. and Mrs. Pygott and Mr. & Mrs. L. F. Mitchell.

The variety of costumes showed that a lot of time and effort had gone into the preparation for this event and the successful entrants were Leyton Truslove as Robin Hood and Joanne Cox as an Hawain Girlo Runners-up were Neil Jones as a Lifeguard. Tracy Ogle as a Jubilee Dancer, Alison Tanser as "Trouble in China" and Alison Skinner as "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary".

Following the Fancy Dress Parade everyone was invited to the Playing Field for the Children's Sports.

Children were split into age groups for the various races -

- 1). 25 yard dash
- 2). 50 yard dash
- 3). Sack Race
- 4). Three-legged Race
- 5). Wheelbarrow Race
- 6). Egg & Spoon Race

At the conclusion of the Heats and prior to the respective Finals, His Worship the Mayor of Rugby, Councillor Gordon Collett and Mrs. Collett, arrived to pay an official visit to Willoughby.

After a welcoming speech by the Chairman, Fred Mitchell, the Mayor and Mayoress were asked to start the Finals and present the respective prizes - Writing Pads, donated by Mr. T. Fletcher, Sweets and Lollipops.

Following the sports the children lined up - youngest in front to be led by the Chairman to the Village Hall for the Jubilee Tea splendidly prepared by members of the Women's Institute, the tables all being decorated for the Jubilee. Some 80 children under the age of 16 sat down to tea supervised by the ladies.

Meanwhile - Adult sports were under way at the Playing Field led off by a Wellie-Wanging Competition, among the many contestants being the Mayor of Rugby, complete with Chain-of-Office. The best throws - apart from one notable effort which almost demolished the kitchen window of the Rose Inn - were -

Mrs. Joce Hallam Ladies

Mr. Eric Palmer Gents

They received their "First Prize" lollipops from the Mayoress.

The children's sports were repeated for the adults but the age groups were somewhat different i.e.

Over 40 Over 30 Over 20 etc. etc.

prizes the same as previously - Lollipops.

One notable event was the Ladies Sack Race during which Mrs. Sabine and Mrs. Thomas collided with hilarious results.

The culmination of the days events was a Tug-of-War, teams being some 15-a-side, and despite the queries of some participants, we were all assured that the rope provided was capable of the job in hand. Under the coaching of Cyril Pettifer and Bill Hall the respective teams commenced the task and at full strain on the first pull the rope broke depositing all participants soundly on the ground in a galaxy of arms and legs much to the amusement of all!

A replacement rope was quickly provided and the winning pulls were completed by the Jim Howkins team.

The days events were brought to a conclusion by the ladies Tug-of-War.

Coffee, Sandwiches and Cakes were served to the many parents and friends who had gathered to make the afternoon a wonderful finale to the Silver Jubilee Week.

Official photographs were taken by Mrs. Pygott and Roy Whitfield.

Special All-day Insurance Cover was arranged by the Committee

Following a survey of the village by the Committee it was agreed that all children aged 16 years and under would receive from the Jubilee Committee a Silver Jubilee Crown and Commemorative Note Pad. These were distributed by Committee members.

In order that the Jubilee Committee could sound out the Village with reference to the Silver Jubilee project, a circular was distributed by the Committee members to establish a preference. The resultant vote was in favour of a Church Lychgate.

The Church Council have given the project their backing and the Committee are now in the process of drawing up plans and applying for a faculty to the Church Authorities.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 1). Willoughby Parish Council -
- 2). Willoughby Cricket Club
- 3). Willoughby Football Club
- 4). Willoughby Women's Institute
- 5). Willoughby Parochial Church Council
- 6). Willoughby Society
- 7). Willoughby Village Hall Management Committee
- 8). Willoughby Art Society
- 9). Staff and Children of Willoughby School
- 10). Taylor & K. W. Coaches
- 11). Ryton Ladies Concert Party
Mrs. B. Payne)

- 12). Mrs. C. Midwood) Preparation of Senior Citizens Tea
Mrs. M. Goode)
Mrs. L. Jones)
- 13). Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Halliday
- 14). 7th Bilton Scout Group
- 15). 'Sugar & Spice' Disco
- 16). Doug Draper Trio
- 17). Robin Spicer - Caller - Country Dance
- 18). Dr. & Mrs. F. Pygott
- 19). Mr. & Mrs. L. F. Mitchell
- 20). Mrs. Clarke
- 21). Mr. To Fletcher
- 22). Mrs. H, Martin
- 23). Mr. C. Jarvis
- 24). The Mayor and Mayoress of Rugby - Councillor & Mrs. Collett
- 25). Members of the Silver Jubilee Committee