



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to the June edition of the WM. A lot seems to have happened since the last time I wrote this piece. Murder at the Moulin, Scarecrow Sunday, and Music from the Movies, events that entertain. The telephone box has been restored and a new path laid at the Church. Shortly there will be the Family Activity Day and our Big Lunch. All part of Village life!! They only happen because of the volunteers who give up their time. Do please support their efforts and join in when you can.

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The Coventry, Solihull, and Warwickshire Superfast Broadband project has missed us out of its first phase. So we are consigned, it seems, to the slow lane for years. Mobile phone reception continues to be very patchy too. It is said that our properties will be worth 20% less because we have poor communications a percentage that is likely to get worse as more places get good fast services. Time to make sure our voices are heard!! see inside.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Jun-14	1:00 PM		The Big Lunch	Village Hall
08-Jun-14	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Communion	Church
12-Jun-14	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Garden Party	
14-Jun-14	2:00 PM	Willoughby Society / WCC	Jumble Sale	Village Hall
15-Jun-14	6:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
16-Jun-14	10:00 AM	WHS	Willoughby History Set	Village Hall
17-Jun-14	7:30 PM	Church	Healing Service	Broadwell Church
19 Jun 14	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch Friendly Inn	Frankton
19-Jun-14	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	"London with a Difference" Nick Chauner	Village Hall
21-Jun-14		W.C.C.	2nd Xi v Braunston	The Green
22-Jun-14	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
28-Jun-14	02:00 PM	WPC	Village Fete	Playing Field
29-Jun-14	10:00 AM		Willoughby Challenge Children's Football	Playing Field
29-Jun-14	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Communion	L'Hastings Church

Thursday Club

Thank you to everyone who supported our Tea, Cakes & Plants afternoon on the 17th May.

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be our Annual Garden Party, for members, on the 12th June at 2.30.

The Pub Lunch on the 19th June will be at the Friendly Inn at Frankton.

Willoughby Women's Institute

The June meeting will be on Thursday 19th at 7:30pm In the Village Hall, a change to the programme. Nick Chauner will replace Mrs. Short and the subject will be 'London with a difference' stage, screen, literature, music and Monopoly. The competition is for an old theatre programme.

Visitors are very welcome to join us for this meeting.

SCARECROW SUNDAY 2014

Although a somewhat unpredictable day, weather-wise, resulted in a lower attendance the scarecrow event was again a success. Thirty four scarecrows were posed and eighteen tabletop stalls selling a variety of items.

The winning Scarecrow in the competition was no. 28, the automated wildlife display at the allotments constructed by Keith Skinner, second was no. 34, Miss Muffet entered by Anya, Jo and Malcolm Lewis at the corner of White Barn Close and Third was no. 4, the friendly "cleaner robot" created by Nina Martin and Anna Brough in College Road.

The excellent standard of scarecrows took a lot of effort by the participants, without whom the event would not be possible. Thanks to all those who entered.

This year a total of £801 has been distributed between the Cricket Club, The Village Hall and the Church to assist them with their projects. The money was raised from the sale of Competition entry/map sheets, refreshments and raffle tickets. Additional money comes from donations by stallholders. Thanks to all who helped in any way, including the donation of cakes for the refreshments.

Well done to Di Macknight, Dorothy Ogle, Dennis Neville, and Jane Close, the organisers, and Bert Ogle who helped them and printed the entry/map sheets. RJ

Willoughby Telephone Box

You may have noticed that our rather tired and dreary telephone box has had a makeover and now looks bright and clean.

Well done Jackie Gibbard, Beryl Hallam, and Pat James, who can be seen at work in the photograph (taken by Linda Belgrove). Phil Cox and Bert Ogle provided some specialist assistance too!!

All we need now is Royal Mail to spruce up their pillar box.



St. Nicholas's Church

The mystery 'Murder at the Moullin' unfolded around a three course supper. The cast and crew did a great job and kept the audience guessing to the end and the creative work done to create a club was fantastic. The drama was written by Karen Duggan. Thanks to everyone who helped or supported the play. The evening raised £1043.00 for church funds.

Thank you to the Team of volunteers who have completed the construction of the footpath to the Garden of Remembrance. The materials were financed from the funds remaining after the planting of the Flower bed in the Churchyard.

We are also very grateful to the Scarecrow Team for their donation to the Church.

Willoughby Society

It's been a busy six months, three events (Gabriela, The Hungry Heart, and Music from the Movies & More), six meetings with talks ranging from 'My Life in Prison', to Exotic Vegetable Growing, to The Victorian Schoolroom. Time for our summer break!!

Don't forget the Society sponsored Big Lunch on the 1st June, The Jumble sale, jointly organised with the cricket club, on the 14th June, and the car rally at the end of July.

Let's hope we have some good weather to enjoy over the summer.

Do You Want Better Mobile Phone & Broadband Performance?

Mobile phone coverage is very patchy in and around the village and doesn't seem to improve despite promises over the years - Will we ever get acceptable coverage in Willoughby ?

If you feel that your broadband speeds aren't good enough and aren't satisfied with the way Superfast Broadband is being delivered then together we have three options:

1. pay BT Openreach to upgrade our BT cabinet (£42,000!!),
2. do nothing and hope that, eventually, better service will arrive;
3. or, as advised by our parish council at the annual meeting, lobby our Borough Councillor, County Councillor, and Member of Parliament, to:
 - a) use their influence to ensure the village gets excellent communications sooner rather than later making sure we are not overlooked/neglected again and
 - b) that funds made available by RBC, WCC, and Government, for Superfast Broadband are being used effectively and as expected.

Why does it matter?

1. The lack of reliable communications are a hindrance for everyone and can delay getting help in an emergency. Slow broadband makes the use of online services difficult and sometimes impossible e.g. people who are required to complete self-assessments for HMRC, and excludes us from streamed High Definition video content.
2. Recent reports suggest that the value of your home will be reduced by 20% or more and much more difficult to sell as buyers expect good communications.

More background, suggested texts, and contact details for our representatives on www.willoughbyweb.net .

Stop press:

A plant sale will be held on Saturday 7th June at 'Rosebery Dene' Main Street, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, proceeds will go towards landscaping at the back of the church.

Willoughby Parish Council

Trees are an important part of our Village environment.

There are trees in the Village that are protected by Tree Preservation Orders and to prune these trees without the proper authority, or cut them down can result in a substantial fine. If you are considering having any tree work carried out please check first with the Parish Council.

The Shrubbery footpath has been strimmed by Parish Councillors.

Thanks to all the volunteers for their work on refurbishing the Village phone box. It is now looking so much better.

The Village Fete is on Saturday the 28th of June and everyone is invited to come along and enjoy a fun afternoon. Please see the flyer for details.

Willoughby Cricket Club & The Willoughby Society

JUMBLE SALE

14th June 2014 2:00pm – Admission 20p

Willoughby Village Hall

Bric-a-brac, Books, Clothing, Toys, Cake Stall

Jumble to the Village Hall 10:00am Saturday or contact

Beryl Hallam 890003 or Jackie Gibbard 891191 for collection

Police & Neighbourhood Watch

Crime prevention: Smart water, a means of uniquely marking your property can be obtained via Rachel Settle. It is a deterrent to burglars and increases the likelihood of stolen items being returned.

Police Community Support Officer for the village is PCSO 6149 Helena Steadman and our Police Constable is PC 868 Hazel Busch. They 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: Rachel Settle (Co-ordinator) can be contacted by telephone on 01788 823823 (daytime) or 01788 890724 (evening & answerphone) or e-mail neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net.

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Copies of the WM can be sent by e-mail or produced with large print on request.

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 for publication in the next edition is the 15th of the month. Send them to:

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Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
27-Jul-14	WCC	Charity Match - WCC Presidents XI v National Hunt Jockeys XI in aid of the Injured Jockeys Fund	The Green
31 Jul 14	Willoughby Society	Car Rally	Village Hall