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Welcome to the June edition of the Willoughby Monthly.

Last month the Village lost one of its most valued residents, Bert Ogle, he was a member of several Village organisations serving on their Committees and supporting their activities over the years. He deployed his professional skills as a Chartered Engineer to maintenance tasks and upgrades for the Village Hall, a project to get the Tune Barrell and bell ringing mechanisms working in the Church. He arranged power and marquees for outdoor events like the Festival, ran the catering for some large events and summer BBQs as well as soup for the Soup and Socials. He was a leading figure in the birth of the Willoughby Monthly in 2008 and maintained a fatherly interest in it thereafter. More recently, Bert was Chair of the Flood Action Group set up in February 2023. His encyclopaedic knowledge of flooding issues in Willoughby was important in providing the foundations for the group and in supporting its continuing success. Bert's sheds and out buildings housed a vast range of 'kit' from marquees, BBQs, tables and chairs, to Scaffold staging. The Flagpole in the Village Hall garden emerged from his yard. His knowledge of local history and nature was much respected. This is but a flavour of his contribution to our Village. More recently he had to scale back his manual work but still managed to email me about a job, we were doing in the Village Hall, from his hospital bed during his last week. We will miss him.

Our thoughts go to Tracey, Julie, and their families. Bert's funeral is at 12:30pm on the 5th June at the Church and after at the Village Hall.

Richard Jackson

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
Thu-04-Jun-26	3:00 PM	Church	Singalong & Slice	Village Hall
Sat-06-Jun-26		Willoughby Society	Big Lunch	Village Hall & Garden
Tue-09-Jun-26	7:00 PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
Thu-11-Jun-26	12:30 PM	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch (possibly The Bell, Hillmorton)	TBA
Sun-14-Jun-26	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
Thu-18-Jun-26	2:30 PM	Thursday Club	Garden Party - Ascot Theme with Races	Village Hall & Garden
Thu-18-Jun-26	7:30 PM	Women's Institute	WW1 Land Girls - Helen Frost	Village Hall
Sat-20-Jun-26		Church	St. Nicholas Church Fete & Family Fun Dog Show	Church
Fri-26-Jun-26	7:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Pop-Up Pub and Quiz Night	Village Hall
Sun-28-Jun-26	11:00 AM	Church	Morning Worship	Church

Thursday Club

Jim Rowley

11th June 12.30pm Pub Lunch. Possibly The Bell at Hillmorton, to be confirmed. As this is earlier in the month than usual, we will email the menus to you in due course.

18 June 2.30pm Village Hall: Members' Garden Party, with an Ascot Ladies' Day theme. Smart casual, hats or fascinators welcome for the ladies, but not de rigueur. It will be helpful if members can let Pat Atkins know in advance whether they are going to attend (01788 891 799).

New members welcome - just ask one of the Joint Secretaries Chris Thomas 01788314795 or Janet Rowley 01788 891 8051

Willoughby Society

Leonie Tromans

Big Lunch Picnic; Saturday 6th June, 12.30 pm. The Big Lunch was started in 2009 by the Eden Project. The aim is to get as many people across the country to have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. The first Willoughby Big Lunch was part of the Willoughby 2012 celebration. The Willoughby Society has helped to organise a Big Lunch in Willoughby every year since. To encourage a community spirit, the format is slightly different this year and will be an American Buffet. Like the New Year celebrations, everyone brings a dish of food for the sharing table, either sweet or savoury. Everyone is welcome to attend the lunch, which will be from 12.30 pm in the village hall gardens. The event is free; all we ask is for you to let us know that you will be attending, so we can make sure that there are enough tables set up for the afternoon. Contact Val Taylor; fitnesswithval@gmail.com. As always, if the weather is inclement, the lunch will be in the hall.

Pop-up pub and Quiz night, Friday 26th June. Doors will open at 7.30 pm. Expect a fun evening with questions ranging from Food and Drink to History. If you don't fancy joining the quiz teams, why not just come along for a natter with friends?

Dates for your diaries: As the Cricket club will celebrate its 125th anniversary this year, we have decided to combine the celebration with the Willoughby Festival weekend. As there is a cricket match each Saturday, we will be organising the usual village Festival event on Sunday, 12th July, from 12.30 pm, and we will be organising the evening Music event on Saturday, 11th July. Both events will take place at the Cricket club ground, the bar will be open, and a BBQ will be fired up to serve food.

We need volunteers to bake cakes for the refreshment stall, to help on the day with the games, and at 11 am on Sunday, 5th July, to help set up for the event. If you can help with any of these things, please contact Sue Waddington or Leonie Tromans. If you can help with the races on the day, please contact Brian Hall.

Photo competition. Don't forget that the Willoughby Society is sponsoring a photographic competition to create a calendar. Full details of the competition were published in the January issue of the Willoughby Monthly but entries should be emailed to photo-comp-only@willoughbyweb.net together with details of when and where the photograph was taken. The photos of life in and around Willoughby can include scenes, people, animals or birds and, in September, we'll select the 12 that will create the calendar. We do hope that then you'll all want to buy one!!



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Pop-Up Cafe

Rachel Settle

I'm sorry to say we have had to cancel the Pop-Up Cafe on Friday 5th June as we invalids in Lower Street are not yet fully recovered. The cafe will definitely be opening on Friday 3rd July at 10:30am. We look forward to seeing you then.



Church

Rev. Phil Price

There's lots going on at St Nicholas during the month of June starting with Singalong & Slice on Thursday 4th at 3pm. A feel-good hour of singing a variety of favourites, with a cuppa and cake mid-way to keep us going. Do come and try it if you haven't been before.

We're really looking forward to our Church Fete on Saturday 20th June. Do come along and enjoy a traditional afternoon with strawberry teas, maypole dancing, dog-themed face painting, fete games and the Family fun dog show. Check out the posters around the village for more details and come and have FUN with your trusted furry friend.

Donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated – please contact Andrea (01788 891313)

Key dates for June and one for your July Diary:

Thursday 4th Singalong & Slice in the village hall, 3pm

Sunday 14th Holy Communion, 11am

Saturday 20th Church Fete incorporating Family Fun Dog show, 2pm

Sunday 28th Morning Worship, 11am

Sunday 26th July Pimms & Hymns, 4.30pm

A warm welcome always awaits you at all our services and community events.

God Bless.

Village Hall

Joss Ray



100 Club:

1st Prize - Mark Herbert

2nd Prize - Linda Noakes



For Village Hall Bookings: contact Karen Skipp - vwhallenquiries@gmail.com

Friends of Willoughby

Sue Waddington

It was with great sadness we heard of the passing of Bert Ogle, having known Bert for many years we, as will many others will, have lots of happy memories, Bert has always been an integral part of the village and would help and support wherever he could. He will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts are with Tracey, Julie and their families.

Race Night.

Due to Bert's passing the Race Night which was due to be held on the Saturday 23rd May, was postponed and will now be held on Saturday 3rd October 2026.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sue Waddington, Val Baxter, Karen Nichols

Date for your diary

Willoughby Festival and Willoughby Cricket Club 125th Combined Celebration - Sunday 12th July.

To be held at Willoughby Cricket Club, The Green, Woolscott Road. Willoughby. We are looking for crafters/stall holders, please note as this will be an outdoor event you will need your own gazebo, table and chairs. If you would like to book a pitch, please contact Sue Waddington email friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com for further information.

Telephone Box Library

The Council has accepted a quote to clean and paint the outside of the telephone box and we hope the work will take place in the next month or two. This is a popular facility in the village which we are lucky to have and we would like to thank Deb Sheppard, who looks after the library, for her thoughtful and efficient management.

Play Rangers

CLlr Lewis has been in communication with the Play Rangers and asked for four sessions with them during the summer holidays. These are usually on a Monday between 12.00 and 2.00pm and we are hoping that this timetable will be repeated this summer. There will be more information in the July edition of the Willoughby Monthly.

Footpaths

Paths in the village that residents are finding hazardous - the Public Rights of Way (PROW) Officer for our area of Warwickshire has agreed to inspect the paths. She will visit on 11 June 2026.

Footpath along the A45 from Main Street to Woolscott Road - this footpath is regularly used by residents and Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, has been following up diligently with WCC Highways about cutting back the overgrown grass and repairing the surface. There has been considerable delay and Highways has asked their delivery team to expedite the work.

Willoughby Women's Institute**Lorraine Geddes**

On Thursday 18 June at 7.30pm we will welcome Helen Frost who will be telling us all about all about Land Girls in WWI, as always visitors very welcome.

Willoughby Monthly

We still need a couple of people to help put the monthly newsletter together. There are a number of people who look after printing each issue, folding them, sorting the them into rounds, and finally delivering them.

The articles are sent by email to the Willoughby Monthly email address and need putting into the template we use, its a bit like a jigsaw fitting the contributions onto the pages.

If you could spare an hour or two to help with this it would be much appreciated and be valuable input to your Village community. If you are interested and would like to learn more let me know the email address and telephone numbers are below.

Richard**Willoughby Monthly**

Do let us have your ideas for improving the WM and, of course, any articles/notices you have for your fellow villagers. The monthly deadline for submission of items is the 15th. Send them to e-mail: wm@willoughbyweb.net or call Richard on 01788 891898.

Police

Police Officers for the area are PC Seb Payne, PCSO David Banks and PCSO Paula Parkes. The team have an e-mail address: rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk. If you wish to report a crime, please use the Warwickshire Police website or, by telephone, dialling either 101 or, in the case of an emergency, 999.