



# Willoughby Monthly

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## Welcome to the October edition of the WM.

September has been a month of highs and lows!! Crime has been a bit of an issue in the area with some spurious calls purporting to be from victim support and youths barging into houses and trashing them. Plus more burglary. There is some further information from the police in their section. Do be wary and lock up.

Then of course Mr. Waheed took it upon himself to send contractors in to plough over his proposed crematorium site. More about this in the VACC section. I have heard today that Natural England's EIA team is considering taking action - fingers crossed.

Now to pleasanter things!! On the 9<sup>th</sup> Willoughby won the Gardens Go Wild Award for 2011 - Partly for the planting work at the Village Pond and partly because of the excellent individual garden entries, particularly Adam & Pheobe Hewitt's. Pheobe collected the award certificate for us and hopefully it will be on the Village Hall wall before long.

Finally hot of the press, I have just heard that our application for funding for Willoughby 2012 has passed it's first hurdle, one more to go. We now have to provide more details on how we propose to use the funding by November. There is now an extremely good prospect that we will be able to go ahead with all of this ambitious plan. If you haven't already volunteered to help, do please call me. Only one other thing for you to do now - Make sure that you stay at home next June!!! More information next month.

**Richard Jackson**

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Date	Time	Org	Event	Venue
9 Oct 11	11:00 AM	Church	Family Service	Church
12 Oct 11	10:00 AM	Willoughby Society	Hayward Lodge -Thin & Clear Day with BTCV	Hayward Lodge
13 Oct 11	02:30 PM	Thursday Club	Andy Collier performing WWII songs	Village Hall
16 Oct 11	06:00 PM	Church	Evensong	Church
18 Oct 11	07:00 PM	Church	Healing & Communion Service	Broadwell Church
20 Oct 11	07:30 PM	Women's Institute	Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance	Village Hall
23 Oct 11	11:00 AM	Church	Holy Communion	Church
26 Oct 11	07:30 PM	Willoughby Society	Medieval & Tudor Medicine - Mark Vance	Village Hall
30 Oct 11	10:30 AM	Church	Benefice Holy Communion	Church
30 Oct 11	04:00 PM	Church	Benefice Memorial Service	Church

## Thursday Club

On Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> we are joined at our Club meeting by Andy Collier who will perform a programme of World War 2 songs and songs from the shows. Audience participation at times during the show will be encouraged we understand, so come along in good voice. This is an open meeting to which all are welcome.

Our pub lunch this month is on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Sporting Club in Barby.

Two items coming up in the next couple of months which we hope you will come along to : Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> is a Christmas shopping trip to Milton Keynes, and our Christmas lunch will be on December 8<sup>th</sup> at The George Kilsby.

For all these events sign-up sheets will be available at Club meeting or you can contact Norman on 890623.

## Willoughby Women's Institute

Our October meeting is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Village hall. Sorry to say the Line Dancing Group has cancelled. In their place of this we have a speaker from the Warwickshire & Northamptonshire Air Ambulance to talk about their vital work. As always visitors are most welcome.

Our AGM takes place in November it would be good to see some new faces on the Committee which holds a short meeting on the first Thursday of the month if you are not a member please give some thought to putting your name forward - new ideas are always welcome.

## VACC

A real up and down month for us but on balance more positives than negatives !!

We have been expecting the last planning application documents to be submitted and published. As I write, crucial details of the proposed filtration and flue system are awaited. RBC Planning will not proceed to the final consultation until this is received.

The fighting fund has grown with £289 raised by the Coffee Morning on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to the Organisers, those who attended, and those who donated cakes. The VACC Draw Event on the 17<sup>th</sup> was well attended and made a profit of £142. The draw itself added £1,366 to the fighting fund thanks to all those who bought tickets, donated prizes, and helped on the evening.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> contractors started to plough a 13 acre area in Big Grounds. Unfortunately they weren't noticed until mid-morning. The various authorities were informed. Some direct action and persuasion by local residents and later by planning officers stopped the work.

English Heritage (EH) escalated our application for scheduling of the Moat and Big Grounds to emergency status which resulted, after immense pressure from VACC and Jeremy Wright our MP, in a decision on Friday afternoon to Schedule the Moat as an ancient monument but not Big Grounds. This was to do with the effect of scheduling on a large area rather than the merit of Big Grounds and our Landscape. EH have said that our Ridge & Furrow is of National Importance. This means that both County Archaeology and EH say our landscape is Nationally Important and should be protected in line with planning policy a point that will be heavily emphasised in our objections to the planning application.

The events generated a good deal of media coverage including the Daventry Express, local radio and culminating in a photo shoot on Saturday morning for the Rugby Observer that Jeremy Wright attended.

We have reported the ploughing to Natural England as it appears permission is required before uncultivated land is ploughed under something called the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (EIA). Needless to say the regulations are complex but we are supplying the necessary evidence that we believe shows that they apply. If successful there are powers to order re-instatement where the regulations have been breached.

## Willoughby Society

Great news ! on the ninth of September our entry on behalf of the village won **1<sup>st</sup> prize** in the Gardens Go Wild Awards. The prize, £300 of vouchers to spend at the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust shop, will be used to further enhance our village's wildlife friendly credentials!!

On Wednesday October the 12<sup>th</sup> a work party from British Trust for Conservation Volunteers will be spending the day at Hayward Lodge helping us thin some of the excess trees and undergrowth ( bramble cables etc.) so that we can keep the area under control ourselves. Villagers are most welcome to come along and help, please contact Keith Skinner on 890982 for details.

Our October meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall will enlighten us about Medieval and Tudor Medicine. Mark Vance is our speaker and we start at 7.30 pm. As always non-members are welcome to join us.

Our AGM will be held in November. 2012 is a big year for the Society being 50 years since its formation. As members will recall it was necessary to vary the constitution last year to permit our Chairman to continue in office for a further year and allow the Committee to function with fewer members. To do justice to our 50<sup>th</sup> year we need a strong Committee and officers so please consider putting your name forward for election. Any of the Committee will be happy to explain what is involved and how to be nominated.

### Willoughby Alpacas

Jeremy & Judith Stocker at the Old Vicarage are pleased to announce that Alpacas, Rodney, Duncan, Beta, Bumble and Calliope, Bumble's four-month old baby (Alpaca young are called *crias*) have arrived in the field next to the old vicarage. Beta and Bumble are both pregnant, so there will be more new arrivals next year.

Alpacas are originally from South America where they have been bred for centuries for the very fine quality of their wool. They also make good guard animals and will see off foxes and dogs that get too close. An entirely domesticated species, they are related to Llamas but are rather smaller and better natured! They are intelligent, inquisitive and easily handled once they get to know you.

There have already been plenty of visitors to view the latest Willoughby residents, which can be seen from the Shrubbery footpath. If you're passing do say hello, both to the Alpacas and to their owners who are delighted to talk about them. In due course you may even see them being taken for walks!

### Produce Show

The show on 10<sup>th</sup> September was well supported despite the weather being less cooperative than it might have been for the vegetable growers. Entries were slightly up on last year. It would be great to see more children entering next year.

Jim & Ruth Howkins were overall winners with Oliver Wiltshire runner up and Dorothy Ogle third.

Best in show was Lyn Gerrard's beautifully worked patchwork quilt.

Jim and Ruth's success followed their successful open garden event in July which raised a very welcome £200 for the Big Grounds Fighting Fund. Thanks to them and everyone who attended.

Well done to Oliver Wiltshire on his second place. He has also been nominated to be an Olympic Torch bearer next year by the Autism Team Manager for Warwickshire in recognition of his progress in living with his diagnosis of Aspergers Syndrome. He has a 1 in 14 chance of being selected. Let's hope that he is chosen to carry the torch. It would be fantastic for him and bring London 2012 a little closer to Willoughby, fingers crossed !!!



## Willoughby Parish Council

The Parish Council has started work on a Parish Plan and there will be a questionnaire coming round asking you what you would like to see in future in your Village. Once we have the survey results we can then begin to formulate a plan. This will take some time and it is seen as an on-going plan that will develop over time. We also aim to do a Village Design Statement which will follow on from the Village Plan and this will help to shape the Village as far as future building is concerned.

### Jim the Postman

Most people in the Village will know "Jim the Postman" who has served the area exceptionally well for many years. Unfortunately Jim has had to have an operation on his knee and due to this has had to take early retirement. Brian Hall has suggested we have a collection as a thank you and depending on the level of contributions perhaps a presentation to Jim locally. Brian Hall is coordinating the collection so if you would like to make a contribution please send it to him at 19, Lower Street. If you have any queries or suggestions please contact Brian on 890134.



### Police

Every three months the Rugby Rural South Safer Neighbourhoods team dedicates itself to priorities set by the community. At the last forum meeting held in Birdingbury Village Hall on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September it was agreed that we would commit to the following priorities:

1. Pupil Safety - Leamington Hastings Primary School
2. Combat Metal Thefts - Calcutt Marinas
3. **Combat burglary and metal theft - A45, Willoughby**

In the past week we have seen an increase in the theft of metal. Please can we reinforce the importance of home security. This includes out buildings, garages and sheds. Please ensure gates and doors are all secured appropriately.

Now that the nights are drawing in, it is worthwhile ensuring that all exterior sensor lighting is working, by checking the bulbs and cleaning the sensors.

The team will be doing regular patrols and particularly targeting the priority areas. If you have any information or questions please do not hesitate to contact the team

Our Police Community Support Officer is PCSO 6149 Helena Steadman and our Police Constable is PC 1534 Lee Maughan. They can be contacted on 01788 853851 this is the Safer Neighbourhood Team number so will reach a team member on duty quickly.

### Willoughby Monthly

Do let me have your ideas for making WM better and, of course, any articles/notices you may have. Copies can be sent by e-mail or produced with large print on request. Material for publication must be received by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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Date	Organisation	Description	
13 Nov 11	Church	Remembrance Service	Grandborough
30 Nov 11	Willoughby Society	A.G.M.	Village Hall
15 Dec 11	Women's Institute	Christmas Concert - Dunchurch Silver Band	Village Hall