



# Willoughby Monthly

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## Welcome to the August edition of the WM.

July proved to be worse than June weather wise with even more water and a distinct chill. The miserable weather put paid to the Cricket Club's 'Four Pubs Challenge'. 2<sup>nd</sup> September is the new date – hopefully the ground will have dried out by then.

As you can see from the photograph below we did get a few sunny days, in July, enabling us to get the Jubilee mosaic into its frame and mounted on the Village Hall wall. Well done to everybody who has placed tiles on it and those who designed and fitted the frame. Thanks also to Louise Leakey for her time and effort designing and supervising the mosaic. All the feedback so far has been very complimentary.

A couple of new things to think about this month while enjoying the sun and Olympics:

1) Those of you, like me, that use computers, the internet, skype, etc. will have moaned about the slow speed of our connections. There is a pot of money available to improve the cables etc. in rural Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire, but to get a share everyone must register their interest. There is more about this inside and in the leaflet with this WM.

2) County Highways have indicated that they will not be able to look after footpaths etc. as they have previously done because of the reduction in funding. If we want our village cared for we are going to have to do more tidying up etc. ourselves. The Parish Councillors have spruced up the shrubbery footpath recently. They now want to gather a list of villagers who will help, when jobs need doing. Do sign up and help care for village.



**Richard Jackson**

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## Thursday Club

Your committee is working tirelessly on your behalf during the summer break, testing out new venues for pub lunches, and hopefully our September lunch will be at one of these new pubs.

In September we look forward to Club activities resuming beginning on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> when we will have a social afternoon. In October we have a presentation about the work of the Land Army in World War Two and our speaker has asked for volunteers from among our members to model some of the uniforms worn . Please contact Betty on 890623 if you are willing to do this, it should be good fun.

## Willoughby Women's Institute

There is no meeting in August this year.

Our annual outing, this year, is on September 24<sup>th</sup> to see 'Calendar Girls ' live at Rugby Theatre. Members tickets are provided by WI but a contribution toward the bus fare may be required. The bus will leave the Village Hall at 6.45 pm to reach the Theatre in time for curtain up at 7.30 pm. You must make sure your name is on the list if you want to go – call Janet on 890427.

### Willoughby 2012

There are lots of photographs from the various events, including the Fête, on [www.willoughbyweb.net](http://www.willoughbyweb.net) now. They haven't been edited or filtered yet. That's a job for the coming months!!

If you haven't returned your feedback form yet please do as soon as possible. The information will help inform future plans.

### Leam Valley Novelty Dog Show

The first Leam Valley Novelty Dog Show held on 10th June attracted approximately 40 dogs and their owners and raised £120 for charity which has been split between the Dogs Trust and the Air Ambulance.

Big thanks to Di Weaver for judging, Steve and Natalie Wiltshire for the field, Steve and Leonie Tromans for the marquee and Countrywide, Stockton for sponsorship. Thanks also to Jo, Andrea, Natalie and Pets at Home for donating prizes.

## Willoughby Village Hall

# Produce Show

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 4pm**

**Entries:** must reach the Show Secretary, Will Hewitt, Worrall House, Lower Street. Tel 891439, by 9:00pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September accompanied by the fee of **20p** per for each class.

**Staging:** must be completed by 12 Noon.

**Schedules:** have been delivered to every house in the village additional copies available from the Show Secretary.

**Queries:** to the show secretary

## Willoughby Society 1962-2012

The Society is on vacation this month but will resume its normal activities in September. Members are reminded that the Annual Dinner is on the 19<sup>th</sup> September at Draycote Hotel. If you wish to attend and haven't already done so please let Joyce Jackson have your menu choices and £10 per person deposit as soon as possible. Balance payments need to be with her by 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Car Rally

The annual car rally took place on the 11<sup>th</sup> July with 7 cars and 33 people taking part on an evening that was almost rain free! The winners were 'The Clue Sniffers' - Ken & Sue Miles and Pete & Karen Skipp who earned the privilege of organising next years event! Everyone managed to find the final destination without getting lost. The rally finished at the Folly Inn Napton where the landlord and landlady, Mark & Sharon, provided an excellent buffet spread followed by strawberries and cream.

Thanks to Bert and Dorothy Ogle and their team for organising such an enjoyable event.

### Local History

There is growing interest in history in part fostered by the many television series that have appeared recently e.g. BBC's 'The Great British Story: A People's History'. Are you interested your village and its people ?

Willoughby has records back to the 11/12<sup>th</sup> Century. Some of those were instrumental in demonstrating that Big Grounds and the rest of our Ridge & Furrow landscape are of national importance and thus helped secure refusal of the crematorium plan by RBC.

There are records of a Roman Well in Sawbridge and of 'many Roman antiquities' being found in Willoughby. We also have our ancient monument - the moat off Moor Lane believed to be the site of a medieval manor house. People and families living in the village can be traced back to the early 1600s.

Two books have been written about the village (1828 and 1988). Since then a wealth of information has become available on the internet from the National Archives and others.

Are you interested in the history of the village and surrounding area? Would you like to know more? Maybe get involved in exploring the history of our area? If so please contact Kim Gibbard 891191 or Richard Jackson 891898

### Superfast Broadband

We all experience slow broadband speed in Willoughby. There has been over £8m of funding made available by local and central government to improve the communication infrastructure, in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire, by providing 'Superfast Broadband' (24mps+). We will only be able to benefit in Willoughby if we are able to demonstrate sufficient demand to internet suppliers that their investment is worthwhile. There is a leaflet included with this edition of the Willoughby Monthly which gives more information and details of where to log on to complete the broadband survey. Please complete the survey so that we can benefit from some of the funding. If you work from home or run a business, please complete the survey for both domestic and business use.

Thank you. Mike Thomas

### The Rose

The team at The Rose Inn would like to thank everyone that supported us through the Jubilee & Willoughby Anniversary weeks.

We had great fun with the Hog Roast and BBQ's, greeting lots of new and old friends! Hope to see you all again on our Italian nights; Tuesday & Wednesday or Tapas night 26th July

## Willoughby Parish Council

The new dog bin has now been sited adjacent to the Cricket Club Drive.

The Shrubbery footpath has been strimmed and the tarmac surface cleaned by a working party of Parish Councillors. In the past this would have been carried out by Warwickshire County Council but, due to cutbacks, this type of work has become a very low priority. There will be more work of this nature that will need to be carried out by ourselves, especially if we want the Village to be neat and tidy and the footpaths or the Village pond to be maintained. If you would be willing to be involved in a working party to assist in projects of this nature please let Mike Thomas know on 891338.

### VACC

Although the planning application for the Crematorium was refused by Rugby Borough Council Planning Committee we are monitoring the situation on a weekly basis with the Planning Department to see if an appeal is lodged by the applicant. If an appeal is lodged we will advise everyone as soon as we know and we will continue to keep you updated.

### Willoughby Neighbourhood Watch (WNHW) & Police

Thank you to everyone that attended the WNHW Meeting at the end of June. Helena Steadman, our Community PCSO, gave a very interesting talk about the role of the Neighbourhood Watch, answered questions and responded to concerns raised from the audience and brought lots of information leaflets regarding safety and security both in the home and in our community.

Several more people joined the scheme and are now receiving alerts and information regarding criminal activity in the area. Smart Water will be available to members at a cost of £15.00 and orders are now being taken – Please contact Rachel Settle for further information (details below).

**Care** – don't leave valuables in your car and make sure that your home is secure. If you see anything suspicious do let the Police know.

A lot of reports of catalytic converters being stolen, especially from 4 x4s.

**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.

**Neighbourhood Watch contact:** 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](mailto:neighbourhood.watch@willoughbyweb.net).

### Willoughby Monthly

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Send them to:

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Village web site: [www.willoughbyweb.net](http://www.willoughbyweb.net)

Date	Organisation	Event	Venue
19-Sep-12	Willoughby Society	Annual Dinner	Draycote Hotel
24-Sep-12	Women's Institute	Annual Outing - 'Calendar Girls'	Rugby Theatre
05-Jan-13	Willoughby Society	Christmas Event	Village Hall