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# Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to June's WM. The atrocious weather seems finally behind us now, roll on summer! This month we have the Big Lunch up at the village hall, a lovely social occasion for everyone. My favourite village event - the Festival - is nearly upon us. As always, the success of village events relies largely on the volunteers who help in whatever way they can, so please see the Willoughby Society's entry for how you can get involved. Anything from baking to helping set up all contributes toward making these events a success. There will be lots of fun things to do on the day - our photo this month depicts Henry and Ed showing great teamwork in the three legged race - The question is, will they retain their crown in the wheelbarrow race?!

The pop up cafe, I can personally say, is absolutely worth a visit - some delicious treats on offer! If you haven't been, why not pop along to the next one and give it a try, you won't be disappointed!

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
31-May-24	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop up Café	Village Hall
07-Jun-24	6pm	Willoughby Society	hoist the D Day memorial flag	Amenity Garden
08-Jun-24	1pm	Willoughby Society	Big Lunch	Village Hall
09-Jun-24	11am	St Nicholas	Allsorts Service	Church
11-Jun-24	7PM	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
13-Jun-24	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Garden Party	Village Hall
15-Jun-24	11am	Willoughby Society	volunteer set up for festival	Park
20-Jun-24	12.30pm	Thursday Club	pub lunch	TBC
20-Jun-24	7.30pm	W.I	Meeting	Village Hall
22-Jun-24	12.30pm	Willoughby Society	Village Festival	Park
23-Jun-24	11aam	St Nicholas	Service of Thanksgiving	Church

I would like to say to all my neighbours and friends a huge thank you for all your kind words and support I received when I had an unexpected ambulance ride to hospital. After two weeks taking it easy (not my choice!). I am now back to my walking and biking which I love. Thanks all, Sandie Ayris

# Willoughby Society

## Big Lunch Picnic and 80th Anniversary of the 'D' Day landings commemoration.

I hope that many of you have already booked to join us on Saturday 8th June for our annual Big Lunch picnic, which will either take place in the village hall gardens or in the village hall depending on the weather. As this year marks the 80th Anniversary of the 'D' Day landings, we will also be remembering all those involved, not only recognising their sacrifices but celebrating their lives. If you haven't already booked, there is still time for you to book a place on one of the tables. Although the Society sponsor this event, everyone is welcome to attend the lunch which be from 1pm. 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 or Joanne Lewis. Bring your own food and drink, or why not arrange to join another group and share the food. Also, don't forget to join us at 6pm on Friday 7th June in the village garden when we will be hoisting a 'D' Day remembrance flag, help is then needed decorate the garden ready for Saturday's Big Lunch picnics.



## Willoughby Festival.



We need volunteers to bake cakes for the refreshment stall, to help on the day, and at 11am on Saturday 15th June to help set up for the event. If you can help with any of these things, please do. If you can help on the day, please contact Brian Hall, if you can bake a cake, please contact Di MacKnight.

On Saturday the 22nd of June the Festival will start at 12.30pm and the day will follow the usual format with refreshments being served in the marquee and if the weather is warm, iced drinks or Bucks Fizz will be available from our Bar. There will be side-stalls and games to entertain you. The races will start at 1.30pm with fun races for all ages, including Egg and Spoon, sack races and Tug of war amongst others.

The evening event will start from 6pm and tickets are available. This year we have booked two bands to entertain us, and the Pizza van is booked to cater for those who do not wish to bring a picnic, we will also be running a limited Bar, so all you need to bring is a picnic rug or chair. Please let us know if you will be joining us, Tickets £12.50, under 16's free are available from Leonie please email; secretaryengxiii@aol.com to reserve your tickets.

## Thursday 4th July. Narrow Boat experience.

We are again lucky to be offered the opportunity to experience a day trip on a Narrow boat. Leaving from Braunston at 10am and travelling up the canal to a lunch stop, you will get the opportunity to learn how to operate the locks and you may even be allowed to take the tiller. To get to the boat, you can either leave your car in the car park off the A45 turn left at the sign for the Gongoozlers café, parking on the left at Braunston marina, then take the tow path right over the Marina bridges and after a short walk you should see the green LNBP narrow boats. Or you can drive into Braunston and down Dark Lane towards the Admiral Nelson, Turn Right at the first sharp bend signed for Bottom Lock and park at the bottom of the hill. The boat should be across the bridge and to the Right. Places are limited and in the first instance will be available to Willoughby Society members, please contact Val Taylor to reserve a place. If you are not a Society member and you would like to attend, please contact Val who will add your name to the list and contact you if there are places available. The trip is free although a tip for the staff member will be appreciated.

## Parish Council

### Annual Community Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting on 7 May and shared information and ideas. The minutes for the meeting and the Community Action Reports can be found on the Parish Council website [www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org](http://www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org) If you would like a paper copy, please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, at [willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:willoughbyparishclerk@gmail.com) or on 07809 197817.

### Annual Parish Council Meeting

This meeting was held on 14 May 2024. Maggie Beech was elected Chair for the year ahead.

### Notice of Public Rights for Year Ended 31 March 2024

The dates between which the public has a right to inspect the Parish Council's accounts, for the year ended 31 March 2024, are from Monday 3 June to Friday 12 July 2024. More information is available on the website and on the noticeboard.

### Councillor Vacancy

We are still seeking a fifth councillor. If you have the time and would like to become a councillor, please contact Jo Jarman. Further information is available on the website under Policies and Procedures - Co-option Policy and Procedure. This really is a great opportunity to support your local community and we would be delighted to hear from you.

## St Nicholas Church

We are hoping as the Willoughby Monthly arrives on your doorstep to have finally been able to have the National Lottery Heritage grant within sight of being signed off. The north aisle window restoration and the nave south and north aisle ceilings repainting are outstanding tasks scheduled to complete. Our legacy will continue though. Events and activities are planned through the year as St Nicholas serves its community.

An important date for everyone's diary is St Nicholas planned Service of Thanksgiving on June 23rd at 11am. Our wonderful Children's Choir will be there as we celebrate all the work on St Nicholas and our lovely Community Garden, followed by tea/coffee and cake, with a chance to chat. It would be lovely to welcome everyone as we sing well known hymns with people in the community joining in this special event celebrating what has been an eventful few years in our church's calendar.

July 7th is our Heritage Day. From 10-5pm. A day where we welcome again our Hoopla man and the children from Leamington Hastings school maypole dancing. Alongside craft stalls, activities include intrepid teddies parachuting from the tower, cream teas, tower and moat tours and much more. Free entry. Songs of Praise from 11-12am singing well known hymns will help make a happy and joyful occasion. Something for everyone. Soup and Socials restart in September. Dates for the rest of the year will be around on posters soon. Volunteers to make soups and puddings are always welcome.

Our community garden continues to provide a haven of peace and we welcome visitors. Our churchyard is a lovely place to walk around.

Volunteers to help with the upkeep of the community garden will be assured of a warm welcome.



## Pop Up Café

Karen, Val, Sheila and Rachel would like to thank you for coming along to our Pop Up Café on Friday 3rd May, we are very grateful for all your support. We would also like to thank John and Ann and an anonymous donor for their very generous donations. Our profit and donations will be shared equally between Macmillan Cancer Support at UH Coventry & Warwickshire, brain tumour research at Cancer Research UK, and the MND Association. The café will open again on Friday 31st May, 10.30am- 12.30pm, serving tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries, cakes and scones. A date for your diary: The café will also be open on Friday 5th July 10:30am - 12:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Best wishes, Rachel

## W.I.

The W.I. will meet on Thursday 20th June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker for the evening is Vicky Farmer who will give a talk on How to Survive in a Toxic World. She will advise on how to lead a healthy lifestyle in the 21st century. The competition is a small flower posy.



## Thursday Club

13 June 2.30 Village Hall: Garden Party. It will be helpful if members can let Pat Atkins know in advance whether they are going to attend (891799).

20 June 12.30pm Pub Lunch, Venue to be decided. There will be a sign up sheet at the Garden Party on 13 June.

New members welcome - just ask the Secretary, Jim Rowley 01788 891 805

## Village Hall

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100 Club Winners - May Draw

1st Prize - Kim Bendzak

2nd Prize - Joyce Jackson

Well done ladies!!

It is with huge sadness that we say goodbye to our good friend, neighbour and Village Hall Committee member Beryl Hallam. She served the community on the Village Hall Committee for more years than we can remember. We as a committee have valued Beryl's friendship and dedicated work and she will be sorely missed by us all.

We would like to publicly thank Margaret O'Donnell who has stepped down as a Village Hall Committee Member after many, many years of dedicated service. Thank you so much Margaret from all of the committee for your hard work and dedication - have a rest and put your feet up you deserve it!!

Heads up - There is a Charity coffee afternoon on Saturday 20th July in aid of Asthma and Lung UK. Watch out for more details.

Police and PCSO Police Community Support Officer - PCSO David Banks, PC Rebecca Bailey. The team have an e-mail address: [rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:rrs.snt@warwickshire.police.uk) If you wish to report a crime please report it via the Warwickshire Police website or phone 101. Obviously, in an emergency please dial 999

**The deadline for submissions is the 15th of each month. send them to me at [thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com](mailto:thewilloughbymonthly@gmail.com), tel: 01788315893. Thanks, Hannah**