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Welcome to August's WM. I shall keep this short as there hasn't been much on and August is fairly quiet too. Hopefully you are all enjoying the summer, even if the weather has frustrated us for much of it - maybe you're flying away to a more reliable climate for a while. Play Rangers sessions are still running should you require something for your kids to do for a couple of hours each week during August. Have a lovely summer. Hannah

Pop Up Café

Karen, Pete, Val, Sheila and I would like to thank you all for coming along to our Pop Up Cafe on Friday 5th July. As always, we are very grateful for your support. Thank you also to Joss and Dee who donated cakes and to Lynn with her superb washing up skills. Our profit this time will be shared equally between charities supporting Marie Curie nurses, Dementia care and Diabetes support. We will not be open in August but the cafe will pop up again on Friday 6th September, 10.30am - 12.30pm, serving tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries, cakes and scones. We look forward to seeing you there.

| Date | Time | Organisation | Event | Venue |
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| 05-Aug-24 | 12pm -2pm | Play Rangers | Play Ranger Session | Play Park |
| 08-Aug-24 | 2.30pm | Thursday Club | Members' BBQ | Village Hall |
| 12-Aug-24 | 12pm -2pm | Play Rangers | Play Ranger Session | Play Park |
| 13-Aug-24 | 7pm | Parish Council | Meeting | Village Hall |
| 19-Aug-24 | 12pm -2pm | Play Rangers | Play Ranger Session | Play Park |
| 25-Aug-24 | 9am | St Nicholas | Communion Church | Church |
| 25-Aug-24 | 10am | St Nicholas | Coffee, cake, chat | Church |
| 25-Aug-24 | 11am | St Nicholas | Pet Service | Church |
| 28-Aug-24 | 12.20pm | W.I. | Cathy Brown's Garden Visit | Bedford |

St Nicholas Church

August sees us taking a much needed break from activities and events. One service as the Benefice adopts the summer pattern is Sunday August 25th. We have a Communion Service at 9am followed by refreshments and a chance to chat followed at 11am by a pet service. A chance for our beloved pets to accompany you to church. You are welcome to bring a picnic that day if the weather is kind and stay longer.

A forward look to September when we celebrate Harvest on 8th with our wonderful children's choir at 11am. Children are also invited to bring harvest produce and foodbank items which can go in baskets and join in part of our service. Followed by Harvest lunch at the Village Hall at 12-15am. Tickets adults £10 and children £3 to include a glass of wine. Please contact Andrea (891313) Sue (07889532810) or Karen for tickets.

Our Lottery is finally signed off but we still have a timetable of events and activities we are committed to. Volunteers are welcome even if you can only spare an hour or two. Contact any of us please. Without people willing to spare some time events would be difficult to put on. We appreciate all the help and support we do and have had.

There are a limited number of Historic Building Records available of St Nicholas which was put together by PCA. These are £7 each which really covers printing costs. Please contact if interested.

There is a silent auction of a watercolour painting of St Nicholas church donated by Nicholas Brand. Money going to the church. Please put bids in envelope through Andreas door 4 White Barn Close and contact Andrea if would like to view the picture.

Finally we have started a fund for a new stained glass window in the Baptistry. Plans are underway to get permission and that is not easy. It seemed fitting really to have this as a culmination of all the hard work over the last few years. There is a small display in church showing the proposed new window.



Soup and Social restarts Sept 21st. £6 soup and pudding. If you can make a soup or pudding please contact and we can then create a rota to give people a break some months. Any queries please contact Karen 07866572209, kjndon@aol.com

Parish Council



Play Rangers - There are three more Play Rangers sessions this month on 5 August, 12 August and 19 August. The sessions run from noon until 2:00pm in the playing field. The activities are best suited to children in the 3 to 14'ish' age range, although everyone is welcome. If the weather is wet, the activities will take place in the Village Hall. Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Street Lighting - The Parish Council has taken out a 3-year fixed tariff contract for electricity with YU Energy. More information about this can be found in the draft minutes for the meeting on 9 July 2024 on the website www.willoughbyparishcouncil.org and on the noticeboard.

Rugby Local Plan Review - Local Planning Authorities are required to review their local plans every five years. The first stage of the process was an 'Issues and Options' consultation held from 30 October 2023 to 2 February 2024. RBC are currently collating all the consultation responses and assessing the sites that have come forward from the 'call for sites'. They expect to provide information about this in September as part of the next consultation with the public.

Willoughby Society

Willoughby Festival - Finally, this year we were able to rely on the weather and not have to plan for possible showers on the festival day, and what a glorious day it was too. Thank you to all the helpers both before the date and on the day and after the date for making it another successful event. A combination of the Refreshments and the sideshow games netted nearly £250. This will be ringfenced in the Village Event fund to support not only the village festival day but also events such as the Amenity Garden BBQ, Christmas carols in the garden and Children's parties. This is also the first year that we have run a bar at the event which was very successful and should become a regular feature. Thank you to everyone who supported the day and helped to make it a success, including Brian Hall who did another amazing job of organising.

The raffle that we ran through the day raised nearly £200 and as stated, this will go towards the two projects that the Society are managing for this year, being the refurbishment of the bar area in the village hall and a project to develop the village pond area, we plan to do the work late Autumn, if you are interested in getting involved and can help with this please let Leonie know.

We do not have a meeting in August. Our next organised event will be the Amenity Garden BBQ which will be on Sunday the 8th of September at 2.30pm weather permitting. This event is open for everyone to attend. The proceeds this year will go towards the two projects.

Our next Society meeting after the summer break is programmed for 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th September when we will have a speaker telling us about 'Medicine through time'.

W.I.

There will be no formal meeting of the WI in August. Instead members will be visiting Cathy Brown's Gardens, near Bedford, on Wednesday 28th August. The bus will leave from the Village Hall at 12.30pm and the trip will include a guided tour of the garden followed by tea and cake. Members are looking forward to an enjoyable summer outing.



Thursday Club

8 August: Members' BBQ 2.30pm Village Hall. Members who would like to come should return their form to Pat Atkins pronto, if they haven't done so already.

Any queries, ask Pat: 01788 891 799 pat.atkins2609@gmail.com

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



Village Hall

Congratulations to this month's winners! 100 Club July

Winners: 1st - Patricia Ward

2nd - David Maggs

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Advance Notice - Saturday 14 September - Bakeathon & Flower Art Event – a joint venture between St Nicolas Church & Willoughby WI. For more details, entry forms and recipes contact Lorraine Geddes – 01788 890846 lorrainenettgeddes@btinternet.com or Susan Waddington – 01788 890613 - susan.waddington2@btinternet.com



Festival Day Races



Considering the fact that we had to move our festival day forward a couple of weeks, compared to previous years, I was very relieved it turned out to be such a wonderful day weather wise. Unfortunately the new date clashed with a few football tournaments so we were short of a few regulars. However over 40 children still took part as well as many adults, making it such an enjoyable day for competitors and the spectators alike. Over 70 winner's medals were handed out by Leonie Tromans, who organised the whole day so well, with help from a many other villagers. Out of the girls, Amelie, Emily, Ellie, Florence all won three races, Molly and Henrietta both won four races but the overall champion was Tilly Nunn who won five races. Out of the boys, Edward and Henry both won three races but the champion was Alfie Patel who also triumphed in five races; Congratulations to both Tilly and Alfie.

The adult races were very competitive, particularly the men's where so many took part this year. Overall results saw John Heckford finishing runner up to Heather Hiscox, who took home the champions shield yet again. The highlights of the day for me were the various relays, whether straight sprints or over the obstacles, and they were the most competitive I have ever known, with all teams being so equal. This is where I need to credit Andrew Palmer and two of the other guys who sorted out the teams into ages and ability, and it worked brilliantly, also thanks to Noah who tested the obstacle course for us. The Tug of War teams were also well matched and with everyone doing really well; there was a surprise in the ladies as the team made up mostly of champs from last year were beaten by a team containing a few new faces. As usual the men's pulls were competitive and both teams were very evenly matched.

My thanks to everyone who helped me on the day, particularly Val Taylor, Pat Atkins and Jean Warner, who had the thankless task of identifying the winners and totting up their totals. Also thanks to Davy Thomas and Adam Hiscox who brought the bales and planks for the obstacle race. Finally my thanks to Steve Essex who spent the whole morning helping me set up and did a great job. **Brian Hall**

Percival Guildhouse

The Autumn fun starts in mid-August when Rugby's Percival Guildhouse unveils its adult education courses ranging from a wide variety of crafts and arts, to yoga and mindfulness, and history and languages. Among new features available this Autumn will be a handful of courses starting in the late afternoon/early evening ideally suited to anyone heading home from work or who's been out during the day. Visit www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk on 15 August to see the full list of courses on offer or phone the Guildhouse on 01788 542467 for information or to book your place.

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 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, tel: 01788315893. Thanks, Hannah