



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to September's Willoughby Monthly. Harvest Festival time may be fast approaching but hopefully it won't be feeling too autumnal for a while yet. Now that the summer holidays are over there are several events coming up/returning in September for you to enjoy. The pop up café is making a welcome return this month and we also have a table top sale at the end of the month so a perfect opportunity to sort out those unwanted items and book a table. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
06-Sep-24	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Cafe	Village Hall
08-Sep-24	11am	St Nicholas	Harvest Service	Church
08-Sep-24	12.15pm	St Nicholas	Harvest Lunch	Village Hall
10-Sep-24	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
12-Sep-24	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Film Show	Village Hall
14-Sep-24	10-12 & 2-4	St Nicholas	Bakeathon	Village Hall
18-Sep-24	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	Spkr - Medicine Through Time	Village Hall
19-Sep-24	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, Middlemoor Farm	Daventry
19-Sep-24	7.30pm	W.I.	Spkr - The Power of Laughter	Village Hall
21-Sep-24	12-2pm	St Nicholas	Soup & Social	Village Hall
22-Sep-24	11am	St Nicholas	Holy Communion	Church
28-Sep-24	10-1pm	Village Hall	Table Top Sale	Village Hall

Village Hall

100 Club August Draw: 1st place - Val Hall 2nd place - wishes to remain anonymous Well done!!

Table Top Sale - Saturday 28th September 10am - 1pm (set up prior) - Here's a chance to sell whatever you want to and make some money!! £10 per table payable prior to the sale. If you'd like to book a table please contact Karen Skipp (booking secretary) - karenskipp145@btinternet.com or on 890525 There'll also be refreshments with home made cakes, a raffle and the opportunity to buy produce and cakes. The proceeds of the table fees will go towards the upkeep of our lovely Village Hall.

St Nicholas Church

After a quiet August St Nicholas begins September with our Harvest Service on September 8th at 11am where our lovely children's choir will once again be singing. This is followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. Tickets are available from Andrea Hughes 891313, Karen Nichols 07866572209 or Jackie Gibbard 891191. Priced £10 with concessions for children. This includes a glass of wine. Donations of produce and items for the food bank would be welcome. We look forward to children getting involved in the service carrying baskets of produce.



Our soup and socials restart on September 21st in the village hall 12-2pm. Volunteers to make soups and puddings very welcome also to help out. Suggested donation £6 for soup and pudding. Please contact Sue, Andrea or Karen.

Our silent auction result with the watercolour of St Nicholas Church by Nicholas Brand will be announced at the Harvest. Still time to pop in a bid to Andrea Hughes in an envelope to White Barn Close.

A new Stained Glass Window for the Baptistry is being planned. The design created by our church architect with advice from a master glass man. Both know and have worked on the church. This is an ambitious undertaking. A celebration and acknowledgment of everything the church and community has faced these last few years. The last stained glass window put in the church was the Peace Window after the First World War paid for by the village. The design will be shared for all to see and comment on as final permission will not be granted until after the consultation period has ended. It is different to anything the church has and important that people's views and opinions are heard as the church is very much a part of the community. Waiting on final costings. Donations towards this would be very welcome as we know we have a shortfall.

Finally our Community Garden brings peace and delight to all who visit. Volunteers to help with the upkeep are always sure of a warm welcome. Please speak to Andrea.



Bakeathon & Flower Art Event

St Nicholas Church and Willoughby W.I. are holding a joint Bakeathon and Flower Art Event on Saturday 14th September in Willoughby Village Hall. There will be Baking and Flower Art categories for both Adults and Children, so all the family can take part.

For more information, entry forms and recipes, please contact Lorraine Geddes 01788 890846 or email lorrainearnettgeddes@btinternet.com
Sue Waddington 01788890613 email susan.waddington2@btinternet.com
Monies raised from the day will be split between St Nicholas Church and Willoughby W.I.



Willoughby Society

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help or sponsor a plant for the pond project. The Warwickshire Conservation Volunteers will be joining us in October on a date to be fixed, and the next W/M will provide more details. Many hands make light work and a few more volunteers for the work would be wonderful, so if you have a pair of wellies, you don't mind getting dirty and you can help with the project please get in touch. Much of the planting will probably take place in Spring, so there will be another opportunity to get involved.



Our next organised event should be the Amenity Garden BBQ on Sunday the 8th of September at 2.30pm but as this clashes with the harvest lunch, so people do not have to choose which event to attend, we have decided to cancel the event. Apologies to anyone who has reserved the date in their diaries.

Our Society meeting this month is at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th September when we will have a speaker telling us about 'Medicine through time'. As with all Willoughby Society evenings, this is open for everyone to attend so if the subject interests you, it would be lovely to see you.

Finally, a date for your diary for next month. On the 12th October, we plan to visit to Hill Close Gardens, Bread and Meat Close, Warwick, CV34 6HF, for their annual celebration of the apple harvest. The gardens were created in 1845 before homes had their own gardens and many of the apple trees are ancient varieties. The gardens have been restored over the last 30 years and are well worth a visit. Although transport is not arranged, car sharing is possible. If you would like to attend, please contact: Leonie Tromans by email secretaryengxiii@aol.com or one for the Society committee.

W.I.

The WI will meet on Thursday 19th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall. Our speaker for the evening will be Janice Compton-Brough who will give a talk on The Power of Laughter - why laughter is the best medicine - laughing for health.

The competition is an amusing birthday card or postcard.

Visitors are always welcome to join our meetings.



Thursday Club

12 September 2.30pm Village Hall: Film Show, 'The Duke', starring Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren. Based on the true story of Kempton Bunton, who stole the Portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in 1961.

19 September 12.30pm Pub Lunch, Middlemoor Farm, Daventry.

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



Parish Council

Street Lighting in the Village

The street light installation in the village has now been completed with all issues resolved. The latest electricity bills show that the electricity savings are real and the Parish Council will continue to monitor both electricity and maintenance costs to ensure the predicted savings are made. Cllr Malcolm Lewis' commitment in leading on this project and bringing it to fruition has been outstanding and the support provided by his team, Bert Ogle, Steve Palmer and Tony Gasser has been very professional and important in the whole process. Our special thanks to Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk, who masterminded the financial justification that underpinned the whole scheme.

Woolscott Road/A45 Junction - Lights

The feeder pillar, providing the power to the lights at the junction, was hit in a road traffic collision on 27 June and the casing for the electricals destroyed. As a result, the power supply had to be disconnected. A new casing has been acquired and the electrical internals, which survived the collision, have been fitted. The replacement pillar has also been installed and the power distribution and monitoring cables reconnected. Now, we are just waiting for National Grid to turn the electricity back on to restore the lights.



NHS Coffee Morning Fundraiser



I am pleased to say that a new date has been fixed for this years NHS Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th October from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in Willoughby Village Hall. This year it is in aid of Asthma & Lung UK which covers debilitating diseases affecting 1 in 5 people and which 115,00 people die every year from. If you would like to donate a cake for the cake stall or a bottle of something for the bottle tombola, please drop the cakes into the village hall on the day and the bottles to either Pat Atkins or Betty Oates. We are also having the usual Raffle but this year we are having a 'Grand Prize Draw' with extra prizes. Look at your flier for more information. Thank you. Pat Atkins

Percival Guildhouse

Rugby's Independent Centre for Adult Education and the Arts, The Percival Guildhouse, is offering a bumper Autumn term of fun and affordable classes ranging from how Bletchley Park Changed History to Hatha Yoga for Everyone. The Autumn brochure is available online at www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk and in print, from Rugby Visitor Centre and the Guildhouse. Subsidies on course costs are available for those in receipt of means-tested benefits, including pension credit.

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