

# Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to May's WM which has had to be completed in something of a rush due to changing broadband providers and it not working and having to wait a week for an engineer. That combined with school holidays meant it was a very tight deadline for me. I chose one of Malcolm Lewis' lovely photos of the May blossom which has been abundant this spring for the front page.

There's a few nice events on this month, so why not pop along to the VE Day party and maybe even get 'In The Mood' by wearing a 40s inspired outfit and dancing along to some Glen Miller! I just hope this lovely weather lasts, although its threatening to be a typical British Bank Holiday weekend, weather-wise by all accounts.

Please note the Parish Council piece about Lodge Farm. I'm sure no one wants a vast, sprawling housing estate being built in the middle of the countryside and destroying it. We need to do everything we can to ensure this doesn't happen so please sign the letters of objection. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
05-May-25	2.45pm	Willoughby Society	VE Day party	Village Hall
08-May-25	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Steve Dimmer 'Agatha Christie'	Village Hall
09-May-25	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall
11-May-25	11am	St Nicholas	Allsorts Service	Church
13-May-25	7pm	Parish Council	Annual PC Meeting	Village Hall
15-May-25	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, Brinklow	Bull's Head
15-May-25	7.30pm	W.I.	Resolutions Meeting	Village Hall
16-May-25	7pm	W.I.	Bingo	Village Hall
25-May-25	11am	St Nicholas	Communion Service	Church
30-May-25	7pm	Willoughby Society	Film Night	Village Hall
31-May-25	2-4pm	Thursday Club	Cream Tea & Plant Sale	Village Hall
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## Parish Council - Maggie Beech

### RBC's Preferred Option Local Plan - Consultation

The consultation closes on Monday, 19 May. The outcome will influence which sites are allocated and it is very important that Lodge Farm is not one of them - a housing estate of 2,650 homes one field away from Willoughby, up to 25,000 extra vehicle trips per day on the A45, causing devastating harm to the landscape and environment.

Stand Against Lodge Farm (SALFV) has drawn up three letters of objection:

1. Transport Infrastructure and Safety
2. Environmental and Landscape
3. Community Sustainability and Infrastructure

Many residents have already signed the letters and their family, friends and neighbours are signing as well. **Every signature matters.** Please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk (see below) or Maggie Beech ([maggie.beech@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.beech@gmail.com) or 07855 325314) for copies of the letters. Signed letters can be posted through Malcolm Lewis's letterbox at 5 White Barn Close for submission to RBC. For more information about the consultation and how to respond, go to the News section of the Parish Council website [willoughbyparishcouncil.org/](http://willoughbyparishcouncil.org/)



### Annual Community Meeting (ACM) - held on 29 April 2025

Over 60 people attended to listen to John Tautu's presentation on the risks if Lodge Farm is allocated in the next version of the Local Plan. The minutes for the meeting are on the Parish Council website and on the noticeboard. For a paper copy, please contact Jo Jarman by email or phone and we will arrange delivery to you.

### Community Action Report 2025

This report, which celebrates the work of volunteers over the past year or so and highlights specific projects, was presented at the ACM. It is on the website. For a paper copy, please contact Jo Jarman. Jo Jarman, Parish Clerk - New email address Please note Jo's new email address which is [clerk@willoughbyparishcouncil.org](mailto:clerk@willoughbyparishcouncil.org) Her phone number is 07809 197817

### St Nicholas Church - Rev. Price

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter events this year! It was wonderful to see the church full of life and celebration as we marked this most joyful season together.

Our Singalong and Slice last month was a real treat — great company, plenty of favourite songs, and of course, some excellent cake! Thank you to all who came along and made it such an enjoyable afternoon. We're looking forward to doing it all again on Thursday 5th June at 3pm in the village hall — do come and join us!

Looking ahead, our next Allsorts Service will be on Saturday 11th May at 11am — an informal and friendly gathering for all ages.

And finally, a date for your diary: our next Communion Service will be on Saturday 25th May at 11am, and this will also include our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). Everyone is very welcome. We look forward to seeing you soon!



## Willoughby Society - Leonie Tromans

**Victory in Europe day;** The 8th May marks the 80th Anniversary of VE Day and we have teamed up with the other groups in the village to celebrate the anniversary but rather than the 8th May we will be having a tea party in the village hall gardens on Bank holiday **Monday the 5th May from 2.45pm**. This is a family day and everyone is welcome. The celebrations will commence with the hoisting of a commemorative flag at 2.45pm, followed by a VE Day themed tea party, Raffle and children's crafts, 1940's dress is optional. If you can bake a cake for the event, all donations will be gratefully received, if you can't attend the event but would like to donate a cake the hall will be open from 2pm. The Pop-up-Pub will open from 5.30pm and a 1940's quiz or Housey-Housey, accompanied baked spuds stuffed with chilli, veggie chilli or cheese will finish off the day. Proceeds from the Raffle and food to be donated to The Royal British Legion.

**Film night;** On Friday 30th May at 7pm we will be showing Paddington in Peru. With the Brown family in tow, Paddington returns to Peru to visit his Aunt Lucy. A thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest. A must watch heartwarming and hilarious film. The film has a PG rating and has Four Star reviews. Everyone welcome children free, adults a suggested £5 donation to cover costs would be gratefully received.



**Big Lunch Picnic;** Saturday 7th June, 12.30pm. The Big lunch idea was started in 2009 by the Eden project. The aim is to get as many people across the country to have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of community, friendship and fun. The Willoughby Society have been involved from the start and have helped to organise a Big Lunch in Willoughby every year since. Everyone is welcome to attend the lunch which be from 12.30pm in the village hall gardens. 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. Bring your own food and drink, or why not arrange to join another group and share the food. As with the VE Day tea party, if the weather is inclement the lunch will be in the hall.

### W.I. - Lorraine Geddes

Thursday 15 May - 7.30pm - Village Hall - Resolutions Meeting to discuss Bystanders can be Lifesavers as always guests welcome

Friday 16 May 7pm for 7.30 start Bingo - Village Hall - Entry £5

per person to include a light supper - tickets to be purchased in advance from either Lorraine Geddes - 01788 890846 or email\_

[lorrainearnettgeddes@btinternet.com](mailto:lorrainearnettgeddes@btinternet.com)

or Pat James - 01788 891223



### Village Hall - Joss Ray

The Village Hall Committee held its AGM last night ( 15th April) - if anyone would like a copy of the Annual Statement please contact Joss Ray (Secretary) at [joss959@sky.com](mailto:joss959@sky.com) or 01788 891317 and she will be happy to supply one to you.

### Village Hall 100 Club - April winners

1st - Mark Street.  
2nd - Janet Tanser.  
Congratulations!!!

## Thursday Club - Jim Rowley

8 May, 2.30pm Village Hall: Steve Dimmer, 'Agatha Christie'.



15 May, 12.30pm Pub Lunch  
at the Bulls Head, Brinklow CV23 0NE

31 May, Cream Tea and Plant Sale: 2 - 4pm,  
Village Hall, £5 (or £3 for children)

New members welcome - ask the Secretary, Jim  
Rowley, on 01788891 805

## Pop Up Café - Rachel Settle

We would like to thank you all for your support  
for our Pop Up Café held on Friday 4th April.  
Our profit, as always, will be donated to  
charities who have provided villagers with help  
when needed.

The café will pop up again on Friday 9th May,  
10.30am - 12.30pm, serving tea, coffee, and a  
variety of savouries, cakes and scones. We very  
much look forward to seeing you there.

If you have a favourite cake or savoury you  
would like to see on the menu please let me  
know.



## Friends of Willoughby - Sue Waddington

### VE Day celebrations

During the 1940's you were expected and embrace the war time spirit and upcycle and make do. We why not have a go at making a pinny or tea pot cosy using scrap fabric or old clothing. Repurpose an item into something new.

Make a cardboard tube RAF Spitfire Plane or a 1940's Cardboard radio? Follow the links for the instructions and templates. [Cardboard Tube RAF Spitfire Plane craft activity guide](#) | [Baker Ross, 1940s Cardboard Radio craft activity guide](#) | [Baker Ross](#). Bring them along to the VE Day Celebrations and show how creative you can be. We are also looking for any 1940s memorabilia we could put on show please let us know if you have anything.

### Decorate a Window for VE Day

From the 4<sup>th</sup> to 10th May we are asking villagers to decorate a Window/House/Garden for VE Day. This can be decorated as big or small as you like from a simple picture to all out decorations.

## Percival Guildhouse - Clare Turnbull

June, July and August hold lots of promise for those interested in trying something new or advancing an existing skill. Rugby's Percival Guildhouse is offering a wide variety of full-day or half-day workshops from Tai Chi to Mobile Film Making.

For the first time this year the adult education centre will also be running workshops in August including Get Stuck into Art, Summer Writing Oasis, Stress-Busting and Weight Management Made Simple. Full details of all workshops are available at [www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk](http://www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk) or you can call 01788 565316 between 9am-3.30pm on weekdays.

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.