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Welcome to June's edition. We already feel like we have been in summer for some time now and it's been so dry, there are big cracks in the ground. Whilst I appreciate the sun, the recent rain has been very welcome - for gardeners and farmers at least.

The Big Lunch picnic is scheduled for June 7th. This is a really lovely way to get out and meet your neighbours and socialise.

Looking forward, our fantastic Village Festival is coming up next month and volunteers are very welcome and much needed to help set up to ensure the day is a great success. It's probably my favourite village event of the year, so hopefully will see many of you there..

Well done to everyone for signing so many letters for the Stop Lodge Farm Campaign. Thank You to Maggie Beech and the Parish Council for their continued hard work on this campaign and keeping up the pressure. It takes a village as they say, and everyone has pulled together to fight this cause! Let's hope it is a successful campaign. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
07-Jun-25	12.20pm	Willoughby Society	Big Lunch Picnic	Village Hall
08-Jun-25	11am	St Nicholas	Allsorts service	Chuch
10-Jun-25	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
12-Jun-25	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Garden Party	Village Hall
14-Jun-25	2-4pm	St Nicholas	Church Fete	Chuch
19-Jun-25	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, The Countryman	Staverton
19-Jun-25	7.30pm	W.I.	Rhyming Poetry	Village Hall
22-Jun-25	11am	St Nicholas	Communion Service	Chuch
22-Jun-35	2.30pm	Willoughby Society	play - Lady Windermere's Fan	Village Hall

Parish Council - Maggie Beech

RBC's Preferred Option Local Plan - Consultation

Representatives from Stand Against Lodge Farm took well over 2,000 letters, objecting to the inclusion of Lodge Farm in the Local Plan consultation, to the Town Hall on Friday, 16 May. These came from Willoughby, Grandborough, Flecknoe and Sawbridge, Barby and Onley, other surrounding villages, Rugby, Daventry and further afield. Willoughby's contribution alone was 1,140 letters with a further 115 submitted on the 19th - 1,255 letters in total. For a small village, this is a truly astounding achievement. Residents really stepped up to do everything possible to ensure the campaign was successful. As well as signing letters themselves, they encouraged neighbours, friends, relatives, people attending social and sporting activities, colleagues in work places, and people they met on the street, to do the same.



Lodge Farm is not RBC's preferred option for allocating houses in the Local Plan and we can now only hope that the many reasons put forward in our letters of objection, and the strength of the opposition, will mean that a housing estate of 2,650 houses will not be allocated just up the A45. We understand that the Regulation 19 Submission Plan which includes definite allocations for housing and employment will be available in January 2026. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the campaign.

St Nicholas Church - Rev. Price

Village Church Fête – Saturday 14th June, 2–4pm

We're delighted to be holding a Church Fête on Saturday 14th June, from 2–4pm. We're going for a traditional, old-fashioned feel with maypole dancing, cream teas, and plant stalls – something for all ages to enjoy. Come along, bring a friend, and enjoy a classic village afternoon. Everyone is warmly welcome!



June Church Services

Join us at church this month for our regular Sunday services:

- Sunday 8th June, 11am – Allsorts Service celebrating Pentecost
- Sunday 22nd June, 11am – Communion Service led by Rev Phil

Come when you can — you're always welcome.

W.I. - Lorraine Geddes

19 June – 7.30pm – Rhyming poetry to make you think and laugh
Visitors always welcome



Thursday Club - Jim Rowley

12 June 2.30pm Village Hall: Garden Party. It will be helpful if members can let Pat Atkins know in advance whether they are going to attend (01788 891 799).



19 June, 12.30pm Pub Lunch at the Countryman, Staverton. There will be a sign up sheet at the Garden Party.

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

Willoughby Society - Leonie Tromans

VE Day celebrations: These were a great success and we will be donating £685 to the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone involved.



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; fitnesswithval@gmail.com. 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.

Matinee performance; Lady Windermere's Fan. Sunday 22nd June 2.30pm. The Willoughby Society are promoting this event. Aunty Jen Productions will be performing this comedy by Oscar Wilde. Tickets; Adults £12, Concessions £10. www.auntyjenproductions.co.uk or call 07904 872990. This will be the third performance by Aunty Jen Productions and promises to be a great afternoon. The bar will be open so why not come and enjoy a pleasant Sunday afternoon.

Willoughby Festival, Saturday 12th July. 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. There will be lots of stalls and games to entertain you throughout the afternoon including a Tae-Kwondo demonstration, and Braunston scouts will be joining us showcasing everything Scouting . 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. We are crossing fingers that the pub may be open in time to offer alternatives to tea. Sadly we have been unable to source a band this year so we have decided to take a year off. But that shouldn't stop you bring along a picnic and enjoying the evening. We need volunteers to bake cakes for the refreshment stall, to help on the day, and at 3pm on Sunday 6th July 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

Pop Up Café - Rachel Settle

We would like to thank you all for supporting for our Pop Up Cafe. Our profit has been donated to DACT as we know many of our supporters use their services.

If you would like to nominate a local charity who have provided Willoughby villagers with help when needed, please let me know

I'm sorry, there will be NO CAFE IN JUNE. However, we will pop up again on FRIDAY 4th JULY, 10:30am - 12:30pm, serving tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries, cakes and scones, and we very much look forward to seeing you there.

Village Hall - Joss Ray

Village Hall 100 Club - May Winners



1st Prize - Di McKnight

2nd prize - Hannah Gowney-Hedges - Congratulations both!!

Friends of Willoughby - Sue Waddington

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Leonie Tromans (Willoughby Society) for co-ordinating the running of the village V.E. Day celebrations. We hope everyone enjoyed the craft table (you are never too old to colour in pictures.) From the ringing of the church bells (thank you Kim) to the 1940's raffle prizes, quizzes and Housey Housey (Bingo), it was amazing to see so many from around our community enjoying themselves, taking part in the activities and having fun, whilst raising funds for the Royal British Legion. We would also like to thank everyone who decorated their house, window or garden with Red, White and Blue.

Sharps Boxes

Are you having trouble disposing of any Needles, syringes and other sharps which would normally be returned to the pharmacy, GP or hospital using the sharps bin they provided? They may accept them at the Reception of Rugby Borough Works Services Unit at Hunters Lane. (Brick Building on the left before the Lemon Groundwork Solutions as you turn into Hunters Lane).

Summer Craft Fair

Our next event will be our Summer Craft Fair on Sunday 6th July 11.30 till 3.00pm more info to follow.



Looking ahead - Willoughby Festival 12th July 12.30 – 5.00pm - Sue Waddington

Your village needs your HELP! To run many of the village events we need volunteers to help things run smoothly. More hands will lighten the workload even more, letting everyone enjoy the day. We are looking for volunteers to help with the following: -

Erecting Marquees. - Sunday 6th July 2025 3.00pm.

Moving Tables and Chairs from the Hall to the Field and Back at the end of the day.

Helping with Refreshments. - One hour stint on a rota.

Helping run a Games Stall. - One hour stint on a rota.

Donation of Cakes for Refreshments or Donate a Raffle Prize.

Helping with Face Painting.

Dismantling Marquees – Date and time to be confirmed

If you can help, please contact Leonie Tromans 07527 156920 or Sue Waddington 07889 532810

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.