



Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to July's edition, The main event this month will be the Willoughby Festival. I hope you've all been in training for the Festival races or Tug Of War! I've been in training for some cake eating - does that count?! If anyone can help out with this event, please see the entry from Friends of Willoughby where there is a list of things which require volunteers to help the day run smoothly.

The church fete was a great success by all accounts. Unfortunately we didn't manage to make it but our guests went and they said when they imagined a typical English village, it was somewhere like Willoughby they

had in mind. They were so complimentary of the village and they loved the fete and took part in maypole dancing and sampled the cakes. We all know we have a lovely village with a great community but it is nice when outsiders see that too.

The Flood Action Group continue to work really hard keeping the brook clean and I'd like to extend the thanks of everyone to them for all the hard work they continue to do. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
04-Jul-25	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall
04-Jul-25	7pm	Fund Raiser	Quiz Night	Village Hall
06-Jul-25	11.30-3pm	FoW	Summer Craft Fair	Village Hall
08-Jul-25	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
12-Jul-25	12.30pm	Willoughby Society	Willoughby Festival	Play Park
13-Jul-25	11am	St Nicholas	Allsorts Service	Church
17-Jul-25	7.30pm	W.I.	Meeting/talk	Village Hall
21-Jul-25	12-2pm	Parish Council	Play Rangers	Play Park
26-Jul-25	-	Willoughby Society	visit to Warwickshire Lavender	Bubbenhall
27-Jul-25	10am	St Nicholas	Celtic Communion	Church
28-Jul-25	12-2pm	Parish Council	Play Rangers	Play Park

Parish Council - Maggie Beech

RBC's Preferred Option Local Plan - Consultation

The Parish Council's main response, objecting to the inclusion of Lodge Farm as a 'reasonable alternative scenario' in the Sustainability Appraisal for the consultation, was submitted on 16 May and an additional response was sent on 19 May. Both responses can be found on the Parish Council website in the Supporting Documents for the 10 June 2025 minutes. If you would like paper copies, please contact Jo Jarman, our Parish Clerk - email clerk@willoughbyparishcouncil.org or phone 07809 197817.

Rugby's Regulation 19 Pre_submission Plan, which will include definite allocations for housing and employment, should be available in January 2026. At that time, there will be a further public consultation before the plan is submitted to the Secretary of State for an independent examination.



Play Rangers

Play Rangers sessions start this month on Monday, 21 July. There will be four more sessions on 28 July, 11 August, 18 August and Tuesday, 26 August. The sessions run from noon until 2:00 pm on the playing field and have proved very popular in the past. The activities are best suited to children in the 3 to 13 '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.

St Nicholas Church - Rev. Price

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Sing Along and Slice and our Church Fête last month. Both were fantastic events, full of life and laughter—it was wonderful to see so many of you there! Also a huge thanks to Malcom for chronicling it all for us, you can see his video of the Sing Along and Slice on the Willoughby Monthly Facebook group.

Save the Date

Our next Sing Along and Slice will take place on Wednesday 7th August at 3pm in the Village Hall. All ages welcome, come for the music, stay for the cake!

Summer Services

As we ease into the summer holidays, our Church services will follow a special summer pattern. Here's what's coming up:

- Saturday 13th July, 11am – Allsorts: A relaxed, all-age service with something for everyone.
- Saturday 27th July, 10am – Celtic Communion: A gentle, reflective service, including a baptism.

Saturday 17th August, 4pm – Songs and Scones: Favourite hymns, friendly faces, and scones—what's not to love? We'd love to see you at any or all of these.

Pop Up Café - Rachel Settle

The Pop-Up Café will be opening its doors on FRIDAY 4th JULY, 10:30am - 12:30pm, serving tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries, cakes and scones. We very much look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your diary: the Pop-up café will also be opening its doors on Friday 1st August and Friday 5th September.



Willoughby Society - Leonie Tromans

The Summer months are a quiet period for us and a chance to recharge our batteries ready for September so there are only a couple of dates for your diaries:

Willoughby Festival, 12.30pm, Saturday 12th July. Sue Waddington has kindly volunteered to help with the organisation of the festival and so a full brief of the day's events can be found at the 'Friends of Willoughby' entry in this monthly.



Visit to Warwickshire Lavender, Watery Lane, Bubbenhall, CV8 3BQ. Saturday 26th July. This is not an organised visit but a suggestion. Entrance to the café and shop are free. Adults £8 entrance to the fields. The lavender fields are open till the end of July from 10am till 4.30pm, and the café is open from 10am till 4pm serving hot and cold drinks and cakes. A great opportunity to stock up for Christmas.

Lastly some advance notice about the Canal boat taster for Society members. this will be Wednesday 17th September for the full day, meet time to be confirmed.

W.I. - Lorraine Geddes

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Bingo event we are delighted to let you know that we have been able to donate £100 to the Rugby Refuge.

On 17 July we welcome Chris Arnott whose talk is entitled "Coronation Street 70 year between Elizabeth and Charles" – our competition is for a commemorative item. As always visitors are very welcome 7.30 start.



QUIZ NIGHT

Willoughby Village Hall

Friday 4th July

Arrive from 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Drinks and snacks available (cash only)

Teams of 4-8 people - £5 per team

World Challenge Fundraiser - Tanzania 2026!

*Text Liz Wooldridge to book
07976 806803*



Village Hall - Joss Ray

Village Hall 100 Club - June Winners

1st prize - Kim Bendzak

2nd prize - Rachel Chivers

Congratulations to you both!!

Friends of Willoughby - Sue Waddington

Summer Craft Fair

You are invited to our Summer Craft Fair on Sunday 6th July 11.30 till 3.00pm in Willoughby Village Hall. We will have various stalls selling Homemade Goods, refreshments including cake, ploughman's lunch, a Raffle and Children's craft area. Donations of cakes and raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

Willoughby Festival 12th July 12.30 – 5.00pm

The festival this year although following its normal format will be slightly different, with a variety of stalls, Braunston Scouts showcasing everything Scouting, a Demonstration by Focus Tae-Kwon Do Martial Arts Academy, our local PCSO's bringing along some of their equipment and possibly a car, Games and of course our family fun races for all ages, including Egg and Spoon, Tug of War and Sack races.

We will be ending the day with our Community Picnic in the park, why not bring along your own picnic and join us and enjoy the evening. So that we can all enjoy the day as with many events run in the village, we need volunteers to help run things smoothly.

We need help with the following:

- Erecting Marquees. - Sunday 6th July 2025 3.00pm.
- Moving Tables and Chairs from the shed at the rear of 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,
- Setting up and helping organise races - please contact Brian Hall.



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

Thursday Club - Jim Rowley

We have a holiday in July, and will be back in the August issue with our BBQ on 14 August (NB The date on your membership cards is wrong, apologies).

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

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.