

Willoughby Monthly

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Welcome to August's edition, a report on the Village Festival from Brian Hall. We were blessed with glorious weather, almost too warm. Over 35 children took part in the races as well as many adults, making it a very enjoyable day for adults and spectators alike. Over 60 medals were presented by Maggie Beech, Parish Council Chair. In the boys, Alfie P beat Daniel L by one win, becoming champion for the 2nd year. In the girls competition, Emily H, Clementine P and Amelie P shared the trophy. Congratulations to all the winners. The men's races were very competitive with some close finishes. There were fewer entries for the ladies. Cameron Sutton and Izzy Barr won 4 races each and shared the champions shield.

The obstacle course proved very entertaining, with many competitors struggling to get under the net or through the tunnel. Unfortunately our replacement rope for the tug of war proved harder to hold but the pulling was just as entertaining. Malcolm Lewis kindly took photos of all the individual trophy winners and the tug of war winners. If anyone would like a copy please email me on brianjameshall@yahoo.co.uk Finally my thanks to everyone who helped on the day, namely Val, Nicola, Izzy, Andrew, John and Heather and to Steve for the set up. Brian Hall

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
01-Aug-25	10-12pm	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall
07-Aug-25	3pm	St Nicholas	Sing Along & Slice	Village Hall
11-Aug-25	12-2pm	Play Rangers	Play Ranger Session	Play Park
12-Aug-25	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
14-Aug-25	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Members' BBQ	Village Hall
17-Aug-25	4pm	St Nicholas	Scones & Songs	Church
18-Aug-25	12-2pm	Play Rangers	Play Ranger Session	Play Park
18-Aug-25	2.30pm	W.I.	Kurling	Barby Village Hall
21-Aug-25	12.30-4pm	W.I.	Harlestone Garden Centre visit	Harlestone
26-Aug-25	12-2pm	Play Rangers	Play Ranger Session	Play Park

Reminder: Reporting Dog Fouling

If you see a dog owner who does not pick up after their dog, you can report this to Rugby Borough Council by email or phone. The more information you can provide to help them to identify the owner, the more chance they have of taking action. RBC's website states: 'If you fail to pick up after your dog, you could be issued with an £80 fixed penalty notice. You could also be taken to court and face a fine of up to £1,000.'

www.rugby.gov.uk/en/w/report-dog-fouling or 01788 533533



Play Rangers

Play Rangers sessions this month are on Monday, 11 August and 18 August and on Tuesday 26 August. The sessions run from noon until 2:00 pm on the playing field. 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

We warmly invite you to join us at our upcoming services and events. Please note: Our summer programme means different service times across the benefice (10:00am and 4:00pm). For full details of all services between now and 31st August, please check our website.



Singalong & Slice – Thursday 7th August 3pm in the Village Hall
An informal afternoon of favourite songs and a generous slice of homemade cake. Come along for some feel-good music and a chat.

Scones and Songs – Sunday 17th August, 4:00pm

Wind down your weekend with fresh scones and a singalong of favourite hymns in church. Got a hymn you'd love to hear? Let us know your requests by Monday 4th August – contact:

- Kathryn Watson – kathryn.watson163@gmail.com / 07952 884390
- Andrea Hughes – mrsandreaughes@btinternet.com / 07702 626268
- Rhys Hedges – rlh2@mail.com / 07595 847404

Whether you're new, local, or just visiting, we'd love to welcome you at any of these events.

W.I. - Lorraine Geddes

We have a couple of events in August –

18 August, 2pm - 4pm; members have a Kurling match with Barby WI and Dunchuch WI.

21 August, 12.30pm - 4pm - members are going to visit Harlestone Heath Garden Centre.



Willoughby Society - Leonie Tromans

We do not have any events in August but we have three events in September.

Day out - Canal boat taster for Society members. Wednesday 17th September for the full day. We will pick the boat up in the usual place at the bottom of Dark Lane, Braunston, NN11 7HJ. The cost per person for the day will be £10 and will cover the LNBP expenses including a skipper. There are 12 places available and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. A non-refundable deposit of £5 will be taken to reserve your place. Any places still available on the 1st September will be offered to non-members of the Society. Parking is also available at Braunston marina off the A45. Please let Val Taylor or Leonie Tromans know if you are interested in attending.

80's Music Night Event on Saturday 20th of September from 7.30pm.

We have booked a band called Synthmachine to entertain us for the evening. They are a fantastic three piece 80's Synthpop Covers band. They pride themselves on accurately recreating the sounds and the atmosphere of the 80's, taking their audiences on a journey through a decade of extraordinary electronic music. The bar will be open and tickets cost £15 and available from Leonie Tromans, secretaryengxiii@aol.com and Val Taylor.



Visit to David Austin Roses. Wednesday 24th September. We have booked a DACT bus for a visit to David Austin Roses including a tour and talk. As numbers are limited they will be offered to Society members first. The bus will pick up from the Village hall at 10.30am and return by about 5pm. A contribution of £10 per person towards the cost of the Tour and talk and the DACT bus. Any places still available on the 1st September will be offered to non-members of the Society. Please let Val Taylor or Leonie Tromans know if you are interested in attending.

Pop Up Café - Rachel Settle

Thank you to everyone who came along to our café on 4th July, it was our busiest morning yet and we are all very grateful for your support. Our profit, as always, will be donated to local charities.

The Pop-Up Café will be opening its doors again in the village hall on Friday 1st August, however, because it is Carol Berta's funeral in the afternoon, we will be open from 10:00am - 12:00pm.



Village Hall - Joss Ray

100 Club - July Winners

1st Prize - Ed Beech

2nd Prize - Patricia Raison - Congratulations to you both!



Thursday Club - Jim Rowley

14 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, with £7 per person.

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

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

Friends of Willoughby - Sue Waddington

Summer Craft Fair.

Thank you to everyone who donated, cakes, raffle prizes helped on the day and popped along to see us and what was on offer. The Ploughman's and Quesadillas proved to be very popular.

Willoughby Festival.

A huge thank you once again to all our volunteers, cake makers, marquee builders and dismantlers, for their help setting up the field ready for the festival. For those who donated raffle prizes, ran the games, refreshments, the bar and supplied gazebos providing shade on what was a very hot day.

To Brian and Val Hall and all their helpers for organising and running the family fun races. All our stall holders, Braunston Scouts giving us an insight to scouting activities and Focus Taekwon Do Academy for their martial arts demonstration. We tried something a little different this year and hoped you enjoyed it.

Dates for your diary.

9th October – Ladies Fashion Show with Wanda Fashions

25th October – Childrens Halloween Craft and Pumpkin Carving.

31st October – Halloween Family Event

6th December – Christmas Craft Fair and Festival of Light Trail

12th December – Christmas Family Event

Percival Guildhouse - Clare Turnbull

Bookings open in mid-August for a wealth of new and tried-and-tested well-being and adult education courses at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse. The independent centre is introducing several new day and full-term courses in the Autumn Term covering crafts such as Crochet for Beginners, Textile Textures and Stitched Mixed Media and Learn to Use Your Sewing Machine.

There are new courses on Character Concept Design for Games and Animation, one on Introduction to Animation and Beginner Photography. For lovers of history and literature, new courses on The Franco Years, from Carta to Charter and Shakespeare's Women.

The full list of courses, which includes all traditional favourites, will be available online at www.percival-guildhouse.co.uk from 14 August. Printed brochures will also be available from Rugby Visitor Centre at the Art Gallery & Museum and many other locations locally. Enquiries and bookings can also be made by phone after 14 August on 01788 542467.

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.