



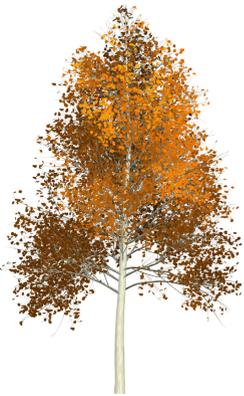
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Welcome to September's issue. I can't believe how fast the summer holidays have gone and here we are in Autumn (although it does feel like it arrived in August with all the leaves turning early). In fact, I am doing this newsletter in something of a rush as it seemed I had plenty of time but camping trips, a few days out here and there and several afternoons picking plums and trying to tame the jungle which parts of our garden has become, suddenly time had crept away from me! At breakfast this morning, I realised I hadn't even got the draft copy out! I even cancelled my gym session for it! (It was a particularly tough one - I didn't have to think too long, especially as my legs are still aching from yesterday's session!)

I am sure I am not alone in really hoping for some rain soon. Whilst in some ways, a 'proper summer' has been welcome, the lack of rain since spring will have had a

dramatic effect on the amount of crops and forage produced and it will certainly lead to a hike in prices in the shops. One thing I would just park here is that grass is very resilient and we do not need verdant green lawns when there is a drought. Hopefully by the time you're reading this the rain will have returned to quench the parched plant life and wildlife - but without bringing floods. Hannah

Date	Time	Organisation	Event	Venue
05-Sep-25	10.30-12.30	Community	Pop Up Café	Village Hall
09-Sep-25	7pm	Parish Council	Meeting	Village Hall
11-Sep-25	2.30pm	Thursday Club	Film Show - Out of Africa	Village Hall
14-Sep-25	11am	St Nicholas	Communion	Church
18-Sep-25	12.30pm	Thursday Club	Pub Lunch, Hellidon	Red Lion
18-Sep-25	7.30pm	W.I.	'Stories of Our British Mammals'	Village Hall
20-Sep-25	7.30pm	Willoughby Society	80's Music Night	Village Hall
24-Sep-25	10.30am	Willoughby Society	trip to David Austin Roses	D.A Roses
27-Sep-25	12-2pm	St Nicholas	Soup & Social	Village Hall
28-Sep-25	11am	St Nicholas	All Sorts Service	Church

Parish Council - Maggie Beech

Moor Lane / Sawbridge Road

The condition of sections of Moor Lane and much of the Sawbridge Road to Fox Covert and beyond has been very poor for a long time and a cause of great concern to many residents. Cllrs Rod Honess and Maggie Beech, together with Dale Keeling, our councillor on Warwickshire County Council (WCC), met the WCC Highways Area Surveyor on 29 July to discuss what could be done to improve the situation.

Following the meeting, the Area Surveyor has informed the Parish Council that:

- he has raised a job to have the tarmac gang go along the road and fill in any depressions within the carriageway areas.
- he is arranging to have planings (stones) put in the verges along the edge of the carriageway so that these are filled in.
- he will make a request for white edging lines to be painted.
- SLOW signs will be painted on the road going into the sharp bend by Willoughby Lodge.
- the work described will include the stretch of carriageway running past Manor Farm on Moor Lane.



The Area Surveyor confirmed that the planings in the verges would be a temporary fix. Roads are scored and if you rank in the top 12, work will be carried out in the current financial year. The Surveyor intimated that Sawbridge Road is close to reaching the top 12; he also confirmed that the use of planings will not impact the scoring and when the road reaches the top 12 it will be tarmacked to its original width. Hopefully, at least some of this work will be carried out during this financial year so that the road is safer for all to use.

St Nicholas Church - Rev. Price

Thanks to everyone who came for a Singalong & Slice in August. It was lovely to see new faces and Willoughby was in very good voice! We look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 2nd October – save the date and spread the word! Our Songs and Scones service was a lovely summer celebration. Thank you to everyone who shared their favourites hymn, experiences and memories and to those who baked the delicious scones that followed!

Soup and Social recommences on Saturday 27th September in the Village Hall. Why not pop along between 12 – 2pm to meet old friends and make new ones. £6 suggested donation for lovely homemade soup and a delicious pudding.



We are very much looking forward to our Harvest Festival celebrations on Sunday October 12th. A warm welcome awaits you at St Nicholas' for the Family Service at 11.00. We are delighted that the Children's Choir will be singing and donations of packet and tinned food, rice, noodles and toiletries will be gratefully received for the Rugby Food Bank. The service will be followed by our Harvest lunch in the Village hall 12.30 for 1pm. Tickets for the two-course lunch including a glass of wine can be purchased from Andrea Hughes or Kathryn Watson priced £8.

As always, details of our Sunday services are on the front of this newsletter.

Willoughby Society - Leonie Tromans

Wednesday 17th September, Canal Boat Taster - this has been cancelled due to the canals being shut from lack of water. Leonie will reimburse you.

80's Music Night Event on Saturday, 20th of September from 7.30 pm. We have booked a band called Synthmachine to entertain us for the evening. They are a fantastic three-piece 80s Synthpop Covers band. They pride themselves on accurately recreating the sounds and the atmosphere of the 80s, taking their audiences on a journey through a decade of extraordinary electronic music. The bar will be open and following a committee decision, tickets are now available for just £10 per person, and are available from Leonie Tromans, secretaryengxiii@aol.com, and Val Taylor.



Wednesday 24th September. Visit to David Austin Roses. We have booked a DACT bus for a visit to David Austin Roses, including a tour and talk. There are still places available on a first-come, first-served basis, and bookings are available for anyone to join us. The bus will pick up from the Village hall at 10.30 am and return by about 5 pm. A contribution of £10 per person towards the cost of the Tour and talk, and the DACT bus. Please let Val Taylor or Leonie Tromans know if you are interested in attending.

Date for your diary: Saturday the 18th of October. Aunty Jen Productions return to Willoughby for an evening of Murder and Mystery at the village hall.

Thursday Club - Jim Rowley

11 September 2.30pm Village Hall: Film Show - "Out of Africa". Epic romantic drama, starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford.

18 September 12.30pm pub lunch Red Lion at Hellidon (we hope). Sign up sheet at 11 September meeting.



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

Pop Up Café - Rachel Settle

Thank you to everyone who came along to our cafe on 1st August. As always we are very grateful for your support. Our profit from the cafe this month was donated to DACT, and to Marie Curie - in memory of Carol Berta.

The Pop-Up Cafe will be opening its doors again in the village hall on Friday 5th September 10.30 - 12.30 and we very much look forward to seeing you there

Notices

Dear People of Willoughby and friends, thank you all for sharing my sadness and sorrow after the passing of my wife, dear Carol, also for coming to the funeral service and joining me and my family in a celebration of Carol's life in the village hall. Thank you all so much for the generous donations which totalled £616 - this will be shared between Marie Curie and the Midlands Air Ambulance. Thanks again for your help and kindness, we will never forget. Steve Berta and family, Paul & Lesley.

Friends of Willoughby - Sue Waddington

The Friends of Willoughby and The Willoughby Village Hall Committee invite you to a Fashion Show by Wanda Fashions on Thursday 9th October at Willoughby Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets £10.00 per person and will include a choice of one glass of wine, bottle of lager or soft drink plus cheese and nibbles (GF and DF will also be catered for).

We will also have a raffle, licensed bar and a discount voucher from Wanda's.

Tickets go on sale the 1st of September and can be bought from Wanda Fashions,

The Green, Dunchurch, CV22 6NX Tel: 01788 522021, Sue Waddington email:

friendsofwilloughby@gmail.com or Joss Ray joss959@sky.com

Why not join us for a for a night of fashion and friendship?



We will also be having the following combined events with the Willoughby Society, further information will be in the October edition.

25th October – Children's Halloween Craft and Pumpkin Carving.

31st October – Halloween Family Event



W.I. - Lorraine Geddes



Thursday 18 September – 7.30pm – Village Hall – Nick Martin is back with us after his very interesting talk "Wildlife in our Garden" . This time its "Stories of our British Mammals" which will be accompanied by his excellent photographs. Competition is photo/card of British Mammal. Visitors always welcome.



Village Hall - Joss Ray

Village Hall 100 Club - August winners

1st - Norman Oates

2nd - Tony Gasser - Congratulations to you both!

Percival Guildhouse - Clare Turnbull

Heritage and haute couture will combine in a centenary display of fashion and textiles at Rugby's Percival Guildhouse in September as part of National Heritage Weekend. The major display of 100 years of fashion will include 1920s flapper dresses, wartime clothing, mid-century designs, 1960s' miniskirts, 1970s' psychedelic colours and punk fashion, plus a range of textiles from different decades and how they were used in our living rooms.

Visitors during the weekend of 13-14 September, will also be able to view precious artefacts from the Guildhouse Archive collection. Such is the significance of this material, charting 100 years of adult education, that it has attracted National Lottery Heritage Funding to enable all material to be preserved and digitised for future generations. The Guildhouse will be open between 11am-3pm during Heritage Weekend. Admission is free.

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.