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village news

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Around the Village

I hope you had a good summer and did not suffer too much with the really hot days. Anyway as summer draws to a close we can look forward to cooler days and the approach of autumn with what seems like a couple of busy months as the village returns to life after the summer break.

The Junior Willington Players are re-starting on September 9th at the village hall, meeting on Fridays from 7-8.30pm. Anyone interested aged 8-16 is welcome to come along as we begin rehearsals for the village pantomime. The adults will also resume rehearsals on October 4th at the Rising Sun, 7.30 - 9pm. New members very welcome.

Further information is available for the Junior Players from Eddie 01283 702752 or from the Willington Players secretary – Lynda 01283 703658 or email info@willingtonplayers.co.uk

St Michael's Church have a coffee morning, in aid of the Marie Curie charity on Saturday September 3 and their harvest lunch on Saturday 1st October. They are also staging a fashion show (and sale) on Saturday 15th October.

The History group have delayed the start of their monthly meetings with their programme of meetings starting on on November 10th with a guest speaker giving a lecture entitled "Made in Derbyshire".

Willington Arts festival are staging a concert featuring the Hot House Big Band on October 1st. Tickets (£10) are available from Sue Gent (07777 604279) and we are once again hoping for a full house to enjoy what has always been a wonderful musical evening. Bring your own refreshments. Unfortunately, however, this will be the last event staged by the team, as the Willington Arts festival has decided that without new team members it cannot carry on.

On a similar note, I hear that the appeal for new team members to support the Youth Club held at the Old School, Castleway, has not brought any community response. Like all village community projects it can only flourish with community support so it looks as though it will remain closed for the time being. No doubt online entertainment will still be available !

Finally a reminder that gas main repair works are taking place along Etwall Road which will mean temporary traffic lights etc for all of September, and beyond, including a road closure from the 14th September.

We welcome all contributions from the community, so if you have any news, views or events that you would like included please send these to bldavis@hotmail.co.uk.



Willington

Football Club

Welcome to Willington Football Club, a volunteer run club providing grassroots football for Willington and the surrounding areas. We are affiliated to Derbyshire County Football Association and come under their jurisdiction for all football matters.

The largest organisation within our village with over 350 registered players and 60 volunteers, that include, committee members, managers, coaches, and helpers. All those involved have an important role in ensuring our club is run professionally. Match day and training facilities are at the Power Station football pitches and Twyford Road playing field.

A brief history ... Since its formation Willington FC had always provided our local community with adult football teams both on Saturday and Sunday and we could trace the clubs history back to just after the second World War. However, a recently received team photograph from a village resident shows a Willington United FC team from 1899 which has now made us re-write our club history.

In 2002 a junior section of the club was formed, initially starting the 2002/03 season with U12's and U10's teams that both played in the Burton Junior Football League. Our club now boasts teams from U6's through to Adults. 2022 sees us celebrating 20 years of junior football for Willington FC.

The forthcoming 2022/23 season will see our teams participating in seven leagues:

- Burton Junior Football Leagues
- Derby Junior Football League
- Midlands Junior Premier League
- Young Elizabethan League
- Derby City Football League
- Derby Taverners Sunday Football League
- Midlands Regional Alliance

Our emphasis is always about participation and we as a club fully support The FA **For All, We Only Do Positive** and **Respect** initiatives and would encourage anyone, no matter what ability level, to get involved in either playing football or volunteering to help run one of our numerous teams.

All team managers and coaches are FA DBS checked and hold a minimum of an FA Level 1 coaching qualification that includes safeguarding and first aid. Several coaches are also FA Level 2 qualified.

Accredited Part of England Football, formerly FA Charter Standard, is awarded to clubs and leagues who rigorously adjudged to be well-run and sustainable - and which prioritise child protection, quality coaching and implementation of the Respect programme.

We are pleased and proud to announce that once again Willington FC have been awarded their Accreditation status for the 2022/23 Season. An award we have held since 2012. A huge thank you goes out to all committee members, team managers and coaches for ensuring we are compliant.



Willington FC achieved FA Charter Standard status in 2012.



Season Start Dates

Want to get involved....

Senior teams

Taverners | 28th August

MRA | 3rd September

Junior Teams

DCFL, DJFL, MJPL and YEL | 3rd & 4th September

BJFL | 10th & 11th September

..... As a club we always welcome new players and volunteers, whether you want to join as a manager, a coach or just want to help out. So, if you are interested then please use the "contact us" link on our web-site:

www.willingtonfc.co.uk

Chairman's Update

Hello and welcome to the September/October newsletter

What a summer we have had! With very hot days and unbearable hot nights making it difficult to sleep, but enjoyable all the same after enduring two years of lockdowns and restrictions. So, to meet up with family and friends and take much welcomed holidays has been a huge positive for us all.

As I have walked around the village, I can't help but notice how nice the village is looking right now. The Station Garden and station platforms are looking excellent, the displays are outstanding. Thanks to all parishioners that have contributed to the upkeep. Have you noticed the floral planters that are around the village. There are nine in total and they have flowered beautifully the whole of the summer.

The Parish Council has arranged with South Derbyshire District Council a total of five summer activities for children during July/August. These are play, sport and adventure activities, I hope all that attended had a wonderful time. We would like to get feedback on your experience, please email Rachel our Clerk with your comments.

We have submitted an updated plan to SDDC for TRPF. We have proposed some minor changes to make the changing rooms self-contained, improving the toilet facilities in the Community Hall area. Members of the Parish council have met with representatives of SDDC to look for available grants to help fund the project. We have put the drawings out to tender to get a minimum of three quotes for consideration.

As I have mentioned in a previous edition of the newsletter, a green post with a QR code on has been placed in the Station Garden by our Footpaths committee. Click onto the code and it provides you with information about the village. If this is successful more posts will be erected around the village with more information and photographs. Please forward comments on this to the Clerk.

You may have noticed that the outside of the former Power Station is looking somewhat overgrown. We are still trying to contact Calon to ask them to tidy up the area but despite contacting them numerous times we are not receiving any replies which is very frustrating, we will continue to pursue this and try different avenues.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 13th September at the Old School Castleway at 7pm.

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Chairman



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Summer may have seemed like down time for the Neighbourhood Development Plan, but whilst we may have been distracted by the Queen's Jubilee, the Raft Race, the Carnival and other events work has been continuing behind the scenes.

Earlier this year the NDP group was tasked with looking critically at the village and highlighting those elements of open space, footpaths, views, canal side, riverside that were important elements of the village and which would need safeguarding in any future plan. This was then used to brief consultants, in May, and agree a brief for a "village appraisal". This has been an ongoing task for our consultants and we expect to receive their report within the next month.

Likewise our planning consultant, who is leading the project, has been liaising with South Derbyshire planners to try to establish a base line development need for the area and balance that against national needs/plans for housing growth, as well as demands from developers. It is a slow process, balancing need and demands which must also take the aspirations of the community into account.

We are expecting to be able to bring both these elements together in the next couple of months and gain an idea of what the future for the village might look like and how we might need to seek to further influence that future development.

This is regrettably a slow process with the ongoing unknowns of the power station's future role, the impact of the proposed Free Port development and the ongoing need for a new bridge over the River Trent; all of which could have an impact on the village. This seemingly lengthy process may seem frustrating to many but it is important to remember that we are now part of the plan process. Our task is to ensure that we have a voice in the future planning of the village and keep in step with and influence the plan process, rather than trying to dictate its pace and outcome.

Whilst we await the outcome of the consultant reports the NDP group still has much to do. We need to review the early work on what is important to the village in terms of village form and ensure that we have a priority list of the village elements that need protecting so we can react to whatever the consultants might recommend and ensure the community view is upheld.

You can also add your voice to the debate by letting us know what you feel is important to the village and how it may be best safeguarded against development.

Your views please to the Parish Clerkclerk@willingtonpc.org.uk



STRONGER FOR LONGER

Exercise for Strength & Balance



As we get older, doing regular physical activity, particularly exercise that improves our strength and balance, is a way to remain independent and reduce the risk of falls and injury. It can also give us more energy, help us sleep better and provide health benefits, such as strengthening bones, aiding blood pressure management and controlling blood sugar levels. Similarly, joining an exercise group, can get us out and about, meeting others, something we can all appreciate more since the lockdowns.

So, if you have noticed that you can't get out of a chair without using your arms, you need support while walking, or lack confidence to reach for something up high or down low, you would probably benefit from attending a local strength and balance class. Sessions include elements of cardio-fitness, exercises to strengthen muscles, balance training and stretching for flexibility. There are different sessions to meet differing abilities, you may be seated for much of the session, or you may do most of it standing. You would not be expected to work at a level which is uncomfortable for you. To ensure that they meet recognised standards, classes are approved by the 'Stronger for Longer' (Strictly No Falling Team) at Age UK Derby & Derbyshire - www.ageuk.org.uk/derbyandderbyshire/.

Sessions take place in Willington Village Hall on Mondays at 10:00 & 11:15 and Thursdays at 12:45

For more information or to book a place, please ring Emma Yates on 07554 868 161 (Monday classes) or Lisa Dengate on 07989 449 875 (Thursday class).

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St Michael's Community Library

is open on the first Wednesday each month. From September 7th onwards there will be a **slight change of time**: the library will be open from **10am till 11.30am**.

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Willington WI


The WI doesn't have a meeting in August, but that doesn't mean we weren't busy! Coffee & Company continued fortnightly at The Dragon and the station team kept the station blooming. A cake stall at the carnival and a garden party in a member's beautiful garden helped raise funds for our current charity - Bloodbikes. The annual outing was to the Black Country Living Museum, on a very hot day!

The autumn programme begins with a 'Strictly Come Dancing' evening on September 14th. The following Wednesday will see a group going to Nottingham to see Jersey Boys, then we'll have our monthly walk on 27th and a lunch at the Roebuck on 28th. There's talk of a cocktails evening but the date for that is still to be decided!

In October, a group will be travelling to Buxton for the Derbyshire Federation Autumn Council meeting where the speakers will be Dr Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason, mother of Sheku and his musical siblings, and Tracy Daszkiewicz who played a leading role in the response to the Novichok poisoning of Sergei and Yulia Skripal in Salisbury.


Our meeting on October 12th also promises to be interesting. Fay Petcher, a feel positive therapist, will give an insight into the work she does in helping people overcome the challenges they face. Fay's work is based on the belief that everyone has the right to feel positive, be happy and live the life that they have always wanted.

Visitors are welcome to come along to our meetings. 7:15 for a 7:30 pm start in the Village Hall. We'd love to see you.



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YOUR HELP

**The Youth club is looking for a new
team of volunteers to restart the club
for a couple of hours on Wednesday
Evenings. For more info contact -**

Bill Harding 07543 247947

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Greetings from Pastor Robin

This issue of WVN will mark the beginning of Autumn and give us the opportunity of reflecting on some pretty hot weather and water shortage. Hopefully many of you will have had the opportunity to take holiday somewhere or maybe even just a break staying at home. The countryside roundabouts has changed from green to a very dry colour. Many in agriculture are desperate for some meaningful rain! On the dairy farm I occasionally help out on the cows are already on winter rations as there has been no grass growth. Challenging times.

At the Baptist Church we are looking forward to a return to our normal weekly programme. This includes our Youth Work on Friday evenings during term time: Friday Club every Friday for 5 – 11 and Teen Time every second Friday for Year 7 and upwards.

We are looking forward to resuming our Community Meal in church on the last Monday of the month. There is an open invitation for people of the village to join us for a meal, friendship and getting to know each other. Each session starts at 12:00. We also have a Monday Club on the second Monday of the month, at 10.30am. This is open to all ages but is a particular favourite of senior citizens!

Please check out our website for further details or phone Jan on 01283 702491 or Beryl on 01283 732083. You will be very welcome.
(www.willingtonbaptistchurch.org.uk).

Managing Willington Churchyard for Wildlife Benefit

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust advised a group of interested parishioners on how the regular mowing of Willington churchyard could be changed to be more beneficial to wildlife. This group suggested to the church managers that a part could be left uncut from around April to September, when the grass would be raked away for the usual mowing to continue.



In May the area of old graves in the north-east area was marked off from mowing, with notices to show that it is an intentional treatment and not what some parishioners might take to be neglect or disrespect simply because some of those graves are rarely visited.

It is hoped to repeat this arrangement again next year.

What's On

..... September / October

St Michael's Church Charity Coffee Morning in aid of Marie Curie

3 September - 10am - 12 noon

Cakes, tea/coffee, bric-a-brac, raffle, treasure hunt, higher/lower card game
table chat, bric a brac and plants.



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 13th September, 7.00pm
at The Old School, Castleway

St Michael's Church Harvest Lunch

Saturday 1st October, Willington Village Hall 12 - 2 pm

Proceeds from ticket sales for British Food Charity

Tickets £8 adults/children £4 (5-12 yrs)

Ring 487396 for tickets

Hot House Big Band

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Saturday 1st October 7.30 pm

Willington Village Hall

Tickets £10 from Sue 07777 604279



The adult Willington Players will also resume rehearsals on October 4th at the Rising Sun, 7.30 - 9pm. New members very welcome.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 11th October, 7.00pm
at The Old School, Castleway

Saturday, 15th October 4pm

Debbie's Fashion Show/Sale (ladies' wear)

All Proceeds to St Michael's Church

Tickets £6 including cheese/wine available from 702263



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