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village news

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Around the Village

Well, that seems to be summer done ... I must have blinked and missed it! I always remember summers being blue skies and a few white clouds, warm days on the beach with ice cream, or am I remembering them with the aid of rose tinted glasses.

Anyway, September has arrived along with a new set of issues and things to look forward to. The football season is just getting into full swing, the Willington Players have a new play and the History Group is planning a season of new talks, starting on Thursday 12th October .

Hopefully we will see the Parish Council back to full strength, to get to grips with the increasing workload as the new Pavilion at the TRPF moves forward and the Neighbourhood Development Plan sees a push for completion by next year. But then attracting people to help run the different village services is getting more and more difficult. Whilst organisations such as the football club seem to have no problem with attracting volunteers and the WI goes from strength to strength, others find it difficult to attract people wanting to help out. The Willington Arts Festival and the Youth Group are both examples of groups that have had to fold because of lack of support, and then people grumble about nothing going on in the village, or nothing for the kids. Likewise community organisations like the village hall have to run on a diminishing committee, whilst providing space for the WI, Willington Players, exercise groups, Slimming World, art groups etc with a total of over 21,000 people through the door each year. Like the Parish Council these facilities need your active support, rather than being taken for granted, and often treated as something to grumble about.

The saga of the Old School continues with everyone awaiting the outcome of the Diocesan application to remove the clause which restricts the use of the building to educational purposes. Whilst there appears to be no immediate threat to the users of the Old School we need to give the Old School Trust our support to seek an amicable outcome for all parties. We need to keep our community facilities and the services they support.

Now September is here we have three months before Christmas becomes our main focus. This is always a busy time of year as we return from our holidays full of new ideas and a determination to start something new or finish off that project that has been sitting around for months. It is a time to get things done !

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We are always looking for fresh input to the newsletter. If you want to promote your group or a project then please contact the editor bldavis@hotmail.co.uk



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Visit our club web site at www.willingtonfc.co.uk

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

The forthcoming 2023/24 season will see our teams participating in seven leagues:

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

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.

Accredited Part of England Football 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 2023/24 Season.



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Season Start Dates

Want to get involved....

SENIOR TEAMS

Central Midlands Alliance

19th August

Derby Taverners

20th August

JUNIOR/YOUTH TEAMS

YEL 2nd & 3rd September

BJFL, DCFL, DJFL, MJPL

9th & 10th 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.

I hope that everyone enjoyed the summer, although July was such a disappointment with very wet weather and dark cloudy skies but the gardens seem to have done well and everything appears lush and green. The planters around the village look amazing with an abundance of colourful annuals for us all to enjoy. The village centre is also very colourful with beautiful hanging baskets adorning the walls of local businesses plus the Station gardens are once again looking their best. I would like to thank everyone who contributes to helping to make our village the special place it is.

Finally, the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities have confirmed that the funding will be available to continue our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). We were expecting this to be available in May which is a three-month delay. Hopefully we will be close to completing it by the end of March otherwise we will have to apply for funding again in the next tax year.

The TRPF building schedule is complete and has been put out to tender on the Government Contracts Finder website as per the process. Local building companies also have the opportunity to bid for the work. The closing date for completing the tender is the 31st of August 2023. The tenders will then be evaluated and a decision on whom we award the work will be made at our September Council meeting.

Litter continues to be a problem around the village, in particular on the main thoroughfares through the village, Etwall Road, Twyford Road, Carriers Way/Castle Way and Repton Road. Whilst a number of individuals do a tremendous job in carrying out litter picks, the Parish Council are considering arranging a regular monthly litter pick by volunteers. If anyone is interested, please contact Rachel, our Parish Clerk by email or the WPC website.

Our next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 12th September at the Old School, Castleway at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

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Please can we have our bus back ? whilst there may be good reason to seek the reinstatement of the bus links to the eastern end of the village and sympathy for those who need/used the bus village service, there are many who would not want to see its return without major alterations.

There was an issue with the bus service for a long time. The growth in car ownership and the increase in bus sizes were ill matched to the residential roads that they used. Car parking along Trent Avenue became an issue with damage to vehicles and parked cars causing delays to bus services. Damage to cars was reported along Hall Lane, Oaks Road and Beech Ave, all of which added to the conflict and dissatisfaction of the residents and bus drivers alike.

However, this is not only about buses. Whilst there is a 7.5 ton limit on vehicles using the village it appears to be abused on a daily basis. For example Beech Ave sees up to 34 heavy vehicles, including school coaches, articulated lorries, cement mixers and co-op delivery lorries on a daily basis, most of which use the road as a rat run and to avoid the bridges in the village centre; most of which are some 8'4" wide which takes up over half of the road, leaving little room for parked cars (unless they park on the verges/kerbs) or passing traffic. This makes life more difficult for pedestrians, but easier for lorry drivers which only adds to the general safety issue.

Whilst the basic request for the return of the bus service is a call to improve village life and reinstate the village service it emphasizes the need to consider other issues on traffic movement within and around the village. Consideration needs to be given to how we can reconfigure a bus service to service the village without revisiting the old issues; how to enforce the vehicle weight limits and reclaim our village roads; rethink speed limits on residential streets and generally address movement around the village.

This is not a problem that will go away. As the village grows (as it will) there will be a general increase in traffic as well as an increased call for public transport (linked to sustainability). A general plea for the return of the bus service is clearly not enough.

Willington WI

Our September meeting is aimed at keeping us all up to date with IT. Advisers from the Derbyshire Federation of WIs will share their knowledge, help us access WI resources and give tips on staying safe online. (Have you seen our website?- www.willingtonwi.weebly.com)

There are two theatre visits booked, to see Blood Brothers and Grease, and we will be returning to The Beacon for another lunch. At the end of September, it is the Mercia Group meeting at Findern. There are six WIs in our group who take it in turns to arrange a meeting when we can all meet, either to hear a more high profile speaker or enjoy some entertainment together. 1940s outfits, or at least hats, will be in evidence for 'Murder on the Churchill Express', presented by actors from The Big Adventures Murder Mystery Company.

Continued >>>>>

WILLINGTON SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The revised appointment system

The surgery currently has 10,038 patients registered from Willington, Repton, Milton, Newton Solney, Etwall, Hilton, Ticknall, Eggington, Findern and Barrow on Trent. This number of patients makes the phone very busy: in June 21,899 calls were answered of which 2,324 were before 9am.

The surgery, alongside the NHS contract, has made some changes in Phase One to the way appointments are offered:

1. Call at 8am only if you need an appointment for an urgent issue on the same day.
2. Call after 10am any day for all other appointments, which are now available for up to a maximum of two weeks in advance.

The surgery receptionists have been trained by the GPs to identify the needs of patients from the information they are given, so that they can signpost you to the most appropriate service. If that is a doctor's appointment, you will be given an appointment, either to attend the surgery, if a physical examination is needed, or a telephone conversation. You could be signposted to an "in surgery" first contact physiotherapy or clinical pharmacist, a social prescriber or Health & Wellbeing coach and very shortly a mental health nurse for over 18 years old patients. You might also be signposted to 111, a community pharmacist (either to go directly or for them to contact you) or a walk-in clinic as there is always only a certain amount of appointment available.

Hopefully the availability of non urgent appointments any day, in advance, will reduce the long waits at 8am. If it is another speciality, where the surgery or the NHS does not offer the relevant service e.g., chiropody/podiatry, you will be asked to self-refer.

Phase Two of the revised system, will include some longer appointments to accommodate patients with multiple problems, thus avoiding the need for a second appointment.

>> **WI continued** On October 11th we have a speaker from the National Memorial Arboretum and more than likely will follow this up with a visit. (as we did after our talk on the Fauld Explosion, adding lunch at the Cock Inn, Hanbury)

After a most enjoyable evening earlier in the summer when WI members from the wider local area saw an entertaining and lively presentation- 'Monday is Washday', a coach trip is being planned in October to the Bankfield Museum in Halifax. It is hosting a History Wardrobe Exhibition entitled 'Opening the Wardrobe'.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, in the Village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Janet (01283 701542)

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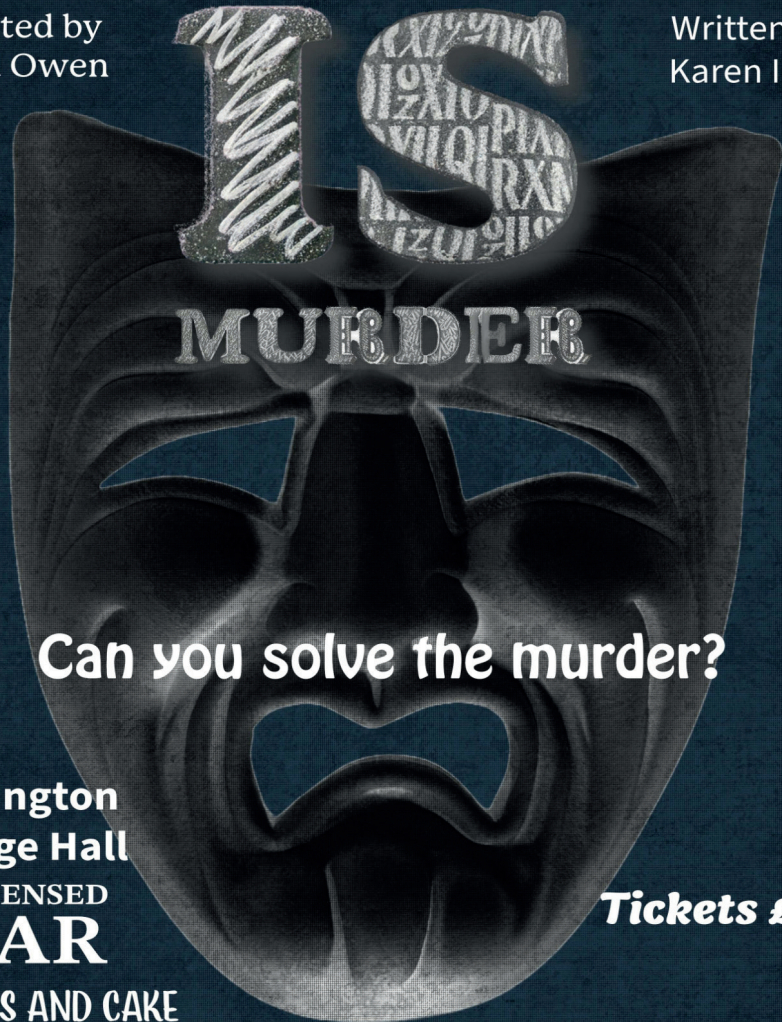
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What's On September / October

St Michael's Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd September, 10am - 12 noon Willington Village hall
Various stalls, refreshments, cakes, bric a brac, raffle, etc.
All proceeds going to the Alzheimer's Society - United Against Dementia

St Michael's Church Library

Wednesday 6th September.

The remaining Wednesdays, September 13, 20 & 27,
you are invited to St Michael's Meet and Make Friends



CELEBRATION IN THE PARK

Saturday 9th September 11am to 3pm
Newton Road Park DE15 0TU



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 12th September 7.00pm
at The Old School, Castleway

Willington Players
present

AMDRAM IS MURDER

September 15/16 Willington Village Hall

TABLE TOP BOOT FAIR Coffee, cake, tombola, new and used
Sunday 24th September 9am to 1pm Willington Village Hall

St Michael's Church Library

Wednesday 4th October

The remaining Wednesdays, October 11, 18 and 25 you are invited to
St Michael's Meet and Make Friends

St Michael's Church Harvest Lunch

Saturday, 7 October 2023 - 12 noon to 2pm - Willington Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 10th October 7.00pm
at The Old School, Castleway

Willington History Group

Thursday 12th October, The Old School, Castleway £3

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