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Around the Village

2024 has started somewhat wet with access in and out of the village limited by standing water and threats of river levels reaching an all time high of 3.77 metres by the 4th January we clearly need more beavers !

The river topped out at around 3.66 metres, just below the high in 2000, but not before causing the closure of some roads and flooding a number of houses. Our thoughts go out to those who were so badly affected.

I apologise for content being a little less this month, but timing means that we miss a few early events and we also don't have a pantomime this year. However, February looks busier with Church coffee mornings, library and a History Group meeting.

If the weather improves you can always join the Willington Walking Group on one of their local walks and don't forget the WI fortnightly Coffee and Company meetings, at the Dragon, from January 18th. All welcome.

A Willington History Group Event Tony Whitaker Presents "Edith's Travels"



Edith Powles was the founder of Willington String Orchestra, seen in the well-known photo outside the Old School Willington. Edith later went to Argentina, returning with her husband to run a school on Merseyside

Thursday 8th February
2024

7.30 pm

Willington Old School
Castle Way
DE65 6BT

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Willington Walking Group



We are a group of locals who enjoy a healthy stroll on a Monday afternoon. We usually walk from Willington or one of the surrounding villages - Repton, Newton Solney, Ticknall, Melbourne etc., meeting up at 1.30 in the winter and 2p.m. in the summer. Our routes are usually between 4 and 5 miles long.

We are a very informal group; people come and go when they are able, and anyone can volunteer to lead the group on a walk.

The programme for the month is published on Spotted Willington Facebook page.

If you enjoy a walk, and can climb a few stiles, feel free to come and join us any Monday afternoon. If you are lucky we might even find a café at the end for a cup of tea and cake!

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WILLINGTON SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

The NHS app – a useful source of information.



1. What is it?

If you are over 13 years old, it's an app you can download on your phone or tablet by putting "NHS APP" into Google or go to the NHS website:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/services/nhs-app/toolkit/step-by-step-guides>

2. What can I do with it?

- View your GP health record, history, test results, allergies and medicines. (our surgery chooses the level of detail available for you to see in your health record).
- Order repeat prescriptions and nominate a pharmacy where it will be sent to.
- Book an appointment with the surgery.
- Receive messages from the surgery.
- Use the health A-Z to check symptoms, treatments and get advice on what to do next.

3. Learn about the NHS App

The WSPPG and Willington Surgery will be holding two "Learn about the NHS App" early evening sessions, in the patients' waiting area. These will be from 6.15 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday 20th February and Tuesday 27th February with a formal presentation/discussion followed by your questions. If more sessions are needed, there will be further dates. You will need to book in advance - please text or ring Jo James on 07973 711431.

Missed appointments.

Missed appointments impact on all of us:

In September 163 appointments* were missed. That is a total of 34 hours and 30 were GP appointments.

In October 167 appointments* were missed. This is a total of 29.5 hours and 45 were GP appointments

In November 166 appointments* were missed, this is 43 hours and 29 are GP appointments.

So that we can all get appointments, please cancel the appointment if you are unable to attend, so it can be offered to another patient. If you receive an appointment reminder text message, you can simply text back the word CANCEL, and this will cancel your appointment or telephone the surgery and cancel. Thankyou.

**Appointments include doctor, nurse, phlebotomy, clinical pharmacy, first contact physio, flu vaccine appointments.*

Hello and welcome to the January/ February newsletter.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy New Year, hoping that Christmas was spent with family and friends whilst enjoying family traditions and celebrations.

The weather over Autumn into December has been extremely wet and there have been many issues with flooding in the village and the surrounding area. Repton bridge was again closed for a period of time as flood water from Meadow Lane ran over Repton Road into Bargate Lane. The road was closed due to the fact that the water was relatively deep and flowing quite fast plus there was a danger that the manhole covers had been potentially forced up by the pressure of the water. Whilst it was recognised that some of the big 4x4's could probably make it through, it was feared that smaller, lower cars would probably struggle and could potentially breakdown in the floodwater. Derbyshire County council made the decision to close the road, this caused a lot of frustration and tempers to fly but safety is of paramount importance. The Council instructed their structural engineers to inspect the causeway for damage before reopening the road.

For those that frequent the village centre you will be aware that the road by the Station Garden floods quite badly when we have experienced a heavy rainfall. The water obstructs the pedestrian crossing and makes it almost impossible to cross. The Parish Council have frequently raised this as an issue. Derbyshire County Council have cleaned the drains in the area in early December but unfortunately it wasn't successful. The latest information that we have is that they are going to set up traffic control to allow their team to safely jet all the gully's sometime in January.

Unfortunately, our Christmas tree in the Station Garden has died, this is the fourth one to die in as many years, so we have had to purchase a cut one. A decision will be made later in the year to decide on how we proceed for next Christmas. Thankyou to all those who joined us in the Christmas lights switch on, on 1st December, Christmas carols were played as mince pies were given out whilst people hung a bauble on the tree to remember family and friends who are no longer with us. Thank you to the CO OP for supplying the mince pies, it is a kind and generous gesture.

A decision was made by the Parish Council to increase the precept for the village, rising costs have left us with little option. It amounts to a 9% increase; however, this relates to £4. 57 a year or 38p per month for each household in the village.

MacDonalds have again submitted a planning application to build a restaurant and drive thru facility on land adjacent at junction of A38 and the A5132, the Castleway. We have previously objected to this proposal due to safety concerns around the junction. We are again lodging an objection with South Derbyshire District Council.

Derbyshire County Council are looking to install digital timetables on the bus stops outside the Green Man and the Rising Sun plus one by the side of the Station Garden for train travellers. They propose to erect a model to establish the correct positioning.

Whilst Willington residents have been living with the threat of flooding for many years we generally don't take much notice until river levels reach 3.5m but at 8.00 am on January 4th it topped at 3.66 metres. Whilst this mainly impacted the riverside roads and properties it also backed up the water from the brook along Repton Road which was already full from the local run off from land to the north of the village, causing Repton Road, along with some adjacent properties to flood, as well as interrupting the normal running of the surgery. Added to this was the failure of the local sewage pumping station causing sewage to mix with flood water increasing the impact on already flooded properties.

It would appear that there is little anyone can do to control the level of the River Trent but surely it must be possible to protect the most vulnerable properties. Likewise improvement to drain maintenance in the village centre would help with managing storm water drainage.

The one issue that does not appear to be addressed is the run off from the land to the north of the village which emerges from under the canal at Canal Bridge, passing through the village centre in culvert, emerging as the brook alongside Repton Road .

Surely we have the ideal opportunity to call for these issues to be addressed !

Steve Frost

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Willington WI

As we begin 2024, Willington WI wishes all villagers a very happy and healthy year ahead. Thank you for your support in all we do at the station, through comments made and by joining us on Remembrance Day. Thanks also to the Dragon for hosting our fortnightly Coffee and Company- restarting on January 4th. All welcome.

Ladies are most welcome to come to our meetings, in the Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. January is a social meeting with a game of kurling on offer, plus supper and of course, wine. This maybe is an ideal opportunity to come along to an informal meeting, meet us and make new friends.

February sees the return of an excellent speaker- Dr Catrin Rutland. She is a professor of anatomy and developmental genetics and also a published science fiction writer. As this meeting is on February 14th, Catrin's talk that evening is entitled 'Mending a Broken Heart'. Drawing from her own scientific research into the genetics and anatomy of heart disease she looks at why research is important for future diagnostics and treatments. On March 13th, Griselda Kerr, whose garden at the Dower House in Melbourne you may have visited to see the snowdrops, will be our speaker.

Our first theatre visit of the year is to see 'Murder in the Dark' at Derby Theatre. No date is planned yet for our next lunch and we'll be keeping our eyes open for other events for members to enjoy as we move into 2024.

Happy New Year to you all



Leap Dance Midlands have raised over £700 in their danceathon for a local charity called Help for Hannah. Hannah who is from Willington has been diagnosed with brain cancer and although she has had the cancer removed it is still growing. There is no funding for the next part of her treatment on the NHS so her family have to raise the funds to take her to the USA for her treatment.

Elaine, Leap Dance's Principal got to know her family whilst helping choreograph a dance routine for her Dad and his friends over the summer. Leap Dance organised a danceathon to help raise money towards her treatment with the children dancing for 5-10 minutes (depending on their age) continuous dance in their classes in Willington, Tutbury and Anslow and successfully managed to complete the danceathon challenge.

The children had lots of fun taking part and the generosity of their friends and families was amazing. Hannah and her family loved the idea and were amazed at how much the lovely dancers raised.

Well done everyone!

You can find out more about Help for Hannah on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/helpforhannah>

www.Leapdancemidlands.co.uk

What's On January / February



THE
DRAGON
WILLINGTON

Burns Night

A Traditional Celebration

4 Course Meal, Address to The Haggis,
Immortal Memory, The Works of Robbie
Burns, Scottish Piper & Entertainment.

THUR
25th JAN 7pm

£39.⁹⁹

THE DRAGON AT WILLINGTON.CO.UK

St Michael's Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd February - 10am - 12 noon

Coffee Morning with various craft stalls, refreshments, cakes, etc.

St Michael's Church Library

Wednesday 7th February 10.00 – 11.30 am

Our Library has lots of books to choose from.

There is no charge for borrowing the books just come and browse and take away the ones you like and return a month later, if you have read them.

A good place to meet with your friends for a chat and refreshments.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 13th February, 7.00pm

at The Old School, Castleway

Willington
History
Group

Tony Whitaker presents Edith's Travels
An account of Edith Powles', founder of the Willington String orchestra, travels
Thursday 8th February, The Old School, Castleway £3

St Michael's Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd March, Willington Village Hall 12 - 2 pm

Coffee Morning with various charity stalls, refreshments, cakes, etc.

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