



WILLINGTON

village news

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**YOUR VILLAGE
YOUR PLAN**

Front Cover

IT'S TIME TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK



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Binding Edge

Around the Village

Firstly an apology to Nathan for using one of his photos in the last edition without proper credits. If you have any other photos of the village events then I will be pleased to include them as and when I can and make sure that proper credits are included.

Since the carnival everything seems to have gone quiet in the village probably because we have all been away on our holidays. But now it's back to work, hello to autumn (perhaps a little earlier than we would have liked) and thoughts of bonfire night, pantos, and dare I mention Christmas !

But there is some more pressing business for the community. The Neighbourhood Plan Consultation, launched in July, ends on September 20th so I need to remind all of you (if you haven't already done so) to spend a little time to answer the questionnaire (delivered to all homes and available via the QR code) by September 20th. It is important that you let the Parish Council know what you think as this will affect the final plan.

Also there is a growing number of planning applications for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) focused on access to the National Grid Distribution Station in Willington. Whilst the applications are currently outside the parish their impact on Willington will be considerable as each seeks to link to the Nations Grid by cabling along the main roads, further disrupting village life. The Parish Council will be objecting to these developments on the basis of the disruption to the village ... it would help if you could do the same.

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Branding Edge

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 forthcoming 2024/25 season will see our teams participating in seven leagues:

- Burton Junior Football League
- Derby City Football League
- Derby Junior Football League
- Derby Taverners Sunday Football League
- Nottingham Youth Football League
- Staffordshire Senior County 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 2024/25 Season.



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RESPECT

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Derby Taverners
1st September

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NYFL & YEL**
7th & 8th September

Want to get involved....

..... 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 is enjoying the summer, it has been a long time coming after the long wet spring. The year seems to be going so fast, seeing the hay bales in the fields reminds me that the farmers are preparing for the coming winter.

The village centre is looking particularly colourful at the moment, many thanks to the businesses for the lovely displays outside of their premises and to the volunteers for the hard work that is put in around the Station and Station Garden to make the area colourful, bright and inviting for both residents and visitors alike.

A Community Questionnaire and a draft Neighbourhood development Plan has been delivered to every household in the village. It is really important that you have your say on how the village develops between now and 2040, you can fill it in online or hand it in at the Post Office or the Doctors surgery. Thank you to all that attended the open day at the Village Hall where the plan was available to view and Parish Councillors were in attendance to answer any questions. For those that could not attend, there is another one planned on Saturday 7th September at the Village Hall 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Derbyshire Wildlife trust have opened their much awaited public footpath around the village on the 15th August. Willington parish council donated just over £4,000 to the cost of installing a bridge over the brook to assist DWT in completing the footpath. The footpath starts at Meadow Lane (Molly) and finishes near the entrance to Betty's Farm.

Work has recommenced on installing the new street lighting and removing the old ones, on Castleway. The work is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Derbyshire County Council has written to the Angling club instructing them to remove the gate that they erected over the Byway on Meadow lane (Molly). They are not allowed to obstruct a public highway. The club has until the 24th August to remove it.

Unfortunately we have not had an update from DCC with regards to the outstanding work required in the village, ie, repainting the pedestrian crossings, Repton road bridge repair, repair of the gully on the pedestrian crossing by the Station Garden. We will continue to press them to complete the work and we will update you as soon as we get a reply.

Finally you may have noticed the village Community Speedwatch team operating around the village. These are all volunteers that help to keep our roads safe. Thank you to all involved.

The next WPC meeting will take place at the Old School on 10th September at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

Phill Allsopp

PS. don't forget to fill in the draft Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire !!

Willington Neighbourhood Development Plan Consultation

Willington Parish Council are consulting on plans for Willington from now until 2039, and want your views. The consultation period ends on September 20th so there is not that much time left for you to let us know what you think.

If you have any questions you can drop into the village hall to discuss issues with parish councillors on

Saturday 7th September 1.00pm to 5.00pm
Willington Village Hall

YOUR VILLAGE
YOUR PLAN

IT'S TIME TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

You can fill in the survey form that was dropped though your door in late July (copies available at the Post Office and Willington Surgery) or access the questionnaire online using the QR code on the front cover.



A Willington History Group Event

Graham Shaw Presents
"Fauld Disaster, Hanbury Crater"



Thursday 10th October 2024

7.30 pm
Willington Old School
Castle Way
DE65 6BT



Contact Roger Paulson
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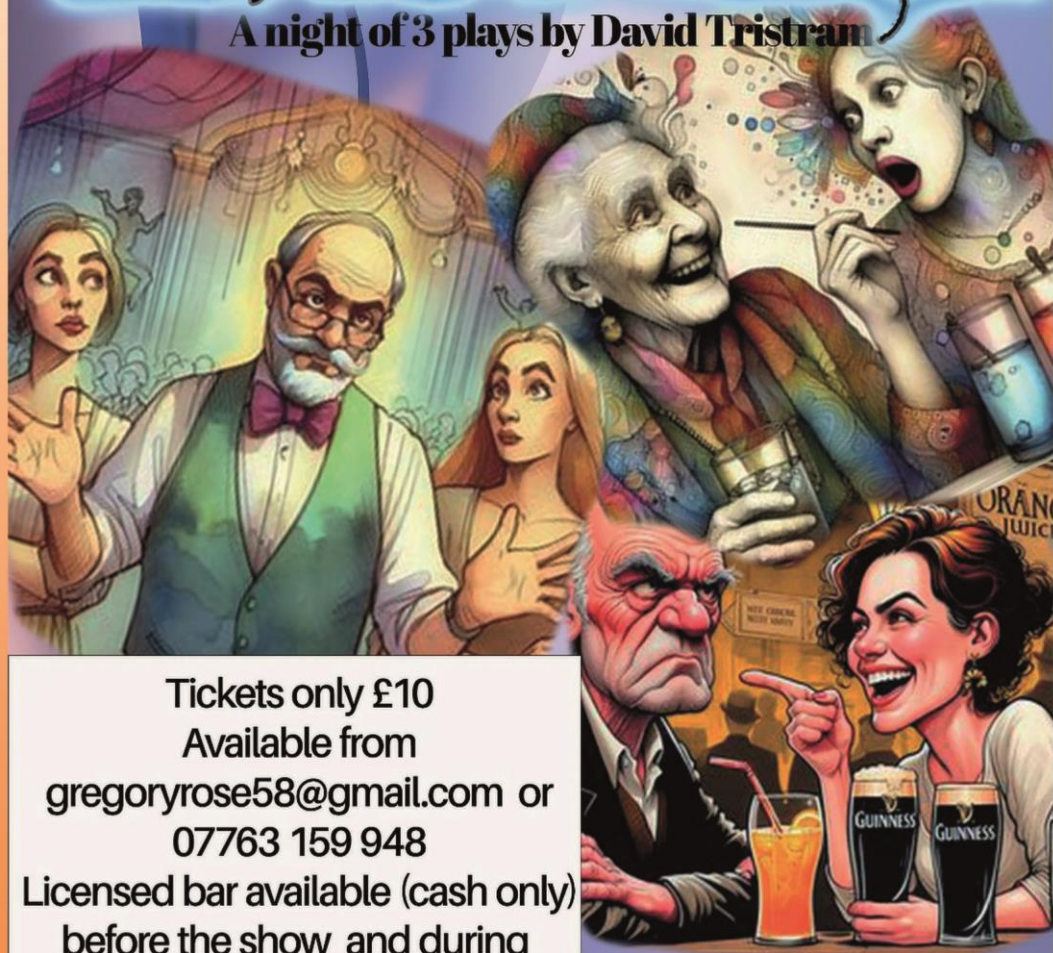


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The RAF Fauld explosion was a military incident which occurred on Monday, 27 November 1944 at the RAF Fauld underground munitions storage depot in Staffordshire. It was one of the largest non-nuclear explosions in history and the largest on UK soil.

Willington Players Present Last Panto in Willington

A night of 3 plays by David Tristram



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More about the ongoing saga of BESS and Willington John Orme writesIn the July/Aug 2024 edition of Willington Village News we told of the intention to build a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) on land at Egginton almost opposite Anoki restaurant. But that is only part of the picture regarding the impact of such BESS schemes.

We've all by now heard about the 400Kv superhighway for electricity which National Grid intend to construct between Chesterfield and Willington which will deliver electricity generated in the North Sea wind farms to the National Grid distribution station here in Willington. But wind farms can only produce electricity when the wind blows. Likewise - no sunshine, no solar energy. So available power needs to be stored in some way for use when the weather is calm and the sun doesn't shine, hence the need for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), a key element in the transition to a smarter, more flexible energy system aiming to reach carbon net zero targets by 2050.

All planning applications for energy storage systems, regardless of size and capacity, are now determined in the first instance by the local planning authority (in Willington's case, South Derbyshire District Council). The National Planning Policy Framework directs that local planning authorities should generally urgently grant planning permission for infrastructure associated with renewable and low-carbon developments, such as Egginton's BESS, if its impacts are, or can be made acceptable, so as "to use energy more flexibly and de-carbonise our energy system cost-effectively".

The planning application (DMPA 2024/0432) for a BESS in Egginton is already being considered by SDDC, as we told you in July/Aug 2024 WVN. Nothing to do with Willington, you might think. However in order to connect this particular BESS to National Grid via Willington, the proposal includes trenching the whole length of A5132 Castleway and Twyford Road between the A38 and St Eligius Lane, to enable a connecting cable to be installed; the project is expected to last twelve months.

The National Planning Policy Framework and guidance tells us how authorities should identify "suitable areas" for the siting of BESS. It advises local authorities to consider "potential impacts of developments on the local environment and the views of local communities" But there are no specific policies, no "hard and fast rules".

Developers of all types of low-carbon energy infrastructure report long lead times for connection to the electricity transmission or distribution networks in Great Britain. The race to build BESS is on. And Willington's distribution station, by virtue of its coming supergrid connection, will be at the centre of such activity.

The UK's first appointed Electricity Networks Commissioner in August 2023 reported on accelerating electricity transmission network deployment, including recommendations to halve the connection time of new projects to around seven years. In response, the government published an action plan in November 2023, aimed for "a significant majority of projects" to be connected to the transmission network by the date they requested and to further reduce average delays to projects from five years to six months.

Watch for more BESS local planning applications in the next few months!

Leap Dance Midlands had an exciting Family Fun Day raising money for Hannah's Hope, a local charity in Willington.

We invited our dancers and their families as well as the local community to come and enjoy a fun day out. Everyone was entertained by our dancers showing all the hard work they have been doing in their dance classes and the displays included ballet, tap, modern and acrobatics. The children came together from all of our classes in Anslow, Tutbury, Willington and Melbourne to perform and enjoy a fun day out whilst raising money for a local charity.

The activities included a bouncy castle, hair braids, a retro ice cream van, stalls, fun games including hook a duck and tin can alley plus fantastic cakes and refreshments from the Hannah's Hope charity.

The event was to fundraise for Hannah's Hope- a respite lodge for children and teenagers with cancer at Mercia Marina that Hannah (from Help for Hannah) is setting up. Such a valuable charity and we were joined by their amazing fundraising team who brought a raffle, tombola and some amazingly tasty cakes and drinks too.

To find out more about the charity please go to <https://www.facebook.com/helpforhannah>

Or to donate to the charity please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/hannahshope1207733>

We all had such a fun day and enjoyed welcoming everyone to Leap Dance Midlands. It was such a success we look forward to doing it again next year.

www.Leapdancemidlands.co.uk

WILLINGTON WI

Firstly thank you for all your cake buying at the carnival . We made over £250 for Treetops, the charity we are supporting this year.

Look out for our new post box toppers. The theme is clean rivers and it is to support the National Federation of Women's Institutes week of river action in September. The toppers have a local connection too.

The Nottingham Law Court day out was very interesting. I now know the difference between a jail and a prison. The next trip is to York on August 14th. Will the members and guests choose culture, shopping or Betty's tea? We will be enjoying some "pop" culture when we go to see the Jersey Beats in Burton.

Some local WIs have joined us for a short talk and a walk round the village pointing out it's history and they finished with supper. Thank you to the Baptist chapel for their help.

The regular Coffee and Chat sessions continue, at the Dragon on September 12th and 26th, as do the monthly walks. Although we walkers are still waiting for some dry and mud free conditions to walk in!

Our next meeting is on September 11th. Samantha Hancock, is coming to talk on Cyber crime. She is a police Cyber protection officer. At our October 9th meeting we may be taking some exercise as Aileen from "Stay Well Health", introduces us to Chair Yoga. Do come and join us at either or both , you' d be most welcome.

Apart from GPs, who else works in the surgery?

The **NURSING TEAM** comprises

4 PRACTICE NURSES who have many different skills alongside general nursing, inc. undertaking diabetic, asthma, learning disability and many other long-term condition reviews.

2 HEALTHCARE ASSISTANTS carry out a range of appointments including ear syringing, blood taking, ECG's and some wound dressings, and

1 PHLEBOTOMIST who is an expert in blood taking.

The **CLINICAL PHARMACIST TEAM** is made up of

2 CLINICAL PHARMACISTS who can independently prescribe medication. They work in the surgery to support medication and long-term condition reviews.

1 ADDITIONAL CLINICAL PHARMACIST who works remotely doing extended access between 6pm and 8pm for medication reviews.

A **PHARMACY TECHNICIAN** supports this team in the processing of prescriptions and reviewing of BP reading, etc.

OTHER CLINICAL ROLES include

FIRST CONTACT PHYSIOTHERAPIST works with patients who have muscle issues.

They work as a GP would by triaging the issue and giving exercises and then reviewing to see if any additional physiotherapy or x-ray referrals are needed.

Patients have access to both **SOCIAL PRESCRIBING AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING COACHES** who work with patients for non-medicalised support (mental and physical, e.g. grief management, debt management, pain management, etc.)

The **NON-CLINICAL TEAM** is led by Holly Goodrich, the **PRACTICE MANAGER**, and she is supported by an **ASSISTANT PRACTICE MANAGER**, a **RECEPTION TEAM LEADER**, and a **LONG-TERM CONDITIONS MANAGER**.

2 SECRETARIES process all referrals and private work.

A **DOCUMENT WORKFLOW TEAM** processes letters from hospital/other third parties.

The **RECEPTION TEAM** equates to 7.5 full-time members of staff.

N.B. Many of the team work part-time. You can find out more by visiting the surgery website "Our Team" page: <https://www.willingtonsurgery.co.uk/our-team>

Contact: willingtonppg@gmail.com / vicechair.wsppg@gmail.com / treasurer.wsppg@gmail.com

What's On September /October

St Michael's Church Library

Wednesday 4th September and Wednesday 2nd October - 10am - 11.30am.

The remaining Wednesdays, September 11, 18 & 25 and October 9, 16, 23 & 30
10am - 12 noon you are invited to St Michael's to Meet and Make Friends

St Michael's Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th September, 10am - 12 noon Willington Village hall
- Charity Coffee Morning- Refreshments, Various Stalls , Raffle -
All proceeds to Treetops Hospice



Willington Neighbourhood Development Plan CONSULTATION EVENT

Saturday 7th September 1.00 - 5.00 pm Willington Village Hall



I am doing the rounds again on **Sunday 8th September**, collecting for South Derbyshire CVS Food Hub. I shall be wearing my "Baked Bean" outfit and ringing my bell...and would really appreciate another show of generosity.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Last Panto in Willington Thurs 12th - Sat 14th September

Harvest Lunch

Saturday, 5 October - Willington Village Hall - 12 noon - 2pm
Tickets from 01283 702531

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at The Old School, Castleway

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St Michael's Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd November 10am - 12 noon Willington Village hall
Refreshments, Various Stalls including Willington Craft Group, Raffle



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