



This newsletter has been delivered to every household in the Parish and is also on our website (<http://www.willington.org.uk>). Contributions to future newsletters are very welcome and for the next issue should reach the Clerk by 1st November 2019.

### Newsletter Designer

Hopefully you find this quarterly newsletter interesting and informative, but we are aware that it is a bit 'limited' in its presentation. We are looking for a volunteer with the skills to help us present the newsletter in a more attractive and reader friendly way e.g. by adding photos; we have a splendid photo of the village picnic that would have been good to include in this issue.

Is there anyone out there who can help? Please contact Rob, the Parish Clerk if you think you could give it a go.

### Village Picnic

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July The Neighbours of Willington group arranged a summer picnic on our village green. It was wonderful to see so many people from the village. The sun shone and encouraged a fabulous mix of nearly 50 'picnic-ers' of all ages. The children had great fun and made us think that next year we could offer more games for families. Everybody brought their picnics; it was great to see you all chatting, eating, drinking and generally catching up on each other's news. We talked to a few of you about future events and activities. What is it that you would really like to see happen in Willington.....

### .....Questionnaire

You will have received a short questionnaire (six simple questions) along with this newsletter. Please take a few minutes of your time to fill it in. If we don't understand your

view, then we can't act on your behalf. Please do respond, we would love to hear from you. Your councillors will call round personally to collect your completed questionnaire. Or you can post it in the black box attached to the notice board on the green before Sun 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### Willington – its past, present and future - Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019, 7p.m. - Willington Hall

Please join us for a fascinating evening learning about the history of Willington. For some time, Sue Masterman has been working on a 'History of Willington' and has collected lots of stories, photographs and facts about our village. During the evening Sue will share the information she has already gathered and encourage us all to swap local knowledge. Some of you may have seen Sue recently at our village picnic and received one of her questionnaires. If you have, please respond and help us find out more about Willington.

Tickets are only £5 (including a glass of wine or soft drink, and nibbles) and are available from:  
*Sue Masterman, Rose Cottage, Gooseberry Lane (opposite the path to the Boot)*  
T: 01729 752219 or 07791 008580  
e: [suemasterman@yahoo.com](mailto:suemasterman@yahoo.com) or  
*Donna Okell, Rockside, Roughlow, Willington*  
T: 07739 799722 e: [dokell@btinternet.com](mailto:dokell@btinternet.com)

### Christmas on the village green - Sun 1st Dec 2019, 4 p.m.

This will be our first Christmas Carols on The Green and it promises to be a great start to the festive season! We'll all gather together to sing a few carols (start practising now!) followed by mulled wine, mulled apple juice and mince pies. Father Christmas has also promised to make an appearance! We will be in touch nearer the time with more details but please put the date in your diary, Father Christmas has!

### Tour of Britain Cycle Race

The OVO Tour of Britain cycle race is passing through our village on Weds 11th September. The riders are expected between 1 pm and 1.30 pm. and will be coming up Willington Road from Oscroft, climbing Chapel Lane and Roughlow and then turning into Waste Lane. The green may be a good place to gather for a

communal wave to the TV cameras and cry of 'allez, allez, allez'.

The whole race is being televised on ITV 4. Our 'stage' starts in Birkenhead at 11am, finishing back there about 3.30pm. Loads more information is available on the race website - [www.tourofbrampton.co.uk](http://www.tourofbrampton.co.uk)

### **A51 to Chester improvement scheme**

Cheshire West and Chester Council have published details of the much needed A51 improvements. Community engagement drop in sessions explaining the works have been arranged on the following dates:

- 3rd September 10.45am – 16.45pm at Chester Rugby Club
- 4th September 11am – 19.00pm at Stamford Bridge Inn conservatory.

### **Best Kept Village Competition**

You may recall that your council decided to enter the 2019 Best Kept Village competition. We will have had our first (unannounced) visit from the judges and await the second one. The results and feedback are announced in November. We will keep you posted.

### **Excessive Speed through the Village**

The speed of some vehicles through our village continues to cause concern. Working with our Police Community Support Officer, and Cheshire West and Chester Council we have been able to put in place a couple of initiatives that will hopefully go some way to deter speeding.

Firstly, during September, there will be a speed indicator device (SID) sited on Chapel Lane and on Willington Road. This will be one of the familiar 'smiley face' devices that you may have seen recently in Oscroft. The device doesn't gather any data about vehicles or speed; its purpose is purely to remind drivers of their speed and reward those that stick to the limit with a 'grin'.

Secondly, two volunteers from the village will be taking part in the Volunteer Speed Coordinator initiative over the next few months. Once a month for about an hour, our fully trained volunteers will be provided with a speed gun and once stationed at suitable, safe locations in the village, they will use the gun to record the speed of vehicles. Details of speeding vehicles are noted and if necessary, the driver will receive a warning letter from

the police. Hopefully these initiatives will send a strong message out to drivers to moderate their speed through the village.

Finally, a plea from the residents of Gooseberry Lane who have real concerns about the speed of some vehicles using the lane. Although most people drive cautiously, some do not! Clearly given the narrowness of the lane and the limited visibility, there is a real risk that drivers may not be able to stop in an emergency. And of course, there is the risk of vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists meeting at speed on the blind bend at the junction with Chapel Lane and Roughlow. Please drive sensibly along Gooseberry Lane.

### **Facebook**

A reminder for those who use social media; the Parish Council has a facebook page. It can be found by searching on Facebook for Willington Parish Cheshire.

### **About Your Council**

Willington Parish Council is comprised of the following five Councillors. Their contact telephone numbers are below; the landline numbers all have dial code 01829.

Cllr John Grimshaw (752177)  
Cllr Jane Lowthion (751454)  
Cllr Rob Merrick (458387)  
Cllr Andrew Nicholas (752029)  
Cllr Donna Okell (07739 799722)

### **Next Council Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish council will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept at Willington Hall Hotel at 7.30pm. Council meetings are open meetings; you are welcome to attend and listen to the discussions. The first 15 mins of the meeting is a public forum where anyone can have their say on any local matter.

### **To Contact Us:**

Write to: Rob Winterbourne, 1 Lilac Close, Willington, CW6 0PL, Tel 01829 751266, e-mail [ClerkWillington@gmail.com](mailto:ClerkWillington@gmail.com)

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