



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 welcome from all individuals and organisations in the Parish. The next issue will be available during August 2017. All contributions should reach the Clerk (contact details overleaf) by 31st July 2017.

## FACEBOOK

For those who use social media or maybe are happy to use it occasionally, we have a facebook page. It can be found by searching for **Willington Parish Cheshire** whilst on facebook. The purpose of the page is to keep parishioners updated on anything going on in the parish and for anyone to leave comments. If you go onto the page and like it you should receive any posts on the site automatically onto your facebook page.

## MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICES

The Mobile Library visits Willington Corner every 3 weeks. It parks in the parking area, by the village green, from 12.20pm to 12.50pm. The next visits are on Fridays May 26th, June 16th, July 7th and every 3 weeks thereafter. It is a free service and they carry a good selection of books including fiction/non-fiction, large print and children's books, they will obtain any book for you on request for a small fee. If you are not already a member of the library it is free to join and your ticket entitles you to use any Cheshire Library. Please give the service a try, if it's not used we will lose it.

## CROWN GREEN BOWLING

Unfortunately the event planned for the afternoon on 20th May will now not go ahead, due to unforeseen circumstances. It is hoped that the event will be able to be rescheduled for later in the summer.

## DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

11 people attended the training session on 4th April taking the total trained so far to 54. There are several more who would like to be trained and who were unable to attend on the night. A further date will be arranged in the near future. If you would like to get involved in the management of this project and have an hour or two to spare a couple of times a year, we are looking for a Training Co-Ordinator. So if you have organisational skills and can give a little time please contact Councillor Andrew Nicholas for further information. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

## HIMALAYAN BALSAM – On the Move.

If you have taken the path up 'Little Switzerland' of late you may have noticed that this pernicious weed that 'shall not be grown or allowed to grow' is now taking hold next to the path. A few have even managed to take root in the adjacent woodland. They have very shallow roots so please pull some out before they flower and seed in June/July. The landowner started to remove them from his fields last year, and hopefully will make a more concerted effort this year. We are prepared to help if invited!

## PARISH MAP

An up to date map of Willington Parish has been placed in the 'old' Notice Board' on the Green. The area covered now extends to include Tirley Garth as did the old Civil Parish. It has been proposed that we 'walk the Bounds' later this year. More about this in the August newsletter.

## WORKING PARTY

Please come and help to keep the centre of our (your) village smart and tidy on Saturday 3rd June 10.00 - 1.00. Meet on the Green. Tasks include:- Cleaning benches and waste bins. Re-siting one bench. Clearing debris from car parking areas. Having a bonfire! Sweeping out bus shelter.

## NEIGHBOURS OF WILLINGTON (NoW) Sunday 9th July 11am – Family treasure hunt and picnic on the green

Before the summer holidays begin let's get together for a family treasure hunt and picnic.

We will meet on the green at 11am and aim to have our picnics from about midday. Please bring your own picnic, picnic blankets, chairs and tables.

### **Sunday 3rd September 1pm, Willington Hall**

#### **Family Barbecue and garden games**

An opportunity to bring everybody together before the autumn leaves begin to fall. We're hoping for the last of the summer rays so that we can enjoy our barbecue outside at Willington Hall but have also reserved the Orangery just in case! Cost for this event will be announced soon. The whole family is welcome and there will be a few games in the garden for everybody (coconut shy and apple bobbing have been mentioned!) We will post invitations for both of these events. In the meantime, please save the dates in your diaries.

#### **PARISH CLERK**

The Council is seeking someone who lives in Willington to take on the role of Parish Clerk. This role is a paid position covering four hours per week. The position of the Clerk is home based providing legal (statutory requirement for parish councils), administrative, financial and managerial support to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council normally meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month with the exception of August and December. The Clerk is required to attend council meetings, take minutes and also be the Responsible Financial Officer for the Council and deal with daily communications from members of the public.

The candidate should be highly motivated, have relevant office and computer skills, internet access, own transport and be familiar with the production of basic accounts.

The successful candidate should be prepared to take the "Certificate in Local Council Administration" (CiLCA) and pass.

The remuneration for this position will be within the National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks in England and Wales criteria. Upon successful completion of the CiLCA there will automatically be a salary increase.

If you are interested in this role please either e-mail or phone our present Clerk or one of our Councillors.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

All Council meetings are open meetings and members of the public are most welcome to attend and listen to the debates.

If you want to come along but don't want to stay until the end that is not a problem. Come and join us and then leave when you wish to do so.

All we ask is that you come and go quietly. The next meetings are at Willington Hall at 7.30pm on 23rd May, 28th June, and 25th July. Please particularly note the date of our June meeting. The change from our normal Tuesday evening is due to Willington Hall not being available on 27th June.

The first 15 minutes of each meeting is allocated to the public forum where anyone can have his or her say on any local matter. An agenda for each meeting is placed on the noticeboard by Willington Green and also on our website.

#### **Telephone Numbers for contacting the Police**

Emergency 999 - Non Emergency 101  
To report a crime anonymously - Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111

A reminder that the "101" Police non-emergency number should be used to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response.

#### **ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL**

Willington Parish Council is comprised of the following 5 Councillors – their contact telephone numbers, all dial code 01829, are in brackets: Cllr John Grimshaw (752177), Cllr Jane Lowthion (751454), Cllr Andrew Nicholas (752029), Cllr Roy Penk (751866), Cllr Pat Tyson-Jones (751757)

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