

A big thank you to Brian Holmes and Pauline Balaam for their support over the last year I am now about to take over the advertising side of the magazine too so that they can have a rest! Please email any comments and suggestions for any changes or updates you feel would help me to take the magazine forward. Great to see AJ Butchery opening in the village and be able to walk to pick up fresh meat. I also had reason to visit the chemist on Gables Road this week and found that they have changed their opening hours, Monday to Friday now open 9.00am till 6.00pm still the same hours on Saturday.

### **WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY PROJECT CURRENT POSITION**

Dear fellow Parishioners

My name is Ken Wood; I am a Trustee, Vice Chairman and Project Leader for the development of the Willand Health & Community Centre. As you will have noticed over the last few months the WH&CC has been fairly quiet, this has been due to the very delicate and careful finalisation of wording in the lease between the Charity and the Parish Council to protect both parties. On behalf of the Trustees and in view of the lack of news, we felt that now is was the time to bring everyone up to date, the following is a brief history of “where we have been, where we are now and where we are going”.

- In December 2015 the Willand Parish Council (WPC) began the preparation of a lease for the WH&CC to use the land known as the Gables to be developed.
- This lease was served on the WH&CC early June 2016, when it was pointed out that the lease as presented was not workable, as it contained clauses that created difficulties in attracting the Surgery and the Pharmacy.
- After many months of negotiations and discussions, on the 9th February 2017 the WPC accepted proposals put forward by the WH&CC to alter the lease, this proposal was sent to their solicitor for comment.
- Since this meeting the WPC solicitor has declined to make the proposed amendments to the lease, but has suggested alternative solutions which the WPC forwarded to the WH&CC.
- At a special Trustees meeting held on the 20th March 2017 the WH&CC decided by a majority vote to accept the lease.

The above has taken longer than we all expected, delaying the project timescale, however, we can now move forward and quickly pick up the momentum.

The following points give some detail as to how the project will develop over the next stages.

- Now that the lease has been signed monies held in the Gables fund are available to instruct the architects and move towards obtaining planning permission.
- The original proposal to refurbish the old Gables buildings has been abandoned due to cost, which was exorbitant and outside any affordable funding for the refurbishment of old tired property.
- The proposal now is to erect a new single storey structure that will provide all of the planned facilities, albeit on a slightly smaller scale, the available area will be in the region of 520Sq.m. located mainly on the ground floor, with additional space in the roof area.
- Timescale for completion of the project is difficult to predict. We can fairly accurately calculate the time required for Architects design, planning permission, bidding process and the construction phase, we cannot, however, estimate the length of time that will be taken to raise the major donor funds.
- Excluding the time to attract donor funds, the whole project design and construction phase will be in the order of 80 weeks.

I hope the above will clearly demonstrate that the Willand Health & Community Centre is alive and kicking, and that you will continue to give it your support. If you require any further details or information on the project please feel free to contact the Trustees at any time.

**Ken J Wood**

### **WHCC AGM - All welcome - Thursday 4th May, 7pm - Willand Village Hall**

We would appreciate your letting us know if you will be attending, although it is not essential, just so we can cater for numbers if it happens to be popular. We are looking into starting up some sub committees to work on local and major fundraising and to arrange the building side of things. So lots of opportunities for involvement at all levels.

### **WHCC Fundraising**

Thank you to Willand Theatrical Society for their amazing donation of £410 raised from their Pantomime back in February.

And I believe in the rush of putting together the article for the last issue we haven't thanked **CAMEO** for the 2016 fundraising they worked so hard throughout the year for us and raised £979.72.

### **Easter Egg Prize Draw**

Thanks to Willand Pharmacy for providing the venue to purchase the squares for the last month. Thanks go to the following businesses for prize donations:- AJ Butchery, Tesco, Wilko, Willie's Cacao, Little's Coffee, Somerville House residential home & several anonymous donators. We raised approx. £200.

Thanks to the purchasers of the squares. The draw can be seen on facebook WHCC page in a movie of the draw, all winners would have been contacted by the time this issue is delivered.

**Bingo** – Saturday 6th May, Willand Village Hall - Look out for advertising around the village and the internet.

## **MID DEVON AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP**

Dear friends and neighbours

We missed the last edition of the parish magazine by a whisker so forgive this lengthy piece!

The New Year started relatively quiet, with the group, who meet monthly at Halberton Methodist Church, deciding on the objectives for the year ahead, and deciding what prisoners of conscience we would support. At our first meeting in January, we decided to carry on writing and campaigning for Dr Modechai Vanunu - an Israeli nuclear scientist; Eskinder Nega - Ethiopian journalist; Liu Xiabo - a Chinese Nobel Peace Prize winner; his wife - Liu Xia - who is under house arrest; and finally Raif Badawi - a Saudi Arabian blogger - who has been sentenced to 10 years and 1,000 lashes for 'apostasy' offences, in this case criticising the Saudi Arabian regime. None of these people have ever advocated violence; they have simply written or spoken an opinion.

In February several of us attended the South-West conference in Exeter where we heard from some very brave human rights defenders from various places in the world, and heard how Amnesty International has much work to do in the years ahead. The conference ended with a group presence on Cathedral Green to highlight the disappearance of 43 Mexican students with 43 pairs of shoes being laid out to symbolise their absence.

March was a busy time, starting with a coffee morning at Halberon Methodist Church where about £168 was raised for our funds! We sold second-hand books, enjoyed some lovely cakes and had a very generous raffle. On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> we again held a public get-together called 'Write for Rights' and wrote 80 cards to prisoners from all over the world. We would like to thank the kind folks of Willand who turned up to support the coffee morning and the writing event.

As a result of 'Write for Rights' we heard of a woman called Nazanin Ratcliffe who is a British/Iranian woman. She had gone to Iran on holiday with her little girl to visit her family but was arrested at Tehran Airport on her way home to London. Her husband Richard remains unclear as to the exact 'offence' she is supposed to have committed and is campaigning hard to highlight her plight along with the UK government and Amnesty International. Nazanin is in very poor health and only sees her little girl intermittently. Her husband has not seen her for several years. Our group felt this was such a terrible injustice that we had to do something more, so we have now added another prisoner to our list.

On 15<sup>th</sup> March a couple of us spoke to the Interact group at Tiverton High School about the work we do. The students knew a lot about Amnesty's work because they intend to fund-raise for it. It was heartening to see such enthusiasm and commitment to 'do something' for those who would otherwise be forgotten. The students gave up a precious lunch hour to write messages to Liu Xia and said they had found our discussion informative and inspiring.

Another evening meeting with some Uffculme young people occurred on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed by Uffculme Farmers Market on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We sold books from our stall and members of the public wrote cards to Saudi Arabia on behalf of Raif Badawi.

So in total it has been a busy but productive month. We repeat our thanks to those who continue to support our efforts. If anyone would like to talk to us about what we do, please phone Heather on 01884 821291 or Sheila on 01884 839282. We would love to hear from you. Hope you all have a lovely spring/summer. **Sheila Eschle**

### **BARN DANCE 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY IN AID OF SAMPFORD PEVERELL PLAY PARK**

The Sampford Peverell Play Park Appeal is organising a Barn Dance for all the family to enjoy as part of its last fundraising push to complete the appeal. It will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 6.30pm at Ayshford Sheep Barn approx. 1 mile from Tiverton Parkway thanks to the kind permission of Mr and Mrs Disney.

You will enjoy live music from popular local band, The Lucy Elastic Band, with a caller to get everyone on their feet. Food will be provided as part of the ticket price and there will be a cash bar and raffle on the night.

All profits from this event will go to support the Sampford Peverell Play Park Appeal which is aiming to raise £100,000 by the summer to build a new natural wood play park. Over £83,000 has been raised to date and the new design will include clear areas for all ages with a zip wire, large net swing, cycling/skating path, climbing equipment, a new wooden shelter and much more.

Prices are £12.50 for an adult ticket, £7.50 for 6-15 year olds and 5 and unders are FREE. Please visit [www.sampfordpeverellplaypark.co.uk](http://www.sampfordpeverellplaypark.co.uk) to buy your tickets online or email [info@sampfordpeverellplaypark.co.uk](mailto:info@sampfordpeverellplaypark.co.uk).

### **EXCELSIOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT CLUB**

Spring is here and that means our Athletics training resumes in earnest. We held trials at Exeter Arena in the Easter holidays where our athletes practiced several different events and then measured themselves on progress. This is to help get them used to the competition arena and the events themselves. If you want to get expert coaching on sprinting, jumping and throwing, then come along to our weekly sessions.

Our weightlifters held a “P.B. Night” on 27<sup>th</sup> March. Every lifter managed a personal best in the Snatch and the Clean and Jerk which is very rare indeed. This was a fun way to end the first block of training this year.

The snatch is where you pick up the weight from the floor to above your head in one move, it requires speed, power and co –ordination. The clean and jerk is two moves, the first from the floor to the shoulders, then from shoulders to above the head. This requires more strength, as well as courage. Many of our lifters also play rugby, football, golf or Netball, and are becoming decent all round athletes.

Gymnastics continues to progress in our new venue of the Village Hall, our new intake has adapted well and the long serving members are progressing to more advanced skills. We will be holding a freestyle display in the Village in the summer term, so watch this space.

**James Marshall**



**Willand Health  
& Community Centre**

## **WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registration No 1160395

With the project to construct the new Willand Health & Community Centre now moving forward the Charity is seeking assistance from anyone in the village and local surroundings, who can offer advice and expertise in the following disciplines:

Medium size building construction

Quantity surveying

Para legal

Groundwork/attenuation

M&E installations

If you feel that you could give a little time to support the new construction project, please contact Ken Wood Project Leader on 01884839419. 07792516366 or ken38wood@gmail.com. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

## **LETTER TO THE EDITOR - SPRING CLEANING?**

How lovely it is to see the daffodils around the village, to smell the freshness in the air of the first grass cuttings, hearing residents using their jet washers to clean their conservatories and paths in preparation for the summer.

It is such a shame that one inconsiderate resident or visitor to Willand took it upon themselves to spring clean the dirty contents of their car including full ashtrays on my pathway, within 3 metres of the nearest public bin. It took me no time at all to clear the disgusting mess. We are lucky to have a village litter picker, he does such an excellent job, let's not make more work for him please.  
**Mallow Court.**

### **NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME**

Five gardens in Willand Old Village and the allotments will be open on Saturday, the 1st and Sunday, the 2nd July, from 2-5.30 p.m. (combined admission £5.00, children free) in aid of the National Gardens Scheme and charities it supports (Macmillan Cancer Support; Marie Curie; Hospice UK, Carers Trust; Queen's Nursing Institute and four other caring/nursing organisations). Spend an afternoon visiting us – look for the NGS yellow signs – and enjoying home-made teas, plants for sale and a warm welcome. Last year we raised £1,700.00. It would be great if we could better that this year. We look forward to seeing you.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The annual parish meeting took place in the village hall on 24 March 2017 with accompanying drinks and cakes. We would have liked to have seen more people there but a big thank you to those organisations and individuals who did make it. Reports from the evening will be on the website. It was good to see County Councillor Ray Radford and District Councillor Gillian Doe in attendance and they were able to meet and discuss issues with some residents.

### **WILLAND TENNIS CLUB**

**Junior Tennis Coaching Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April until 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

Subscriptions for the year to include coaching £60 (This includes free use of courts)\* Sessions run from 4.30 pm 8.30 pm depending on age/ability. Approx. 45 mins. Groups consist of 6 – 8 children **Call Charlie 07341 826633 or Paul 07722118703. NEW FOR APRIL 2017** Adults Rusty Racquet Sessions with coach Charlie Lee (suitable for beginners and those wanting to get back into tennis) **Starting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm.** Pay & Play £4 per Session (tennis racquets available to borrow) **Enquiries call Charlie 07341 826633** for further details see Willand Tennis Club Website/Facebook

\*Some restrictions apply to Court availability see website/fb for full details

### **WILLAND VILLAGE HALL**

We have looked at our finances and agreed that we can afford to replace some of the doors at the hall. We will be doing all external doors and the ones in the main hall first, so we can then decorate the hall. We will replace the rest of the doors once we have sufficient funds.

The Parish Council has removed the clock on the front of the hall, as it has not

worked properly for some time and would have been extremely expensive to repair and keep running. Thanks to Mr Grantham for helping with its removal. When he was removing it, he noticed that the flashing over the porch needed replacing – yet another expense!

As promised in the last newsletter, here are the new hire charges, which took effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April

	<b>Hall</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Comm</b>	<b>Annexe</b>
Class 1	9.00	4.80	4.20	5.30
Class 2	14.50	7.30	6.90	8.30
Comm.	29.00	14.60	13.80	16.60

Willand residents for private events and Willand organisations will be charged Class 1; Class 2 is for people living outside Willand or for running classes where a fee is charged, e.g., gymnastics, Pilates. The highest rate is for commercial users.

The hall continues to be used on almost every day of the year. There is a new Slimming World group starting in June on Friday mornings as well as lots of opportunities to keep fit – Pilates, Gymnastics, Karate, and Martial Arts. Have a look at our online diary to see what is on and for contact details for the various groups.

Our AGM is on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00 pm in the annexe. If you would like to ask any questions about how the hall is run, or would like to put yourself forward as a trustee, please come along.

**Bookings: Frances Wilcox - 07748 557107; email franceswilcox1@gmail.com or write to 35 Fir Close,**

**Treasurer: Carol Allan – 01884 33828; email cbarwa@mail.com or write to 4 Orchard Way, Willand**

**Website: [www.willandmatters.org.uk/organisations](http://www.willandmatters.org.uk/organisations) for our diary and community page.**

<b>WILLAND VILLAGE HALL DIARY FOR MAY AND JUNE 2017</b>				
<b>May</b>				
Thursday	4th	May Elections	W.V.H.	All Day
Thursday	4th	WH&CC AGM	W.V.H	7.00pm
Saturday	6th	Bingo in aid of WH&CC	W.V.H	7.30 pm
Sunday	14th	Baby & Children's Market	W.V.H.	1.00 pm
Tuesday	23rd	Village Hall AGM	W.V.H	7.00 pm
Saturday	27th	Garden Club Plant Sale	W.V.H.	10.00 am
<b>June</b>				
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Slimming World (Starts)	W.V.H.	9.30 am
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Cross Fun day	W.V.H.	11.00 am
Friday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Murder Mystery & Super Willand Theatrical Society	W.V.H	TBC

<b>REGULAR EVENTS AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL</b>		
<b>Pilates</b>	Mondays	10:30 am
<b>Purelesque Knitting Group</b>	Mondays	2:00 pm
<b>Cull. &amp; Dist. Flower Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	2:00 pm
<b>Beavers</b>	Mondays	5:30 pm
<b>Cub Scouts</b>	Mondays	7:00 pm
<b>Kettle Bell Pump</b>	Mondays	7:00 pm
<b>Pilates</b>	Tuesday	9:30 am
<b>W.V.H Bingo</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7.30 pm
<b>Flower Arranging</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	1:15 pm
<b>Gymnastics Club</b>	Tuesday	4:00 pm
<b>Tiny Tots</b>	Wednesday	9:30 am
<b>Indoor Bowls Club</b>	Wednesday	7:00 pm
<b>Garden Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:30 pm
<b>Flower Arranging</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	1:15 pm
<b>Pilates</b>	Thursday	9:30 am
<b>CAMEO</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	6:30 pm
<b>Karate</b>	Thursday	5:30 pm
<b>Folk Dance Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:30 pm
<b>Parish Council Meetings</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm
<b>Slimming World (Starts 2<sup>nd</sup> June)</b>	Fridays	9.30am
<b>Wits</b>	Fridays	7:30 pm
<b>Cowgirl Twisters</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	7:30 pm
<b>Crafty Market</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	2:00 pm
<b>Folk Dance</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	7:00 pm
<b>Rugby Tots</b>	Sundays	9:00 am
<b>Martial Arts</b>	Sundays	6:30 pm

### **WILLAND SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

The club was founded in November 1984 in the Willand Village Hall and is still going strong despite rumours to the contrary. Sadly we only have one of the

founding members who still plays whenever he is able, our President Derek Rowe.

When the club started donations and fund raising managed to acquire a single mat and the necessary equipment for £471.00, nowadays a similar set up will cost around £1300.00 and we now have four mats at our disposal. The originals having finally outlived their useful life. We need the four mats as currently we run charity competitions twice a year, which normally raise around £400.00 each for the chosen charity.

We still meet every Wednesday evening although the annual membership fee has risen from the 1984 level of £5.00 to £6.00. Not bad after 32 years. We also charge a nightly fee of £1.50 which includes tea/coffee and biscuit – this has risen from the original 10 shillings (50p).

If you are interested in trying this out or even just becoming a social member then please contact me on 01884 35589.

**John Crocker, Secretary.**

## **WILLAND BROWNIES**

We have been very busy in the last few months; we started the year with a trip to Haldon forest to do a river walk, den making and toasting marshmallows over the campfire. During the autumn term we completed our Disability Awareness badge, had an evening of line dancing, a cinema experience and visited Somerville house for carol singing.

We also had a weekend away with the older Brownies to Bowermans Cottage on Dartmoor. We did a range of activities including a trip to the Prison Museum and a Geocaching walk. Unfortunately it rained very heavily while we were out walking so we had a pyjama party with hot chocolate on our return!

So far in 2017 we have completed a Spy challenge, looking at fingerprints, secret codes and worldwide travel. We have visited many different countries as part of the World Traveller badge, cooked pancakes on tin cans, visited the Fire Station to gain our Fire Safety badges, and had a hen party for one of our leaders.

We visited the fantastic Willand Panto, in which one of our Brownies was performing, and had a very successful fundraising Bag Pack at Tesco in Cullompton.

We have just returned from an amazing weekend at the PGL activity centre in North Devon. 28 Brownies and our 2 guide helpers spent 2 days doing lots of different activities such as zip wire, bodyboarding, quad biking, high ropes and a very muddy challenge course.

Looking forward to the summer term we are going to complete our first aid badge, and get out and about in the village, hopefully having enough good weather to have a nature evening and our annual water activities evening.

Also coming up in the summer we are taking the brownies camping for the first time, which they are all very much looking forward to. If anybody has any surplus camping equipment they are looking to re-home, this would be gratefully received.

We are currently at our full capacity of 30 Brownies, however we will have lots of spaces in September, as our older girls move up to guides. If you know a girl aged 7-9 who would be interested, please get in touch, or register them at **[www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)**

## **WILLAND GUIDES**

Brought to you by the team running the current, very popular Brownies Unit, we are opening (or really re-opening) 1<sup>st</sup> Willand Guides with effect from September this year. This will be a few of our old Brownies now they are moving up, but we would welcome any newcomers, any girls aged 10 -14 would be welcome to join, and do not have to have been in Brownies first.

Already we are planning a trip to the Big Gig in London, and a minimum of 1 camp or holiday per year. Guides have much more choice over their activities, so although we will cover some of the traditions of guides during the first term, much of the activities will be up to them to decide, plan and carry out.

If you are interested in your daughter joining us for Brownies or Guides, or if you would like to volunteer to help out at either unit, we meet on a Tuesday night and would be very pleased to hear from you. Please do get in touch either via e-mail on **[willandbrownies@outlook.com](mailto:willandbrownies@outlook.com)**, or via the join us link above.

## **WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Spring has sprung, the leaves are on the trees and hopefully all is growing well in the gardens, allotments and fields. Love them or loathe them one cannot but notice the abundant crop of solar panels on the entrance to the village along the road from Cullompton. It will be interesting to see if the promised financial benefits to the village will be forthcoming as time goes by. Equally one wonders if and when the screen planting promised and included as part of the approval materialises. There have been a number of variations approved since the original approval by a Government Inspector and so who knows what will actually be the end result?

## **PLANNING**

MDDC Planning Officers have refused the outline application for 259 houses between the Esso Garage and the woods at the entrance to the village. We can probably expect an appeal from the developers. An approach has been made

to the Parish Council by another developer for early discussions to build 29 affordable houses on the field next to the seven affordable houses already built along Silver Street. This land is to be removed for housing in the local plan which has been submitted.

The Local Plan was submitted on 31 March 2017 and so we now have to wait and see how long this will take to be reviewed by the Government Inspectors. We are told that it could take some months and in the interim we will have to see what happens as to all the speculative planning applications which are being made for housing on unplanned sites.

### **DEVON AIR AMBULANCE**

The night landing lights are in place and have been tested. The Air Ambulance has carried out a test landing and all is OK. Many thanks to all who have contributed and offered to help. In particular thanks to Willand Youth Club for housing the equipment and supplying the electricity as and when required. We hope that the facility is never needed but it is there as and when it may be.

### **PLAY AND FITNESS**

The slide in the Jubilee Parish Field has appeared as advertised in the last magazine and there has been publicity in the papers, on Facebook and various web pages. The first person to have a slide was County Councillor Ray Radford and the photo of him on the slide had over a 1,000 views. Who needs 'Brexit' to get us interested?

Plans are well in hand for the Parish to take a lease on the South View Play area. Although it was not under threat of closure by MDDC it is felt that it can be better serviced locally. Are there any volunteers in that area who would like to keep the grass cut on a regular basis? Voluntary grass cutting is working well in Mallow Court and Worcester Crescent. Some have thoughts of perhaps next year applying for a lease to look after the Orchard Way Open Space. The grass would be kept cut more regularly and hopefully funding can be obtained for some more play and 'trim trail' equipment to further enhance the area. What do you think please? This question is particularly relevant to the older children and young adults. Willand Rovers Football Club may have some ideas as some teams use the area for warm ups before a match. Let the Clerk know your thoughts please.

MDDC has asked us to identify projects relating to infrastructure which can be used to raise money from developers building a single house to a whole estate. The Parish Council have thought on their feet and are considering putting forward three projects to start with. What do you think about these ideas and have you anymore? Ideally they are to be related to improving current assets or supplying new. Briefly we are looking at; 1. More equipment for play and fitness in the Orchard Way play area; 2. Jubilee Parish Field to turn the current humps and bumps into a proper skateboard, scooter, BMX obstacle track; 3. update some of the equipment in the fenced play area of the Jubilee Parish Field.

Plans are afoot to have the goal posts on the Jubilee Parish Field painted in the very near future and the ones by the tennis court end will make them easier for the Air Ambulance to see.

Last but no means least – DOGS – or more importantly some of their inconsiderate owners. I say no more!! Well I do actually. Have you seen the Facebook coverage of the inconsiderate owner who let their dog pee on the bottom of the new slide and left a puddle for a child to slide down into? The time is coming to name and shame or ban dogs from the field completely.

That said I am reminded that MDDC are updating their policies for the supply and emptying of litter and dog bins. One idea is to put litter and dog mess in the same bins as it all ends up being collected by the same operative. Do you want dog mess being put into bins sited in the fenced off play areas for small children where dogs are banned? Siting of the bins has to consider the collection of the waste and Health & Safety. Three month surveys have to be done and there will be no appeal if we who live locally and know our areas do not agree with a decision made by someone behind a desk in Tiverton. Cost also comes into the equation and there was even an inference of charging us for emptying - more admin staff?? Parish Councillors went and asked questions of the committee and we had some support from some councillors including our own Bob Evans. The matter is to be further considered but if we had not gone it was likely to have been 'noddled through'.

### **GRASS CUTTING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

Oh Dear! - Particularly if you live in the general area of Willand Moor. We are not alone as other parishes have had the same unbelievable experience. MDDC sent men out to spray the edges of paths and verges as it is considered that it will save money when they come to cut the grass as they will not have to use the strimmer so much. Problem is apart from MDDC areas, which they do cut, they also managed to do areas of Devon County verges which they no longer cut and the 'piece de resistance' was the debacle that they inflicted on the Worcester Crescent play area which has been looked after by volunteers since it was leased by the Parish Council in July 2016. We have been trying to encourage people to cut their DCC verges if they wish to keep things looking nice outside of their house and a number have. Now their nice neat sections of verge have a wide frame of mud which will no doubt grow weeds instead of grass. Worcester Crescent play area has had at least two visits to put down grass seed to repair the damage. All they have done in other areas is to cut the grass in the last few weeks to make their 'workmanship' look less obvious. Lots of apologies from the immediate managers. Explanations given as to the fact that the operators have had training and so it should not have happened etc. etc. No sign of any attempt to repair other areas damaged which do not belong to MDDC. Not sure where the money saving is being made on this one.

You will note that the grass verges under the control of Devon County Council Highways are growing well and have a good crop of dandelions to spread seed onto our private lawns and gardens. They should be cutting the visibility splays at junctions soon. Please make sure that you direct any complaints to the Devon Highways Control Room but always let the County Councillor know as well.

### **WILLAND MAGAZINE**

Brian and Pauline have now fully retired from their association with the magazine and Gerri Taylor, the Editor will be 'The Boss' and deal with all issues of content, advertising and layout. Kate our Parish Clerk will take on the administration role in respect of the accounts. Many thanks to all our volunteers who deliver the magazines and if anyone feels that they could help please contact Gerri or Kate. Please keep the contributions coming in and most importantly please read it as this is where the information can be found.

### **FINALLY**

Any problems which you are unable to resolve with DCC or MDDC through their customer service sections then try the respective councillor. That is what they are there for. If that fails then try we parish councillors although we can only really fully deal with parish matters but we will try and help or if we cannot we may know a person who can.

Remember that there are no such things as problems – only solutions. If there is no solution then it cannot be a problem. *{Don't know that I fully agree with the second bit but it sounds good.}* **Barry G J Warren**

### **WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY**

Spring has sprung and our 2017 pantomime of Aladdin is now well and truly behind us, "Oh yes it is"! I think we can safely say it was another huge success and once again we would like to thank those that came along and supported us. Without participating audiences, it can be so hard for the actors but this year the audiences were extremely vocal, so much so that the long arm of the law even arrested an adult member of the audience and made them sit on the naughty step for some of the performance! Once again we wish to thank businesses in the community that sponsored various parts of the pantomime but special thanks go to Joe Fletcher from Two Sisters, who made a personal donation towards the costumes but missed the entry date for a mention in our programme.

The committee are currently putting their heads together to choose a director for next years' panto and as details become available we will again post on our Facebook page, so be sure to 'Like' us.

We are going to be having a Murder Mystery on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of June in Willand Village Hall which will include a two course supper. Please look out for information on our Facebook page and tickets will be on sale as soon as

everything is confirmed. It is always a fun evening being able to work out who really has the biggest reason to commit the deed, plus a tasty supper can be enjoyed too.

Once more we do say that if you want to have fun on a Friday night either performing or helping with one of the many back stage jobs, please do contact a member of the committee. The more members we have the bigger our casts can be for even better Pantomimes. We look forward to hearing from you!

**David Keating**

### **CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH (GABLES ROAD) EVENTS OPEN TO ALL IN THE COMMUNITY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Sunday	Service	10.30am
Monday	Willand Art Group	2pm - 4pm
First Friday of Month	Coffee morning and bring and buy	10.30am
Third Friday of Month	Soup and Something No cost all donations go to charity.	12.00 midday

We are holding our Annual Cream Tea event from 3pm – 5pm on Saturday 17 June 2017. The teas will be served on the lawn (weather permitting). There will also be stalls to peruse. Everyone welcome.

Minister Paul Booth is on sabbatical until 1st June.

**KENTISBEARE CRICKET CLUB** - We are a village cricket club and currently run 2 senior league teams on a Saturday as well as occasional friendly fixtures on Sundays and in mid-week. We also have a thriving Junior section.

The club has a lively and enthusiastic committee and future events are listed on our comprehensive website- [Kentisbearecricketclub.co.uk](http://Kentisbearecricketclub.co.uk). Take a look. Its good!!! We are an Accredited Cricket club and achieved the ECB Clubmark in 2015.

If you have recently moved into the area or simply see yourself as the next Joe Root or Ben Stokes, we would love to hear from you.

But it is not only players we seek. How about umpiring or scoring, or even helping with the upkeep of the ground which is used by members of the local community and the school.

Whatever, your interest, if you want to know more, contact Andy Smith on 01884 35877 or Scott Chappell on 07590 724833. You will be made very welcome.

### **MAKING A SWIMMING POOL IN THE CULM VALLEY A REALITY**

A group of enthusiastic volunteers have been fundraising tirelessly to raise funds for a much needed swimming pool and Mid Devon's first public hydrotherapy suite in Cullompton that will serve all the Culm Valley communities.

So far, the Swimming Pool Campaign has raised nearly £147,000. £20,000 of this is being held in trust and £40,000 being donated by a local developer. An amazing £86,880 has been raised by various fundraising events, sales from our Charity shop and other generous donations.

We have been allocated a site for the pool in the North-west extension area through the Neighbourhood Plan. The allocation of land has enabled us to look at including other facilities such as a gym and children's soft play area into the complex, which will make the centre a lively leisure, social and fitness hub.

To continue the great fundraising we need your help and support. The small team has achieved so much already but just imagine what a larger team with new skills to bring to the table could achieve.

There are many ways you could help – big or small:

- Do you have fundraising experience – could you help us find and apply for grants?
- Experience of writing business plans or project management – professional advice is always welcome
- Join our team
- Donate money or raffle items
- Volunteer in our Charity Shop for a couple of hours a week
- Help deliver leaflets and display posters
- Help at an event or run one of your own
- Sponsor us
- Donate quality items to sell in the charity shop
- Like us on Facebook and Twitter and share our posts

If you are interested in supporting us please contact **Liza on 07771 768808 or 01884 260160 or email: [admin@cullypool.org.uk](mailto:admin@cullypool.org.uk)**. You can also find more information on our website: **[www.cullypool.org.uk](http://www.cullypool.org.uk)**.

## **WILLAND ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB**

As you can imagine the amount of work that goes into Willand Rovers is never ending, we have a small but dedicated team that work endlessly to keep these fantastic facilities available to the community. Since all the changes to the club were done we have seen an increase in people from outside the village hiring the facility which is great news but we still feel there is a huge part of the village that haven't even set foot in the club. We have got involved alongside other clubs with what's going on in the village and feel part of the village but we are still looking for that return of visitors to our site even if it is just popping in to see what we have to offer.

We provide a great club for kids and adults alike to play football and have had some fantastic results from the players that have come to the club especially

with the first team side. As a club we are certainly proud of the level of football we can play as at the beginning of a new season we always hear of clubs folding due to lack of interest and funds.

We have this season performed extremely well in the under 16 and also the under 18 categories and it looks like (fingers crossed) we may have a few cups hopefully coming our way including the league cup!! Having the club gives the youngsters somewhere to channel their energy, we have also attracted players from Newton Abbot and Exeter due to the first-class facilities we have and the experienced coaches and managers we have in place who also give up their time voluntarily.

We also offer fortnightly bingo to anyone from anywhere again run by volunteer's week in week out. The club and pitch are available to hire and has recently been used for a firemen's footie match, Cullompton FC when they were double booked, Braveheart's FC match and a booking for a big charity match in April. We can accommodate most requests be it day or night, week day or weekend for using the facilities. We have keep fit classes that hire the club, also businesses for meetings which has proven quite popular, along with our own events which we put on including the Santa Run, New Year's Eve party, Casino Night, & Race night to name a few.

As with any club I'm sure there are never enough helpers or money coming through the door, it seems a regular conversation I have with people from other organisations. However we are looking at improving what we have at Silver Street as the need is there and maybe providing other facilities from our club but for that we would need to move our site.

If you would like to book the club for your venue, then please either call **Tracey Greening – 07515 667498**; email **willandroversfootballclub@outlook.com** or phone **01884 33885**

### **WILLAND GARDEN CLUB**

We had a fun Gardening Quiz at our March meeting, with chocolate prizes for the winning team and will be learning how to make hanging baskets in April. We are going to Powderham at the end of April to Toby Buckland's Garden Festival. On 10<sup>th</sup> May, we will be hearing about the restoration of Hestercombe, which should be very interesting and we will be visiting Marwood Hill Gardens in June.

Our first coffee morning of the year will be on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, at the Village Hall, so please come along and support us. We also have our Plant Sale on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> May, where you can get some plants to make your gardens more beautiful. Look out for the posters nearer the date.

Our Flower Show is again being held with Sampford Peverell Garden Club, but this year it will be in Willand Village Hall on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like a schedule, please contact me.

We meet in the Club Room at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of each month from March to December and our subscription is only £3.50 a year. For more details about the Garden Club, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01884 33828 or email me on [cbarwa@mail.com](mailto:cbarwa@mail.com). Carol Allan Garden Club Secretary.

## **WILL FORTNIGHT 8<sup>TH</sup>- 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY IN AID OF HOSPISCARE - BOOK FROM 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

### **A great opportunity to make or update your Will and support your local hospice.**

Hospiscare is your hospice charity caring for the people and their families in our community who are affected by terminal illness. We are only one quarter NHS funded so rely on the generosity of local people making gifts to us in their Wills to continue helping local people make the most of life.

Having a professionally written Will is the best way to ensure that you can protect those you love and remember the causes you care about. Local solicitors are supporting Hospiscare by giving up all of their usual fee for writing a standard Will so you can donate to Hospiscare instead. It's easy to sort out. Simply choose a participating solicitor and make an appointment.

#### **Your closest solicitors are:**

##### **Dunn & Baker**

38 High Street  
CULLOMPTON, EX15 1AE  
**Telephone:** 01884 33818

##### **Star Legal Solicitors**

Raymond Penny House  
Pheonix Lane  
TIVERTON, EX16 6LU  
**Telephone:** 01884 798493

**To find out more, please contact Hospiscare on 01392 688020 or [a.pragnell@hospiscare.co.uk](mailto:a.pragnell@hospiscare.co.uk) . Full details and a full list of participating solicitors will be available at [www.hospiscare.co.uk](http://www.hospiscare.co.uk) from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.**

#### **ECZEMA SUPPORT GROUP**

I am starting a new eczema support group for the area and would like to share my hopes and aims with the village to let them know about the group that could help them in some way.

My hopes for this support group is that people can build a network which will support them through the difficulties of eczema. Sometimes the condition can become over-whelming and knowing that there are others, that understand the bad days, can be enough to find a way forward and not letting the condition control you, making it manageable. Or even just to have someone listen, as there are days where the itch and pain can affect you just as much emotionally as it can physically. We know that eczema can affect people in different ways and what works for one person may not work for another and is often trial and error.

Having three members of my family with eczema I know myself how different it can be. The support group is an opportunity to share experiences and 'bounce' ideas off one another which often presents ideas that you may not have thought of or have tried. Also knowing where others source items such as cotton clothes, gloves etc. might be useful.

I will be arranging a monthly meeting in Willand village hall starting Thursday 4th May from 5.30pm to 6.30pm for people to come for a coffee and chat. I hope, whether people have the condition themselves or care for someone with eczema they will feel comfortable to share thoughts and gain ideas and find positive ways to cope with their condition.

My Aims for the Group:

Provide a platform for a social chat with others who understand

Sharing personal experiences

Raising topics

Providing links to other resources

'Listening' and just giving support

Raise awareness

Please contact me if you would like to know more about the group **Teresa Jackman 07747 841618 or email t26diz@yahoo.co.uk**

## **NEWS from the FRIENDS of COLDHARBOUR MILL**

The **WORKING WOOL MUSEUM** is now open for the 2017 season. For all other information about the Mill and its history, admission prices, volunteering opportunities, shop and products, or to book guided tours for school or adult groups, contact the Mill Office by phone on **01884 840960** (Mon-Fri 9.30am-1pm) or by e-mail: **info@coldharbourmill.org.uk** or view the **Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk**.

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

**7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Steam Day for Steam Punk Weekend.** Open 10.30am-4pm with 100-year-old engines in steam from 11am! Displays of Model Railways & Dolls Houses, early textile machinery, the Puttee Story, the Millennium Tapestry. Visit the Mill Gift Shop for yarns, fabrics, rugs & throws all produced at the Mill, and locally produced crafts goods. Refreshments available in the Waterside Café. Call in at the Friends Bookshop for some Spring reading. Free car park.

A great day out for the whole family! See: [www.coldharbourmill.org.uk](http://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk) for more info and admission prices.

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – Quiz Night.** Prompt 7.30pm start with our popular quizmaster, Peter Walter. Please ring Jenny on 01884 243071 or Kathleen on 01823 672857 to book your table. Of course you can just turn up and we will do our best to make up teams. Admission £6 to include our popular buffet supper.

### **29<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Steam Day for Children's Special Day**

**The Friends** urgently need more members for their Committee. If you feel you could join our friendly group and help out with fund-raising events and on Steam Days, please ring Jenny (secretary) on 01884 243071. In addition, we need more Friends to join us in supporting the Mill. For a small annual membership you receive free entrance to the Mill on any day it is open and 10% discount on any Mill goods purchased. Again please contact Jenny.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – please help to make a difference at this unique heritage site! Volunteers are always needed for a range of activities including, repairs, painting, gardening, sweeping, helping with school visits, working in the Mill Office and as part of the Steam Group. For more information, phone or e-mail the Mill Office **01884 840960**, [info@coldharbourmill.org.uk](mailto:info@coldharbourmill.org.uk).  
**Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton, Devon EX15 3EE**

### **CAMEO**

We have been really busy already this year. We had a very nice lunch at the Beam Bridge Hotel and several members had an interesting tour around Exeter Guildhall. A few members had visited the Devon Air Ambulance Headquarters and, after seeing and hearing more about the invaluable work they do we were inspired to work even harder fund-raising for them, our chosen charity this year. We had a craft stall at our March meeting to raise money for this project. Our main effort will be a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on 11th November.

We have had two excellent Speakers. In March Mr Phillip Alger came. He has travelled the world in his capacity as a newspaper and television reporter. He had many stories to tell of well-known politicians and celebrities he had interviewed over thirty years in journalism and we enjoyed his anecdotes. In April two volunteers from the R.N.L. I. in Exmouth showed us slides and told us about their heroic crew members who go out in the most treacherous conditions saving people. A lot of time is spent going to schools and groups trying to teach folk about the dangers of the sea and how to be a more aware of the unpredictable conditions which can soon overtake them.

The Walking Group enjoyed visiting Knightshayes when the daffodils were in full bloom. They had a short walk around Uffculme with tea at Carpenters Café. They had been along Tiverton Canal to Ayshford but the proposed longer walk had to be postponed because of rain. Several more walks are planned, weather permitting.

We have a Skittles evening at Ash Thomas later this month, a lunch at Petrocs and on 24th May a visit to Yelland Farm, Payhembury to look around the farm we have heard so much about after two visits from farmer's wife Janet East. Our meeting in May will be a mystery trip and evening meal. The Hall is unavailable due to local elections. In June we will meet again in the Hall when our Speaker will be from the British and International Red Cross. We have been having lots of problems getting our reports published in the Gazette and members decided not to publish in the paper again.

### **FRUSTRATING TIMES OF A CONCERENED RESIDENT**

Victoria Park lies between Victoria Close and Blenheim Drive and has embedded in one corner a children's fenced playpark. Two paths, N/S and E/W, cross the park, served by 9 lights. Four of the lights (the middle ones) did not work and one was intermittently working. I reported this to MDDC customer services on 9th Jan 2017. Having first reported to DCC Highways who said it belonged to MDDC. Nothing was done.

I reported the non-working lights again on 25th January, 6th February, 28th February ( I spoke to Steve Dencham,) I had spoken to a fellow dog walkers these lights have not worked since at least September 2016.

I rang on the 17th March having had no reply about the lights to find Mr Dencham unavailable. I rang again on the 20th March to find he was still unavailable. On the 20th March I then rang Jill Doe and Bob Evans our MDDC Councillors. I also called Ray Radford and left my telephone number with a message I have not received any response as yet.

I received a same day call back from Jill and Bob. Bob and Jill discussed the above and Jill took up the reins.

Jill kept me informed of progress and on 23rd March SSE (subcontractor for lights) contacted me and I agreed to meet their engineers next day. On the 24th March I met with SSE engineers who replaced 5 sensors on the lights I had pointed out as not working. All lights in park now working including one of the ones in playpark.

At the same time as this was going on there was also a problem with the lights in Victoria Close;

21st March the first 12 lights not working all night

22nd March 7 lights not working all night

23rd March 5 lights not working all night

What is going on? Why did it take so long to rectify a reported fault? Why was it necessary to involve our MDDC Councillors in order to get something done?

**For their help in sorting this problem of lights in Victoria Park my thanks go to Bob Evans and Jill Doe. But especially Jill.**



**Spiceland Quaker Meeting  
Uffculme  
EX15 3AZ**

Contact: Katie 01823 672301

**Meeting for Worship**

**10.30 – 12noon every Sunday**

Quaker Meetings for Worship are open to all. Quakers sit together in silent worship, receiving spoken Ministry when it is led. After Meeting for Worship, we have notices and refreshments. We are a small but active community. We hold events which are also open to all.

**Building the New Economy**

Our current economic system is unsustainable and unequal. What do we want instead and how can we bring it about? Quakers are working for the creation of a just and environmentally sustainable economic system within which our testimonies can flourish. In this workshop we will think about what our economy is for and look at some of the practical action that can be taken to sow the seeds for wider systemic change to our economic system.

Led by Alison Prout, Quaker Peace and Social Witness at Spiceland Quaker Meeting House, Uffculme on **Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>** between 10am-2.30pm, followed by a shared lunch. All very welcome Free. Please book: 01884 258507.

**From Quaker Advices and Queries:**

Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life

**<http://www.spicelanduffculmequakers.com/>**

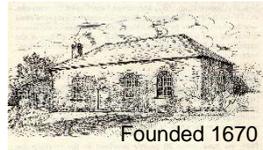
**WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME**

The following year end report was presented at the WILLAND PARISH AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017.

During the year April 2016 to March 2017 there have been closures of both Sampford Peverell and Uffculme sites and the introduction of Mid Devon District Council (MDDC) charging for their garden waste collection service. This impacted on our composting scheme and coupled with the current number of volunteers we have available to process material deposited we took the decision to restrict access to our site.

We have restricted our opening to two periods and are now only able to open Wednesdays and Sundays 10.00 am - 12 Noon. During which we are in attendance.

This year has seen a reduction from some 80 to 60 tonnes of garden waste composted. Although less than last year is still a significant volume saved from landfill!



The volume of saved garden waste shredded, composted and sieved provided over 750 bags of sieved compost and soil (weed prevention) covering material.

In response to requests for purchasing compost when we are closed we have responded by providing a means to purchase by asking residents to:-

**TEXT - "COMPOST" to 0787 138726307.**

Our income is dependent on funding from both Devon County Council and MDDC and the sale of compost. At the date of this report both these organisations are deliberating their amounts of grant. The income from both the sale of compost and council grants has enabled the scheme to fund both site operations and enabled us to include donations to both Willand Health Community Centre and Willand Village Hall. To Willand Parish, Devon County and Mid Devon District Councils we thank you for your continuing support. And to all the residents for their cooperation.

We would like to thank the residents' for not dumping waste outside the site when it is closed.

**Notice:** to those that don't, please do take away with you your container(s) that you brought your material in. Secondly, this site is for WILLAND RESIDENTS ONLY. We are getting a number of 'strangers'.

**Finally**

More members will enable us to extend/expand our opening times!! So come have a chat or contact me. **Tony Mander (secretary)**

**Email: [tony@tonymander.plus.com](mailto:tony@tonymander.plus.com) Mobile 07980472242**

## **WILLAND HISTORY GROUP**

Betty Penberthy has been back in touch with some more gems from Willand's not so distant past. She writes: "Do any long-standing Willand residents remember back in the 1950s when, once a year, an old man used to come around the Village on his bicycle selling Pickles foot ointment? He always carried with him a jam jar containing corns his ointment had helped remove from people's feet!!! Urghh!!! And who can remember when the late Mrs Little ran the library which was held in a cupboard in Willand School. She used to censor the books and if she didn't think they were suitable for you she wouldn't let you borrow them! Mrs Little was a real character. She was church organist and always played the piano at WI meetings. She was an excellent dressmaker too and was kept busy sewing for Willand residents. Her father was Mr Chick, who was the village carpenter and undertaker." Thanks Betty! All such memories of bygone Willand are gratefully received.

Further information has been received about Miss Rowbotham and Miss Partridge (who lived at Harpitt House from the 1940s to 1960s/70s) and how they pioneered the role of women in the male dominated world of engineering. Miss Partridge, for example, established herself as a 'Domestic Engineer' after the First World War and set up her own business in Exeter in 1921. She stated

that she was “qualified and prepared to contract for country house lighting, central heating and general utility power plant for farm and country houses. In 1922 Miss Partridge proved she was at the cutting edge of electrical engineering and arranged an Exhibition of Electrical Models and Machines in Exeter (at this time less than 10% British households were wired to an electricity wire network). Miss Partridge particularly wanted to emphasise how useful electricity could be to women in the home by powering labour saving devices and her exhibition demonstrated “the efficiency, cleanliness and general handiness of the many electrical appliances designed to lighten the housewives task”.

A press report has been discovered that reveals interesting details about the Willand Friendly Society in the nineteenth century. In the days before most people had access to banking as we would know it, friendly societies were organised locally so that people could pay contributions to a mutual fund as a form of savings or insurance. However, it also seems to have been the perfect excuse for an all day jolly around the pubs of Willand. On 9 June 1868 the *Tiverton Gazette* reports just such a day for about 70 members of the Willand Friendly Society (a significant proportion of the adult population of Willand at the time). They met at the White Horse Inn (now The Elms in the ‘old village’) – no doubt for an early livener – before parading to the Church with musical accompaniment by Halberton brass band. After Revd Sydenham had preached a sermon “suitable to the day’s meeting” they headed off to the house of local businessman, John Quant, at Tiverton Junction, where they got stuck into a table “laden with beer, cake and wine” and “as much good cider as they liked to partake of.” Then it was a swift stop at the Railway Hotel (once on Station Road but knocked down to make way for the motorway), where they were “well supplied with good beer” before they headed back to the White Horse Inn for dinner, making the most of “the loyal and patriotic toasts given at such meetings.” After dinner, with Halberton brass band still in tow, they went off to visit gentry farmers William Salter at Verbeer and then James Parkhouse at Harpitt, where “at each place they were well supplied with cider.” Clearly not yet sated, it was then back to the White Horse Inn for a few more with the band playing out the night “to those who ‘tripped the light fantastic toe’.” Heaven knows the state they were all in by that stage!!

At the time of writing ceremonies are being held to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the battle of Arras on the Western Front in the First World War. Less well known than battles like the Somme and Passchendaele, it was equally as bloody and claimed the life of one Willand man, Rupert Wood Rabjohns. He had worked as a clerk at the Lloyd Maunder slaughterhouse and lived at Tiverton Junction with his wife and young son. In May 1916, soon after the Military Service Act was extended to include married men (as well as single men), Rupert Rabjohns was notified that he also would have to serve in the armed forces. His employer, Lloyd Maunder, applied for him to be exempt on the basis that his role was crucial to the running of their business, the food production industry being of particular national importance. The application was

refused at the local military service tribunal in Tiverton and Rupert Rabjohns was enlisted into the Devonshire Regiment, serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> battalion. Almost a year later, on 23 April 1917, he was killed at the battle of Arras in an ill-prepared and unsuccessful assault by the 1<sup>st</sup> Devons against a strongly defended German front line running between the Vimy-Lens railway. Rupert Rabjohns' body was never recovered, although his name appears on the Arras Memorial in France and on the Willand War Memorial.

**James Morrison, 01884 250057 (jamorrison235@gmail.com)**

**WILLAND BABY & CHILDREN'S MARKET**

**\*\*Sunday 14th May 2pm to 4pm\*\***

Lots of stalls bursting with top quality LIKE NEW and NEW baby & children's items from birth to 8 yrs. Plus a small selection of unique businesses in the baby & children's industry showcasing and selling their products & services all under one roof! Great brands at up to 90% off the full retail price!

- \* £1 entry per adult, kids FREE
- \* Plenty of FREE car parking available
- \* Bring plenty of CASH, no ATM on site
- \*100 Goody bags to give away!

Have lots of unused children's items filling up your house? If so, then why not **BOOK A STALL** and turn your unused items into CASH! Sellers take home 100% profit on the day!

To **BOOK A STALL** go to [www.babyandchildrensmarket.co.uk](http://www.babyandchildrensmarket.co.uk) or contact [Faye@babyandchildrensmarket.co.uk](mailto:Faye@babyandchildrensmarket.co.uk) 07834 972934

**NOTE FROM THE VET - CRGV (Alabama Rot)**

There has been a confirmed case of **CRGV (Alabama Rot)** in the area in the last few weeks. This disease is extremely rare but often fatal. Most cases start with sores and swelling, normally on the paws or lower legs, but they can be anywhere on the body or face. The majority of skin problems are not caused by CRGV, however **if you are concerned please contact your vet.**

The cause of this disease is currently unknown so it is difficult to give specific advice regarding prevention. You may wish to bathe your dog's legs and face if they get muddy following a walk, however it is not known if this has any benefit in preventing the disease. There is more information available on the Anderson Moores facebook page and website [www.andersonmoores.com/owner/CRGV.php](http://www.andersonmoores.com/owner/CRGV.php).

**PLEASE NOTE THE CUT OFF DATE FOR NEXT EDITION IS WEDNESDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**