

EDITORIAL

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Welcome to my first edition of the Willand Magazine. Having been an avid reader since it was first delivered to my home, and using it as my first port of call when needing trades and services I am looking forward to contributing to its future development. I firmly believe the magazine should be a vehicle for Willand residents to share news and information alongside the website and Facebook pages. Please send in articles and ideas to share with the community to willandparishmag@gmail.com

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL LIVE MUSIC FUNDRAISER

Willand Village Hall is hosting the Blackheart duo in concert on Friday 20th May from 7.30pm. Tickets are available at Willand Post Office Willand Pharmacy, www.ticketsource.co.uk/willandvillagehall/events, priced at £10 (£6 for seniors). With bar, refreshments and cold snacks available we look forward to seeing you. **Margaret Dennis**

WILLAND HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

As reported in the last edition, the quotations for the refurbishment of the existing buildings were unbelievable. This is due to changes in the building sector which is experiencing high workloads, resulting in refurbishment work being unattractive because of higher risks compared with much simpler new builds. Further analysis has indicated that we can build a new single storey facility and accommodate all our needs for less than the refurbishment of the existing buildings (Phase 1) which provided approximately half of our needs. Modern building techniques may further reduce the cost and reduce construction time.

The lease between the Parish Council and the Charity is moving slowly forward and as a result, the Parish Council have agreed to commission our architects to develop plans and submit these for planning approval, using the funds allocated for the project which include a number of donations. As we already have planning permission and have started work on the entrance to access the site, the planning submission may be in the form of a change request. Meanwhile, fundraising continues and we are delighted that CAMEO have adopted us as their charity for 2016. We are now approaching grant making bodies to identify those who would consider an application from us. We have vacancies for Trustees and if you share our vision for delivering community services in Willand and would like to be part of making it happen, we would like to talk to you. Please contact Ray Ursell (01884 821375 or 07770 238588) to take the next step. Please also contact Ray if you would like to support us financially, both now and in the future. You can also meet with us at our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday 5th May at 7:00 in the Village Hall Annexe.

WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY

Time flies by and already we are looking back on the successful pantomime production of Dick Whittington. Once again everyone came out in force to cheer on the goodies and boo the baddies! The whole cast would like to thank everyone for their support and encourage anyone who wants to join the club to get in contact with us. The more people we have to choose from, the more fun the shows will be and hopefully the larger audiences we will draw. We were very pleased to be able to make a donation of £447.82 to Willand Preschool from the profits made by the pantomime. Our next productions are two one act plays. A comical farce called 'Caught on the Hop' by David Foxton and also a play by the younger members of the club called 'Play Practice'. These younger members of the club are our future, so please do come along and support them all. The dates are Friday 22nd July & Saturday 23rd July both starting at 7:30pm.

We are also putting on a club fund raising event on Friday June 10th at Willand Village Hall. It will be the Queen's Birthday Bingo with Tea, Coffee and Cup Cakes. Exciting prizes to be had and a proportion of the funds raised will also go towards the Parish costs for the Air Ambulance site in the village. Please put the date in your diary. Last but not least, our next Panto to be staged in February 2017 will be Aladdin and casting will take place in August. Again if you are interested please do get in touch! One final thing to remember, 'People who have no life will always try to start drama in yours'. **David Keating**

WILLAND TENNIS CLUB

Willand Tennis club are about to start their summer season on the 4 floodlit courts next to the village hall. The club has both adult and junior sections.

Adult members have club sessions on Monday and Thursday evenings, Wednesday mornings and on Saturday afternoon. The membership fee for new members is only £50 in the first year. Coaching for junior members is on Thursday and Friday nights with our club coach. This costs £60 for weekly coaching until the end of July and includes a Junior Club membership as well. For more details about the club either look at the website www.willandtennisclub.co.uk, contact by email on willandtennis@gmail.com or Phone Rita Parish on 820803

MUSEUM OPEN DAY & CAR RALLY

Ron and Glenda (Frosty) Frost are holding their Annual Charity Car Rally at Longacre Museum, Willand (on the Halberton to Willand Road) on Saturday 18th June 2016, from 2.00 to 4.00pm. There will be Stalls, Hot Dogs, Cream Teas and the usual Prize draw. If you would like to run a stall, please telephone **Frosty** 01884 820641

WILLAND SCOUT GROUP

Willand scout group is growing from strength to strength with all groups having waiting lists and demand for spaces very high. Although even with all this interest from the youth of the village it's left to a very small group of devoted parents to provide the scouts with different activities every week. Beavers are 6-8, Cubs 8-10 and Scouts 10- 14 year olds. If you are over 18 and would like to join in with activities like pond dipping, cricket, climbing, rafting, arts and crafts and camping please get in touch we would love to have more regular help to continue with this group in the community.

Liesa, Leigh, Aaron, Jim and Rob (07999802679) Leaders of Willand Scout Group

WILLAND BEAVERS

I would firstly like to thank everyone that turned up for our Christmas Bingo it was a great success and we were overwhelmed by the community support. With some of the profit we made a donation of a silver brick to the Willand Health and Community Centre.

We have been busy in the village hall over the winter term completing badges and being creative. We had night walks, made clay models and decorated them, we made Mothers' Day cards and button bracelets, we also had an evening of trying new things like decorating cakes, lighting a match, ironing their neckers and making a cup of tea!

We also went Ten Pin Bowling with some of the money raised from the Bingo. The Beavers were part of the Remembrance Day service and the carol service in the village hall at the end of last year.

This coming term some of us will be off to Crealy for a camp, we have also planned a rafting night in Exeter, pond dipping, rounders, woodland walks and much more.

We are joining the Methodist Church for a Coffee Morning at the end of April it is kind of them to include us in their fund raising. Another Bingo night is organised for Saturday 25th June in the village hall so keep your eyes open for the posters nearer the time.

Our AGM is scheduled for the 9th May 6.45 pm in the village hall so if you are interested in finding out more about us please come along, we don't bite honest!

Liesa Milligan (07999802679) Willand Beavers

WILLAND BROWNIES

Willand Brownies is an active group, currently with 30 girls between the ages of 7 and 11. According to our records the group was started in 1966, however the Willand History book mentions Brownies and Guides as far back as 1930's, with a few opening and closed periods.

We would like to investigate the history of the unit further, with the possibility of a birthday celebration in the summer. If anybody has any details, information, photos or simply memories of Brownies and Guides in Willand we would love to hear from you. Please

contact us at the e-mail address willandbrownies@outlook.com, or by phone on 07814569054.

The Willand Brownies Team, Bubbles (Bridget), Dory (Clare), Squirt (Libby) and Pearl (Emily)

UFFCULME GREEN DAY 14 MAY

It is back again - Uffculme Green Day - for the second time around! There will be interesting new stalls, mostly local small businesses and organisations which we are pleased to promote and support because of their 'green' ideas. Mid Devon District Council will be available for information about recycling, and to answer any questions you may have, and of course Uffculme Compost Magic will be on hand to explain any queries you may have regarding the plastic film recycling or garden compost. Many great prizes have been kindly donated once again, and there is a full programme of fun entertainment for and from all ages. Plus of course, the all-important EATS! & drinks. So please come and visit us, have a really good fun day and enjoy everything - and don't forget it's FREE to enter. What more could anyone want - SUN and BLUE SKY!! See you on the 14th May at Magelake. **Delia Kennedy**

WILLAND OLD VILLAGE GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS

On Saturday, the 11th and Sunday, the 12th June, from 2-5.30, six gardens in Willand Old Village, and the allotments off Silver Street will be open for the National Gardens Scheme. (This is the weekend of the Queen's 90th birthday as well, so lots going on). Two of the gardens are opening for the first time this year. Spend an afternoon exploring your village, stop for a home-made tea, buy plants, and enjoy chatting with friends. Combined admission £4.50, children free. We look forward to seeing you. **Dorothy Anderson, 01884 33415**

WILLAND SCHOOL

It has been yet another busy term in the lives of the children of Willand School as they have, yet again, been taking part in a full range of activities.

Recently Willand School have been high achievers in sports. The most recent event was a tag rugby schools cluster tournament at Cullompton Community College to see who would progress onto the East Devon finals to be held later this month. The team played extremely well against their opponents and came second overall – meaning they advance onto the next round.

The school have also been successful in Cage Football (not quite as it sounds) where the children play indoors and use the walls to play. Again the team have qualified for the next round of the competition!

Our outdoor football team have finally been able to complete some fixtures since our last entry – looking to qualify for the cluster finals. They braved the torrential rain playing against the Duchy School in Bradnich but unfortunately luck was not on either team's side and both lost. Winning ways returned this term against Uplowman with the year 3 and 4 team winning 7 – 0. The year 5 and 6 team played out a fantastic one all draw, with the action flowing from end-to-end and a last minute equalising strike from outside the area.

March also meant that the school celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book characters. A massive variety of costumes were worn including a fantastic group of Hogwarts wannabes (including Miss Hawkins as Professor McGonagall) and a great number of children and staff dressed as Wally!

Willand School Council decided on which charity the school would support this year and they settled on the Tiverton Food Bank. The council members then set their classes the

challenge to collect as many items of specific foods as they could – with a prize awarded to the class who collected the most the incentive was set. The whole school raised an amazing 500 items for the food bank ranging from noodles, pasta and rice to breakfast cereals to tinned foods.

Before the Easter holidays, the reception classes of Willand School visited Killerton House on a school trip. Whilst there they had to hunt to find The Dolbury Dragon who lives on the hillside of Killerton! They enjoyed a variety of activities including: exploring the maze, balancing on logs, and discovering how flowers and plants grow.

Year 3 were also very lucky to be able to visit the mosque in Exeter to find out more about Islam. They talked to the imam (the worship leader of the mosque) and were given the opportunity to watch a midday prayer. The children asked plenty of questions and thoroughly enjoyed their day, a big thank you to all those involved in arranging the visit.

Honey, Antonia, Jack and Rose.

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

May I say a big thank you to all those organisations and individuals which supported our trial run at a new format for the meeting. The number of tables/displays exceeded our expectations. Many thanks to the volunteers [I use the word loosely as some may have felt pressed] who made cakes and looked after the refreshments on the night. The idea of drinks and cakes seemed to be acceptable. It was a little disappointing that more of the village did not attend and it would have been nice if some more could have stayed for the meeting. This is the only opportunity the Councillors really get to receive some feedback as to whether or not they are doing the right things.

Some feedback has already been received as to the format of the evening which has been gratefully received. It looks as if something similar may be acceptable for next year but possibly we may start a little later and get into the meeting a bit quicker. The Parish presentation took a little longer than I would have wished for but there has been a lot going on to tell people about. Feedback would be appreciated by our Clerk, positive or negative, to assist in planning for next year.

Willand Magazine

A very big welcome to our new Editor Gerri Taylor accompanied by our grateful thanks for stepping up to the mark. Thank you also to Brian and Pauline who are continuing to help and also look after the advertising side of things for the time being. Thanks are also due to our band of distributors who are sticking with us. We still need someone to take on the Station Road area for us please.

Housing Needs Survey

Thank you to all those who completed and submitted the housing needs survey forms that were delivered to you with the last magazine. Early days yet for feedback as to how many households responded.

Parish Councillors

You win some and you lose some as they say. John Sellick, Kate Taylor and William Tobin have joined us and that has helped to reduce the average age considerably – welcome. Sadly Ray Ursell has decided to step down after a number of years of dedicated service. He has been instrumental in a number of Parish improvements and events for which he has our sincere thanks. Hopefully he is not going to be completely lost to us as he will continue as a Trustee for the Willand Health & Community Centre and will also still help with the website. Ken Wood is also doing sterling work having been co-opted onto the Community Sub Committee and has put in many hours for the Parish and Trustees in relation to the building

and technical side of the Willand Health & Community Centre. We have not been able to persuade him to become a Parish Councillor – yet!

Jubilee Parish Field and Play Areas

We have a bit of a hold up with MDDC preparing the leases as the Legal Department is under pressure at the moment with more pressing priorities. This has caused us some problems in awarding contracts to keep the grass cut etc but we have received a 'letter of understanding' which will hopefully allow us to move forward.

Negotiations are still at an early stage with the Devon Air Ambulance Trust as to the provision of a helipad suitable for night flights. No one has written to the Parish Council supporting or objecting to the idea but a number of verbal offers of support have been received and we have been advised of one potential letter of objection. Please let us know what you think. The website and Facebook pages are there to help.

Dog Mess

I will probably get into trouble for saying that we have a few inconsiderate, selfish and arrogant dog owners in the Parish. Some of their statements are visible around the Parish having been sprayed pink by some volunteers. We can always buy some more cans of paint for other volunteers. Some have made notes on social media about EDUCATING the owners yet some are not even clearing up after their pets within yards of a dog mess bin.

I have been informed that one of our elderly residents recently challenged an adult who had a dog with them in a fenced off play area and was taken aback by the hostile response he received. There are clear signs in the parks and repeated publicity in the press and media, surely common sense and public responsibility should not need further education! Please remember that your dog now needs to be chipped if it is more than eight weeks old and if it is not it could cost the owner a lot of money. That could be good education I suppose.

MDDC have agreed to empty the two new bins in the Jubilee Field. They are carrying out a review of the number of bins in the District with a view to reducing them as a cost cutting exercise for the collections. It is said that dog mess can be put in ordinary litter bins as it all ends up in the same place. Do we really want dog mess put into waste bins in the children's play areas? Watch this space and when the consultation period starts please make sure our District Councillors hear your views.

Planters/Flower Beds

This issue will be finalised very soon and we thank the volunteers who have come forward to allow the retention of those situated at Townlands, Junction of Silver Street/Old Village, Junction Old Village/Orchard Way and stone troughs Somerlea/Fir Close. The rest are likely to be lost and removed.

On the subject of people coming forward – one person has come forward in relation to H.M The Queen 90th Birthday Celebration.

Planning

Outline planning permission has been granted for a big extension to the North of the Mid Devon Business Park. A small part of the site is the subject of an outline planning application to build five houses and make a new entrance off of Muxbeare Lane. Although in Halberton Parish it is in the Willand Settlement Area. Halberton get the money and Willand get the problems!

Keeping the Village Tidy

Although we employ a litter picker John also does many other things around the village and so we can all help by using the bins and not dropping litter – better still take your litter home. An £80 fixed penalty ticket may be the outcome of inconsiderate disposal.

The grass, hedges and shrubs will soon start growing so please keep an eye on things growing on your property which then start to obstruct pavements or footpaths. Please help by cutting it back in a timely manner. To those that have already started cutting grass that is adjacent to their properties but is in a public area – thank you. Please keep it up but stay safe. The Parish hope to be able to have the kerbside and path weeds sprayed at the appropriate time.

Councillor Barry G J Warren. (Chairman)

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

It was great to see so many local clubs and organisations at the Parish Annual Meeting; the History Group received some encouraging feedback and it was useful to make contact with other groups. One such group is Willand Brownies, who are currently researching the history of the Brownies and Guides in Willand for their anniversary celebrations this summer. We would love to hear from you if you have any information, photos or documents that might be interest to them – feel free to get in touch on the contact below, or else directly with Willand Brownies.

The History Group held their own AGM at the end of March. We agreed that it would be another modest year with regard to activities, but plan to have a ‘Parish Walk’ later this summer – basically an informal ramble around the village on a (hopefully!) warm, sunny evening. The theme of the walk this year will be ‘The Old Farms of Willand’, but along the way we record some of the most recent additions and changes to the parish landscape. All are welcome to join us – details will be published in the next Parish Magazine.

At our AGM we examined two bundles of documents that have been kindly donated to Willand Archive. The first, from the Parish Council, relates to village activities in the 1950s and 1960s – programmes and posters for various fetes, carnivals, sports events and flower shows – as well as well as information on the building and opening of Willand Village Hall. The second bundle, kindly donated by Esther Hagelstein, came from her step-mother, Mary Hellier (née Thorne); the documents relate to the Thorne family, who were based in Willand, and, from the mid-1800s, ran an auctioneer/surveyor’s business serving the local area (continuing today at Thorne & Carter). Items include sales catalogues and other documents relating to the business; more papers relating to Willand Village Hall; a 1879 poster advertising the sale of ‘Furniture and other effects’ of Willand shoemaker, William James, deceased; an order of service for the 1954 funeral of Emily Tracey of The Gables (Dr Tracey’s wife); and a previously unseen photo of the 1912 Willand Sports Committee: all wonderful stuff!! So, wholehearted thanks must go to Esther Hegelstein and the Parish Council for sending such historically precious documents in our direction – to preserve for future generations in the Willand Archive.

Finally, the end of May sees the centenary of the Battle of Jutland, the largest naval battle of the First World War, fought between the British and German navies in the North Sea on 31 May and 1 June 1916; there was no decisive victory for either side – the British suffered greater losses, but the German navy was effectively put of action for the war’s duration. One Willand lad, William Lee (the school headmaster’s son), was serving on *HMS Vanguard* and wrote home with a detailed description of the battle and how his ship was lucky to emerge unscathed, despite being heavily engaged. He described how, in the aftermath of battle, he watched two British ships commit their dead to ‘burials at sea’: “When this was finished the sun shone brilliantly for a few minutes – fittingly closing a very moving spectacle. It was then I realised what we had been doing. While the action was on I think we were all too mad with excitement to think of the ‘price of Admiralty’. While England slept her sons had bravely and willingly died for her.” He finished the letter: “For myself, I would not have missed this action for the world. If I come out of this I shall always be proud to think that I took some part in the great battle. Are we downhearted? No!” (William Lee was killed on 9 July 1917 when *HMS*

Vanguard was stationed at Scapa Flow and an onboard explosion caused her to sink immediately with the loss of over 800 men).

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

The older you get the better you get – unless you're a banana

ST MARY'S WILLAND

We have had a busy few weeks with Easter and our annual meeting. It was lovely to have a packed church on Easter Sunday as we celebrated the promise of new life for those who trust in the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection. We have also had our annual church meeting. After 6 years as Church Warden Peter Thornton stepped down. Peter has done sterling service over that time, helping to keep the church on the right path during the search for two vicars! We are very grateful to Sandy Hancock for agreeing to take on being Church Warden alongside Andy Metherell who has one more year in his term of office.

In the coming weeks we continue with our normal programme, with our popular Messy Church on 3rd Friday of the month, our Lunch Club for seniors on 3rd Wednesday, our parent and toddler group "Rockers" each Monday morning to name just a few! Please do join us for one of our church services either in church each week (10.15am on 1st Sunday or 11am on other Sundays) or 9.30am for our more informal service in the church hall on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month with childrens groups and crèche.

Rev Simon Talbot

Letter to the Editor - There is a new Boules pitch in the public garden of the Walronds, Cullompton. I know a group used to play regularly in the grounds of the Gables and we would be very happy for it to be used by such a group again. For more information contact Jane Campbell 0188435934 or E mail

walronds1605@btinternet.com. **Liz Cole (Volunteer /trustee)**

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

Pilates	Mondays	10.30 am
Purelesque Knitting Group	Mondays	2.00 pm
Cull. & Dist. Flower Club	1 st Monday	2.00 pm
Tai Chi	Mondays	4.00 pm
Beavers	Mondays	5.30 pm
Cub Scouts	Mondays	7.00 pm
Kettle Bell Pump	Mondays	7.00 pm
Upholstery Class	Tuesday	10.00 am
Flower Arranging	Tuesday	1.15 pm
Pilates	Tuesday	6.00 pm
Dogs Matter	Tuesday	7.00 pm
Willand Vill. Hall Bingo	2 nd Tuesday	7.30 pm
Tiny Tots	Wednesday	9.30 am
Flower Arranging Club	Wednesdays	1.15pm Indoor Bowls 7.00 pm
Garden Club	2 nd Wednesday	7.30 pm
Pilates	Thursday	9.30 am
CAMEO	1 st Thursday	6.30 pm
Karate	Thursday	5.30 pm
Kettlebell (Advanced)	Thursday	6.45pm

Folk Dance Club	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	7.30 pm
Parish Council Meetings	1 st , 2 nd & 4 th Thursday	7.00 pm
Wits	Fridays	7.30 pm
Cowgirl Twisters	3 rd Saturday	7.30 pm
Folk Dance	2 nd Saturday	7.00 pm
Rugby Tots	Sundays	9.00 am
Martial Arts	Sundays	6.30 pm

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL DIARY

MAY				
Thursday	5 th	Police Commissioner Elections	W.V.H	7am
Tuesday	10 th	Willand Village Hall Bingo	W.V.H	7pm
Saturday	14 th	Cameo Spring Fundraiser	W.V.H	10am
Saturday	14 th	Crafty Family & Friends Fair	W.V.H	2pm
Saturday	14 th	Folk Dance Social	W.V.H	8pm
Sunday	15 th	Cullompton Majorettes Comp.	W.V.H	8am
Friday	20 th	Blackheart Concert Fundraiser	W.V.H	7pm
Tuesday	24 th	Willand Village Hall AGM	W.V.H	7.15pm
Saturday	28 th	Garden Club Coffee Morning	W.V.H	10am
JUNE				
Friday	10 th	WiTS Queen's 90 th Bingo	W.V.H	7pm
Saturday	11 th	Crafty Family & Friends Fair	W.V.H	2pm
Saturday	25 th	Blue Cross Summer Fair and Dog Show	W.V.H Jubilee Field	10am
Saturday	25 th	Scouts Bingo	W.V.H	7pm

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to those of you who have sent letters supporting our grant application to Viridor. All the paperwork, with your letters, has now gone off and we are waiting for their decision in May. We still have to find about £25,000 to replace our very draughty and hard to open doors, install cavity wall insulation and LED lighting, which will save on our energy bills. We are very grateful to the following, who have already given donations: Councillor Ray Radford, PenCarrie, Culm District Flower Club and Sally Taylor. Willand Tennis Club has also promised a sizeable donation. We are having a concert by Blackheart (see article elsewhere in newsletter for details) to raise funds. We keep half of the ticket sales receipts and all the money from the licensed bar, refreshments and raffle, so please go along and support this event on Saturday, 20th May. Bradfords Building Supplies has kindly donated some vouchers towards the raffle. If any other people or organisations would like to donate to the hall for this much needed work, the committee would be very grateful. If we manage to

have all the work done that we need, the hall will be more eco – friendly and much more comfortable for our users, so please help us if you can.

Our AGM is on Tuesday, 24th May at 7.00 p.m. in the annexe. This is open to all Willand residents, so please come along if you would like to hear how the hall has functioned during the past year. We are still short of trustees, so you could consider becoming one. We meet every other month - so only 6 meetings a year. They usually last less than an hour, so will not take much of your time. I hope we can look forward to your support for the major refurbishment this year.

Bookings: Frances Wilcox - 07748 557107; email franceswilcox@hotmail.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 for our diary and community page.

Carol Allan Village Hall Treasurer

CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH

There **is** such a thing as a free lunch! On the 3rd Friday of every month, we offer Soup and Something. I was told off for implying that you may only get 2 courses: there is soup, sandwiches and a dessert.

No charge, though the people attending have been making a donation to charity. Over the last 6 months we have raised £447 for Force. For the next 6 months we will give our donations to The Willand Health and Community Centre.

The donations given at our **CREAM TEA ON 18TH JUNE FROM 3PM TO 5PM**, will also go to the Willand Health and Community Centre.

Please come along eat and meet with us!

Paul Booth Methodist Minister

HISTORIC VEHICLE SHOW IN SAMPFORD PEVERELL ON SUNDAY 21ST AUGUST 2016

This will be the ninth year of our extremely popular event, held at Uplowman Village Hall for our designated charity, Devon Freewheelers EVS. Devon Freewheelers (devonfreewheelers.org.uk) are a group of volunteers who transport blood, donor organs and other urgent medical supplies across the county and are funded only by public donations. Anyone with any kind of vehicle who would be keen to display it in our show would be extremely welcome – no age restrictions on vehicles, or if you would like to display a craft/trade stand please contact us.

As the show is expanding every year we are also appealing for volunteers to help.

The show is open from 11am-5pm. There will be craft stalls, a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses, and all day bar, BBQ and light refreshments.

Please contact Keith Astbury on 01884 820527 or email Lindy at lindyastbury@gmail.com for more information.

DEVON AUTISM ALERT CARD

There is a slowly growing awareness of Autism Spectrum Condition in Devon along with a rising diagnosis (due to being underdiagnosed in the past) but there is a long way to go to increase people's respect for and understanding of the neurodiverse. Too often those on the Autism Spectrum are side-lined and ostracised and end up unemployed, isolated and hidden from society.

The Devon Autism Alert Card was launched on 30 November 2015, funded by all three Devon Councils, endorsed by the Devon & Cornwall Police, Devon Link up and others. The card helps in keeping people on the Autism spectrum safer, more secure and better supported. It is free and is credit card sized with the holder's name embossed onto it. The project is managed and run by Dimensions For Living. The Autism alert Card is a powerful

tool for the Autism Community to use, in an emergency situation, to prevent an emergency situation arising and/or to boost confidence. It is getting a very good reception in Devon. For more information go to <https://dimensionsforliving.org/devon-autism-alert-card-plymouth-torbay>

KEEP FIT AND HELP OUT

Now the summer months are coming you may feel like a stroll round the village but would prefer to have a purpose in your walk. Why not help out with delivering the magazine to your friends and neighbours. Three 'rounds' are going to be available – Please help!!

Contact me at willandparishmag@gmail.com or give your details to the Parish Clerk

WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME (WCCS).

Bags

To those who have had bags of sieved compost from us - and have not returned the empty bags:-

As a matter of **urgency** - Please return them to the site. Our stock of bags is perilously low. We desperately need to refill with sieved compost. No bags no sieved compost!!! Which at 12 April 2016 is our status - no stock of bags.

Farmers used to have bags of feed but now many are having dumper bags and this has reduced our supply. If anyone has a potential source of supply, be grateful if you could contact me -**Tony Mander 07980472242. Email: tony@tonymander.plus.com**

Current operations

Well spring has arrived (well the clocks have gone forward and the ice has gone from the heap) - so we have amended our:-

OPENING TIMES 9.00am - 5.00 pm

BUT this is subject to - VOLUNTEERS AVAILABILITY.

If we are closed please **DO NOT** leave material outside - this is considered FLY TIPPING and bad community spirit.

To the minority, we request that they co-operate for the good of all in helping to keep the site both tidy and safe by depositing **only** the correct material and in the locations as so described on the signage. We have had dumped cement - tufts of grass in earth and stones **this will not compost & will damage the machinery.**

Numbers

This year we have recycled over 80 tonnes of garden waste.

Sieved over 1200 bags of compost

And by the fact of residents wanting more and more shows that our compost is good stuff!

So to keep this volume going why not join us -

- have a laugh, express a comment or two and generally feel better within yourself at
- being a composter with a good attitude to contributing to the community.

please contact: **Tony Mander 07980472242. Email: tony@tonymander.plus.com**

DO YOU WANT TO BUILD YOUR OWN HOME?

With the government drive to create more opportunities for people to build their own homes, MDDC is asking people to get in touch if they are interested in building their own home in the district. The Council recognises the potential benefits of self-build in meeting the housing needs of Mid Devon residents. It can represent a more affordable housing option for local

people, support the construction industry and give people more choice in the housing market.

A Self Build Register is being put together to record the contact details and circumstances of potential self-builders, so the Council can assess the level of interest and monitor how well it is meeting demand over time through the grant of planning permissions. Cllr Richard Chesterton said, *"We already know that many people are interested in building their own home, but we want to understand that demand better and provide opportunities for housing above and beyond the sorts of housing that are being offered by volume housebuilders. This is a good opportunity for residents to register their interest."*

The application form for the Self Build Register and further information on the self build scheme is available on the Council's website at www.middevon.gov.uk/selfbuild and members of the public can also contact the Forward Planning team for advice via Customer Services on 01884 255 255 or email selfbuild@middevon.gov.uk.

Live your life as though your hair was on fire!

THE UFFCULME SHOW - Country Fair with Classic Cars & Kennel Club Dogs Show to be held on Bank Holiday Monday, **2nd May 2016**. The Show now provides a truly affordable **Great Family Day Out** in beautiful relaxing rural Devon surroundings. **FREE PARKING** for visitors cars and - for this year as a special treat - **KIDS GO FREE !** - so that each child under 16yrs old when accompanied by a full fee-paying adult, (one child per each adult) will enter free of charge! Pedestrian Gate Entry prices: **Adult £5.00 Child £3.00** For more details see our Show website at www.uffculmeshow.co.uk

300 NEW HOUSES FOR WILLAND?

You may have heard a rumour that developers have approached MDDC with a view to building 300 houses on land between the M5 and the B3181 from the edge of our current settlement area by Meadow Park out to the field next to the Esso service station. You may recall there were to be 42 houses on a small part of this land under the Emerging Plan. There has been a meeting between the proposers of the scheme, MDDC Officers, DCC Officers and our three Ward Councillors. Your Parish Councillors were not invited. A number of options were discussed and potential problems and alternatives were identified. The number of houses has now allegedly dropped to 259.

The proposers have been advised to talk to the Parish Council BUT we have been informed that we will not be able to stop it due to Government Policy and alleged flaws in the MDDC local plan and land reserves for housing. We are basically being advised to try and make the 'best of a bad job'. Watch this space and we will update the information when we know more.

What this does highlight is that people worked hard to have areas removed from the Emerging Local Plan and protect certain areas but those sites could be subjected to an application and allegedly little could be done to stop it in spite of all the assurances as to land supply and reserves given by MDDC. Bottom line – the field at Quick's Farm could be built on! A full report can be found on www.willandmatters.org.uk

DEFIBRILLATORS in WILLAND

Thanks to the kind donations of the Primary school, Pre-school, Willand Tennis Club, WCCG, the Parish Council, our County Councillor, Willand United Charities and the MDDC TAPs fund, we now have two defibrillators in the village one on the outside of the pre-school and the second at the post office. The total sum raised was £3684.00 from donations only one organisation in the village declined to help. I would like to thank all those who donated. The defibrillators are registered with the South West Ambulance service, in the event of an emergency they will direct you to the nearest defibrillator and give you the code to release it.

Free training for Willand residents interested in knowing how to use the defibrillators has been arranged for Wednesday the 25th of May any time between 6pm and 7pm at the Pre School located beside the village hall. It only takes 10 minutes of your time please come, bring your friends there is no age limit the defibrillator is really easy to use fully automatic and could save your life.

Dave Maynard (Willand Pre School)

Junction 27

A Meeting of the Full Mid Devon District Council was held at Phoenix House, Tiverton at 1800 hours on Wednesday 27th April 2016. On the agenda there was scheduled to be the following motion put forward by four members of the Cabinet:

- 1. That the outcomes of the Local Plan Review pre-submission consultation and subsequent technical work together with officer recommendations be considered by Cabinet and Council prior to plan submission and;*
- 2. That the reporting of these outcomes include the implications to the local plan of making a major modification to the Local Plan Review to allocate land at J27 off the M5 for a leisure/retail/tourism and employment development.*

You will note that any mention of a particular developer had been omitted.

In December 2014 the Cabinet and then Full Council voted on the format of the Emerging Local Plan and unanimously voted for the plan without land being allocated at Junction 27. Most are aware from the local press, direct approaches or mail shots that there has been a lot of activity to try and have the land included in the plan. This and other factors have resulted in the plan being delayed for submission to the Government Inspector for approval. This is having concerning results with applications being made for housing in areas which had not been identified and also in areas where land offered had been discarded. The Parish Council had worked with adjoining parishes to try to prepare questions to ask at the meeting to endeavour to persuade undecided councillors to vote against the motion. Those questions were co-ordinated to try and ensure that all aspects were covered and to avoid duplication. Questions were submitted to the appropriate officer by noon on 25th April 2016 to ensure that elected members were aware of their content so that they could be answered on the night and not fobbed off with some answer like 'I will have to get back to you on that'. Certainly the Lower Culm Councillors were there to press for answers in the debate. Members of the Parish Council attended the meeting supported by residents and a report can be found on www.willandmatters.org.uk.

TRAVELLING WITH YOUR PET

Now is the time of year when we look forward to the summer holidays and for lots of us, that can mean taking our furry friend along. Since 2000, the Pet Travel Scheme (PETS) has allowed cats, dogs and ferrets to enter the UK from certain countries without being placed in quarantine. Animals resident to the UK can now travel to most European countries as well as more distant destinations. From 1st January 2012, the PETS travel scheme changed such that dogs and cats can move freely between PETS-scheme approved countries provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1) The pet must have a permanent microchip implanted, which lots of animals already have.
- 2) The pet must be vaccinated against rabies after microchipping. This can be done any time over 12 weeks of age using a licensed vaccine. Boosters are given according to manufacturers' recommendation.
- 3) The pet must have a PETS passport signed by an official veterinary surgeon, confirming the above conditions have been met.
- 4) Some destinations require an additional export certificate. It is important to check with DEFRA for specific conditions requested by the country you wish to travel to.

- 5) There is a 21 day wait after rabies vaccination before travel abroad and/or entry into the UK is allowed. This is to allow time for the vaccine to take effect.
- 6) There is a requirement for a veterinary certified tapeworm treatment 24-120 hours before return to the UK. Travel companies and ports will often help you locate a veterinary surgeon for this.

If you are travelling to a country not listed on the PETS scheme, additional conditions must be met. This means starting this process at least 4-5 months before you expect to travel. A blood sample must be taken a minimum of 30 days after rabies vaccination. If the test is successful, a 3 month wait must be observed following the date of the blood sample before your pet would be allowed back into the UK. If the blood test does not prove adequate antibody levels, your pet would require a second vaccination and blood test. It is also important to contact DEFRA and check for any additional requirements of travel to specific countries.

We recommend making sure your pet is protected against ticks and sand-flies during their period of stay outside the UK as these can carry a variety of disease which we rarely encounter in this country.

It's also important to consider whether your pet enjoys travelling, changes in environment and temperature or whether they may prefer to stay at home. If you have any questions, please contact your vet. Above all, enjoy your holiday!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE THIS YEAR?

Voting for the Police Commissioner will take place on Thursday May 5th and the Referendum for staying in or leaving the EU is on 23 June.

WILLAND ROVERS U15 CUP FINAL

Willand Rovers U15's team came up against their sternest test to date in taking on a very strong Wembdon team in the Taunton and District League Cup Final played at Bridgwater Town FC on Sunday 10 April. Rovers had gone through their league season with a 100% record in winning the Division Two title but the Wembdon team had won the League One crown. The second half saw Willand take the lead within ten minutes, Wembdon scored two goals to edge back in front but Willand heads didn't drop as they sought a way back into the game. They scored again 10 minutes before the full time whistle blew. Extra time for the Willand lads nearly all of whom had played the day before was in the end just too much to ask and two goals in the final five minutes of extra time saw Wembdon triumph in what had been an absorbing encounter from start to finish.

The Willand Line up: Ben Gubb, Haydn Tucker, Tom Jeacock (Capt), Jacob Turner, Chris Badcott, Matt Fatcher, Oli Billings, Christian Whales, Oscar Walsh, Sam Ayers, Josh Herbert. Subs: Harry Taylor, Ryan Borkowski, Aiden Harrison, Gareth Blackmore and Kai Morgan.

We wish them luck for their journey in Division One next year.

CAMEO

At our March meeting we were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of one of our long-standing members, Jean Long. Jean had been an enthusiastic member for many years and, until poor health intervened, was a keen member of our Walking Group. Over a dozen of us went to her memorial service at St Mary's Church, where Jean was a regular attender. Our booked Speaker had to cancel at the last minute so on the day, one of our newest members, Pat, stepped into the breach and told us of her work visiting people in the community to see if their needs were being addressed and they were getting all the help they needed. Pat visits many folk, including those with dementia, brain-damage and ex-prisoners. She said that despite drastic cuts to the valuable service, it was a very rewarding job.

It was a full house at our April meeting and we welcomed Jane, a visitor. Several members had been on a visit to Blackdown Nurseries and to Panache, the Health and Beauty Studio in Tiverton. Mary Tancock kindly invited us to her house on 23rd April at 2.30 for a cream tea to celebrate the Queens birthday. Our Speaker was Nigel Wright who grows and cultivates Bonsai trees. This all started in China over four thousand years ago. Mr Wright shows his trees at venues all around this country and said that at their International Exhibitions, they can sell for hundreds of thousands of pounds. We ended the evening with Kim's Game, a memory-testing teaser. We were very pleased with ourselves when all but about five of us got full marks!

As the Hall is being used as a Polling Station on our May meeting night, we are having a mystery trip and evening meal. The coach will leave the Hall at 5.45. Arrangements were made for our April Sale which will be on 14th May and not on the 7th as previously stated. There will be a big variety of stalls from Cameo members and non-members too. The Sale starts at 11.a.m and hot food will be served. All profits will be going to our Charity for this year which is the new Willand Health and Community centre. We hope you will all support this venture which will be a great asset to the Village for young and old alike. A visit to Otter Nurseries for a behind-the-scenes look-round trip is on 1st June.

As we are unable to use the Village Hall for our meeting in August, a boat trip from Exeter to Exmouth was proposed. Because of inclement weather several planned walks had to be postponed but the Walking Group had managed a walk around Uffculme, a brisk walk along the Tiverton Canal and a tramp over the hills above Knightshayes. This month they are hoping to walk in the Blackdown Hills and to tackle a different part of the Canal. **Betty Penberthy**

CAMEO

Spring Festival & Car Boot

Willand Village Hall
Sat 14th May 11am-1pm

**Huge variety of stalls
LARGE RAFFLE, kids lucky dip**

Funds raised go to this years Chosen charity:-

WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
Registered Charity Number 1160395



For more details Text or Tel:- 07990 068537

Followed by Willand Crafty family & Friends
2pm-4pm

CHILDRENS HOSPICE SOUTH WEST

Interesting Volunteering Opportunity - have fun and make a difference

Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) relies almost entirely on voluntary donations and fundraising to safeguard its services for life-limited children and their families. One of the ways that the charity raises the much-needed funds to support their three hospices is through its eBay online shop.

The recent growth of the charity's eBay shop is proving that it's not only tech-savvy youngsters who are successfully running online shops, but that there's something for everyone to contribute whatever your age or experience.

If you're looking to do something that you enjoy but that also helps makes a difference to other people's lives then the Children's Hospice South West (CHSW) eBay online shop could hold the answer.

Chris Cameron, who runs the CHSW shop, says “One of our volunteers who helps to research items excitedly describes helping with eBay as ‘just like being on the Antiques Roadshow’ ”.

With the eBay shop selling an incredible 400 items a month it relies on a team of regular volunteers to help with everything from item research, photography to packing and posting. eBay helpers have great fun identifying weird and wonderful items and selling them all over the world to generate as much as possible from the donations received from supporters. An average eBay sale is around £25, which could help pay for a one-to-one support session for a bereaved family at the hospice.

Some of the greatest sales have been from some of the more collectable items such as china figurines, paintings and soft toys. For example a signed painting by the artist Boris Chezar sold for over £200 and some beautiful Minton cups and saucers generated nearly £60 for the charity. The record sale to date is

for a half size Land Rover which has to be the ultimate children’s toy! This raised £2,500 for the charity.

Helpers like Roger & Pat who volunteered once a week to help sort donations say “It’s great to be part of such a fun team, making a difference in the community. Every day is different and you never know what you are going to find”.

With a larger eBay premises recently opened at Tiverton Business Park CHSW now need 20+ new volunteers to help be part of the eBay team. If you are ready to make a difference by volunteering – whether it’s for an hour or a day a week - CHSW would love to hear from you. **Please contact Chris on 01271 313319.** You can find out more at www.chsw.org.uk

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