

WILLAND MAGAZINE
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LOCAL NEWS : LOCAL EVENTS : LOCAL CONTACTS
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Summer time is here at last time to get out and about and enjoy your village. There are lots of opportunities for volunteering including getting involved with this magazine (contact me if you're interested) so read on and see if there is anything that spikes your interest.

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME - Willand Old Village Gardens and Allotments - On Saturday and Sunday, the 15th and 16th June 2019, from 2-5.30 six gardens in Willand Old Village and the allotments off Silver Street will be open for the National Gardens Scheme raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and other nursing and health charities. We invite you to spend an afternoon exploring your village, stop for a home-made tea, buy some plants and see what our 50+ allotment holders are growing on their plots this year. We look forward to welcoming you. **For further information contact Dorothy Anderson 01884 33415**

WILLAND TENNIS CLUB

The 2019 Season started on 1st April 2019 for the year, payment of membership starts from that date. We are looking forward to a good season for our members, as we have entered 1 Mixed Team in the East Devon League Div. 2 and 2 Mens Teams in the Exeter & District League Div. 2 and Div. 3 and also 2 Ladies Teams Div. 5 and 6. We have well attended club nights on Monday and Thursdays from 6pm and a Club session on Wed. mornings at 10am. All members are welcome to the Club Sessions.

We have a strong Junior Section which is coached by Nigel Little. Sessions are run on Tuesday nights for children from the age of 4 years to 18 years. The sessions are run in 45 minute blocks during the School Term. The new season starts on Tuesday 23rd April. If any children are interested in joining the coaching groups, please contact Nigel Little on 07951 140974 as soon as possible and he will make the arrangements for them to attend.

The courts can be hired from Margaret Morrison, Driftwood, Gables Rd. Willand. tel. 01884 32331 at a cost of £2-50 per hour for adults, £2 for students and £1-50 an hour for children. More details of the Tennis Club can be found on www.willandtennisclub.co.uk **Facebook Page Willand Tennis Club** and our Secretary is Rachel Stephenson tel. 07846 993232 for any other information. Rita Parish Committee Member 01884 820803

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR - COMMENT & REPORT

The election date of 2 May 2019 will be very due or have just gone depending on when you read this. Election rules decree that we have to be rather guarded in what is said in 'official' publications so that it cannot be seen as influencing voters one way or the other. If this report appears a bit bland from the usual contribution you will understand why. Whatever you do please vote for your MDDC District Ward Councillors as if you do not you cannot justifiably complain

about what happens after the election. There are three seats being contested and there are ten candidates for them. Last time we did not have an election.

There will be no election for Parish Councillors as we needed 12 people to come forward to have an election for the possible 11 councillors. There were only 10 so as of 7 May 2019 they will be your elected Parish Council. There will be room to co-opt another member and if there are more than one come forward, we may end up with another election for the one place. There are two new faces and one returning. Sadly, we have lost some through retirement and having to move away for work.

The Statutory Annual Parish Meeting was held on 21 March 2019 and in spite of the inducement of free tea/coffee and excellent cake it was very poorly attended. Thank you to those who did make the effort. Information and reports from organisations will be on the website.

The lease for the Orchard Way Play Area is all signed and we are just waiting for the legal time scale to complete the process. The Parish Council is already setting out to raise nearly £20,000 to put in a large climbing complex on the site to cater for the advertised 8 to 14 year olds but I am sure younger and older people will have a go as and when we manage to get the funds. The recent excitement of the Air Ambulance landing on a small space in the field drew a crowd and someone with a sense of humour suggested on Facebook that it was the new play equipment – if only we had that much money to spend. Very impressive piece of flying and reassuring to know that we have such a facility when we are in need. I see that some are already inspired to initiate some fund raising in support of the Air Ambulance by sky diving. Please support them with sponsorship.

The Planning front is fairly quiet at the time of writing with no major applications or appeals. There are small applications for what is described as 'garden infill' and although the Parish Council are consulted and offer a view it does need individuals to respond with their objections or support for the process to be fully representative. Please do not leave it for someone else to do and then complain afterwards. The suggested decision from the Planning Inspector on the Local Plan, including Junction 27, was expected by the end of March but nothing has been made public at the time of writing.

The new contractor for cutting the grass verges has done the first cut but it did not all get done at one time due to unexpected sickness and a few bits being missed. Hopefully all sorted by the time you read this and a second cut will be imminent.

Dog mess is still an issue in some areas but there has been an improvement since a couple of residents put up bag dispensers – thank you to them and to Coop and Tesco for supplying the bags. What has been noticed is that responsible people are using these bags to pick up other people mess.

It has been noticed that the Jubilee Field and facilities are being well used and between 40 and 60 people have been seen there on a weekend afternoon. Someone counted 162 using the field after school on one day. The BMX track has been developed by a group of young people but their enthusiasm gets carried away a bit with digging holes. Please be careful in that area. We are keeping an eye but please report any concerns to the Clerk. The handyman will be working in the field over the coming months as there is some boundary hedge and fence work to be done. The new seats have been delivered so he will be putting in bases and setting them up as well. Our grass cutting contractor will also be treating some of the area of moss/weed so if you see an area roped off please leave it alone and keep the children and dogs off it.

It is hoped that you will all have had a good Easter. Please continue to do your bit to keep our village looking good and being a nice place to live in.

Barry Warren Chair Parish Council

SAMPFORD PEVERELL HISTORIC VEHICLE SHOW

The show this year will be on Sunday 11th August at Uplowman Village Hall once again the charity will be the Devon Freewheelers also known as the Blood Bikes. This is an important and well deserving charity which transports blood and transplant organs to the various hospitals in the county. As always, any type of vehicle welcome, no age restrictions, craft/trade stands too! For more information and application forms or if you would like to help please contact **Lindy Astbury (Secretary) on 01884 820527 or lindyastbury@gmail.com**.

ST. MARY'S RESTORATION APPEAL – FINAL REPORT APRIL 2019

Although there are a few minor matters that Corbel, our restoration contractors are attending to, and some additional work in the roof to complete, we are delighted to inform you that all of the restoration work for which we appealed to our congregation, our community, a wide range of charitable trusts and so many generous individuals, has now been completed. Here at Willand we have been truly blessed that your generosity has ensured that this ancient building at the centre of our village and its community, will endure for many generations.

Following our successful application for a major grant from Viridor Credits Landfill Tax, Corbel moved very quickly and the evidence of their highly satisfactory work is there for all to see. Externally, the new drainage surrounding the building, the restored west window in the tower, the re-pointed south wall and porch, the securing and restoration around that threatening split in the south-east corner. Internally, the south wall will take many months to dry out and be permanently re-decorated, so we will have to endure the evidence of that penetrating damp for a while, but we are secure in the knowledge that its source has been dealt with.

Thank you all for contributions large and small, for your prayers and support in a multitude of ways, and we thank our Lord for his guidance and assurance that

those prayers would be answered, so that St. Mary's can remain at the heart of this community for the years to come. **Simon Talbot Rector**

WILLAND GARDEN CLUB

Our first meeting was in March, where we welcomed several new members, and had a talk on "Amazing Plants". Mr Chris Allen showed examples of plants which had been around since the time of the dinosaurs and also talked about how useful many plants are to us today and possibly in the future. Simon Dell, M.B.E., will be talking about the Two Moors Way in April. He is a Dartmoor Ranger, so should be very interesting, and, on 8th May, we have a flower arranging demonstration by Tim Nicholls.

Our coffee morning was on 23rd March, and, although there were several other events on that morning, we had a good attendance and made some money to help fund our Flower and Vegetable Show this year.

Our next event is our Annual Plant Sale on 25th May. It always attracts lots of visitors, who come to purchase plants which have been grown by our members. There will be coffee / tea and biscuits, as well as the usual draw.

Combined with Sampford Peverell Garden Club, our Flower and Vegetable Show will be on Saturday, 17th August in Willand Village Hall. Schedules are available now in the hall or phone Mrs Catley on 01884 798370. There are classes for vegetables and fruit, crafts (including two for children), photography, flowers, flower arranging and cookery. Open to all.

For more details about the Garden Club, please do not hesitate to contact me on **01884 33828 or email me on cbarwa@mail.com**. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month from March to December, excluding June and August. Our membership fee is only £5 a year. This includes all meetings, refreshments and a subsidised annual club meal, so is very good value. Visitors are welcome at £1 per meeting. **Carol Allan Garden Club Secretary**

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

On the afternoon of Wednesday, 6 March, the unveiling of Willand's first blue plaque was held at Harpitt House in Willand 'old village' – as described in the last parish magazine – in honour of Margaret Partridge 'pioneer of electrical engineering for women and of rural electrification in Devon'. A small but hardy crowd gathered in torrential rain to witness the short ceremony itself, and predictably, as soon as the speeches ended, the rain stopped and the sun came out. Afterwards, everyone headed over to the Village hall for cakes and tea, and were rewarded with an interesting talk by Paul Auchterlonie of Devon History Society on Miss Partridge's life, achievements and legacy. If you would like to know more about Miss Partridge, an excellent podcast about her has been produced by BBC Radio Devon in its Podded History of Devon series and can be heard at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06ldvn2>. There were also a few words from a spokesman from Western Power, who had funded the plaque and were keen to hold Miss Partridge up as an inspiration for future generations

of engineers. It was certainly encouraging to see Willand receive some bit of positive publicity, and in particular for one of the village's inhabitants to get some richly deserved recognition!

Towards the end of last year, some of us attended an interesting talk by Michael Gee on 'Orchards – how Devon turned to cider', hosted by Halberton History Group. Contrary to popular belief, Devon was traditionally a beer county until cider took hold in the 1600s, and as apples proved difficult to grow with great success in the county, orchards were already on the decline by the 1800s. However, orchards did survive and Willand had more than its fair share well into living memory. Many of you will recall orchard, or what was left of it, in the fields on which The Orchards housing estate was built in the 1980s, and Rowes Orchard in the 'old village' is another development that retains the name of the orchard that previously existed on the site. One project that the History Group may tackle in the future is to record where Willand's orchards were, and whether any remnants of these orchards still exist, and linked to that, recording which farms had their own cider mills and made their own cider (rough or otherwise!). Can you help with any memories of orchards and cider making in the parish – or do you have any photos of orchards in Willand?

During the Second World War, in the run up to D-Day in June 1944, an American military unit was based alongside the back driveway to Bradfield House, to the southeast of Willand village. They flew light aircraft – probably Piper Cubs – and were believed to be involved in 'secret' missions behind enemy lines, but essentially would have been training for a reconnaissance role. They would practice, flying very low over the countryside around Willand, and would often appear suddenly from behind hedges, taking livestock by surprise. A few years ago Derek Rowe related an occasion when he was working in one of their fields, sat on the back of a horse-drawn fertiliser, when one of the aircraft appeared, flying low, as if from nowhere, and went right over the top of them. It spooked the horse, which broke free of its harness and bolted, leaving the young Mr Rowe sat back on top of the fertiliser, watching the horse disappear across the field. An article from the *Devon & Somerset News* on 19 January 1944 was recently re-discovered, and it reveals, under the headline 'Pilot's good deed from the air', that the American pilots were more than willing to do a good turn as well: "One of the lesser, but nevertheless intriguing, stories of the war comes from Willand. Recently, Mrs Bright, of Weir Mill, was out in the field near her home when she saw a small "spotter" aeroplane circling very low. It came back a second time, and she then realised that the airman (an American) was doing his utmost to attract her attention. The pilot was pointing to the next field, and Mrs Bright heard him shout "Sheep on its back." She rushed to the sheep's assistance, and saved some valuable mutton for the owner, Mr PH Rowe." **James Morrison, 01884 250057 (jamorrison235@gmail.com)**

DO YOU LOVE COOKING HEALTHY FOOD? - Let's Cook for Kids is a new project to support young mums in Cullompton both with weaning and cooking

healthy meals for their toddlers to run on Tuesday mornings starting at the end of April. If you enjoy cooking and love children, this is an ideal opportunity for you.

Based at The Walronds in Cullompton, these will be fortnightly sessions as part of Westbank's Healthy Neighbourhood project and is particularly aimed at young mothers who need to learn how to make food for weaning babies and toddlers. Everyone eats the food prepared after the session.

If you are interested in this role, please contact Katheryn Hope, Westbank Activity and Volunteer Coordinator on 01395 446896 or email: katheryn.hope@westbank.org.uk

EXCELSIOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT CLUB

Our gymnasts held an end of term display in the Village Hall which one parent described as "amazing". "The speed and spring have improved since the last one," said another parent. We resume training on Tuesday 23rd April and have four spaces for boys in school years 1 or 2 in our first class.

Chris Fotheringham won the Graham Cooper Memorial Trophy in our club weight lifting competition in April. His combined total in the snatch and clean and jerk was 135kg. Cerys Head got the silver medal and Dr Orla Fitzpatrick got the bronze. Well done to all our members who entered.

Beginners are welcome at our club and sessions run on Monday and Friday evenings. Our members will now be preparing for the Plymouth Open in May. Our track and field athletes practised high jump, shot putt and javelin at our sunny Easter workshop at the Exeter Arena. It was good to see the new members trying their best and our experienced members helping them. Whether it is training for school athletics, or to help sprinting for football and rugby, our junior members aged 10 to 15 love the chance to run, jump and throw. Some of our athletes will compete in Open events in Devon this summer.

James Marshall

WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY (WITS)

With the Panto over for this year, Red Riding hood went down well with our loyal audiences and indeed a very encouraging review was received from Graham Liverton the local representative of NODA. (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) I would like to thank our Director Graham Sessions and all the players for making this a brilliant production.

We are now looking forward to our next production. Due to the success of our Comedy Double Bill last September, we are looking to repeat this with another September production this year. The details have yet to be finalised and we are looking for a director.

If there are any budding directors out there who may have written a script or would like to direct a particular play please contact Maggie our secretary ASAP on maggie.finch@btopenworld.com.

The play can be full length (under two hours) or one act 45-50 minutes whereby we will perform two one act plays on the evening. Who knows we may discover the next Noel Coward, Alan Bennett or Laura Wade living in Willand. Don't be shy we want to hear from you.

We were very fortunate to attract half a dozen new members this year of which most got major parts to perform in the Panto and didn't they do well. It goes to show that anyone can turn their hand to walking the boards, you only need to want to. When you hear your audience laughing and singing along it all seems so worthwhile. Based on their successes please feel free to contact our membership secretary Karen on 38122 if you wouldn't mind having a go we'd love to hear from you.

Lastly once again many thanks to the people of Willand who keep supporting our efforts we try to improve, inspire and entertain at every performance. **Sam Fincher**

WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our AGM will be at the Village Hall Annex on 4th July at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome especially those that are interested now in getting involved to start bringing forward some of the ideas the village have said they would like.

As most of you are aware, we were unable to come to an agreement with the Parish Council and the lease on the Gables site. So Willand Preschool stepped forward and took up the lease with the Parish Council. This does mean that we have had to change our vision and will be unable to facilitate the Doctor's Surgery or the Pharmacy as the Preschool will be using the Lefthand side of the building. However the Preschool is still happy to see the right hand side to be used to bring forward community use. So, the WHCC will be taking up the righthand side of the building.

We are currently seeking funding to help us install a disabled lift so that all the rooms will be accessible to all. We are also looking to raise funds towards kitchen appliances, decoration, electrical/flooring installation and suitable chairs and tables.

The aim is to work alongside the Preschool and provide a space that can be used by young and old. Several ideas have been identified such as book swap, community cafe, Therapy rooms, Heritage/Learning Centre. If you would like to help get involved in setting up any of these ideas then do please come along to the AGM or email Tony tmander931@gmail.com we very much look forward to seeing you and getting this project moving. If you are on Facebook please like our page @Willand Health and Community Centre.

HALBY WANGERS - are a local social cricket team who are looking for new members to complement their existing players. We play mainly during mid-week against other teams in the area and a couple of times at the week end against touring sides. Our home ground is at Butterleigh transport can be

arranged if required. If your young or young at heart and would like to join us, please contact **Colin Brewer on 07720 293635.**

WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME (WCCS)

Welcome to SPRING – WET AND SHINE!! Hi to all you gardeners it's that time of year when things are happening; plants waking up - grass shooting up! So, with nature at work and dare we say garden re-design taking place these activities will in turn create garden waste and grass cuttings. So, what to do – well you could put the grass cuttings around the base of your trees and on the soil as mulch. This mulch would add nutrients and assist in retention of moisture. Additionally, you could DEPOSIT at one of the following locations:

1. MDDC brown wheelie garden waste collection service;
2. DCC – Ashley (Bickley) depot.
3. WCCS - bring it down to us.

OUR OPENING TIMES Wednesdays and Sundays - 10.00 am - 12 Noon.

During which we are available to provide assistance and to also offer **SALES OF COMPOST: Sieved** compost is £1.50/bag. And **Unsieved** at £1.00/wheelbarrow; if required you can use wheelbarrow located at the allotment side of the shed and then return. Please **note** this will not be available during the closed periods. When the **site is closed** there are two options for the purchase of compost: A) Bags of Sieved Compost will be available from outside the main gate. **Payment:** Please insert money into tube located below and replace cover over tube. B) if there are No bags outside **TEXT COMPOST TO Mob: 07514 033305.** You will then be contacted in due course. **Your return of empty bags will be gratefully received.** When site is closed we request that you deposit empty bags outside main gate.

Further to depositing outside, we are most grateful that we do not suffer from 'fly tipping' but if you do see any could you please contact below; if however, the tipping has been deposited in Jaycroft please contact **MDDC (01884) 255255 and give details;** you do not have to give contact details, but it greatly assists if you do. The main thing is to stop fly tipping spreading here or anywhere in our village. Thanks.

For your information there is a notice board attached to our fence to which you can display notices; we do ask that you remove after 'expiry'.

Well that's it for now but, it would be nice if you were to visit for a chat, We are all volunteers who share a desire for good company, community composting and having a laugh and grumble!! To those of you who do not do outdoors we have indoors clerical (important) tasks that need doing!!

So, to all you "Willanders" here's the invite to muck in on the site or contact me **Tony Mander Mob: 07980472242. Email: tmander931@gmail.com**

HOSPISCARE

'A Bit of a Do' is taking place at The Gipsy Hill Hotel on Friday 10 May 2019. This promises to be a wonderful evening where you can enjoy a delicious three course meal, disco and an exclusive raffle. Dress is black tie/lounge suits, so a real opportunity to dress up to the nines and dance the night away!

Tickets are £35 per person, which includes dinner and a complimentary drink on arrival. Welcome drink at 7pm, dinner at 8pm. For further information, to book your tickets and make your menu choice please visit – www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/a-bit-of-a-do.

Open Gardens 2019 - Once again, passionate gardeners around Exeter, Mid and East Devon are opening their gardens for Hospiscare from **May through to August**. Pick up your Open Gardens booklet today from Hospiscare shops and other outlets and start planning which wonderful plots you might visit. There is often the chance to enjoy delicious tea and cakes to compliment your visit too. To find out more please or call 01392 688020 or visit <https://www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/open-gardens-2019>.

Will Fortnight This year Hospiscare's Will Fortnight runs from **Monday 3 June – Friday 14 June**. Generous solicitors across Exeter, Mid and East Devon will be giving their time and expertise in June so you can have your Will prepared or updated. Instead of paying the usual solicitor's fee, make an appropriate donation to Hospiscare at your appointment. To find out more please visit - <https://www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/will-fortnight> or call 01392 688020. **Book your appointment from 13 May 2019.**

CAMEO

At the March meeting Pat acted as Chair and welcomed two visitors to the meeting. Activities reported on included a delicious lunch at the Beam Bridge Hotel and a coffee morning at the Little Bakery in Cullompton the Walking group reported that they had been to Knightshayes to see the lovely display of snowdrops. Pat then introduced our Speaker, Brian Phelps. With "Gypsy Caravans and other things" He began by telling us about his childhood growing up in Bishops Lydiard. He had some funny tales to tell, especially encounters with the Village Bobby. He and his friends seem to have had quite a few scrapes one way or another. The Village policeman was evidently about 6ft 7ins and weighed in at about 18 stone, so you didn't mess with him! Later in life Brian happened to meet him by chance. He retired from the Police Force and taken up a new hobby, making models of Gypsy Caravans. Brian was enthralled by them and his Policeman friend eventually taught him how to make them himself. He brought along 6 caravans he had made, they were exquisite. The detailed work was amazing, all the furniture and fittings were functional and were all enchanted. He was a brilliant Speaker and time just flew by.

Our April meeting began on a very happy note as we were delighted to present Tim, from the Devon Freewheelers Group, with a cheque for £800, the profits

from our 2018 fundraising efforts. This year we are supporting the South West Children's Hospice in Barnstaple and our first event is at the Church Hall on 13th April when we are holding a Spring Fair, we spent our social time making all the arrangements, we are hoping that the change of venue will still see all our usual loyal supporters there. Smarties boxes were distributed for collecting our 20p pieces throughout the year towards our charity. Several members had a very enjoyable evening looking round the new Health and Beauty Boutique in Cullompton and our meal at the Exe Vale Centre was excellent. The Walking Group had been on a sightseeing tour around Uffculme looking at the alterations at Coldharbour Mill and also the sewage works!!! They had tea at a member's house. The Singles group were invited to a birthday tea at Pats house where they had a lovely afternoon. The April speaker was Ile Ashcroft, a qualified Herbalist who runs a clinic in Crediton. She brought along a variety of herbs and flowers from her own garden which are all grown organically, she showed us all the tinctures and ointments she makes and explained their various uses. Herbs have been used for their medicinal benefits for centuries and members contributed their childhood memories of being given these various medicines. Many of today's drugs originated from these old recipes. A very interesting talk.

One of our members is going to organise a "help" group for member who maybe need a bit of shopping etc. more details later. The next coffee morning is at Willowbrook garden centre. As the Village Hall is being used as a polling station, our May meeting will be a mystery trip with evening dinner. We are hoping to visit Kia Ora gardens later in May when they are having one of their charity openings. We are hoping for good weather when we have our river trip from Exeter to Exmouth in June.

As you can see, Cameo offers a very wide and varied programme and if you feel you would like to come along to one of our meetings, we meet on the first Thursday of every month, unless otherwise stated, in the Village Hall at 7.p.m.

Betty Penberthy

METHODIST CHURCH GABLES ROAD

Our **monthly coffee mornings** will be on Friday 3rd May and Friday 7th June from 10.30am.

Our **monthly lunches** will be on Friday 17th May and Friday 21st June

We have our **annual Cream Teas** on Saturday 8th June 3pm-5pm when we hope it will be a sunny afternoon so we can use the lawn outside. If not it will still go ahead indoors!

Our Pancake party raised £100 for Action for Children and a good time was had by all!

The Prospects group will meet for worship on Sunday 19th May at 3pm. It includes crafts, prayer time, singing and tea. All ages and abilities welcome. Just turn up or for more details please contact our **Minister, Rev Paul Booth**.

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

In March, we hosted a celebration tea in memory of Miss Margaret Partridge, who did all the electrical installations at the Village Hall when it was first built. A blue plaque has been erected at Harpitt House, where she used to live.

We will be changing our internet provider soon, hopefully moving to fibre, so you should find it is faster and better. We would like to thank the Parish Council for funding our WiFi for our first two years.

The main toilets have been decorated and the annexe toilets have also had a lick of paint. We are having some new units fitted in the annexe kitchen. Quotes are still being requested for replumbing and fitting the annexe toilets. If you know anyone who would like to give a quote, please ask them to contact maintenance@willandvillagehall.org.uk.

We have had a lot of work carried out at the Hall recently and our costs keep rising, so we have had to increase our charges from 1st April. The new charges are shown below. We have kept the rise to 3% this year, not the usual 5%. Booking forms are available on our website and there are also some in the side entrance at the hall.

| Hall | Club | Committee | Annexe | |
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| 9.80 | 5.15 | 4.65 | 6.20 | Class 1 |
| 15.45 | 7.75 | 7.20 | 9.30 | Class 2 |
| 30.90 | 15.45 | 14.45 | 18.00 | Commercial |

Please visit our website, www.willandvillagehall.org.uk, to check availability for hire. The email for booking bookings@willandvillagehall.org.uk. Our AGM is at 7.00 p.m. on Monday, 20th May. All welcome to attend. If you are interested in becoming a trustee of the Hall, please contact me for more details.

Carol Allan Village Hall Treasurer

VILLAGE HALL DIARY

| May | | | | |
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| Thursday | 2 nd | District Elections | W.V.H. | All Day |
| Friday | 3 rd | Blood Donor Session | W.V.H. | 12.00 pm |
| Saturday | 11 th | Willand Craft Market | W.V.H. | 11.00 am |
| Monday | 20 th | Village Hall AGM | W.V.H. | 7.00 pm |
| Thursday | 23 rd | European Parliamentary elections tbc | W.V.H. | All Day |
| Saturday | 25 th | Garden Club Coffee Morning | W.V.H. | 10.00 am |
| Sunday | 26 th | Blood Donor Session | W.V.H. | 9.00 am |
| June | | | | |
| Friday | 14 th | Blood Donor Session | W.V.H. | 12.00 pm |

REGULAR EVENTS AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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| Pilates with Diana | Mondays | 10:00 am |
| Purelesque Knitting Group | Mondays | 2:00 pm |
| Cull. & Dist. Flower Club | 1 st Monday | 2:00 pm |
| Beavers (Term Time) | Mondays | 5:30 pm |
| Cub Scouts (Term Time) | Mondays | 7:00 pm |
| Kettle Bell Pump | Mondays | 7:00 pm |
| Pilates with Ellie | Tuesday | 9:15 am |
| Flower Arranging (Sept-Mar) | Tuesday | 1:15 pm |
| Move it or Lose it | Tuesday | 2.00 pm |
| Gymnastics Club | Tuesday | 4:00 pm |
| Pilates with Ellie | Tuesday | 7.45 pm |
| Tiny Tots (Term Time) | Wednesday | 9:30 am |
| Flower Arranging (Sept-March) | Wednesday | 1:15 pm |
| Indoor Bowls Club | Wednesday | 7:00 pm |
| Garden Club | 2 nd Wednesday | 7:30 pm |
| Pilates with Ellie | Thursday | 8.15 am |
| CAMEO | 1 st Thursday | 7.00 pm |
| Karate | 3 rd & 4 th Thursday | 6.00 pm |
| Folk Dance Club | 2 nd & 4 th Thursday | 8.00 pm |
| Parish Council Meetings | 2 nd & 4 th Thursday | 7:00 pm |
| Zumba | Fridays | 9.30am |
| WITS Sept-Feb | Fridays | 7:00 pm |
| Cowgirl Twisters | 3 rd Saturday | 7:30 pm |
| Folk Dance | 2 nd Saturday | 8:00 pm |
| Rugby Tots | Sundays | 9:30 am |
| Martial Arts | Sundays | 6:30 pm |

MARIE CURIE HELPER SERVICE - This service is completely free to anyone in who has a diagnosis of any terminal illness and is over 18. The service can also support those that are caring for the person with the diagnosis. We know the smallest things can make the biggest difference – as simple as having

someone to chat with over a cup of tea, help you to get to an appointment, run an errand, or just be there to listen when you need a friendly ear.

That's where Marie Curie's Helper service comes in. We provide trained, dedicated volunteers to people living with a terminal illness; to visit them at home, go out with them, or talk to them over the phone.

The volunteers offer both emotional and practical support and can be relied on to be there for a few hours each week.

Sam - Marie Curie Helper

"Having experienced a potentially life ending illness, I feel I can relate to some of the challenges and difficulties facing people in a similar situation. From my own experience, I realised that it can be really hard to talk to the people closest to you; in part because this can cause more upset for them, but also you do not want your whole life centred round your illness. I think I would have found it extremely helpful to have someone to talk to about my feelings other than close family and friends."

Volunteering with us

We're looking for friendly and reliable volunteers to visit people with a terminal diagnosis, their families and carers, to offer practical and emotional support. As a Helper volunteer you will take on a number of simple yet crucial tasks that will make a huge difference, this could be in a family's home, a care home or out in the community. You will provide one-to-one companionship and support, offer a listening ear, and spend time engaging in everyday conversation, activities or hobbies with the person you are supporting. We will provide you with extensive training so you can take on the role confidently.

To apply visit our website

roles.mariecurie.org.uk/VacancyInformation.aspx?VId=65208w. Marie Curie Helper Lead Volunteer

roles.mariecurie.org.uk/VacancyInformation.aspx?VId=65225 or for any information contact us on the following southwesthelper@mariecurie.org.uk or call 0800 3047 400



Normally, around the middle of May a small red envelope would be dropping through your door. A request for a donation towards the work of Christian Aid around the world. There would also be a slip explaining where in the village the envelope could be returned to. This year is different!

- The work of Christian Aid continues.
- Christian Aid still very much appreciate donations.
- In Willand though there will be no little red envelope.
- No collection boxes. No special event.
- It doesn't mean you cannot give.

Christian Aid has more than 70 years' experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. CA tackles the root causes of poverty so that women, men and children the world over are strengthened against future knocks. And if disasters happen, CA get people the help they want straight away.

The work in **Africa** includes strengthening peace-building in South Sudan, promoting resilient farming in Kenya and challenging inequality in Sierra Leone.

In **Asia**, the programmes include those which promote women's rights in Afghanistan, help rebuild lives after the Philippines typhoon, and ensure people can access the services they need in Bangladesh.

In **Latin America and the Caribbean**, CA help promote gender justice in Brazil and peace-building in Colombia and support marginalised communities to earn a living in El Salvador.

The work in **the Middle East and North Africa** includes defending people's rights in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory, protecting women at risk of violence in Iraq and providing humanitarian assistance to refugees in Lebanon.

If you wish to donate to the work of Christian Aid, you can:

On line - <https://donate.christianaid.org.uk> By phone - **020 7523 2493** By post - Cheques, Postal Orders, to: Christian Aid
35-41 Lower Marsh London SE1 7RL



WHAT'S ON AT COLDHARBOUR MILL

Please do come and visit us and enjoy the Mill for the increasing amount of free community areas we are opening up!

The **SENSORY GARDEN** runs along the leat by the car park is the perfect place to spend some time enjoying the Mill's grounds and stimulating the senses. The garden has grass and stone paving suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs with a wide range of planting specifically designed to appeal to visitors with dementia or visual or physical impairment. The **MEMORIAL WOOD** and **SPRING MEADOW WALK** are in the new community park by the millpond - over 4000 bulbs planted by local groups and schoolchildren will be flowering now. The sensory garden and the community park can be enjoyed without entrance to the Mill.

The **Museum**, **Mill Shop**, and **Braziers Cafe** are open **9.30am-4.30pm** throughout the year **Tuesday to Sunday** and bank holiday Mondays in steam! (except Monday 6th May). **Groups** and **coach parties** are welcome for pre-booked fully guided visits any day, as are **school groups** for whom we offer a range of activity days – see website. Please contact the Mill office (see below) for info/to make a booking.

Sat 11th and **Sun 12th May** is **National Mills Weekend** – support your local watermill! **Mon 27th May: Half-term STEAM DAY.** 10.30am-4pm. Guided tours and activities for all the family. Free car park.

The 'SPRING LAMBS' club for under 8s and over 55s runs **every Tuesday** 10am-11am. Taking part is **FREE** – it's a Community Well-being project funded by the People's Postcode Lottery – so come along and have fun together! Tea/coffee and cake provided. Transport can be provided by prior arrangement for over 55s. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer. To join this lively group, please contact Hayley at the Mill in advance (see below).

VOLUNTEERING is good for you! ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Volunteers are always welcome at this unique heritage site – they are the magic ingredient which make the Mill a special community. There's a wide range of roles available, including gardening, maintenance, office work, factory production, shop work, tour guiding and helping with the education programme. Contact the Mill office and just let us know what you're good at or would like to learn about, and we'll find something to suit you!

MILLPOND RESTORATION PROJECT

Thank you to all who have supported our fundraising initiative to raise £150,00 to restore the millpond and leats – you can still sign our petition of support on the Mill website – follow the link from the lower section of the Home page.

To contact the Mill about any of the above, please phone **01884 840960** or email: **info@coldharbourmill.org.uk_** or visit the Mill website: **www.coldharbourmill.org.uk_** or write to Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3EE.

A FANTASTIC SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE – WILLAND ROVERS

As you read this we are about to embark on our last 6 games of what could be a historical season for our village club. With 5 league games to go the equation is simple winning them all and we will be champions. The pressure is now on the players to grind out results on pitches that may not favour our flowing football.

The additional game is a semi-final in the League cup, so the double is still on. After a Wednesday night thriller which was not for the faint hearted. The game was eventually decided by a penalty shoot-out, with Mike Searle being the hero saving three penalties. After young Ben Bickle had scored a magnificent individual equaliser. But the game was marred by the constant moaning, whinging, crying if shot, rolling around, squealing before the ball even got to them from the opposition. It certainly questions the 'spirit of the game' ethos.

As a team we already have more points than last season and have in 32 games scored 100 league goals, so the aim at the beginning of the season was to improve upon the previous season. At the bookies we were 5th favourites to win the league behind the expensively assembled sides from Plymouth, Newton Abbot, Bridgwater and Bristol.

We should thank our Management team of Russell Jee and David Steele plus their players for such an enjoyable season.

Whilst the team makes history on the pitch, it's the volunteers behind the scene that make the club tick. Chairman, kit man, bingo ace and cleaner Mike Mitchell keeps the club on an even keel and spick and span. Tony 'Tacker' Williams is seen in his fluorescence yellow jacket maintaining the pitch, he is ably assisted by Andy 'bootiful' Barnard and Graham Mitchell. Pete Ward, Pete Vile all contribute with ground projects, ticket sales. Tony Mitchell, Rich Barrs and Mel Barrs man the turnstile on match days. Once inside the club Cath Cork, Jenny Mitchell, Wendy Frost and Sonia Hurst will all help with some excellent hospitality. Simon Dinner will serve you a well-earned pint. Caroline Dummett ensures that the players are turn out immaculately in their track suits and kit. What these people have in common is that they are all volunteers and all are or have been Willand residents.

But again we could not do all that we do without the support of our sponsors who come from around the Willand area. Stan Robinson is again our main sponsor, our other main sponsors include Pencarrie, Devon Tarmasters and Marstons Brewery. We also have another 85 local sponsors who help in other ways all their efforts and support are much valued and appreciated.

If we are to succeed and obtain promotion it will be done by a huge combined effort from committee, management, sponsors, players and supporters. For some this maybe the end of their Willand journey for others the start of another new season with the challenges that will bring.

I have just read that a club that recently gained promotion have resigned from the league above, they cite this was due to lack of volunteers to sustain the expected level in that league. Although we have people many of whom double up for multiple roles we are in need for more helpers during the week and on match days. If you are interested in getting involved with Willand football in any capacity, please come down and see us.

Thank you for reading, I hope to have some very exciting news about the future of the club in the next edition. **Dominic Clarke**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET BACK INTO CYCLING?

Westbank's Healthy Neighbourhood's project are starting a brand new project called **Back to Cycling for over 50's** to encourage getting fit while socialising together. Our first taster session is on Thursday 25th April 11am-2pm with a stop for lunch. You will need to bring your bicycle and dress for an easy-going ride with a stop off half way through at a café or pub. Meet at the War Memorial, High St, Cullompton. **For more information contact Kathryn Hope, Westbank Activity and Volunteer Coordinator on 01395 446896 or email: katheryn.hope@westbank.org.uk**

THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE NEXT MAGAZINE IS WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE 2019