

WILLAND MAGAZINE
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LOCAL NEWS : LOCAL EVENTS : LOCAL CONTACTS

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So here we are into summer with gardens blossoming and the rain keeping everything green. Read on for news and views from the village and surrounding area.

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR - COMMENT & REPORT

The A.G.M of the Parish Council has taken place and I still find myself in the Chair. We did not have an election for the Parish Council as there were only ten people who put their names forward by the due date. At the first session of Full Council I had the pleasure of welcoming two new councillors, Karen Whatley and Stephen Little, it was also a pleasure to welcome back Simon Dilke-Wing. At the June full council meeting Bill Tobin was co-opted back on to the Parish Council to fill the remaining seat.

The Inspector has now published his findings into the Local Plan and the headlines in the press were mainly about the proposed inclusion of land at Junction 27. The full response is on the MDDC website and it bears close reading. The deliverability of the 5 year land supply is still an issue and the inspector made some suggestions as to possible alternatives. If you read the small print you will see that Willand is likely to catch a lot more houses but no mention of better infrastructure or facilities. The problem of the capacity of Junction 28 and the Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road come into the picture. Press reports about millions of pounds from Government to pay for the relief road and work at Tiverton also needs the detail looking at. It looks as if MDDC will 'borrow' 5 million pounds towards the cost of providing the Cullompton Town Centre Relief Road.

The Orchard Way play area is now under the control of the Parish Council and will benefit from more regular grass cutting. It is still the intention to put a major piece of play equipment in there. A bid has been submitted to the Big Lottery Fund for £10,000 but that takes time, even if we are successful. A bid has been made to our local DCC councillor for some money from his locality budget and a local company has offered to put up the final quarter of the cost when we have raised the rest. I would like to think that there are some of our larger companies in or close to the village who would feel able to find £500 or a £1,000 to help towards the total cost of the project for the benefit of the community.

The Jubilee Field and its equipment is still being well used and the young people who are interested in riding their bikes around the track have worked with Councillor Jason Scott to make improvements to the facility. Having worked to create it they will hopefully appreciate and look after it as opposed to having something just provided by others. It is for the benefit of all, so big lads please let the little ones have a go and help them. We are a community after all. The track is becoming an attraction to some lads from nearby villages and they are welcome as long as they respect the facility. You will have noted that some more seating is appearing in response to requests made to the Parish Council. For those of you who watch how we spend your pennies I am happy to tell you

that your councillors obtained nearly all the cost from grants. Please look after them – that's the councillors as well as the seats. Two areas of fencing have been repaired/replaced as the result of damage – it costs us all.

Grass, weeds, hedges and shrubs are growing apace. The contractors are cutting verges and play areas which are looked after by the Parish. The Parish have had the weeds in pavements sprayed and they will be done again later in the year. Will everyone please do their bit to keep growth from their hedges and gardens cut back to keep the pavements clear and to their full width. Thanks to another excellent discount on the price of plants by The Old Well our volunteers have changed the planting in the planters and troughs. Thank you volunteers for your work and to all who do their bit to keep the village tidy.

The preschool and community rooms at the Gables site are moving forward and the Parish Council are releasing funds held to Willand Health & Community Centre Charity to progress the project. The Trustees will tell you more of what is going on.

As the result of the recent election for MDDC I now have another hat to wear as one of your Ward Councillors. Many thanks to all those who voted for me and helped me with getting leaflets and information out. I shall be working alongside Richard Chesterton and Bob Evans, and although our politics may vary, I am sure we will do our best to represent the residents and businesses of Lower Culm [*basically Uffculme and Willand.*] If you have a problem, please contact us. If it is to report a problem, please use MDDC Customer First and they will give you a reference number. Hopefully the problem will be resolved or if not an officer will make contact with you and explain. If the matter is not dealt with or explained that is the time to come to us. If you are in any doubt we are here.

Finally, but no less important, dog mess. We still have a few inconsiderate dog owners who do not clear up after their little darlings - or very big ones if evidence around the school gate in the Jubilee Field is anything to go by. Thank you to all the volunteers with the bag dispensers and pink spray and particularly those who clear up after others. To those who are putting their household rubbish in the various litter bins around the village – please stop we know who some of you are and it could be costly to you if it is taken further.

Have a good summer and enjoy our village and community. Remember 'How can I help' is better than 'What's in it for me?' **Barry Warren Chair of Parish Council**

WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

As you may have noticed the Preschool are getting on very well with renovating the Gables. We have commissioned a company to install a disabled lift so that everyone will be able to access all areas.

Thank you to Andrea for holding a cake sale at the Co-op on 25th May and for all those who purchased cakes or made donations. This raised us just over £90.

As you can imagine, there is a lot we need to do now so we are going to be stepping up our fundraising activities. The Co-op has kindly offered to host a car boot sale and table top sale on 27th July (please pre-book) there will also be face painting, ice cream van, stalls selling new goods, cakes, sweets, raffle please come along and meet Buddy Co-op's charity bear it starts at 10am until 3pm if you would like to book a space please pop in the Co-op or ring Tina or Shane at the Co-op on 01884 820071.

We are also going to hold another Quiz this will take place at the village hall on 7th July from 7.30 pm. Entrance will be £5 each to include a ploughman's supper. There can be up to 6 in a team and so we know how many to cater for booking will be essential please contact Frances on 07748 557107 or email franceswilcox1@gmail.com to book. This event will be bring your own bottle and bear in mind the hall doesn't supply glasses so bring them as well if you don't want to drink out of a mug.

Not to forget the AGM will be at the Village Hall Annex on 4th July at 7 pm Everyone is welcome especially those who are interested in getting involved helping to bring forward some of the ideas the village said it would like.

WILLAND GARDEN CLUB

In April, we had a talk about the Two Moors Way from Simon Dell, a Dartmoor Ranger. The Two Moors Way goes from the South Coast of Devon to the North and takes in some lovely views (as well as a large number of pubs!). At our May meeting, we had a flower arranging demonstration by Tim Nicholls, who very kindly donated his lovely arrangements to our raffle.

We had an excellent turnout for our Plant Sale on 25th May, where we sold lots of plants grown by our members. It was lovely to see so many new faces there.

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.

We now have a page on the Willand Village Hall website. It is still under construction but does give details of our programme for the year and the schedule for the Flower Show, so please take a look.

On 12th June, we are having our annual trip. We will be visiting the Welsh National Folk Museum at St Fagan's, near Cardiff. They have some lovely gardens and extensive grounds where they have rebuilt cottages and other buildings, showing the range of techniques used in Wales throughout the centuries.

Our speaker in July will be Dorothy Anderson, whose talk is entitled 'It's not Chelsea'. Dorothy opens her garden in Willand for the National Gardens Scheme and has a number of unusual plants.

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 COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME (WCCS).

Well Spring has sprung and gone!! It has been a particularly busy time at the compost site with a lot of grass cuttings and general garden waste being deposited. Sales of compost is at record levels and we are struggling to keep up with demand.

Can we remind the very small minority of you that persist in bringing very old grass cuttings that this does not compost and becomes wet and slimy. The volunteers should not be expected to have to dispose of this material.

Weeds are welcome but can we ask that as much soil as possible is removed as the operators of the shredding machine will refuse to put material with too much soil attached through the shredder as it can damage the cutters.

During opening times, we are available to provide assistance. We can loan a wheelbarrow if required please return it.

WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME

**OPENING TIMES
WEDNESDAY AND
SUNDAY
10.00AM – 12.00 noon**

**COMPOST SALES
SIEVED £1.50 a BAG
UNSIEVED £1.00 PER
BARROW**

When closed bags of sieved are left outside the gate please place money in the tube and replace the lid.

If there are no bags left or not enough **text COMPOST** to **07514 033305**

Someone will contact you.

Please return any empty bags

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 would greatly assist if you do. The main thing is to stop fly tipping spreading here or anywhere in our village.

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 and composting and would greatly appreciate some additions to our group!!

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH

This month we will be formally concluding our church building renovations with a Service of Thanksgiving at our 10.15am service Sunday 7th July. This will be a time to give thanks for the generosity of those who made the works possible as well as praying the building will continue to be a place of blessing to our community in the future. As with any service at St Mary's all are welcome!

This month we will also be welcoming a new member of our team. We will be welcoming Gudrun Thomas who will be our curate. Gudrun will be living in Uffculme but working alongside me in all the villages in our local area. This is Gudrun's first post as an ordained minister so she has to gain experience in lots of areas before she will be allowed to become a "vicar" in three or four years' time. Gudrun was a primary school teacher in Exeter for many years and after becoming a Christian in her adult years more recently decided to pursue her call to train to be a vicar. Gudrun is married to Darryl and they have 2 teenage children. I know she is very much looking forward to being part of village life, and I am sure we will all enjoy getting to know her and make her feel welcome as she gets to know the area.

If you would like to know more about Gudrun or any of the events in St Mary's, please contact **Ray Ursell** (ray.ursell@informationflow.co.uk) or 821375 who is putting together a new quarterly update on the life of the church. This will be freely available in church or our hall, but we are only planning to put it through doors of people who request a copy. **Rev Simon Talbot, Rector St Mary's Willand 56257**

CAMEO

Our May meeting was our annual mystery trip and dinner. We had a scenic drive around the countryside and ended up at the Sadlers Arms restaurant near Lypmstone where we had a lovely meal with good service. We held a Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, the first of our fundraising events for this year's charity, the South West Children's Hospice. We went to Willowbrook Garden Centre for our monthly Coffee morning in May. We are having a Barbeque at Peta's house in August for our charity. We are concentrating on different ideas for fund raising this year for a change, and we will not be holding a Christmas Fair.

At our June meeting we welcomed a Speaker from Devon County Council who gave an interactive talk on "Driving Safer for Longer" and although we were able to answer a lot of his questions correctly, we maybe need to brush up on the updated Highway Code. We had gorgeous weather for our trip to Powderham Castle and Dawlish Warren. A new venture for us, we are going to Sampford Peverell Golf Club on 11th July at 11a.m. for a "Buckets of Balls" morning trying our hand at swinging a golf club. Should be fun! We are having a trip to Widdecombe Fair on 10th September and this will be open to friends and neighbours, so if you would like to join us please ring **Margaret Turner on 34928** for further details. For our monthly Coffee Morning we went to the

Bluebell restaurant and the next one will be at the Bakehouse in Cullompton. We are looking forward to our boat trip from Exeter to Exmouth, with a cream tea, later in the month. There will be a Skittles evening at the Halfway House in August. The Walking Group had a lovely coastal walk around Budleigh Salterton ending with a picnic on the beach. Another shorter walk around Uffculme with tea at the Old Well Garden Centre. Eleven members from the Singles group had a superb holiday based in Tenby in Wales. They'd had a boat trip to Caldy Island and visited Carmarthen and then Cardigan and Saundersfoot. One of the highlights was to a concert given by a Welsh Male Voice Choir and another to a workshop making traditional Welsh love spoons. The weather was good, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The Speaker at our next meeting on 4th July will be from the Exeter and Mid-Devon Samaritan's and starts at 7.p.m, if you would like to come along. **Betty Penberthy**

WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY (WITS)

The round up for last season's performances concluded on Friday 26th April with our **Premiere Evening**. The Red Carpet welcomed all of the stars; the paparazzi were there to witness the glitzy occasion with everyone dressing the part. The pantomime was shown in all its glory as the cast don't get to see it from the audience's viewpoint. Food, drink and merriment abounded it is a treasured event in the WITS calendar.

With our AGM last month and a new committee in place, an exciting new season unfolds. With a murder mystery planned for later this year on 28th September 2019 at the village hall. And an exciting new play for WITS called "Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders" by Derek Webb is planned for September 2020. This is a brilliant production and to do it justice and get everybody in we will be performing it Friday 3rd September also a Matinee and evening performance on Saturday 4th September 2020.

The script selection for our Annual Pantomime in February 2020 is being chosen soon so watch this space. We will be endeavouring to make it bigger better and even more spectacular than ever before.

New members have joined us this year swelling our actor's ranks and all contributed greatly to Red Riding Hood's success. Nevertheless, we are always on the lookout for more members. There are lots of ways to contribute not only on stage but with props, set painting, costume making, lighting, sound and a million other things that help make a spectacular show. WITS are made up of diverse range of people from Willand and surrounding areas, from all walks of life, enjoying a hobby with likeminded friendly people of all ages. Please feel free to contact our membership secretary Karen on 38122 to find out when we are next meeting to come along and see what it is all about, you won't be disappointed. Or check out our Face Book page just type WITS in search. Again, I would like to thank most wholeheartedly all the kind people of Willand who support our endeavours and come along to our shows. We love you.

Sam Fincher

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

Firstly, we would like to thank Geraldine 'Geri' Holloway for writing to the History Group in response to our last article. Regarding the Second World War US reconnaissance aircraft base at Bradfield, she wrote: "I have vivid childhood memories of cycling to the back drive of Bradfield House from Carr Cottage in the 1940s to gaze in wonder at three or four small aircraft lined up in single file on the grass 'runway' several yards from the security fencing behind which curious spectators like myself stood. Alas, I never witnessed any of the 'planes either taking off or landing!"

Geri also gave us invaluable information about Willand's orchards, and even about one of the apple varieties that used to be grown in the parish: "I can also recall many orchards, most of them belonging to Reg Rowe, in the vicinity of the 'old village', all of which I am sure are well documented. At least two of them – one in Silver Street between Willand Café and the Gables, the other one halfway down School Hill on the right hand side, presumably belonging to Coombe Farm, and fronting on to the main road – displayed huge WHITEWAY CIDER signs. I know from personal experience that Ernest Vickery of Quicks Farm made his own 'rough' cider.

"There is one orchard, however, which may not be so obviously recorded, known simply by my family and its owner as 'The Orchard'. It was quite small and belonged to Harry Mortimore, the village postman, who lived with his wife at Ivy Cottage adjoining my home, Carr Cottage. His orchard was accessed by a small gate at the end of his back garden path and also by a much wider gate halfway down the left hand side of Dye House Lane, a gate wide enough for my father's car to pass through to and from its 'garage' in a large barn-like building in the orchard itself. My father rented the 'garage' from Mr Mortimore. Mr Mortimore kept quite a lot of hens (and a vicious cockerel) which roamed freely throughout the orchard which was dotted with several apple trees of both cooking and eating varieties. I remember particularly one of the latter known to us as Plumvite – a delicious juicy yellow apple with a very pleasant tang. I suspect 'Plumvite' was not its correct name because no-one else ever seems to have heard of it!" Geri was quite right, Plum Vite is a variety of apple that originated in Devon.

At the time of writing, the History Group plan a small display on Revd Andrews in the Church for the Open Gardens weekend (15/16 June). Revd Andrews was Willand's rector between the wars, but the display will focus on his time as a missionary in China during the early 1900s. However, an article in *The Devon & Somerset News* has recently been found detailing a bicycle accident he had whilst cycling from Exeter to Willand in May 1920. It was on Pinhoe Hill and Revd Andrews, "was descending the gradient, free-wheeling at a fair speed, when he met three other cyclists who were ascending the hill. The one nearest him could not turn to the left in time to avoid Mr Andrews, as his companions were in the way. A collision resulted, and Mr Andrews sustained a cut (with some loss of blood) under the ear." The dazed and wounded Revd Andrews

continued his journey on the back of a 'sheep cart', until a passing motorcar was hailed, and he was taken home to Willand, after first visiting a doctor in Cullompton. Quite sensibly, the doctor, "ordered a week's rest and quietness."

Revd Andrews had been a central figure in the village's Peace Day celebration 100 years ago, on 19 July 1919 – a national holiday to commemorate the peace that came with the end of the First World War. Typically, after three long months of drought conditions, the day was marked by 'ceaseless rain'. The planned sports day was postponed, as was a skittling competition for a 'leg of mutton', but otherwise the day's events went ahead in Willand. There was a service at the Church, a procession, a 'bountiful tea' in the Pavilion (opposite the Halfway House), patriotic songs were sung, and a 'baby show' was won by the child of Mrs Jarrett of Bradfield Lodge. As reported in the local press, "A dance followed, at the end of which a large number of villagers went to the top of Stonestall Hill to see the bonfires, 'balloons', rockets, etc., in the district around. A long-to-be-remembered sight awaited them."

The rearranged sports were held a few days later. Mr D Marshall took home the leg of mutton for winning the skittles, while William Rowe won a cockerel for coming second. But the highlight of the day proved to be the tug-of-war competitions, especially the 'Parson v. Blacksmith' contest which received top billing. There was much 'amusement' when Revd Andrews emerged victorious, defeating Mr Clist, the village blacksmith, 'after a hard struggle'.

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

BOB EVANS

The last time I wrote was pre local elections and I decided not to place an article in the last magazine due to Purdah restrictions. Following the elections, I am delighted to have again been returned for a third term as one of your representatives here in Lower Culm. The Elections were disappointing in a couple of aspects firstly our ward saw a turnout of only 31% disappointing given the size and complexity of some of the issues we face, unfortunately low turnout was a theme throughout the district and the shadow of National politics saw a huge change in representation throughout the district throwing us into a council of no overall control, an interesting time lies ahead.

Here we are already getting back to business as usual, a meeting was held with 2 Sisters management on the 10th of May, several areas of concern were discussed, these included night time noise and the all too familiar odour issue, some good news is that the new management do seem to want to work with us and much promised funding for onsite air scrubbers to be installed has now been secured, works to take place later in the year, noise issues are dealt with as they occur and again I urge all to report any issues to the incident line on 0800 807060, or you can of course report through myself or any of your District councillors, all contact details on the MDDC website .

The dog mess issue has seen a relocation of one bin from Willand Old Village

to Willand Moor Road at the request of the Parish Council, this was done to facilitate dog walkers in that area.

Despite the fact the Willand has a huge number of bins for its size, some 31 , people still think it's OK to not pick up their mess, or and forgive me I don't get this one, on a recent estates inspection with an MDDC Officer I saw bags of dog mess hung in private hedging in the village ??? So, you took a bag you picked the mess up but hung it in a hedge, really?

A final point on local bins , I have received reports that some bins are being used by residents to place their domestic rubbish into , fair warning is I have reported this to our refuse teams and MDDC will through our policy's and processes investigate and follow up where possible , please don't , this could be costly to you !

I do try and relate some useful information to assist residents and the following relates to the ability to seek a reduction in your council tax should you or a relative / friend suffer from a recognised Severe Mental impairment (SMI)

Information regarding the disabled banding reduction is given on the back of the bills we issue. The bill also provides Mid Devon's website address which provides information regarding the SMI Disregard as well as the disabled banding reduction, online application forms are available directly below the information to make the application process as simple as possible. The Citizens Advice Bureaus, Shelter, Age UK etc are all aware of these potential reductions and it is hoped that they direct customers to apply.

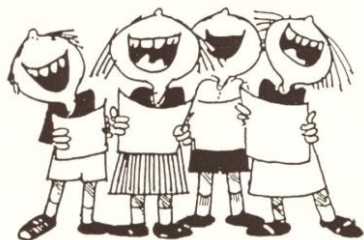
The issue with the SMI disregard is that the customer as well as having to provide a doctor's letter will need to be in receipt of a qualifying benefit to get the disregard and will not qualify without it.

MDDC would be obliged to backdate 6 years if we can establish the circumstances going back would have qualified the customer at the time.

I've provided a website address below, a search on this will give residents a link to their local council, another avenue for application.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-council-tax-reduction>. If you are unsure that you or somebody you know qualifies please ask, just call MDDC and they will be happy to assist. Ok where's my broly as it seems summer has arrived.

Bob Evans MDDC Lower Culm



HALBERTON SINGERS

An exciting possibility to have fun and enjoy yourself

The Halberton Singers ran very successfully from 1983 until relatively recently. It reactivation is now being considered! Initial proposals are that:

- The group would meet weekly (except in holidays) in Halberton and perform two or three concerts a year, sometimes in aid of local charities.
- The day would be decided by the availability of those keen to restart this and the availability of a local space to meet in Halberton.
- The group would probably meet from 7.30pm to 9.30pm with a short tea/coffee break. The social element of the group will be an important part of its activity and ethos. It's important that the group is inclusive.
- We will sing all sorts of music. You choose. Previous repertoire and performances have included selections from folk songs, pop, rock, musicals, church music, opera and original compositions by local musicians.
- The group will be run by a committee; the constitution already exists. The members will appoint the musical director and help choose the music we sing.
- In the past, under the direction of the Singers, over 100 villagers enjoyed performing a staged version of "All the King's Men" by Richard Rodney Bennett, a fun experience that fostered tremendous community spirit using local talents. The performance created a record for having the widest age-range amongst its performers in a musical performance at that time.
- If you are interested because you enjoy singing and can sing in tune (we don't have tests) let's hear from you! Enthusiastic beginners are as welcome as experienced singers of any age.

Please pass this on to others who may be interested.

Please contact me ASAP so that we can ascertain the level of support for a restart in September. My email address is terry@halberton.org and my phone number is 820081. Terry Payne

COLDHARBOUR MILL

Kids Go Free! If you're looking for a low-cost day out with the youngsters in your family this summer, you need look no further - under 16s go free during school holidays when accompanied by an adult – and you can get 15% discount on adult tickets by booking through the Visits page of the Mill website! Of special interest to young people are a trail for children to follow round the museum and site, a dolls houses display and a dressing up area indoors, and an outdoor adventure play and picnic area.

Group Visits Welcome! If you are a member of a club or group, we can provide guided tours of the museum at special rates for groups of 10 or more. Whether your group is interested in heritage, steam power, social history, crafts or military history we can promise a fascinating visit! For more info, check out the Group Visits page on the website, or contact us by phone or email.

PS there's also 10% discount in the shop for groups!

The relaxing Sensory Garden by the free car park and the Memorial Wood picnic area across the road by the millpond can both be enjoyed without entrance to the Mill, as can the Café (yummy snacks and real coffee!) and the Shop which has a range of local crafts and unique Mill products including exclusive pure wool yarns, textiles, and rugs, as well as stylish souvenirs.

The **Museum, Mill Shop, and Café** are open **9.30am-4.30pm** throughout the year **Tuesday to Sunday** (and bank holiday Monday steam days).

Uffculme Gentle Walks: these are short social walks aimed at over 55s looking to become a bit more active – only one hour with a coffee break included! Just come along and meet in the Mill car park on Thursdays at 10.30am up to 18th July or contact Emma at Involve on 01884 255734.

Puttees & Poppies: we are delighted to be hosting a poignant installation of puttees and poppies by artist Suzy Gutteridge to commemorate the end of World War I – this is on display in the Fox Gallery in the Museum until the end of September.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Millpond Restoration Project by signing a support petition in the Mill Shop or on the Mill website. We hope to hear the result of our grant bids by the Autumn – we will keep you posted!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next **Steam Day** is on **Bank Holiday Monday 26th August**. The **Craft Market** will be on **Sunday 20th October** this year. If you are a local crafts-person and would like more information about having a stall at this event, please email Rosie Fletcher at craftmarket@coldharbourmill.org.uk or phone the main Mill number (below). 10% discount if you apply and pay by 31st July!

Our volunteers are what makes Coldharbour Mill so special – and you can join us! The opportunities available include gardening, maintenance, steam engineering, administration, factory production, helping in the shop, tour guiding, social media, helping with the education programme, helping with museum projects. To find out more about volunteering at the Mill, email Lesley at voldev@coldharbourmill.org.uk or phone the main Mill number (below).

You can keep up to date with what's happening at the Mill via our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram pages, and also subscribe to our quarterly E-Newsletter via the 'Sign up for our emails' section at the bottom of each page of the Mill website.

Contact Coldharbour Mill on 01884 840960 or email: info@coldharbourmill.org.uk or via the Contact page of the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk address Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3EE.

WEST BANK

Want to cook healthy food for your family?

Let's Cook for Kids is a new project to support young mums/carers in Cullompton both with weaning and cooking healthy meals for their toddlers on Tuesday mornings. Based at The Walronds in Cullompton, they are fortnightly sessions as part of Westbank's Healthy Neighbourhood project particularly aimed at young mothers/carers. Everyone eats the food prepared after the session. If you are a young mum and would like to join us please do contact us. Sessions are only £2 and include all ingredients and lunch with your child.

Would you like to get back into cycling?

Westbank's Healthy Neighbourhood's project has launched a brand new project called **Back to Cycling for over 50's** to encourage you to get fit while socialising together. The group goes out fortnightly on a **Thursday 11am-2pm** with a stop for lunch. You will need to bring your bicycle and helmet and dress for an easy-going ride with a stop off halfway through at a café or pub. Meet at the War Memorial, High St, Cullompton. Contact us to find out about the next dates. **For more information please contact Katheryn Hope, Westbank Healthy Neighbourhood Activity Coordinator (Mid-Devon) on 01395 446896 or email katheryn.hope@westbank.org.uk**



*The Blackdown
Food & Craft
Fayre*

Sunday 25 August 2019
12noon - 4pm
Churchinford Village Hall & Car Park

*Come and see the best the
Blackdowns have to offer*

Cream Tea from 2pm

Lots of samples to try
before you buy

Learn about local food & crafts, how they're
made, produced & have a go!

Kids Activities

Car parking a short walk away with a drop off available at the Village
for less abled visitors and disable parking onsite

In aid of Churchinford & District Community Shop & Churchinford Presch
Further information from Ruth Marshallsay at 01823 601026

Find us on  @BlackdownFoodandCraftFayre

THE TWOSE COMPANY IN HALBERTON - Halberton History Group is researching the business set up in 1830 by William Twose in a blacksmith's shop off the High Street. The first products manufactured were horse-drawn implements, wheelbarrows and domestic items such as mangles. We would like to locate examples of such artefacts made in Halberton before production moved to Tiverton in the mid-1940s. Maybe there is one such item at the bottom of your garden or in the corner of an outbuilding! If you can help with our research, we would love to hear from you. Please contact historygroup@halberton.org or telephone our Chairman Mike Britton on 07720 034667

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

We have recently had a new visitor to the hall – a large gull! He (or she) seems to enjoy looking in the windows at people using the main hall and tapping on the windows. If anyone knows of a humane and legal way to deter this activity please let us know, as he can be a bit annoying.

The Hall continues to be used extensively, with bookings almost every day of the year. Thanks must go to our caretaker, Sam Fincher, who does such an excellent job keeping it clean and tidy. Please let us know if there are any improvements you might like to see at the Hall. There is a comments book in the kitchen where you can leave your ideas.

We were fortunate to be able to purchase some kitchen units for the annexe kitchen at a very low price and Sam has done a great job of fitting them, tiling the walls and laying the floor covering. We have also had a water heater installed, so there is now instant hot water.

We have recently had our five year fixed electrical inspection and upgraded our system to comply with ever changing regulations and have now had fibre broadband installed, which should make internet connections quicker.

The tennis courts are part of the Village Hall, although administered by the Tennis Club, and are available for public use at a small charge. The Tennis Club has priority at certain times, so please look at the notices on the fencing around the courts or on the VH noticeboard to check availability.

Please visit our website, www.willandvillagehall.org.uk, to check the calendar to see when the hall is free. The email for booking is bookings@willandvillagehall.org.uk. **Carol Allan Village Hall Treasurer**

VILLAGE HALL DIARY

July			
Thursday	4 th	WH&CC AGM	7.00pm
Saturday	6 th	WH&CC Quiz	7.30pm
Saturday	13 th	Willand Craft Market	11.00am
August			
Saturday	13 th	Garden Club Flower Show	All day
Sunday	21 st	Taunton Flyer (Cycling Event)	10.00 am

REGULAR EVENTS AT THE WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

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

WILLAND METHODIST CHURCH For the next 2 months we will be running our usual coffee mornings on the first Friday 10.30-12.00 and our monthly Soup and Something lunches on the third Friday of each month from noon to 2.00pm. All donations are currently going to the Devon Air Ambulance charity.



Blackdown Hills

Repair Café

Toss it? No way!

Hemyock Parish Hall

Saturday 27th July 2019

10am to 12:30pm

Bring along your items for repair

ELECTRICAL	CERAMICS	CLOTHING
TEXTILES	COMPUTERS	FURNITURE
TOOL SHARPENING	BIKES	GARDEN TOOLS



Upcoming Cafes

Sept 28th 2019
Nov 23rd 2019



Volunteer specialists will be on hand to help you with repairs
A selection of repair materials will be available, or please do bring your own

Donations for Repairs Welcome

Bacon butties, delicious home-made cakes and scones on sale in the tearoom

VOLUNTEER TO HELP IMPROVE AND SHAPE LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES The Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (RD&E) is calling for interested members of the public to give some of their time to support the NHS locally by putting their names forward to be elected as a Governor.

Governors play a vitally important role within the RD&E, providing a direct connection between the Trust, the community it serves and its partners. Existing RD&E Governors have a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds

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but they share a real passion for helping to shape local health services in a way that best meets the needs of patients and the public.

The RD&E is currently looking for people who would be interested in standing as a candidate to fill one of 14 prospective vacancies on the Trust's Council of Governors. Vacancies are available for one, two or three year terms, and applications are accepted from members of the public, patients and members of staff at the RD&E. Governors are elected on their merits by the 20,000 strong members of the Trust – made up of the public and RD&E staff. Governor elections take place during July and August 2019 and successful candidates will take up their role during September. The elections process involves interested prospective candidates setting out in writing why their experience and background would make them an effective governor. The elections are carried out on a non-party political basis.

As a group, the role of Governors is to:

- represent the interests and views of local people and feed these back to the Board
- hold the Non-Executive Directors to account for the performance of the Trust's Board
- approve the appointment of Non-Executive Directors and the Chair
- reflect information about the Trust back to the communities it serves.

James Brent, RD&E Chairman, said: "Governors play a hugely important role at the RD&E, and across the NHS. The NHS faces challenging times ahead and our Governors will continue to play a pivotal part in ensuring the voices of the communities we serve are truly represented. We therefore strongly encourage people, from a range of different backgrounds, to consider putting themselves forward to take part in the 2019 RD&E Governor elections".

Peta Foxall, Lead Governor, said, "Being a Governor at the RD&E is very rewarding and is well supported by RD&E staff. It is an enjoyable voluntary role that enables the Governors to work together to ensure that the voice of the patient and the community is properly represented right at the heart of the RD&E. Standing for election is important because that gives you a mandate to speak on behalf of the people you represent."

She added, "We are really proud of the fact that, as a group of Governors, we have had significant influence in improving services delivered by the RD&E over time." Governor roles at the RD&E are non-paid, voluntary positions (although expenses are paid). The RD&E will be holding two Prospective Governor Meetings and three "meet a governor" drop-in sessions for those who are interested in serving their NHS and making a difference. To attend any of the sessions and for more information about becoming a Governor, please visit www.rdemembers.com

WILLAND ROVERS – HISTORY MAKERS

What a magnificent season we have had, making history for our Devon village. The history makers brilliantly led by Russell Jee and David Steele, got to the ¼ finals of the FA Vase for the first time in our history, the final of the Les Phillips Cup and won the league in high drama on the last day of the season.

Having crashed out in the FA Vase ¼ finals in late February, the weather beginning to turn and the pitches now showing sign of wear and tear, this is traditionally a tough time for us, but we carried on winning games and playing good exciting football, even when not at our best we still managed to score goals.

This season we have scored 152 goals in 52 games which is some achievement. Due to nature of our style of play some 5100 spectators have visited Silver Street this season. All of which is quite remarkable.

For once we were the bridesmaids losing in the final of the Les Phillips Cup by the old goals but in some way the sting of our season had been taken away from us by the events from the week before.

Travelling to third place Bitton, needing a draw to win the league, Bitton themselves could pip everyone if the calculators could work out the permutations. We got off to the worst possible start conceding a goal after 20 seconds, now the pressure was on but slowly we came into the game but could not find that allusive equaliser.

On the hour we were reduced to 10 men when one of ours was sent off for protecting one of our players from getting thumped. With second place Parkway winning and now top of the league as it stood we needed something special from someone.

But true Champions find a way; they don't lie down in the face of adversity and 2 minutes after being reduced to 10 men, Luke Alden popped up with a sublime finish to gain parity.

The news of our equaliser rumbled up the M5 to where Parkway were playing and they seemed to crumble under the pressure, conceding 2 goals to draw 3 all. Bitton however, if they won they would finish second so piled on the pressure. But the 10 men of Willand stood firm and secured that all important point that secured the league title.

So from 2019 Willand will be playing sides from Swindon, Winchester, Southampton, Forest of Dean, Thatcham and Portsmouth etc.

But for the record we achieved the following:

Western League winner

Runners Up in the Les Philips Cup Final

¼ finalist in the FA Vase.

Winners of the Charles Norsworthy Cup for being the friendliest and fairest club in Devon.

Winners of the Western League hospitality award. Not bad for a village side eh!

As for other awards Adam Hill our Captain won the supporters player of the year. Manager's player went to Brett Worbey, Players player was won by Luke Mortimore and young player to Ben Bickle. Jenny Mitchell and Cath Dinner jointly won the club person of the year award. Flowers were presented to an invaluable support of the club – our ladies who do so much behind the scenes without true recognition, Tracey Greening, Sonia Hurst, Mel Barrs, Caroline Dummett, Celia Force and Wendy Frost.

Lee Waterman of Willand Service Centre presented Brett Worbey with a boot voucher after he was deemed to be our most valuable player week in week out. Joe Curtis finished a close second behind him.

Local firm **Pickerings Hire** have come on board as a new sponsor this year sponsoring the new treatment room that we are required to have for the Southern League.

This is a number of changes that we need to compete at the next level, other ongoing works include infilling the pitch surrounding, creating outside toilet facilities and providing an additional seating area. Work has progress throughout the summer with a gang of us there every Saturday pottering around getting these tasks all done.

We thank them for their support and would like to thank all our continuing sponsors, supporters, back room staff, ground staff and committee for their tireless energy they display over the year to ensure that coming to our little part of Devon is an enjoyable experience.



THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST