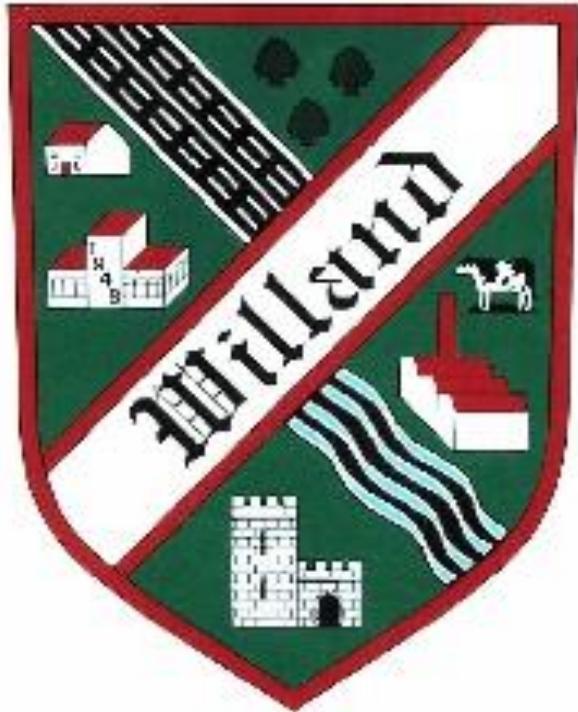


WILLAND MAGAZINE
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2019



LOCAL NEWS : LOCAL EVENTS : LOCAL CONTACTS

Delivered Free to Every Home

November 5th. Celebrations please take care if using fireworks and consider pet and animal owners, as this time of year can be very stressful for them. Christmas looms once more “Good will to all men” should be like that every day. Read on for local news and upcoming events.

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR - COMMENT & REPORT

Autumn is here and life is moving on at a pace which will bring some changes to our village but hopefully we will embrace them and get on with life for the benefit of all.

The Planning Inspector has allowed the appeal for the outline planning permission for 125 houses off Meadow Park. This is going to be about 100 more houses in the village on top of what was planned over the next five years or so. A full planning application will now have to be submitted and approved for what is called ‘reserved matters’. This will include full details of drainage, road layout, house layout and design, materials to be used and many other things. Once the full details of the application are available everyone will have the opportunity to comment and support or object to the details. The Parish Council has already put in a request, with the support of the three District Councillors, to Mid Devon District Council, to look at putting Tree Protection orders on the main trees in and around the site which are part of our landscape. In granting the appeal the Inspector has put numerous conditions on the development and he has also included quite generous payments to be made to the Primary School, Parish Council and WHCC to provide facilities within the village to assist with accommodating the additional residents. Part of the footpath along the main road (B3181) opposite the new house should also be widened. Sadly by the time we get it no doubt everything will cost that much more to provide!

The Big Lottery Fund has made us a grant of the maximum of £10,000 towards the cost of providing a major piece of play equipment in the Orchard Way Play Area. [I do not feel so bad now when I see I have won nothing on my lottery ticket.] We also received a grant of £1,000 from Devon County Council Locality Budget courtesy of Councillor Ray Radford. We then had a very pleasant and welcome surprise when Nicci Gratwicke, the Owner of PenCarrie Ltd., a major employer in the village, heard of the project and offered to top up the fund with the final £5,000. The order has been placed and it will hopefully be installed by the end of the year. It very much depends on when we can get into the construction and fitting program. Our thanks go out to all who have contributed and made this possible.

The Bus Shelter for South View Road has been ordered and will be erected when the groundwork team has a slot in their schedule. Once again this is to be provided by the generosity and public-spirited actions of PenCarrie Ltd.

It has come about as the result of Nicci's personal suggestion and the Parish Council has just worked in liaison with DCC to help make it happen. PenCarrie Ltd. is seeing to everything and there is no cost to the Parish. Thank you once again Nicci.

Phase 2 of the Mid Devon Business Park is to go ahead with access from the Four Cross Way Roundabout and through the existing Business site. Due to considerable local objections to the proposed enlargement of Hitchcocks Farm Business Park the owners are looking to scale down the size of the extension but there may be a loss of some of the proposed footpaths and other amenities.

The 'Phantom Hole Digger of Willand' is still at work in the Jubilee Field and this is costing you money to put it right. We have some evidence that metal detectorists are at work so if you see them please ask them to stop. We are in the process of looking to replace some of the older equipment in the fenced play area and to repair/replace the safety surface. This is going to be major financial commitment so any fundraising idea/donations will be willingly received.

Your Parish Council are now in the process of putting the budget together for next year which will set the precept for the Parish section of the Council Tax. Quotations are being sought for cutting the grass verges, cutting the grass and hedges in the play areas the Parish looks after and the grass and hedge cutting in the cemetery. We have to be aware of inflation and the possibility of the minimum wage rising. With the extra work and legal requirements falling on the Parish Councils we will also have to get some administrative help for the Clerk. Anyone with ideas, opinions or thoughts are asked to pass them onto the Clerk please – it would be appreciated if abusive comments, if you have any, are kept to yourself as we are all doing the best we can for our community.

John Holmes, our litter picker, and his team of helpers will have replanted the planters around the village for the winter and spring and once again the plants have been provided by The Old Well Garden Centre at a generous discount. Thank you to John and his volunteers and to the Compost Team and Sylvia from the allotments for providing the compost to refresh the ground.

Some members of the Parish Council, under the stewardship of Councillor Stephen Little, have started looking at putting together a Neighbourhood Plan which will hopefully set out the future development of the village, and perhaps surrounding area. This is a long and legal process but work will expand to encourage the involvement of the whole community so watch this space. The Parish Council and your Ward Councillors are involved in submissions to the Boundary Commission over the future Boundaries of areas and numbers of councillors for future representation of you at various levels of local and national government. Nothing to do with Brexit – honest – the outcome of this exercise must have a deal!

Work is going on at all levels at this time of year to cut back hedges, clear footpaths and drains and other areas of maintenance. You can help by firstly making sure that your own hedges, shrubs and gardens are not encroaching onto pavements and footpaths. If you see somewhere has been missed and you cannot sort it yourself, please report it to the appropriate Council. Please do not leave it for someone else to do as if we all adopt that position nothing will get done.

You cannot fail but notice there is growing concern and action to slow down climate change. MDDC Environment Policy Development Group, of which I am Chair, has been tasked with putting together and recommending policies and actions within MDDC. This will dovetail in with work being done by DCC and Exeter University. As more information comes to light our Group will be looking to engage and work with likeminded people and groups within the community. Many villages and towns already have such groups who are putting ideas forward. I am not aware of such a group within Willand but if there is please make contact with the Clerk. Despite many rumours we will not be recommending banning the use of cars, heating, mobile phones and tablets. I suggested such measures to my grandchildren and I think their parents are still dealing with their trauma. Seriously folks we do need to look at some serious changes now and for the future.

The shops are beginning to put up their Christmas displays so as this magazine covering December will be falling through your letter box way before Christmas may I take this opportunity to wish you all an early, but none the less, very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. **Barry Warren Chair Willand Parish Council**

BOB EVANS

I thought I would start by plugging Barry Warrens column where I'm hoping Barry has asked you to give comment on your experiences when contacting the council, as all three of your ward councillors sit on the Scrutiny committee and this is a scrutiny initiative, well it doesn't hurt to give it a plug, please respond if you do have comments.

Since my last update my PC suffered a bit of a memory loss and I have lost many e mails including past Willand magazine articles. So a brief recap is having lost the appeal on the 125 houses I can confirm the £250k section 106 money for Willand school was made safe, I am really pleased to have secured the desperately needed funds and hope the monies can assist Ann as the head teacher sort some of the known issues out.

We have received further complaints that street bins were not being collected, upon investigation it was found the bin had been emptied as per schedule but somebody had filled it with domestic waste, please don't please use your own

bins at home.

I'd be very interested in how you would like MDDC too look at parking around schools, although on street parking is a Devon County Council issue we can and should influence how County look to deal with this issue that is being increasingly raised by many residents.

Finally, how's life now that 2 Sisters has had their new air scrubbers fitted? Are there still any odour issues?

I do have a live case sitting with our local MP Neil Parish so any additional comments would be welcome.

I love to hear your comments, suggestions please. revans@middevon.gov.uk
As always you know how to contact any of us, any comments good or bad are welcome keep warm, stay safe.

R Evans. MDDC councillor, Lower Culm

WILLAND ROVERS – SLOW START IN THE LEAGUE AS ROVERS ADJUST TO LIFE IN THE SOUTHERN LEAGUE

The season is now well on its way as we head into October, during this month for the first time in the clubs history we are playing in the FA Trophy. It sad to say goodbye to the Vase where we have some great journeys and happy memories, but the Trophy is where we will be this year pitting out wits against the best non-league clubs in the country.

Our league season has started slowly losing the first 5 games as we find our feet at this new level. We certainly have not been outplayed and on 4 occasions the opposition goalkeeper has been man of the match. But while errors get punished at the back the striker need to find that ruthless streak in front of goal.

That said in the mid to end of September period we have now recorded 3 wins and a draw, so as the club and player adjust we are now seeing some the football performed last season and getting the results those performances deserve.



As part of us moving up a league we have had to undergo a FA ground grading inspection the result of that inspection is that we have to provide more seating for spectators, this was something we were expecting so the club have put together a planning application for a new grandstand

to sit alongside the existing grandstand. Other ground works are required but they are minor in comparison. We hope that by March we can start putting in the foundations for the new stand.

As you may be aware we run a coach to most away grounds leaving Willand in the morning and returning by 8 o'clock that same evening. It's a great day out and if you fancy it just pop down to the bar and let someone know your name.

Whilst we talk about things off the field, it won't be long before our Christmas bingo and Santa run are advertised look out for notices about these two events.

I must take the opportunity to thank Francis Bevon of **Pencarrie** and John Vigar of **Evolve** for the continuing support of the club. You can see a picture of Francis and the team with their tops and John with the goalkeeper and captain. Their support is much appreciated by us all. **Dominic Clark**



CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH

Rev Zdzisiu Hendzel from Wellington led our **Harvest celebrations**, ably assisted by his family. We learnt about their work in South Africa and as a result £100 was sent to support it. We also took a car load of produce to the food bank at CHAT. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. We are now in the process of **filling shoeboxes** with gifts for families in Eastern Europe.

Our **annual Christmas Coffee morning** will be shared with the scouts on **Saturday 30th November** in the village hall from 10a.m. There will be all the usual stalls, cakes, raffle, books etc. and a lucky dip. All with coffee included in the entrance fee of just 50p!

Christmas services- begin with the **Village Carol Service** in the village hall on **Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm**. This is free to everyone but donations will be taken for CHAT with mince pies and a drink served afterwards.

A **Candlelight Carol Service** at the Methodist Church on **Sunday 22nd December at 4pm**. will include all your favourite carols.

Christmas Eve Holy Communion on **Tuesday 24th December at 4pm**. Everyone is welcome to any or all of these services.

Our regular **coffee mornings** will be on Friday 6th December and Friday 3rd January from 10.30am.

The **Soup and Something lunches** will be on Friday 20th December and Friday 17th January from 12noon.

We wish all who read this a Happy and Blessed Christmas Season. **Joan Greet**
I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, but if it runs out I'll drink the red. (Cindy)

BLACKDOWN HILLS FOOD AND CRAFT FAYRE

The Blackdown Food & Craft Fayre 2019 was a huge success. As our Local Liberal Democrat Councillor Ross Henley remarked "It was the best one ever" With over 1,000 people attending on a truly lovely summer's day, the atmosphere was the very best that only the Blackdown Community can create. The 40 plus stall holders had a busy time, with Devon Fish providing its usual high standard of local fish complimented by Bollhayes's Champagne Cider who did equally well, aided perhaps by the hot weather, Flowers from Bridget's Flowers and Islebeck Nursery added to the variety of stalls. There was variety of mixed craft with glassware, cards, prints and photographs from Oliver Hollowell as well as unique lampshades from Nicola Cornish, plus willow weaving from Satori and wool weaving from Sarah Downer. There was local wood work from Carrot Oak and Blackdown Wood Crafts. Helen Humble provided information on Climate Change.

The Face Painting Stall was popular, as were the Cream Teas provided by Churchstanton Pre-school Group. Wallace's farm did a roaring trade as did Lorna' Porkers, local cheese products were quickly snapped up along with Bumblees award winning preserves to accompany them.

But this is only to name a few of the Stallholders, the majority of which have booked for next year. There was disappointment when the BBQ did not appear but in true Blackdown Style the Pre-school team, with help from volunteers and committee members rose to the occasion and produced sausage and bacon baps. The raffle composed of donations by the Stall holders helped swell funds to £700 for the Community Shop and the food raising a much needed £670 going to the Pre-school. A really great achievement for which we wish to give a huge THANK YOU to the smallholders and volunteers working on the day and the visitors that supported it by coming. **Trudy Morgan**

BRAND NEW NURSERY NOW OPEN

Gables nursery free open Morning

Saturday 16th November from 9.30-11.30

Willand has welcomed a beautiful new nursery in the heart of the village for children aged 0-2years and we would love for you to come along and visit us for a fun filled morning of messy play, music, and crafts.

We have an amazing team of highly qualified and experienced staff with years of experience within the under two's so please do come along and meet them.

The Gables has two beautifully decorated rooms, one for our toddlers with lots of self-accessible toys and physical play spaces and another room for our younger babies with soft fabrics and lots of mirrored areas.

We are open 8am-6pm Monday to Friday all year round, offering a variety of different session times to suit everyone's needs.

Special Offer If you sign your child up on the open day you will receive a **10% discount** off of your first months bill. Bring along the whole family for some yummy refreshments! We look forward to seeing you there.

For any more information contact gablesnursery@willandpreschool.org or call us direct on **01884 33711/07368192899**. **Gables Nursery, Gables Road, Willand, Cullompton, EX152PL. Claire Davey**

WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY (WITS)

WOW what a night, our Murder Mystery "**A Wedding to die for**" had a wonderful reception from our audience. We were completely sold out creating a marvellous atmosphere for our audience to witness a more unusual form of entertainment. With a three course hot meal and some very intense acting between courses, the best man got what he deserved according to the audience. The Bride's Mother was the culprit this time she was nominated by five tables with the winning table giving the best reason for the dastardly act. Many thanks go to our WITS colleagues who waited on tables and performed miracles in the kitchen to get all the food out hot. Tania gets a special thank you for such amazing food. With requests for another one soon, watch this space.



Rehearsals continue for next year's Pantomime. "**The Little Mermaid**" with the characters settling into their roles we are trying hard to make every Pantomime better than the one before.

This Pantomime gives us a chance to use projection on the rear wall to enhance the underwater scenes and hopefully enthral our audiences.

New Members have joined us this year as the society goes from strength to strength. So keep your diaries free for **February 21st and 22nd. 2020**

I take this opportunity to give thanks from all of our members to **Willand Post Office and Willand Pharmacy**. These important local businesses are a focal point of Village life, they do a fantastic job of selling tickets for all our shows throughout the year. Happy Halloween. **Sam Fincher**

CAMEO

We had a lovely outing to Widdecombe Fair and the walking group had been enjoying the autumn sunshine. A couple of old favourites along the old Tiverton

railway line with tea in the cafe at the canal basin. Then a circular walk starting in Halberton with tea at the farm shop. They had a nice walk along the lanes near Bampton, followed by tea. Our new little coffee mornings are proving very popular. We went to Helen's diner and to the Exe Vale Centre at Petrocs. We enjoy going there and meeting the Special needs students who make us so welcome.

The Singles group have started a new venture, a monthly lunch out. Our first one was to the Great British Fish Restaurant in Tiverton and in November we are going to Petrocs at the Exe Vale Centre. We've already booked our next holiday we are making a return visit to Thorsby Hall in Nottinghamshire but unfortunately we have to wait until next September.

We are having a tea party in December and our annual New Year lunch will be at the Halfway House. Our Speaker was Pauline Clayton, who along with her husband, train puppies who will later become guide dogs for the blind they were accompanied by Chippy a Labrador/retriever cross. He sat under the chair happily enjoying a doggie chew, he had a little snooze but was alarmed when we clapped after the vote of thanks! They take puppies from 8-14months teaching them basic behaviour patterns and then they go off to the training centre. Part of their training is to go to a hotel in Torquay where they meet their prospective new owners to see if they are compatible. Pauline said that after many years this will be the last in a long line of puppies they have trained as it is time-consuming and sometimes exhausting work. She answered many questions and Chippy certainly enjoyed the admiration he got from members! Our evening ended with a questionnaire about suggestions for future plans for Cameo. October was our A.G.M.

We have had a very successful year under the leadership of our new Chairman Peta who, along with our new secretary Pat, have introduced lots of new ideas and, with the backing of an excellent and hardworking committee, they have planned an inspiring programme for us in the coming year.

Our Xmas dinner will be at The Globe in Sampford Peverell. We are having an outing to Clark's Village, a skittles evening at the Halfway House, a Christmas lunch at the Exe Vale centre a visit to the Pantomime in Plymouth and a Coffee Morning at Knightshayes. We are going to be very busy, as always. We then had a fish and chip supper followed by Bingo, ably run for us by Frances Willcox helped by Judith. Our Cameo year ended with a draw, a great way to end a very enjoyable and successful year. Our November meeting will be a talk on "The benefits of massage and reflexology" if you would like to give Cameo a try you will be very welcome. We meet at the Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month (unless otherwise stated) at 7p.m. **Betty Penberthy**

Dear Santa, I was really good at being really naughty. Does that count?

How do you know when Santa's in the room? You can sense his presents.

WILLAND BEAVERS, CUBS AND SCOUT GROUP

Willand beavers, cubs and scout groups have gone from strength to strength over the past year with each group having nearly 30 members with more on the waiting lists.

Willand beavers have recently designed some rocks that they have distributed around the village and where they live so please keep a look out for them when you walk around the village. With woodland walks, a trip to Ikea and bowling as well as Christmas decorations and cards on the agenda, they have lots to keep them occupied while the winter approaches.

Willand cubs have recently been canoeing at Haven banks as well as the usual muddy walks this time of year, Monday nights are the new bath nights!

Willand scouts based at Halberton scout hut has doubled in numbers this past year leading to another successful group with walks at Kightshayes, climbing and Exeter airport visits all part of the term plan.

With remembrance Sunday drawing near we would like to invite members of the village to join Willand Scouts and the Guides at the village hall on Sunday 10th November to parade with us to St Mary's church leaving around 10.45 am in support of the British Legion. It is a lovely sight to see all the uniformed young people of our village and their families parading from the hall to the church, so please feel free to join us we would love to see you all there.

At the end of November keep your eyes open for the Methodist and scout group coffee morning. Posters will be out and with dates and times nearer the time.

I end with a plea for our group; we desperately need more adult volunteers to help with our groups. The young people of our village enjoy scouting and all the activities and challenges that it brings but we are short of permanent help every week. If you think you may like to join us and more importantly take part in all the fun things scouting has to offer please get in touch with either myself **Liesa(beavers) liesa.a.milligan@hotmail.com**

or James(scouts) James_bicknell@outlook.com to find out more. We would love to hear from anyone who is maybe able to help either on the nights, or if you have good ideas on fundraising and organisation skills to help us with camp / weekend trips away. We would be grateful for any extra help available to enable the group to continue to thrive and grow for the youngsters of the village and surrounding areas **Liesa Milligan**

NEWS from COLDHARBOUR MILL

The Museum is closed over the winter, except for special events (see below) and for pre-booked school and adult group visits (please phone or

email to enquire or book). It will reopen on weekdays from Easter 2020. Please visit the **website** to find out about the benefits of membership and to keep up to speed on events or buy discounted tickets for them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 13th November 6:30- 8.30p Public Consultation Evening in the Fox Gallery on Level 4 at the Mill. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. Please phone or email the Mill in advance if you will be attending. Coldharbour Mill Trust wish to invite you to attend our consultation evening and share your thoughts on caring for the Mill and preserving its unique legacy for future generations. For nearly 40 years, the Museum has brought to life the industrial revolution and is now recognised as being of national importance and one of the last remaining Georgian Woollen Mills still using period machinery and power. The evening will also be an opportunity to meet and question the current trustees and the Mill team including some of our volunteers who remain at the heart of the Mill. With the Mill costing over £300,000 to maintain per year your input is even more critical as we evolve the plans for the next 5 years.

Sunday 1st December 3pm-9pm – Christmas special **STEAM DAY** with lots of lights and Victorian fun!! Our updated **Mill Shop** is packed full of our exclusive wool yarns and textiles, as well as local crafts and some wonderful items made by our volunteers ideal for your unique last-minute Christmas gifts

Saturday 7th December – Friends of the Mill AUTUMN QUIZ at Uffculme Village Hall. Doors open 7pm for prompt start at 7.30pm. Entry £6 per person includes buffet supper with tea or coffee. Please book your table of four by phoning 01884 840309 or 01884 840880 by 30 November. No bar so please bring your own drinks. **All Welcome!** (*Parking at Magelake, only 5 mins walk*)

Volunteering: although the Mill will be closed over the winter, we still need volunteers among the many opportunities available, we are currently seeking people to take part in our Victorian Drama for school visits, and to help in the cafe mainly on Thursday mornings for an hour or two for coach parties, and also on Steam Days to find out more about volunteering at the Mill, email Lesley at **voldev@coldharbourmill.org.uk** or phone on 01884 840960 or email: **www.coldharbourmill.org.uk** or write to Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3EE. **Coldharbour Mill Trust Ltd is Registered Charity No: 1123386 Susan Wasfi.**

CULLOMPTON & DISTRICT FLOWER CLUB, Christmas Demonstration 'It's Christmas Let's Sparkle', with Lorena Dyer a National Demonstrator from Coventry. On Monday 2nd December 2019. Willand Village Hall, 7.30pm Refreshments from 6.30pm. Tickets on the door £10. **Mandy Bruce**

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve



The Advent Angel Trail is coming back in December!

The aim is to display as many Angels as possible around Willand so that children, families and *anyone* can wander around trying to spot them.

Please will you include an Angel in your Christmas display, either in your garden or in a window? and/or display a copy of the Advent Angel Logo somewhere prominently?

They will start appearing in December

Follow the Trail!!

How many Angels will you find?

To help you record your sightings, a map as well as logo to print out if needed, can be downloaded from St Marys Church, Willand website.

Some printed copies will be available in St Marys Church and Hall during December.

Completed maps can be entered for a Prize Draw,

Post them in St Marys Church Hall post box (Rectory Lane), by Christmas Eve.

The winner will be announced at the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at St Mary's Church 4.00 (or contacted afterwards)

Further info needed? Ring Simon Talbot 562570 or Chris Dodds 84090

WILLAND SCHOOL PTFA

Willand School Christmas Fayre 29th November at the school 5pm until 7pm

All welcome. There will be stalls, games, a raffle, chips and hot dogs and lots more.

Father Christmas will be visiting (tickets can be pre-booked through the school office)

The school have also recently asked for donations of lego and toy vehicles I wondered if we would be able to put this in the magazines as well?

Willand Primary School would be very grateful for any donations of lego and toy vehicles including tractors, diggers, dumper trucks etc. Donations can be given via the school office. Please check that vehicles are in good order with no broken parts, Thank you on behalf of the PTFA. **Helen Barker**

WILLAND SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Has just started its new sessions and have many vacancies for new members. No experience or special clothing is required and the club has a selection of bowls for users. This is a very friendly social club which plays every Wednesday evening from 7pm – 9:30pm in the Willand Village



Hall with refreshments included. Anyone under 17 years old need to bring a parent or guardian but there is no upper age limit and our current oldest is over 90. If you want to try it out then just come along or for more information contact **John Crocker, Secretary on 01884 35589.**

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Remembrance Sunday service on 10th November

We will be gathering at 10.45am at the War Memorial in the churchyard before moving into the church for a service. Please do join us as we remember the sacrifice and service of those who have served in the armed forces.

With November upon us it will not be long until Christmas.

As always we have a large number of opportunities to celebrate the festive period. We start with the fantastic **Village Hall carol service** in conjunction with Culm Valley Methodists **at 6.30pm 1 December**. I am sure this will be a wonderful occasion as different groups, churches and the school come together.

Other Christmas services include: 6.30pm 15th Dec St Mary's Carol service followed by refreshments in the Church Hall

3.30pm Friday 20 Dec Messy Church Christmas Special in Church Hall,

Rectory Close **4pm 22 Dec**, Candles to Remember, a short quiet service remembering loved ones who we will miss this Christmas time.

4pm 24th Dec Christingle service, always very popular so do arrive in plenty of time to guarantee a seat! **11.30pm 24th Dec** Midnight Communion

10.15am 25th Dec Christmas Service for all the family. **Simon Talbot**

Willand Composting Scheme

Opening Times Wed.Sun 10-12am

**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

Autumn Concert

The Wyndham Singers

With special guests

Taunton School AVE

(Advanced Vocal Ensemble)

Kentisbeare Village Hall

Saturday November 9th 7:00pm

Tickets £10.00/£5.00 under 18s

From Kentisbeare Post Office or singers

Or email wyndhamsingers@gmail.com

Bar/Refreshments available

All proceeds to ELF



Blackdown Hills

Repair Cafe
Bin it? No Way!

Hemyock Parish Hall

Saturday 23rd November 2019

10am to 12:30pm

Bring along your items for repair

ELECTRICAL

CERAMICS

CLOTHING

TEXTILES

COMPUTERS

FURNITURE

TOOL SHARPENING

BIKES

GARDEN TOOLS



Upcoming Cafes
Feb 15th 2020
BIG FIX
Mar 28th 2020
May 23rd 2020



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

A range of delicious refreshments will be on sale in the tearoom

Donations for Repairs Welcome

The Blackdown Hills Repair Cafe is an initiative of the Blackdown Hills Transition Group.
Contact blackdownhillsrcc@gmail.com for more information. Village Hall Postcode is EX15 3QW

Bus Route 20



Find us on Facebook - RepairCafeBlackdowns

WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME (WCCS).

URGENT- WE NEED your empty bags.

When you purchase bags of compost, we would be grateful if you please return the empty bags. Please look in your sheds/garages or even if you know someone who has could you let them know of our need. Bring them back to enable us to continue would be really good. Thankyou.

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

- **CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR.**

During this period the site will be: -

CLOSED FROM 12 noon - Sunday 22nd December 2019.

REOPEN FROM 10.00am - Sunday 5th January 2020.

COMPOSTING MATTERS

- **LEAVES.**

The first method to deal with leaves instead of raking is to mow the leaves (mower to have collector) then cover your soil (flower beds/vegetable plot) with the mowed leaves. This will add nutrients to the soil.

Alternatively, we accept **DRY** leaves. Please deposit in the nominated bay - nearest to the main gate. Your co-operation is appreciated.

- **GARDEN WASTE.**

Please continue to deposit **ONLY** that which we accept (see signage).

Particularly, Grass Cuttings need to be fresh and not left to be rotted in bags/wheelie bins.

- **SHREDDINGS - FREE**

All garden waste is shredded and deposited in a separate bin. Over time this is mixed with grass cuttings and/or leaves as part of composting. Currently the volume of shredding's is greater than we can compost. To create room, we are offering Shredding's for **FREE**; we are informed that allotment holders and those with large gardens benefit from shredding's being rotavated or dug into the ground this brings on better growth.

- **CHRISTMAS TREES – we accept**

Providing they have no decorations; baubles and the branches are no more than 1" in diameter.

From all of us we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Tony Mander Mob.07980472242

Email tmander931gmail.com

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

No much to report in this issue. Our seagull seems to have moved on, since the arrival of the plastic owl and cut-outs of other birds of prey. Hopefully, he has found a mate and gone off to the seaside.

The new boiler, which serves all the side rooms, has now been installed. Hopefully this new boiler will remedy the heating problems we had last year in the annexe. It can be accessed remotely, which should mean efficiency savings on our fuel bills.

The steps at the side of the Tennis Club will be altered soon, as they are a potential Health and Safety risk.

Now that the weather is getting cooler, please make sure that you close all the outside doors once you have started your event. It is amazing how much heat is lost when the doors are open.

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

		DIARY DATES WILLAND VILLAGE HALL		
November				
Saturday	2 nd .	Devon & Cornwall Welsh Corgi Club Show	11.00 am	
Saturday	9 th .	Willand Craft Market	11.00 am	
Saturday	23 rd .	Charity Bingo	7.00 pm	
Saturday	30 th .	CVMC Coffee Morning	10.00 am	
Saturday	30 th .	Pop Up Cinema	7.00 pm	
December				
Sunday	1 st .	Village Carol Service	6.30 pm	
Saturday	7 th .	Bramblehaies Coffee Morning	10.00 am	
Saturday	14 th .	Willand Craft Market	11.00 am	
Saturday	21 st .	Pop Up Cinema	7.00 pm	

WILLAND SCHOOL

Auditor needed

Is there anyone with auditing qualifications who could spare a little time to audit a small school account? If you are able to help please contact Mrs Hills in the school office or phone her on 01884 820367. Thank you.

REGULAR EVENTS AT 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
Pilates with Leanne	Wednesday	5.30 pm
Indoor Bowls Club	Wednesday	7:00 pm
Garden Club	2 nd Wednesday	7:30 pm
Pilates with Ellie	Thursday	8.15 am
University of the 3rd Age (U3A)	1 st Thursday	2.00pm
CAMEO	1 st Thursday	7.00 pm
Karate	3r & 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	3rd Saturday	7:30 pm
Folk Dance	2 nd Saturday	8:00 pm
Rugby Tots	Sundays	9:30 am
Martial Arts	Sundays	6:30 pm

What's the forecast for Christmas Eve? Rain, dear.

WILLAND SCHOOL

It is almost half-term already and we have settled well into our new school year. We have welcomed two new teachers in Years 3 and 5 and they are enjoying their new classes. Our term to date has been filled with activities, Year 5 pupils have completed Bikeability training, which teaches them to ride their bikes safely on the roads, Years 5 and 6 took a trip to Dawlish Warren to learn about coastal processes, Year 3 went to Farmwise at Westpoint to learn about where their food comes from and Year 4 found their way around Killerton House grounds using orienteering skills. In sport, we have taken part in football matches and a High-Five (netball) tournament.

The school year began with the democratic process of establishing our school council. Two councillors are elected in each class and these children attend regular meetings. The council makes important decisions about for instance, which charities to support each year. The Chair and Vice Chair are both pupils in Year 6.

Over the summer holidays, the school was fitted with solar panels to enable us to produce our own eco-friendly energy. By doing this, we are reducing our carbon footprint and therefore lowering our contribution to climate change.

Most school weeks end with a celebration assembly whereby each class shows the rest of the school and their parents what they have been learning about. Our half-term will end with our Harvest Assembly after which Year 6 pupils will share the school's harvest gifts with some of Willand's community.

Chloe, Jessica and Tallulah.



Our 2019-2020 season is now well underway. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Village Hall 8.00-10.30pm and hold a monthly dance on the second Saturday of the month 8.00-11.30pm. We are currently the only Club in the south west who currently hold a regular Saturday dance for 11 months of the year and we are very proud of this fact.

By the time you are reading this we will have had two Saturday dances which have been well attended and our Thursday Club Nights have also been well attended. We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and welcome new dancers of any age - and your first visit is free. We are always pleased to see new faces – whatever your age – so why not come along and check us out.

Coming up in November we have our Dinner Dance on Saturday 9th November (ticket only for this one) but our Saturday Dance in December is on the 14th with the Dartmoor Pixie Band and caller Sarah Bazeley. We also have our New Year's Eve Dance on the 31st December 8.00pm to 12.30 with Jane Thomas and Robert Blackborow and music by 'A pair of Shears'. We are always pleased to see new faces – whatever your age – so come along join us.

If you are new to the village and would like to 'try us out' would be happy to arrange some help with the various moves before a Club Night starts please get in touch with me on 01404 47200 for any further information about this.

More details can be found on our Website – willandfolkdanceclub.co.uk where you can see how active we are, or if you would like more information, please don't hesitate to ring on the above number.

Marilyn Broom - Chairperson



THE OLD WELL

**MONDAY DEC 2ND
OPEN UNTIL 8PM**

COFFEE BAR AND RESTAURANT OPEN

**MEET FATHER
CHRISTMAS**

**BUY
DECORATIONS
AND
PERFECT
GIFTS**

**TRY
DELICIOUS
TASTINGS**

**CAROL
SINGERS**

MORE INFO: 01884 840873

Did you know that Father Christmas has a daughter? Her name is Mary Christmas!

WILLAND FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

The weather before the Show on 17th. August didn't help, but the total number of exhibits for all classes was still 158, from 21 competitors. Even with the weather, the vegetable and flower classes were well supported, but entries for the other classes were disappointing.

Next year, don't forget that our Show is open to all for all sections. You don't have to be a gardener to enter photographic, craft, flower arranging or cookery classes.

Jennifer Catley (01884 798370) Show Secretary

WILLAND GARDEN CLUB

Our coffee morning on 14th. September was quite successful, but we would have liked some more visitors to come along. The coffee mornings are good opportunities to have a chat with friends, enjoy a tea or coffee and possibly find some bargains or win a raffle prize.

At our September meeting on 11th. September, Jeremy Wilson talked on "Blood, Sweat and Tea" - the history of tea, how and where it is grown and how the British came to enjoy it so much. We are having a DVD in October and, in November, Becca Flintham will be talking about Wildlife Gardening. Our AGM is in December, after which we have a short break until our meeting on March 2020.

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**

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WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

The History Group has little to report so far as our own activities are concerned, but would like to promote an event at Willand Church Hall, Rectory Close, on Thursday, 14 November, from 2.30-4.00pm, when Charles Scott-Fox will be giving a talk on the 'History of Imprisonments in Exeter'. Everyone is welcome, and it promises to be really interesting.

A couple of curious articles have recently surfaced from the Archive. One was published in the *Devon & Somerset News* 16 October 1919 and concerns a Willand Men's Club temperance meeting at which a Dr Robert Simpson of

Plymouth lectured on 'the scientific aspect of the temperance question' with the intention of proving that alcohol is injurious to human beings. There were around 30 men present, and one of them said that, "First we were shown the effects of alcohol on vegetable life, then its effects on the lower forms of life, tadpoles and chickens, and finally on the human brain. Photos and diagrams showing the result of scientific experiments proved that the functional activities of the brain are weakened by even moderate doses of alcohol. He contended therefore that his argument for total abstinence was unassailable."

Fifteen years later, an unrelated article appeared in the *Devon & Somerset News* on 31 May 1934 under the headline of 'CAR VERSES COW', but the reality of the incident was not so amusing as this suggests. Soon after midday on the previous Tuesday two bullocks belonging to Mr Edwards of Woodcoxhayes emerged from a lane leading from Park Farm at Tiverton Junction (where Stoneman Engineering now is, on Station Road). Just at that moment Mrs Fowke (the wife of a bank manager), travelling in her 'light motor car' from the Halberton direction collided with one of the bullocks 'and carried it a considerable distance. Mrs Fowke's son was catapulted against the windscreen. The cow's injuries were such that it was considered advisable to shoot it immediately'. The sad act was carried out by Henry Eveleigh of Park Farm in the yard of the Railway Hotel (located under what is now the M5 Motorway), but to make things worse 'The radiator of the car was completely wrecked, and the Triplex windscreen was "starred" all over.'

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

Guy Fawks fun

What do you call a duck who likes watching fireworks? **A firequacker**

What do you get when you cross a dinosaur with fireworks? **Dinomite**

A pyrotechnic expert friend of mine lost his job after the fireworks did not go off in the right sequence: **That's bang out of order**

**STAY SAFE AND HAVE A GOOD CHRISTMAS BEST WISHES FROM THE
MAGAZINE TEAM**

What type of Christmas dessert shouldn't you trust? **Mince spies**

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