

**WILLAND MAGAZINE**  
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**2019**



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As another summer wanes and preparation for Autumn begins, just a quick reminder - please sweep those leaves and pick them up as putting them in the gutter will block the drains!! Look out for our loyal supporters who advertise in the magazine - always keep your copy handy for future reference.

**WILD TRI AND WILD TRI EXTREME – SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2019**

An exciting new event comes to Devon for the first time this year when Hospiscare hosts Wild Tri, and its big brother, Wild Tri Extreme.

Routes for both Wild Tri and Wild Tri Extreme will take participants across the bleak and stunning landscapes of Dartmoor by bike and on foot, and each will include a section that will see them scrambling through pools. They will be in the capable hands of Climb South West, who have a strong track record of leading ultra-sport events across the South West and Wales.

It costs £30 to register for Wild Tri and £35 for Wild Tri Extreme, and Hospiscare kindly asks that each registrant raises a minimum of £85 sponsorship money.

**For more information visit [www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/flagship/wild-tri](http://www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/flagship/wild-tri) or call 01392 688020.**

**CULM VALLEY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW Saturday 21st September**

After last year's very successful event we move into our second decade of Model Railway Shows at Willand Village Hall. This is a great day out for families and is super fun for visitors and club members alike. Children can drive trains on our SOLDOR model railway layout featuring the little blue engine and his friends. The older (or just more experienced children) can even shunt wagons whilst for the younger ones there are push buttons to work Toby and send him into a tunnel and out of a different one.

We have a new Exhibition Manager in Chris Shields for this our 11th Show on SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER at WILLAND VILLAGE HALL. As usual, it is open from 10am until 4.30pm & the cost remains the same at £4.00 for adults and only £1.50 for children. There is, of course, free parking and wheelchair access to most of the hall.

We like to change manager every few years just to freshen things up a bit with new ideas but the format is basically the same with 15+ layouts never seen before in Mid-Devon. Whilst we try to keep exhibitors local to Devon and Somerset, we have stretched the net further and have a Canadian layout from Wales! We even have some real steam loco's on display for the more mechanically minded amongst you.

Ray Heard will be attending once again, selling top quality second-hand items at bargain prices in all the popular gauges, including overseas. Keith's Bits & Pieces from Weston-super Mare will also be here selling bits & pieces of anything to do with model railways at very low prices!

As usual, excellent refreshments will be provided, including bacon baps, hot dogs, pasties, sandwiches etc. as well as tea, coffee and cold drinks.

We hope to see you in Willand on the 21st as the show is not just for enthusiasts but also a great family day out. For further information about the show or the club visit our webpage [www.cvmrc.co.uk](http://www.cvmrc.co.uk) or phone Chris Shields on 01884 253945 or me, **Peter Fosberry on 01884 821811. You can contact us by email at [cvmrc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cvmrc@hotmail.co.uk)**

## **NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME – WILLAND OLD VILLAGE GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS**

On Saturday, the 15th and Sunday, the 16th June, the six gardens in Willand and the Allotments welcomed 235 visitors. The weather was mixed, with sun on Saturday and some rain on Sunday. A record number of visitors helped us to raise a record amount of £2,021. The Old Well Garden Centre generously donated a voucher for £30 and this, together with other donated prizes, raised £110.00 in a raffle, the first time we have tried this. The first two prizes were won by residents. We were also able to offer delicious home-made teas; ice creams; hot and cold drinks; a large selection of plants; jams and preserves to purchase. All enjoyed themselves, some asking when we would be opening again in 2020. It is likely to be June again, and we would welcome more gardens to join the group. Please contact **Dorothy Anderson, 01884 33415.**

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH**

Autumn term is always a busy time at St Mary's with groups and clubs starting again after the holidays. Rockers (baby & toddler group) starts from 9.15am 9th September, St Mary's Guild (Ladies Fellowship) 2.30pm 12th September, Lunch Club (for seniors) 12.30pm 18th September and Messy Church for primary age families 3.30pm 20th September. If you'd like to know more about any of these groups, please do get in touch.

Autumn also brings Harvest time, St Mary's Service will be at 10.15am Sunday 6th October (followed by lunch) and All Saint's Bradfield Sun 13th October at 6.30pm (followed by a tea). At both these services there will be an opportunity to give dried, tinned and packet food to our local Food Bank run by CHAT in Tiverton.

It's been a pretty good summer for farmers this year with a mix of sunshine and rain. All this reminds us how much we rely on God for the conditions we need to grow our food and feed our animals. Do join us as we give thanks for all we have, pray for the coming year and remember the harvest God has invited us all to be part of. It's easy to take God's goodness for granted, so please do join us if you can. **Rev Simon Talbot, Rector St Mary's Willand**

**Tel: 562570 email: [simon@thetalbots.org.uk](mailto:simon@thetalbots.org.uk)**

**COLDHARBOUR MILL STEAM DAYS are Sunday 29th September, and Sunday 27th October** with tours of the Steam complex and the Working Factory, children's activities, and much more! 10.30am-4.30pm.

**DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS ON THE 27TH OCTOBER**

## **WILLAND METHODIST CHURCH** (Gables Road)

Our **coffee mornings** are on the first Friday of each month 10.30-12noon

The very popular **Soup & Something** lunches are on Friday 13th September (*note a change from the usual date*), Friday 18th October and Friday 15th November from 12noon. These are all free but donations collected are given to charity. We will be sending £300+ to the **Devon Air Ambulance** as a result of donations received in recent months.

Our **Harvest Festival Celebrations** this year will be led by Rev Zdzisiu Hendzel. On Saturday 14th September from 6pm we have our Harvest Supper and Zdzisiu will tell us a little about his time in South Africa. If anyone would like to join us please come along. Our Sunday morning service at 10.30am on the 15th will also be led by Zdzisiu. The Harvest celebrations will continue in the afternoon at 3pm when Rev Paul Booth will lead the Prospects worship.

Our **Fellowship group** will resume after the holiday period, normally meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings.

**Propsects** is primarily for people with learning/physical disabilities but is open to anyone who would like to come along. We will meet on Sunday 15th September and Sunday 17th November at 3pm to share concerns, worship, prayer, craft activities, music and tea. A warm welcome awaits you!

Our annual **Christmas coffee morning** at the village hall in Willand is on Saturday 30th November 10am-12 noon. Please make a note in your diaries now. **Joan Greet**



**WILLAND** September sees the start of our 2019-2020 **FOLK DANCE CLUB** season and we have an excellent programme arranged for Club Nights and monthly Saturday Dances right through to July 2020.

We meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and our first Club Night is on the 12<sup>th</sup> September. Jane Thomas is calling and The More the Merrier Band will be playing for us. The Band is known as 'the Club Band' which is run by Mary Marker. New musicians are always welcome to join their practise evenings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Methodist Church School Room in Gables Road. If you are a musician and are interested in joining them contact Mary on 01626 854141. Mary will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

If you are an inexperienced dancer or new to the area and would like to come along for a taster session, your first visit is free. We 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.

Our Saturday Dances are held on the second Saturday of the month. Our first Saturday Dance is on the 14<sup>th</sup> September. Our caller for the evening is Geoff Cubitt from Litchfield and music will be supplied by Kelly's Eye from the same

area. This is an excellent combination which appear at many of the Folk Festivals nationwide so we are assured of an enjoyable evening.

More details can be found on our Website – [willandfolkdanceclub.co.uk](http://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**

## **CAMEO**

We have been very busy these last few weeks and that is how we like it. Our Speaker at our July meeting was from the Devon Samaritans charity. Monica (not her real name as all their work is highly confidential) told us about the beginnings of their organisation and how it started in a very small way and is now country wide. Monica could obviously not relate individual cases but what we did learn was heartrending. However, her talk was not all sad and worrying, it was interspersed with humorous bits as well. Monica herself came across as a very caring but outgoing person who could see the funny side of life. We asked her numerous questions and thanked her for a very interesting, thought provoking talk. We ended the evening on a lighter note trying to identify various pop stars and celebrities. We did not do very well but it was fun!

We had a lovely afternoon out in glorious sunshine when we went from Exeter to Exmouth on the canal and then along the Exe estuary enjoying a cream tea on the boat too. A few days later saw us all in Sandra's pretty garden, another sunny day, where we had a delicious buffet lunch provided by Sandra with help from committee members. We enjoyed a game organised by Peta and Margaret ran a raffle. We had a great time and raised quite a lot of money for our charity. Our monthly Coffee Morning was at the Bakehouse in Cullompton and we had a second one at the cafe at College Surgery where we able to sit in the garden. The Walking Group had a beautiful walk around Wimbleball Reservoir and took photos of the lovely views.

Our August meeting was a Barbeque at Peta's house. Fortunately, she had a large gazebo as it was mizzling on and off all the afternoon. We thought this was unfair after all the glorious weather we'd had earlier in the week, but that's English summers for you! It didn't spoil things however and Peta and the committee did us proud with delicious food and drink. We had a successful raffle so we think we have raised quite a bit of money for our charity South West Children's Hospice. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and that's what Cameo is all about, having a good time and making new friends. We all arrived home just as the heavens opened so we were very lucky.

We are looking forward to our outing to Widdecombe Fair in September. September sees us back in the Village Hall for our meeting when the Speaker will be Pauline Clayton on "Training Puppies for the Blind". If you would like to come along and see what we do, we meet in the Village Hall on the 1st Thursday of the month (unless otherwise stated) at 7p.m. You are very welcome to come along and we have an interesting programme arranged for the months ahead. **Betty Penberthy**

## **IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE – AND THANK YOU**

Brian E Holmes & Pauline A Balaam, Rose Mullion, Old Village, Willand.

Brian and Pauline were both Willand Parish Councillors back in the 1990's and as a result another 'fixture' in the village, Eddie Dennis, has known them as colleagues and friends for close on 40 years.

They always took a great interest in the appearance and facilities available in the village from fly posting, litter, dog bins and much more. Brian had a great interest in the public footpaths in the area and he also drew up a map of the roads in the village and continually updated them as new developments were completed and occupied, a task he continued right up until this year.

Around about the time they left the Parish Council they started the Willand Magazine with Brian being the Editor and Pauline seeing to the accounts as it became, and still is, a much sought after medium for local businesses to advertise in. It contained many useful contact numbers and articles of interest from local organisations. It was, and still is, delivered to every household in Willand, free of charge, every two months by a willing band of volunteers. There is also a mailing list of people who have left the village but still like to receive the magazine.

When I joined the Parish Council Brian regularly attended meetings with updates on various subjects and was always a point of reference on many issues. When he and Pauline decided it was time to hand over the reins of the magazine, they still made themselves available to help and advise the new Editor and even ensured there was a seamless handover of all the advertising details and accounts.

Brian and Pauline left the village at the end of July for pastures new to be nearer to family. They still want to receive their copy of the magazine. The village has lost two very dedicated members of the local community. As Chair of the PC I have lost my eyes and ears at that end of the village. I am certainly going to miss my telephone calls from Brian which usually started with the words, "It's only me. Sorry to bother you Squire." A lot will also miss watching Brian build his pride and joy, the little red sports car, over the years.

A very sincere thank you from all of us who have known you and shared your interest and enthusiasm for the village. On a personal note we thank you for your valued help and friendship. Good luck for the future and enjoy the rest of your lives with our good wishes. **Eddie Dennis & Barry Warren.**

## **WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY (WiTS)**

Auditions have now taken place for next year's Pantomime "The Little Mermaid". A few new faces auditioned along with the new members from last year and all the regulars. It looks to be an exciting cast although, due to school exams, some of our junior members were unable to commit this year and will be missed. So, if there are any youngsters reading this who might like to give it a go, we can always find you a place. Some famous celebrities started in local amateur

societies. Academy award winner Emma Stone started very young as “Annie” in local theatre, not to mention Anna Kendrick and “Captain America” Chris Evans and Robert Pattinson of “Twilight”, Morgan Freeman...I could go on and on. Youngsters have to get that confidence somewhere.

The performance of “The Little Mermaid” written by one of our members will be in the school half term as usual in February. Look out for posters and banners around the village nearer the time.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> we hope to confound you with a “who done it” murder mystery with a clue in the title “A Wedding to die for”. This will include a three course meal with action taking place before and in between courses. Look out for the clues, can you help DS Jones solve this grisly murder? Tickets are only £10 and posters will be going up around 18<sup>th</sup> August. Tickets can also be purchased online from [ticketsource.co.uk/willandtheatricalsociety](http://ticketsource.co.uk/willandtheatricalsociety) from 18<sup>th</sup> August. Again, this production is written by one of our members. Hear the dirty linen aired in public and see if you can find the killer. Don't miss out on an unusual evening of entertainment.

Many thanks to our fantastic audiences who support us so loyally in all weathers. We are all so grateful. **Sam Fincher**

**CANDLES ON THE CANAL – SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER (ARRIVAL FROM 4:30PM)** Family, live music and a time to remember... join hundreds of local people remembering a loved one this September. Candles on the Canal is a brand new event designed to support you and your family and will be taking place in Exeter on Saturday 21 September at 5.30pm (arrival from 4.30pm).

Starting and ending at the relaxed and family-friendly environment of the Double Locks pub, Hospiscare is inviting people to come together to remember loved ones and celebrate their lives. As part of the evening, you will walk alongside the canal returning to see a raft of glowing candles, each one lit in memory of somebody special.

Everyone is welcome regardless of who you are remembering, how long ago you lost them or whether they were looked after by Hospiscare. The event will be family-friendly and all inclusive; four-legged friends will be very welcome, too.

Ticket prices – Adults: £10 Young People 12-18: £5 Under 12s: free **For more information visit [www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/flagship/candles-on-the-canal](http://www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/flagship/candles-on-the-canal) or call 01392 688020.**

**ST MARY'S LUNCH CLUB APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEER COOK(S)**  
Would you like to serve the community by helping, on a voluntary basis, to cook for around 40 senior citizens at our Lunch Club held in St Mary's Church Hall on the third Wednesday of each month?

We meet for a two course cooked meal, with tea and coffee to follow. We are currently almost full to capacity, and it would be sad for our members to lose

this service due to lack of volunteer support. The meals are prepared in our kitchen and are to a standard much appreciated by our regulars. The cost is £5.00.

Cooks would only be required to provide meals twice a year, on a rota basis with our other volunteer cooks. We have several other willing people to help on Lunch Club Day, with setting up and serving meals, etc. Our cooks are required to obtain a level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate, paid for by us, and can be undertaken online or otherwise. Support for this is available and the Safety Course is not difficult.

Lunch Club Day is warmly welcomed by our members and is always a happy occasion, offering our senior citizens an opportunity for social contact, good food and some conversation.

If you would like to help or are interested in coming to Lunch Club when there are vacancies, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact:

**David and Norma Carne on 01884 798741.**

### **WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR - COMMENT & REPORT**

It appears to be a relatively quiet time for the Parish Council at present. We now have a full complement of 11 Parish Councillors. A small group of Councillors are exploring the possibility of producing a Neighbourhood Plan for the future and they will be outlining their ideas in a separate article.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting the appeal decision to the application for 125 houses off Meadow Park instead of the planned for 42. The 28 houses for rent at Rowan Lea have started to be occupied and so I am sure that we will welcome some newcomers to Willand, or possible returnees, as they should be let to people with a Willand connection. We are awaiting a response to our application to the Big Lottery Fund for a major piece of equipment to go in Orchard Way Play Area. They have been in contact for more information and so, hopefully, a decision will be made shortly. Work is progressing well for the provision of a new bus shelter in South View Road and a good tidy-up has been taking place in and around Durban Works and more will be done thanks to the owners. More of all this in the next issue.

The planning application in respect of Phase 2 of the Mid Devon Business Park is progressing through the system. A major application has been submitted to expand the Hitchcocks Business Park which is creating a lot of responses for and against the proposal. There will be opportunities for more jobs and economic benefits for the area but there are some concerns as to size and visual effects, flooding potential and other issues to be balanced. At present Highways England have put a 6 month delay on any decision as there appears to be traffic volume concerns and DCC Highways want more information.

Does anyone know who keeps digging small holes in the ground of the Jubilee Field, particularly around the balance bars at each end of the 'balance trail'? They are creating potential dangers for people using the equipment and it costs

money to us all to keep filling them in. It may be that we end up spending a thousand pounds plus to put down a 'Grasslock' surface - money that could be spent elsewhere in the village. A new picnic bench has not long been supplied and fitted but some poor misguided idiot tried to set fire to it. Apart from concerns on social media about the cycle track there have also been some positives with some of the responsible older lads helping and encouraging the younger children. We have a working group looking at what can be done to improve matters further one problem to be overcome is money!

Some hedges have been cut by landowners to make various footpaths more useable but there are more to be done. Dialogue between the Parish Council, landowners, DCC and MDDC are ongoing but please let the Parish Clerk know of any areas of concern, or particular danger, and we will see what can be done. Let us please keep working to improve our community and make Willand a nice place to live. **Barry Warren Chair Willand Parish Council**

### **COMMENTS AND VIEWS FROM BOB EVANS DISTRICT COUNCILOR**

2 Sisters - I am informed that the promised installation of a new air scrubber unit should be complete and that odour issues will be a thing of the past, let us hope so! I have a further meeting arranged with the management team on 20th August and will discuss details then. Despite this, if there are any instances of odour, noise, etc. please call 0800 807060 and report.

Many may have read that MDDC adopted a policy that aims to reduce carbon emissions to zero by 2030, this being 20 years pre the Government target of 2050. For those associated with MDDC Operations and within Mid Devon as a whole, this is a daunting task and one that I fear may lead to some unachievable expectations.

My adopted policy, reducing the use of single use plastics, was one of several initiatives already in place prior to this latest move. MDDC had an excellent reputation for its proactive stance on climate issues. Many previous opposition voices to the installation of solar panels on our social housing and public buildings now find themselves having to adopt a very different public stance. It's a funny old world.

We send no waste to landfill, with waste that cannot be reused / recycled sent to the Energy from waste plant in Exeter. Neither do we send any materials abroad for them to dump in landfill; all our waste sent for recycling is tracked from despatch to final process.

There is always more we can do as individuals and here are a few simple things to help....

Use your recycling boxes. Unfortunately, many households still don't do this or only do some recycling. If you need another box just call 01884 255255 and request an extra box or two! They are free and we are happy to supply and collect through the normal refuse service.

Please don't put food waste in you bin or bags, we supply a caddy and empty it EVERY week.

Garden waste - a scheme that has sent thousands of tons of green waste for composting, saving not only landfill space but also associated carbon emissions when rotting in the ground. Yes we charge as it's not a service we are required to provide and not everybody needs, yet despite many individuals confidently predicting a poor take-up we have some 10,000 satisfied customers, of which I'm one. The annual charge for a 240ltr bin is £49, a 140 litre bin is £38, both emptied fortnightly.

*Yes please:* plants, shrubs and weeds - cut flowers – leaves, twigs and small branches (less than 15cm/6” diameter) - grass cuttings - hedge cuttings.

*No thanks:* Food waste – cardboard - pet waste and faeces - bricks, soil and rubble - large branches - plastic bags and plant pots - black sack waste or recycling.

Junk Mail - You can ask not to receive “Junk Mail” by calling the Mail preference scheme 020 7291 3310 OR Direct Marketing association 020 7291 3300. Look at the Citizens advice web site for further information. Any requests take a couple of months to feed through and stop such mail for two years - that's a lot of saved paper waste!

Should you wish to talk to me or ask a question my contact details are in the front of the magazine or on the web pages of MDDC. **Bob Evans MDDC Lower Culm**

## **A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR WILLAND**

At its last meeting the Parish Council agreed to start a process which will enable the community of Willand to set its own vision for the future of the village, to express this in a Neighbourhood Plan and, by doing so, identify positive initiatives by the community in support of this vision.

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the Localism Act in 2011. The idea behind localism is that decision-making should be passed to a more local level, from national or local government to local communities. Every area can produce a plan for its future development, subject to wider national and district policies. After being checked by the District Council the Plan is put to a vote by all residents.

A Task Group has met and is beginning to put together a programme of consultation over the next twelve months or so. This is to make sure any plan truly takes into account the views of everyone involved in Willand. The heart of the consultation will be to gather together what we think is good about Willand, and what could make it even better.

The initial members of the Task Group are Parish Clerk Kate Taylor and Cllrs Simon Dilke-Wing, Frances Wilcox and Stephen Little. Emails sent to [npg@willand-pc.org.uk](mailto:npg@willand-pc.org.uk) will be read by all of us.

## **WILLAND ROVERS – SUMMER SCHEDULE NOW COMPLETE, FOOTBALL ABOUT TO START**

The gap between the end of the season and the start seems to get shorter every year. To add to our excitement, we have a new league to prepare for so a gang of committee members and volunteers have been working away most Saturdays to get the ground up to the requirements of the Southern League.

Local firm **Pickerings** have supplied us with a unit that we can use as a treatment room. Another local firm **Live West** has sponsored our terrace stand. We are very grateful to them and all our sponsors young and old.

One of the many requirements we have to adhere to is that the pitch has to be protected so that a ball cannot go through onto the terrace from waist height downwards. Wire netting has been fixed all the way round the pitch side and we are extremely grateful to David, Mike, Graham, Richard and John who spent many hours ensuring that this was done.

New outside toilets have been installed so spectators do not have to come into the club house to use our facilities. These will be opened soon.

The last job to do is to apply for planning permission so we can put a new seated stand alongside the pitch. This will give us the necessary number of seats we require.

We have completed our pre-season with some new and returning players added to the squad. Returning are Ben Mammola, Will Richards and Craig Veal. A new addition is Douglas Baptista Camilo, a Brazilian midfielder who played last season at Taunton.

Off the field we are hoping shortly to announce news about a musical extravaganza planned for next year.

By the time you read this we will have already started playing competitive games winning our first against St Austell in the FA Cup; a competition we would like to go a few rounds in. It's important to us as a club because competitions like this keep the Willand village on the map as per our Vase run last year which attracted interest nationally. The league campaign will have started alongside Cup games, having just completed our first month of football and travelled to Reading, North Devon and Southampton and been visited by sides from Bristol and Swindon.

We hope to still be in the FA Cup and planning our first ever game in the FA Trophy in October.

We would love to see you at any of our games and hope you will enjoy what you see. **Dominic Clarke**



## **WILLAND COMMUNITY WATCH**

In the March parish magazine, I wrote about setting up a village-wide network of volunteers to help make Willand an even nicer and safer place to live than it already is, and I'm pleased to announce that we have now launched Willand Community Watch (WCW). We have broken down the village into 5 'wards', and each will have a Community Co-ordinator. The wards are Willand Moor Road estate, The Orchards, Old Village, Meadow Park estate and Somerlea estate. Over time, we will look for volunteers to look after smaller areas within these wards, maybe even one co-ordinator per street.

Our overall objective is to bridge the gap between villagers and the Parish Council (and other bodies such as the police and MDDC) so that we can present a united voice to these bodies to get things done. This is not just about sorting problems but also arranging fun or celebratory events, either across the village or in a specific ward or area. It will also embrace Neighbourhood Watch and will link in with Devon and Cornwall Community Watch and the national movement.

We have set up a dedicated email address for villagers to use if there's anything you'd like to say, see sorted, or would like to be involved. Please email **willandcommunitywatch@hotmail.com** and it will be both acknowledged and passed to the relevant person(s) for action. Also use it to request more details on WCW.

That's it for now, except to announce our first success – the re-launch of Community Speed Watch (CSW). We have a team of volunteers, all of whom will be cleared to become police volunteers and then trained by the police on the operational details. We hope to be up and running by the Autumn. Well done everybody! **David Marrow & Andrea Glover**

## **WILLAND GARDEN CLUB**

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, we had our annual trip to 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. The gardens were in full bloom, with some spectacular peonies in particular.

Dorothy Anderson talked to us in July about constructing show gardens, including some at the annual Honiton Shows. Her talk showed how much work goes into these gardens beforehand and how many plants are needed to make them look presentable.

Our Flower and Vegetable Show is on 17<sup>th</sup> August and a report will go into the next parish magazine.

At our meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, Jeremy Wilson will be talking about "Blood, Sweat and Tea" and in October we will be shown a DVD by Eira Brown.

Our next coffee morning is on 14<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall from 10.00 till 11.30am. There will be cakes, a draw and bring and buy stall. Admission is just £1, to include tea/coffee and biscuits. Please come along.

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**

### **COLDHARBOUR MILL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** - Friends of the Mill **AUTUMN QUIZ** at Uffculme Village Hall. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start. Entry £6 per person includes buffet supper with tea or coffee. Please book your table for four in advance by phoning Esther on 01884 840309. No bar so please bring your own drinks. All Welcome!

### **WILLAND VILLAGE HALL**

The Hall continues to be used extensively by village inhabitants and those from further afield. Willand has one of the largest village halls in Devon and is very lucky to have a large car park as well, which not many halls have.

We are continuing to improve the facilities. We are still deciding on refurbishment to the annexe. A new boiler will be fitted in the kitchen at the end of August, serving all the side rooms and annexe. It will hopefully improve the heating in the annexe, in particular.

The small garden at the side of the hall had become difficult to keep weed free, so the area has been covered with weed resistant material and chippings which have made it look much tidier.

Please visit our website, [www.willandvillagehall.org.uk](http://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**

<b>September</b>			
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup>	University of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Age	2.00 pm
Friday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Donor Session	12.00 pm
Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup>	Willand Craft Market	11.00 am
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Club Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Culm Valley Model Railway	10.00 am
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Donor Session	12.00 pm
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	WiTS – Murder Mystery Evening	7.00 pm
<b>October</b>			
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	University of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Age	2.00 pm
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Donor Session	12.00 pm
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Coffee Morning	10.00 am

## REGULAR EVENTS AT THE WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

<b>Pilates with Diana</b>	Mondays	10:00 am
<b>Purelesque Knitting Group</b>	Mondays	2:00 pm
<b>Cull. &amp; Dist. Flower Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	2:00 pm
<b>Beavers (Term Time)</b>	Mondays	5:30 pm
<b>Cub Scouts (Term Time)</b>	Mondays	7:00 pm
<b>Kettle Bell Pump</b>	Mondays	7:00 pm
<b>Pilates with Ellie</b>	Tuesday	9:15 am
<b>Flower Arranging (Sept-Mar)</b>	Tuesday	1:15 pm
<b>Move it or Lose it</b>	Tuesday	2.00 pm
<b>Gymnastics Club</b>	Tuesday	4:00 pm
<b>Pilates with Ellie</b>	Tuesday	7.45 pm
<b>Tiny Tots (Term Time)</b>	Wednesday	9:30 am
<b>Flower Arranging (Sept-March)</b>	Wednesday	1:15 pm
<b>Indoor Bowls Club</b>	Wednesday	7:00 pm
<b>Garden Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:30 pm
<b>Pilates with Ellie</b>	Thursday	8.15 am
<b>University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age (U3A)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	2.00pm
<b>CAMEO</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7.00 pm
<b>Karate</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	6.00 pm
<b>Folk Dance Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.00 pm
<b>Parish Council Meetings</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm
<b>Zumba</b>	Fridays	9.30am
<b>WITS Sept-Feb</b>	Fridays	7:00 pm
<b>Cowgirl Twisters</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday	7:30 pm
<b>Folk Dance</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	8:00 pm
<b>Rugby Tots</b>	Sundays	9:30 am
<b>Martial Arts</b>	Sundays	6:30 pm

**BLACKDOWN HILLS TRANSITION GROUP** - The recent activities of Extinction Rebellion, Greta Thunberg's visits and talks with world leaders along with Met Office severe weather warnings due to Climate change,

focuses our need to protect our planet's environment in order to secure a safe future for future generations. At the inaugural meeting of the Taunton Extinction Rebellion all ages were represented with the majority well over 50 and the audience well informed and ready to participate in various ways, including disruptive action to get the message across. Many local councils including Somerset and Devon have passed motions declaring Climate emergencies in their areas. We wait to see what actions will follow and hope that measures can be taken to limit CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, protect our wildlife and eco systems and accelerate schemes to promote alternative energy lessening our dependence on fossil fuel.

East Devon's motion aims to ensure carbon neutrality in the District by 2040, Somerset Council by 2030. Somerset have also earmarked £25,000 to fund support for the strategy.

We all can assist by practicing greener activities in the home, garden or farm. There are lots of examples on how to do this, with new schemes underway.

The Blackdown Hills Transition Group has been in existence for over 10 years trying locally to address these issues. Come and join us or come to one of our events.

The next Repair Café will be at Hemyock Parish Hall on September 28<sup>th</sup> 2019 10.00am to 1.00pm.

Apple days will be being held again this year during October. We have Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 12.00-16.00 at Holman Clavel pub Culmhead, Taunton TA3 7EA and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 12.00-16.00 at GLEBE PARK Aller Road Upton Honiton EX14 9RH. Stentwood community Dunkeswell are still to announce whether they are able to host this year. **[blackdownhillstransition.net](http://blackdownhillstransition.net) Jim Rogan**

**I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING EMAIL AND REPORT AND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE OF INTEREST.** "John and I live in Willand but we are also involved with The Chernobyl Children's Lifeline (CCLL for short). Ten children and their teacher have just returned to Belarus (an area still badly affected by the Chernobyl explosion back in the 1980s) having been hosted by local families in Sampford Peverell, Halberton, Willand and Uffculme. John and I were fortunate enough to be host to the children's teacher/translator for a month while they were here. I attach an item for the Willand magazine written by the secretary of CCLL as I thought it may be of interest to your readers. We send it with many thanks to the numerous local people who supported the children's trip. Sincerely John and Sheila.

### **CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S LIFELINE - Mid Devon Link**

This year's visit of ten children from Belarus finished on 19th July. The visit was a great success with the children all being very polite and well behaved. We had a new interpreter this year as our lovely Vera who had been coming to us for the last 12 years was deemed by their local authority to be 'too old'!

Our new interpreter is called Natalia but asked to be called Natasha for short! She is a schoolteacher and got on very well with the children.



The children do not get the opportunity at home to swim, something most of us take for granted. Belarus is land-locked so they can't go to the seaside and it is not common to learn to swim unless you live by a river. All the children took to the water well and some learned to swim thanks to the efforts of our host families.

A main feature was the many trips out with free entry provided by the many places we visited. So, we are grateful to Milky Way, Quince Honey Farm, Pecorama, Seaton Tramway, Puxton Park and Uffculme School. It's not all roller coasters and swings but they love to play in our parks where we have swings and zip wires and other great equipment that they don't see normally. They have craft days and educational visits and I just hope I haven't forgotten anything!



A big thank you to our host families who take two children, who don't speak English, and welcome them into their families for two or four weeks. Also, the folks who come along just to help on the days out. They are a wonderful bunch of people.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of you who have supported our fundraising events over the last year and the many years before. Without your support these trips would not be possible. The health benefits for these children is very significant due to the background radiation levels that they live in. Four weeks respite in England means that get plenty of clean air, fresh food and lifetime experiences and doctors in Belarus have said these visits can add up to two years to their lives. Here's to next year then! **Karen Adcock.**

**COLDHARBOUR MILL CRAFT MARKET** will be on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October** this year. 10.30am-4.30pm. Entry only £3 per person on the day or £2 in advance. Mill tours available throughout the day £5 on the day or £4 in advance. With over 40 stalls - the place to start your Christmas shopping!

### **WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME (WCCS)**

A reminder and information of the means for dealing your green waste to: **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

**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 can loan a wheelbarrow if required  
please return it. We are grateful that we do  
not suffer from 'fly tipping' but if you do see  
any could you please contact Tony; Fly  
tipping elsewhere in the village contact  
MDDC (01884) 255255 and give details;  
you do not have to give contact details, but  
it would greatly assist if you do. There is a  
notice board attached to our fence on  
which you can display notices; we do ask  
that you remove after 'expiry'.

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](mailto:tmander931@gmail.com)**



Blackdown Hills

Repair Café

Toss it? No way!

**Hemyock Parish Hall**

**Saturday 28th September 2019**

**10am to 12:30pm**

Bring along your items for repair

<b>ELECTRICAL</b>	<b>CERAMICS</b>	<b>CLOTHING</b>
<b>TEXTILES</b>	<b>COMPUTERS</b>	<b>FURNITURE</b>
<b>TOOL SHARPENING</b>	<b>BIKES</b>	<b>GARDEN TOOLS</b>



**Upcoming  
Cafes  
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**

**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 [blackdownhillerc@gmail.com](mailto:blackdownhillerc@gmail.com) for more information. Village Hall Postcode is EX15 3QW  
Bus Route 20



Find us on Facebook - RepairCafeBlackdowns

## **WANT TO COOK HEALTHY FOOD FOR YOUR FAMILY?**

**Let's Cook for Kids** is a new project to support families in Cullompton both with weaning and cooking healthy meals on a budget for their young children starting Tuesday mornings 11.30am-1.30pm from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at The Walronds in Cullompton. They are fortnightly sessions as part of Westbank's Healthy Neighbourhood project and you bring your child to cook too and everyone eats the food prepared at the end. If you are a parent or carer and would like to join us please do contact us. Sessions are only £3 and include all ingredients and lunch with your child.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this project so do contact Katheryn if you are interested.

**For more information please contact Katheryn Hope, Westbank Healthy Neighbourhood Activity Coordinator (Mid-Devon) on 01395 446896 or email [katheryn.hope@westbank.org.uk](mailto:katheryn.hope@westbank.org.uk)**

## **BLACKDOWN HILLS TRANSITION GROUP**

It's that time of year, no not Brexit, but a time of harvest, harvest festivals, stocking up the woodpiles and the annual Blackdown Hills apple juicing events.

What a lovely idea, turning all those apples in your garden or allotment into useful juice to sustain you and your family over the winter months. Juicing apples is a reminder of how we can utilise resources available to us in abundance and not let them go to waste. You can also make some pretty good homemade cider.

The Transition Group in the Blackdown Hills will be assisting at 3 Autumn Apple day events in October. The first will be at the Holman Clavel Public House on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October from midday to 4pm. Upottery Playing Fields will be hosting a fundraising apple day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 12.00 to 4.00pm at Glebe Park, Aller Rd, Upottery EX14 9RH. Finally, Stentwood Farm, Dunkeswell EX14 4RW will be the venue for one day this year on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 11am to 5pm.

All venues will provide an opportunity for local families to bring along apples from their trees to be mashed into pulp and then pressed to lovely apple juice to take away. All you have to do is bring your apples and containers for the juice. There will be some recycled bottles available if you don't have any of your own. The juice can then be pasteurised or frozen in order to keep it for longer or of course drunk within 3 days. Great day out for children to join in the fun with food available at all 3 venues.

The equipment is available on loan to individuals or groups wishing to organize their own events for a donation to help fund maintenance and replacement. Please

message us via the website.

Some other events for your diary are:

1. The next Repair Café will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November in Hemyock Parish Hall 10am to 12.30am.

2. Two Transition members are organising an informal monthly gathering initially for three months at the York Inn pub Churchinford. "Green things on your Mind? Want to drink about them?" The first is on Wednesday evening 25<sup>th</sup> September from 7.00pm

See further details on the website [www.blackdownhills \[transition.net\]\(http://www.blackdownhills.transition.net\)](http://www.blackdownhills.transition.net) **THE CUT**

## **TRIPLE SUCCESS FOR THE SINGERS**

Plans to restart a singing group based in Halberton have proved very popular. The group is becoming a much larger group, from a much wider area across the district than anticipated, and it will now be known as ***The Mid Devon Singers***.

The Acting Chairman, Terry Payne, said "We are delighted with the response to our proposals. It seems many new Singers are very happy at the prospect of enjoying singing in an all-age, non-cliquey, friendly group that sings a little of everything".

The group has received a £500 grant from DCC for a digital piano and Andrew Hague has agreed to be the Interim Musical Director. Terry taught music in Tiverton for many years before being TDK's first Education Officer and later an Ofsted inspector and Head of a new International School in Portugal. He is now the Director of *Education Matters!* a local educational consultancy. Andrew, who is also a musician and composer, lives in Uffculme and also taught music locally, including Tiverton. He has directed several choirs, including the Honiton-based *Sweet Honi*. Most recently, he worked at Richard Huish College in Taunton.

Terry reiterated "Our aim is to have fun, create enjoyment through our music making and learn to sing better. Enthusiastic beginners are as welcome as experienced singers; new and young singers are particularly welcome. Andrew is a very talented friend and teaching colleague and it's taken me quite a time to persuade him to lead us. I think this is the start of a great adventure for all of us."

The Mid Devon Singers starts on Friday 13 September at Halberton Village Hall from 7.30 to 9.30pm and are having a Welcoming

Party one week earlier on Friday 6 September so that members of the new group can get to know each other, as the social element of the inclusive group is an important part of its activity and ethos. Contact Terry through 820081 or [singers@halberton.org](mailto:singers@halberton.org) for further information or if you want to make the group even larger!**OFF DATE FOR THE NEXT**

**MAGAZINE IS WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**