

WILLAND MAGAZINE
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LOCAL NEWS : LOCAL EVENTS : LOCAL CONTACTS

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Welcome to the new look magazine we hope you enjoy it. Make sure you have your say on the neighbourhood Plan by completing the enclosed questionnaire. There will be a change to the publication dates this year but don't worry you will still get your six issues.

EXCELSIOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT CLUB

We were lucky enough to received two sets of funding in the last month. Willand United Charities kindly donated £150 to help subsidise the cost of club t-shirts for our members. The Gibbons Family Trust donated £1,000 to help us buy a new gymnastics mat. These cost £5,000 so we are still raising funds.

We have started a new weight lifting class on Thursday evenings for adults due to our Monday night class being fully subscribed. One of our members, Bradley Scott, won the West of England Golf tournament. Two years ago, another of our members, Tom Trowbridge won the same tournament. Having speed, mobility and strength helped them in their golf games.

Our adult gymnastics classes are running on the last Friday of every month in the Village Hall- no experience is necessary, just a desire to have a go and learn some new skills.

Finally, some of our freestyle gymnasts and track and field athletes were the models for head-coach James Marshall's video guides that will be shared on the national UK Coaching website. Filmed and directed right here in Willand. Anyone interested in joining our club, please email James on james@excelsiorgroup.co.uk **James Marshall**

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR - COMMENT & REPORT

We have had the election and so we have some idea as to how we go forward. Brexit is being sorted – well over the next, who knows, how many years! In the interim life goes on in Willand. The Christmas lights have been and gone – thank you again to all the generous businesses and other organisations who contributed towards them.

We still have the inconsiderate parking at school drop off and pick up times; inconsiderate dog owners who do not clear up after their pets *{a minority thank goodness}*; fly tipping, particularly around Dean Hill Road; and a few idiots who persist in damaging areas and equipment provided for the benefit of the community as a whole. We still seem to have a fair share of potholes and bad bits of road – I could go on! Please be vigilant and report any incidents you witness to the appropriate authorities but if you have a problem in doing so please tell the Clerk. On the other hand the bulk of us manage to look after where we live and my thanks go to those who cut back brambles and other vegetation growing out over footpaths and particular thanks goes to the gentlemen who sorted out the mud and leaves on the footpath along the main road near to Ash Close. What a pity we cannot get Live West to sort out their

builder who caused the subsidence in the pavement by Rowan Lea which means that the children going to and from school invariably have to walk through water or mud.

Moving forward we can report that the Precept for the next financial year has been set and as far as the Parish Council is concerned the rise is below the average elsewhere. A separate article elsewhere in the magazine sets out the detail. The team looking at a Neighbourhood Plan is making progress and have also reported elsewhere in these pages. We welcome a new Parish Councillor in Ryan Hayman and his business experience should help add another dimension to the Council.

The Boundary Commission has put out their ideas for consultation. They have not listened to the Parish Councils or Ward Members and are still leaving Halberton responsible for half of the business park and the new houses on the edge of Uffculme. We Ward Councillors appear to be going to inherit part of Kentisbeare instead. Not sure where that came from as it took us all by surprise. Please do submit your views more information is available on the Parish Website or via the Clerk.

Planning applications are in the pipeline, one being for the 24 gas burning generators for top up electricity to be next to the Biogas plant which is still awaiting the decision on the application to increase the tonnage of feedstock it can take on the site. Whilst preparing a response it was interesting to read the following "Anaerobic digestion can have up to 25 times greater global warming potential than carbon dioxide, and the biogas produced is highly flammable and explosive requiring robust safety measures to be in place." Not my words but those of Devon County Council Public Health quoting from a 2019 comprehensive review. Hitchcock Farm is expanding but not quite as much as originally thought although we will not now get the hoped for footpaths from the village to the site. We have not heard any more about the 125 houses off Meadow Park but the Parish Council has put in a request to MDDC for the trees on the site to be made the subject of Tree Protection Orders in the hope that they will not mysteriously disappear over a weekend like happened on the Halberton bit of the Business Park Phase 2.

At the time of writing there has not been any response to our representations to try and save the Chestnut Drive Play Area. Thank you to those who responded to the letter which was circulated. Work is in hand to see about replacing some of the tired equipment and the safety surfacing in the fenced area of the Jubilee Field for the little ones. Any-one with any ideas for improvements to our open spaces and play areas are asked to share them with us via the Clerk. Tarmacking over the Jubilee Field to make more car parking for parents picking up after school is not an option!!!! Let us keep working together to look after our village, and where we can make it better. Remember it is better to give than to receive. My grandchildren have trouble with that one when it comes to money. Keep smiling. **Barry Warren Chair Willand Parish Council**

WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY (WITS)

By the time you read this our Panto will be done and dusted for another year sorry if you missed it but we will be back again next year. (Picture) WITS in rehearsal for "The little Mermaid"

In December we performed our Murder Mystery "**A Wedding to Die for**" for the Uffculme Womens Institute Christmas Party at Uffculme Village hall. Which was warmly received by the Ladies and great fun for the players. Yes the best man got slapped again hard, he's such a hero.



After the Panto WITS gets a short rest before our annual "Premier Evening" of the **Little Mermaid** which is always a great night with the Red Carpet and a glittering display of designer outfits. The Paparazzi will be out in force (lol)

It's always a pleasure to see the Panto from the audience's viewpoint and spot our miscues and outtakes. Not quite Leicester Square but there is still a fish and chip supper to look forward to.

WITS A.G.M is booked for the 1st May 2020. At the Village Hall. This is open to all so please feel free to come along and see what we are all about. Then it is heads down for the next production to be performed on **Friday 4th and Saturday 5th September.** This production of "**Agatha Crusty and the Village hall Murders**" is widely acclaimed and having seen it live I noticed how well it is received by the audience. It is very funny and cleverly written, it will be our pleasure to bring the show to Willand. For this production there will be a read through on: **Friday 3rd April at 7.30 in the Village Hall and Auditions will take place on Friday 24th April** again at the village hall. Both the read through and Auditions are open to all. Although if cast to actually perform you will need to join WITS.

Lastly we give grateful thanks to our loyal audiences who put up with us. We sincerely hope we entertain you. **Sam Fincher.**

U3A - Are you in your third age?

Formed over 30 years ago the U3A (The University of the Third Age) is a UK wide movement which brings together people in their 'third age' to develop their interests and continue their learning in a friendly and informal environment.

If you're wondering what we mean by the third age - it is the time after you have finished working full-time or raising your family and have time to pursue your interests or try something new.

With over 1,000 U3As across the UK, U3A has a 'university' of members who draw upon their knowledge and experience to teach and learn from each other

but there are no qualifications to pass – it is just for pleasure. Learning is its own reward.

It's all voluntary; a typical U3A will be home to many activity groups covering hundreds of different subjects - from art to zoology and everything in between! National U3A website: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

Culm Valley U3A was launched publicly in September 2019, so we are one of the newer U3As. With over 130 members already we are not letting the grass grow under our feet

In June 2020 we will be joining many of the 1,000+ U3As across the country to celebrate the first ever National U3A Day.

Why not come along to Willand Village Hall on Thursday 4th June 2020 at 2pm and join us for a cream tea and to find out more about Culm Valley U3A and the wider U3A family. We can promise you a warm welcome and an interesting and fun afternoon.

For more information about Culm Valley U3A you can find us on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/694650274342487/> (or search for Culm Valley U3A) and/or visit our website here: <https://u3asites.org.uk/culm-valley/home> or email shlawrieu3a@gmail.com Sue Hooper-Lawrie Chair Culm Valley U3A Ken Wood

CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH

This is the place to come to beat "the winter blues". You can chat over coffee or enjoy a light lunch twice a month. Our **coffee mornings** are on Friday 6th March and Friday 3rd April and the **Soup and Something lunches** on Friday 20th March and Friday 17th April from 12 noon. There is no charge and all donations go to various charities.

We will be holding a special **Easter coffee morning** with the scouts in the village hall on Saturday 4th April 10-12 noon with all the usual stalls and maybe some extra ones! We hope to see you there. You will be most welcome.

The Prospects worship group, primarily but not solely, for people with learning difficulties continues to grow. The next meeting will be on 15th March at 3pm. It includes a time for prayer, singing and reflection as well as craft activities and a shared tea. For more details please contact Rev Paul Booth.

During **Lent** we use different symbols as a focus for our worship. When you walk past our church you will see our notice board reflecting the theme for the week. Happy Easter.

BOB EVANS MDDC Councillor Lower Culm

Well here we are already well into 2020 the Easter Eggs are out (have been for ages) many sat on shelves next to Christmas stock, can't be right, or is that just me getting older?

As every other year Mid Devon continue to try to provide a wide range of services and balance budgets, unfortunately it's a bit like juggling water at the moment and decisions are already being made to scrap several discretionary services and I fear these are just the start, watch for press releases and check the MDDC web pages for updates.

Climate crisis

Many readers will know that Mid Devon Council joined other authorities when they declared a climate crisis and agreed to do all we can to ensure Mid Devon is Carbon Neutral by 2030, an enormous task but one that gained unanimous support from all councillors. I was interviewed by Radio Devon as they took an interest in my Motion on tree planting that was unanimously passed by full council the second week in January, the idea is not unique and follows on from the examples of community projects such as the Tiverton tree team, I have asked Mid Devon officers to identify land that is within our ownership that we cannot develop and instead of letting it just sit there plant some suitable trees on it, did you know that on average a tree will remove 40kg of carbon a year, they also look good and are the home to many animals and insects, bit of a win-win I thought? I have also contacted some local land owners asking if they have any land that they would be willing to plant trees on, it's not the total answer I know but it helps. Do you have any land you would be willing to consider planting trees on? Or do you know somebody that does?

I have also put a further two motions forward on how we as an authority work with developers on how houses are built and how we put power to them, I understand developers will resist anything that effects their bottom line but we must do everything reasonable to both reduce and mitigate carbon issues.

This is just the start, Mid Devon are working with Exeter University to understand our current Carbon base line, from that we can continue with other actions that both reduce and mitigate our carbon footprint, as I say, it's a big task but we have made an excellent start.

Do you recycle? Mid Devon do a curb side Re-cycling collection as well as fortnightly garden waste collection, yes you have to pay for the latter and despite past doom and gloom mongers' it has proven fantastically popular and has over ten thousand subscribers.

Please do have a look at how you present your refuse, if you need another recycling box or food bin or want to join the thousands who subscribes the garden waste scheme, just call 01884 255255.

In a check last year Devon County council opened hundreds of bags of waste prior to them going into the energy from waste furnace in Exeter, many contained food, as well as large amounts of glass, plastic, paper, cardboard etc. so please if you can place all tins, glass bottles / jars, cardboard, papers and plastic items into your recycling box's, despite the rumours Mid Devon can provide an audit check detailing where all our recycling goes and NO none of it goes abroad or into landfill.

On that subject the landfill site just outside Uffculme is now closed and takes no waste what so ever, it's now in what is known as aftercare and restoration mode, if you have any questions, please do contact me as I chair the liaison group for MDDC for both landfill and the quarry sites.

Talking about Quarry sites, after a very long battle I am extremely pleased to confirm that Aggregate Industries are at last putting a public footpath around the areas that have been quarried out and are now restored, this was / is part of the agreed restoration plan, unfortunately it's taken quite a bit of pushing and shoving to get them to actually start putting this into place, I'm told the initial stage will be ready for you and I to walk by March this year, bit like the co-op crossing, took time but got there in the end.

May I ask if you have some spare time and are willing to look at helping a charity called home start, their details are below and they have just been given two years funding and are starting up in Mid Devon, I have shamelessly copied some detail below, if you are interested and want to chat to them, I'm sure they will be delighted to talk to you. Also if you need to chat about receiving some assistance please contact them. Home-Start provides one to one parent support to families with children under the age of 5yrs, it helps families to find a way back to being stable and able to manage their own lives. They are initially looking for any volunteers who have had relevant parenting experience and can offer 3-4 hours a week to support a family.

Home-Start Exeter and East Devon

T: 01392 826299 M: 07387183932 W: www.homestartexeter.co.uk

Finally, once again I must ask if you are effected by any odour issues in the village please, please, report to the Environment agency 0800 807060, I visited the co-op recently on a Sunday and the smell was terrible, I reported it but I bet I was the only one who did, yet many of you must have been affected, I have two open cases on the odour issues one via our local MP Neil Parish and one direct with the Environment Agency, the problem I get is the Environment Agency always say, 'we've had very few or even no complaints " Complaining via this telephone line really does make a difference.

You will be asked who you are (it's not shared) where the smell is, what the smell type is, how bad is it etc. this is then given a reference number and passed onto the local Environmental officers who look after the site, I'm more than happy to fight this but I really do need you to report each and every issue please, all of you. If you have any issues or questions on any MDDC related subject please do contact me, my details can be found on the MDDC web site on the information pages of this magazine. **Bob Evans MDDC Councillor Lower Culm**

WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING (WCCS)

Well now with the Holiday over it's back to the garden/allotment. One of the jobs that could be done is to add goodness to your soil! Whatever means/material you select one product could be the compost that we sell.

Now here's the Good News – in the previous edition of the magazine we gave advanced notice of a possible price increase. Well now after consideration we are pleased to announce that there will be **NO INCREASE** price remains at £1.50/bag of sieved compost. Unsieved Compost £1.00/wheelbarrow Sieved Waste Free.

However, there is a contributory factor to keeping to this price and that is the **RETURN** of empty (reusable) bags to us. Even when we are closed could you please deposit (tidily) outside the vehicle gate – your cooperation to this will greatly be appreciated.

Another contribution – as you know we composters are all volunteers. If we were to have more – no matter what the hours – range of attendance FROM two sessions/a week with each session lasting only 2 hours or, attending for 2 hours a month **You** would be most welcomed. So, down to the site – you get lots of fresh air, time leaning on the forks and have a natter and (of course) a cuppa!! So next you time you visit it would be nice to have a chat on this and that. And of course, you will see the result of turning garden waste and grass to compost. As they the answer lies in the soil!!

For Your Information our AGM is scheduled for 11th May 2020 at the Halfway House. **Tony Mander tmander931@gmail.com 07980472242.**

CAMEO

We finished our Christmas festivities with a delicious Christmas lunch at the Exe Vale Centre where we are always made so welcome. 2020 began with a New Year party everyone contributing towards the food, the tables were laden with all sorts of lovely goodies. Peta had organised some hilarious games and we ended the evening with a big raffle, a great start to the new-year. Several members braved the appalling weather and went to see Cinderella at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth. Well worth the soaking though. The Singles group had their annual New Year lunch at the Halfway House. Excellent as always. The next day a coach load of members went to Otter nurseries for lunch and shopping. The walking group enjoyed a walk from Sampford Peverell towards Burlescombe ending with tea at the Old Well.

February began on a high note when we welcomed Laura Robertson to the meeting. Laura was presented with a cheque for £600 our fundraising efforts over the last year for "Little Bridge House" South West Children's Hospice based in Barnstaple. Laura told us of the wonderful work they do supporting not only the sick children but providing respite care for the families too. She said they relied on people fundraising for them so that they can carry on the good work. We then had a discussion and vote and decided to support the Culm Valley Voluntary Car Service as our charity for this year who provide transport to and from hospital appointments among other things and unfortunately several members had been poorly and had really appreciated this service. Our fundraising began immediately with the distribution of Smartie boxes to be filled with 20p pieces over the year and surprisingly, when they are filled, they each

add up to about £11. We've an excellent programme to look forward to in the coming few months. Lunch at the Beam Bridge Hotel in February, Ten Pin Bowling in Exmouth, the Donkey Sanctuary and on to Sidmouth and a theatre trip to Torquay to see "River Dance" and our annual mystery trip in May. The Coffee morning in February will be held at the Bluebell restaurant in Willand. The meeting did not go as planned after that as the Speaker failed to turn up but Peta, as always, had a plan "b" we had a game and a quiz and a good laugh instead! Next month (fingers crossed) we are having a return visit of Rose Chain and if her entertainment is as good as last time we are in for a very entertaining evening. If you would like to come along, you will be very welcome. We meet in the Village Hall on the first Thursday in the month at 7p.m. (unless otherwise stated) **Betty Penberthy**

ST MARY'S CHURCH

As I am sure you are aware this year marks 75 years since VE Day. St Mary's Church are planning to host a display of WWII photographs and memorabilia in church during the week leading up to the Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May. If you have anything that could be added to our display please contact Sandy Hancock 01884 35165 or **sandy.1hancock@btinternet.com**

April sees us celebrating the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection. Easter is at the heart of the Christian faith as we remember how through Jesus' sacrifice we can have a personal relationship with God, the maker of heaven and earth. If you would like to join us we will be having several occasions to reflect on Jesus' love and invitation to trust and follow him:

MAUNDY THURSDAY 9th April at 6.30pm Holy Communion Service and meal in Church Hall

GOOD FRIDAY 10th April

10am-12pm **EASTER EXPLORERS** at St Mary's Uffculme - family event including craft and activities as we remember why Jesus died on the cross
12pm-3pm **THREE HOURS AT THE CROSS** at St Mary's Willand A service of Music, Hymns, Readings, Prayers and Meditation. The service is in six half-hour parts, and people are welcome to either come in or leave at any half-hour point during the three hours (or of course stay for the whole time).

EASTER SUNDAY 12th April

10.15am Easter celebration for all ages – with egg hunt after the service
6.30pm Holy Communion in Bradfield Chapel

For more information, any pastoral needs, or if you would like someone to pray with you please contact: Rev Simon Talbot (Rector)

Tel: 562570 Email: **simon@thetalbots.org.uk. Simon Talbot**

WILLAND GARDEN CLUB

At our AGM in December, our Chairman, Keith Deane, decided to step down. We would like to thank him for his time as Chairman. Eiar Brown, our

Programme Secretary, also stepped down. She has found us some excellent speakers over the past few years and we would like to thank her for her work.

On March 11th, 2020, we have our first meeting of the year. Terry Underhill, talking about Alpines. We will then be holding our first coffee morning on 14th March, so hope to see you there. Our Flower and Vegetable Show is on 8th August. Open to everyone to enter, so please consider putting in some flowers, vegetables, craft, flower arrangement, photo or cookery.

For more details about the topics for photos and cookery classes and 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**

OUR CHANCE TO AFFECT THE FUTURE OF WILLAND

In this magazine you will find a questionnaire. This is the first step in consulting you and setting a Neighbourhood Plan for Willand. Please complete it as soon as you can.

Introduced in the Localism Act 2011 a Neighbourhood Plan is a way for us to influence the planning of the area in which we live and work. It can also be used to strengthen our shared vision for the community of Willand. The Parish Council has set up a separate group to develop this.

Of course, a lot of decisions have already been made about Willand, but it can only be a good thing for us to strengthen our community voice in the future development of our village. It will also give us all a better idea about how we can strengthen further the community we live in.

The plan is produced by a process of local consultation, and results in a document that sets out planning policies for Willand – policies that are used to decide whether to approve planning applications. The final document will be voted on by all the residents of Willand and will reflect the views of the people who know and love Willand, the local community, rather than the Local Planning Authority. It will also give us all a wider view of how we can take the whole community forward.

We are also contacting businesses, voluntary and community organisations who operate in or for Willand to hear their views. The school has agreed to help us to consult younger children. We need all the contributions by the end of March.

We will bring all the answers together and let you know the results. These will give us a lead on the next steps in consulting with you. You can complete the enclosed form and leave it at One Stop, The Post Office, the Pharmacy or the Co-Op. You can respond via our Facebook Group **Willand Parish**, or you can complete the questionnaire online at www.willand-pc.org.uk. **Willand Neighbourhood Plan Group**

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2020-2021

This is the precept requested by Willand Parish Council for the year April 2020 to March 2021. The Parish Council carefully considered the current income and expenditure which enables it to do the things it has to do within the Parish and those that improve the village for everyone. This year there will be a small rise in the precept but it is less than one pound per household for the whole year.

The income figures are based very much on the actuals from this year, the project line is blank as the Parish Council have not identified sources of funding. Money has been secured from Devon County Council towards the cost of verge cutting. You may notice that income from the cemetery has fallen this year and this is reflected in the budget for next year, it is not possible to accurately reflect income from the cemetery but the maintenance costs are ongoing.

Contracts are either ongoing or have been awarded for all the ground maintenance within the village and the figures reflect these contracts. The decision was taken to extend the weed management on to the motorway bridge for the coming year as it has been becoming more unsightly.

The Parish Council made the decision to seek additional administrative support for the coming year and have made an allowance for this in the salary budget line. You will notice from the figures that the Parish Council is expecting some underspend during the current year and will be using £5000 to offset some of the expected expenditure next year so keeping the precept figure down as much as possible.

Total income expected £ 20,063 + £5,000 = £ 25,063

Total expenditure predicted £82494

Precept requested £57,431

Precept 2019/2020 was £56,137

Increase for Willand £1,294

Annual Parish Meeting

To be held on Thursday 19th March @ 6.30pm

At Willand Village Hall Committee Room

All village groups are invited to attend and report on their activities,

Open to all residents. Come along and meet the Parish Council

Refreshments provided

	2019/20 Precept	2019/20 e/o Jan 2020	2020/21 Precept	VAT
INCOME				
Precept	56137	56137		
Bank Interest	32	30	35	
Magazine Advertising	4990	3435	5000	
Cemetery	3000	1133	2000	
Allotments	1436	1487	1562	
VAT Reclaim	7020	7050	7041	
Projects		17232	0	
Ground Maintenance	4296	4996	4425	
TOTAL	76911	91500	20063	
EXPENDITURE				
Staff	15500	13230	21657	
Office administration	5475	3430	5729	292
Allotments	1436	548	1562	
Cemetery	3500	1973	3000	
Magazine	6000	4692	6000	
All Ground management	14500	11380	13885	2777
Village projects	8000	4372	5920	972
new Wifi	300	300	0	
Donations to groups	200	150	200	
Play areas equipment	5000	2787	6000	1200
Totals	59911	43312	70994	
Capital expenditure				
legal expenses	4000	3670	1000	200
Community Event	1000	1000	1000	
CCTV replacements	500	500	500	100
Office Admin	2500	2000	0	
Cemetery contingency	1500	1500	1500	1000
Play areas new equipment	5000	5000	5000	500

Hospice Men's Walk – 14 March 2020

Take part in an 8 mile walk raising much needed funds for Hospiscare. Starting and finishing at the Double Locks Pub, the route will take you along the historic Exeter Quay. Enjoy a warm welcome back in the pub, accompanied with a free pint and pasty, and then relax in Hospiscare's heated marquee with three games of rugby on big screens Wales v Scotland 14:15, Italy v England 16:45

and France v Ireland 20:00. Entry is £25 each or £80 for a team of 4. The event is open to men and boys aged 12 and over.

Sign up online at www.menswalkexeter.co.uk.

Hospiscare Coffee Morning Month – March.

Organising a Hospiscare Coffee Morning is simple and fun and the money raised goes towards the charity's care of local people living with a terminal illness. So, boil that kettle, don your apron and start baking those cakes. Please get in touch with Hospiscare for your free Coffee Morning pack today fundraising@hospiscare.co.uk or call 01392 688020.

Or to find out more - www.putthekettleon.org.uk. Thank you so much for your support. **Ali McGeown**

COLDHARBOUR MILL REOPENS ON TUESDAY 31ST MARCH.

The Museum, Shop and Café will reopen to the public on **Tuesday 31st March**. Public opening days this year are **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** from 10.30am-4pm through to 29th October.

Please see the website **Visit** page for info about entry fees and 15% discounts on entry tickets, and for details of our STEAM DAYS, see the, **what's-on** page.

The Mill is open for **Group and Schools Visits** both on and outside the above days and times. These need to be booked in advance through the Mill office email info@coldharbourmill.org.uk or phone 01884 840960.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Friends of Coldharbour Mill AGM is on **Wednesday 11th March** at 2pm in the Café at Coldharbour Mill. Open to non-members – come and find out how the Friends support the Mill on behalf of the community, and how you can get **FREE** entry to the Mill by taking out membership! Refreshments available.

The Easter **Steam Day** is on **Monday 13th April** 10.30am-4pm.

A great day out for the whole family! Come and see the 19th century steam engines in full steam! **Fun for children** – play area and Easter Egg Trail. Guided tours of the factory and the steam complex. Café, Mill shop and free parking. Each child under 16 goes **FREE** with a paying adult.

VOLUNTEERING – do you have a few hours a week to spare?

Among the many opportunities to help are: maintenance and repairs, revamping museum displays, school visits, and in the cafe.

Email or phone to find out more about volunteering at the Mill, and help to make a difference at this unique heritage site.

To contact Coldharbour Mill, please phone 01884 840960

or visit the Mill website: www.coldharbourmill.org.uk

or write to Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme, Cullompton EX15 3E **Susan Wasafi**



THE 4th UFFCULME GREEN DAY IS COMING. SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 5th September 2020

The Uffculme Green Team is pleased to announce that it will be holding the 4th Uffculme Green Day on the 5th of September 2020. The venue will be the Magelake Pavilion on the edge of Uffculme village.

It will be a day for showcasing local green and environmentally sustainable ideas and solutions in an entertaining, interesting and educational way. The Uffculme Green Day will show how we can make a real difference and achieve a sustainable future.

We invite anyone who would like to participate to get in touch. Please let us know as soon as possible, at Uffculmegreenday@gmail.com if you would like to participate in 2020 or to find out more.

One of our ambitions is to reduce single use plastics used at this event to zero and with your help, move towards 100% use of compostable cutlery, cups, plates and packaging.

We will be providing guidelines to exhibitors that will allow us to dispose of the inevitable food, utensils and packaging waste in a greener way.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Angie Cheshire. The Uffculme Green Team.

CHILDRENS HOSPICE SOUTHWEST

Ticket discounts available for Exeter Rainbow Run early-birds

Families are being invited to get their tickets for 'Exeter's brightest' 5k charity fun run, taking place at Westpoint this summer. Registration for Rainbow Run on Saturday, June 20 is now open, with a 25 per cent discount available for those who sign up before April 1. More than 1,000 people walked, jogged or ran through a series of coloured paint stations at last year's event, raising £55,000 for Children's Hospice South West.

This year, the charity hopes even more people will take part in the colourful fun in support of hundreds of children with life-limiting conditions and their families. Event fundraiser Jayne Jarrett said: "This is Exeter's brightest sponsored 5K! It's suitable for all abilities and a brilliant way to support your local children's hospice".

"Anyone aged five and above can take part – so gather friends and family or get colleagues together to enter a team and help make it a day to remember."

The event village will be open from 11am, with face painters, a bouncy castle, fun tents with games and tombola's, and music from Radio Exe. There will also be food and drink available, as well as plenty of colourful rainbow merchandise. "Entry covers your participation and by asking just a handful of people to sponsor you, or organising a rainbow dress down day at your school or work, you could raise £50 too".

Children's Hospice South West needs £11million a year to run its three hospices in North Devon, North Somerset and Cornwall, and around 85 per cent of that

comes though fundraising. The hospices offer local families respite breaks and the chance to make the most of their precious time together.

This year's event, which has been granted Plastic Free Coastlines status by Surfers against Sewage, is sponsored by health insurance and income protection specialist The Exeter.

Early-bird tickets are £15 for adults and £9 for children and are available until April 1. Tickets purchased after this date will be £20/£12, and £30/£15 on the day of the event. The suggested sponsorship target is £30 for adults and £20 for children. To buy a ticket, or for more information, visit www.chsw.org.uk/rainbowexeter. Andy Keeble

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WILLAND VILLAGE HALL. Happy New Year!

You may have noticed that the water is now draining away from the side of the tennis courts. We have had new drainage put in. The path alongside the Hall has also been relaid. However, one inconsiderate person removed the bollards from the newly laid concrete around school pick up time and drove over it. This cost us a further £360 to have repaired.

We are starting work on refurbishment of the annexe and side rooms on 24th February, so the annexe will be out of use for a few weeks. We are putting up suspended ceilings and LED lights, so all the side rooms should now be warmer and more energy efficient.

Sam Fincher, our caretaker, is doing an excellent job of keeping the hall clean and in good repair. I would like to thank him for all his enthusiasm and hard work.

We have our AGM coming up on 18th May at 7.00 p.m. The Hall still has several vacancies for trustees. If you use the Hall and would like to have some more involvement with its management, please let me know. We only meet six times a year and meetings are generally less than an hour long.

Please look on the website for availability of the hall if you wish to make a booking. We are very busy, mainly during school term times, when a lot of clubs meet, so you need to book well in advance if you want a particular date. 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**

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

March				
Friday	6 th	Blood Donor Session	W.V.H.	12.00 pm
Saturday	7 th	Crafty Market	W.V.H.	11.00 am
Saturday	21 st	Bramblehaies Coffee Morning	W.V.H.	10.00 am
Saturday	28 th	Evergreen Coffee Morning	W.V.H.	10.00 am
April				
Saturday	4 th	Culm Valley Methodist CM	W.V.H.	10.00 am

Halberton Community Association and Mid Devon Singers Musical Evening Saturday 14 March at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. There will be a Bring and Share Buffet with an international (our world) theme, a bar, quiz, raffle and the Village Hall will be set out cabaret style. If you would like to perform (in any genre or style) with others or individually please contact terry@halberton.org or 820081.

WILLAND VILLAGE HALL REGULAR EVENTS

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
Tiny Tots (Term Time)	Wednesday	9:30 am
Flower Arranging (Sept-March)	Wednesday	1:15 pm
Pilates with Leanne	Wednesday	5:30pm
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
U3A – Craft Group	1 st . Thursday	10:30am
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
U3A – Quizzing Group	3 rd . Friday	10:30am
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

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

At the end of January, the History Group held their first meeting for a long time, and after a few years of effective dormancy there was some enthusiasm for getting a bit more active, in a modest way. Ideas mooted included a 'parish walk' or two later in the year to record some of the many recent changes to Willand, photographing other areas before they too are overtaken by development. It is also planned to hold a small exhibition on 'Willand and the Second World War' to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day and VJ Day. A next meeting has been planned for Tuesday, 31 March 2020, at 7.30pm in The Annex of Willand Village Hall. Anyone interested would be more than welcome to join us feel free to get in touch; there's no expectation to contribute, just come along and see what we're about.

It was 75 years ago from now, with the Second World War entering its final months, that Willand enjoyed the happy occasion of the marriage of Winifred Edworthy and Walter Scott at St Mary's Church on 20 February 1945, officiated by Revd Andrews, with Miss Browse at the organ. Walter Scott was an Exeter lad and a soldier, home on leave from Burma, having served five years abroad with the Devonshire Regiment. The bride, Winifred Edworthy, was a Willand girl and serving in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the women's branch of the British Army. As reported in the *Devon & Somerset News*, for the wedding service she was "prettily attired in an ankle-length dress of white satin beaute on close-fitting lines (lent by a friend). Her full-length net veil was held in place by a tiara of orange blossom and pearls (also leant by a friend). She wore white satin shoes, and her bouquet was of red carnations and trailing fern." As around 80 guests were being entertained at the reception at the 'Assembly Rooms', Tiverton Junction, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in Exeter. A week or so later, on Saturday, 3 March 1945, Willand United Services Club held 'A Grand Dance' from 7.30-11.30 p.m. with music from the Rhythm Aces Band. There were spot prices, and, of course, refreshments, and all proceeds from the entrance fee – 'two and six' (2 shillings, 6 pence), or 'one and six' if you were in the Forces – were to be invested in Defence Bonds in aid of a 'Club Hall' after the war, a project that eventually led to the building of Willand Village Hall. Can you tell us any more about Willand United Services Club, or the dances they held?

We also want to remind everyone that we are still custodians of the Willand Archive, and continue to gather material – photos (copies and originals), documents and artefacts – associated with any aspect of Willand's past, right up to the present day. This could be items to do with family history, buildings, businesses, farming, church and chapel, shops, houses, village events, the school, sports, clubs and other organisations; more or less anything really, you'd be surprised what local historians find interesting! Especially if you're having a clear out, if you find something that has a connection to Willand, before you throw it out, we'd love to hear from you (telephone number or email below – or alternatively, if it's just a document or two, you could post them in an envelope

addressed to 'John Crocker, Willand History Group' in the Willand Village Hall post box, next to the side entrance, by the kitchen, and they will find a grateful home in the Archive).

One of our members has recently been asked the reason why the name Round The World is traditionally used by people in Willand for the loop that goes roughly from the Village Hall, through the subway under the M5, past the top of Two Sisters and around Dean Hill Road, then over the M5, past the ESSO garage (Goffy's), and down the 'main road' back to Gables Road. It was suggested that it could have originated with the Tracey family of The Gables back in the late-1800s. Does anyone know the reason why?

Finally, an appeal on behalf of Devon History Society who are looking for "iconic images that express the essence of the county in the 1920s" for their 'Devon in the 1920s' project. If you have something that might fit the bill, please do get in touch! **James Morrison, 01884 250057 (jamorrison235@gmail.com)**

MID DEVON SINGERS

Our friendly group meets at Halberton; many members come from neighbouring villages or more distant places such as Witheridge, Wellington and Wiveliscombe *The Singers* is a non-cliquey, welcoming social and a cultural group with an age range from 11 up. We sing a little of everything: songs from all times/places, all genres/styles. Many enjoy singing in a new group where it doesn't matter if you can't read music or haven't sung since school. There are no tests, but you do need commitment, enthusiasm and a willingness to try new things! It meets on **Fridays from 7.25 to 9.30pm** at Halberton Village Hall. Come and try it. Currently, there are 40+ of us; we aim to build up to be about 48-54 strong. We particularly welcome more tenors and young singers (who do not pay a subscription); three of them are on Management Team).

The Singers, one of Halberton's largest groups, plays an active part in our community. On Saturday 14 December we held a **mini-concert** before our Christmas Party. On Friday 20 December at the **Carol Festival**, we sang *Torches* by John Joubert and gave the first performance of *In the Bleak Mid Winter*, written by Terry Payne, for the 90th birthday of Halberton resident Laura Midgley.

We have a very varied and **repertoire** this term including pieces such as Like an Angel (Abba), Whistle Down the Wind, Hungarian Folk Songs (in English), California Dreaming, Shanties, and the Greatest Showman.

At our **next event, a Musical Evening**, in collaboration with the Halberton Community Association, the MiDS perform with a variety of musical guests on **Saturday 14 March at the VH at 8.00pm**. There's a bar, buffet and cabaret-style seating. **It's free**. If you'd like to offer to perform at this community event, in any style/genre, with an international theme, please contact **terry@halberton.org** or call 820081. If you are interested in joining, please email **singers@halberton.org** or call Jenny Justice on 01884 508628.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION REPORT

The Boundary Commission has presented its draft recommendations for the Mid Devon Ward boundaries open for consultation until 13 April 2020. There is information on the Parish website with a copy of the report attached. The Parish Council will be submitting a response as the proposal leaves the Mid Devon Business Park, Hitchcocks Farm and the new houses at the end of the Uffculme straight in Halberton yet adds part of Kentisbeare to the Lower Culm Ward.

Willand and Uffculme Parish Councils suggested that the Ward boundary should be amended to include the land between the motorway up to junction 27 and along the A38 to meet the current boundary, Willand also suggested that the boundary should be extended towards Halberton to incorporate the houses just outside the parish on the road to Halberton. Page 14 of the report has the relevant map and the Commissions views are in paragraphs 59 - 64

How you can help

Submit a response to the Boundary Commission supporting the change as suggested by the parish council include the following in your reasons for this

a) The bulk of Mid Devon Business Park, all of Hitchcocks Business Park and the 90 houses being built at the end of Uffculme Straight are in Halberton and although the activities and development directly impact on Willand and/or Uffculme residents the parish councils and Ward Councillors are not automatically consulted on any developments.

b) Muxbeare Lane properties are outside the Ward but automatically identify with Willand

c) The Church has already amended its boundaries along the suggested lines.

Please support the Parish Council and make a response. If you do not have access to the information on computer please contact the Parish Clerk on 07920014407

You can write or email with your views to the address below or you can go on line and respond on the website. www.lgbc.org.uk search for the Mid Devon review.

Review Officer(Mid Devon) Local Government Boundary Commission for England, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL
Email: reviews@lgbc.org.uk

This map shows the boundary as suggested by the Commissioners with the hatched lines illustrating the additional areas suggested by the Parish Council.



We hope you have enjoyed this edition and the new layout we try to bring you a cross section of information from the village and the surrounds. Please let us know if you have any ideas for inclusion. **Sam and Gerri Editorial Team**

THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE NEXT MAGAZINE IS WEDNESDAY THE 15TH APRIL

It always helps if you can send in articles as soon as you have finished them.