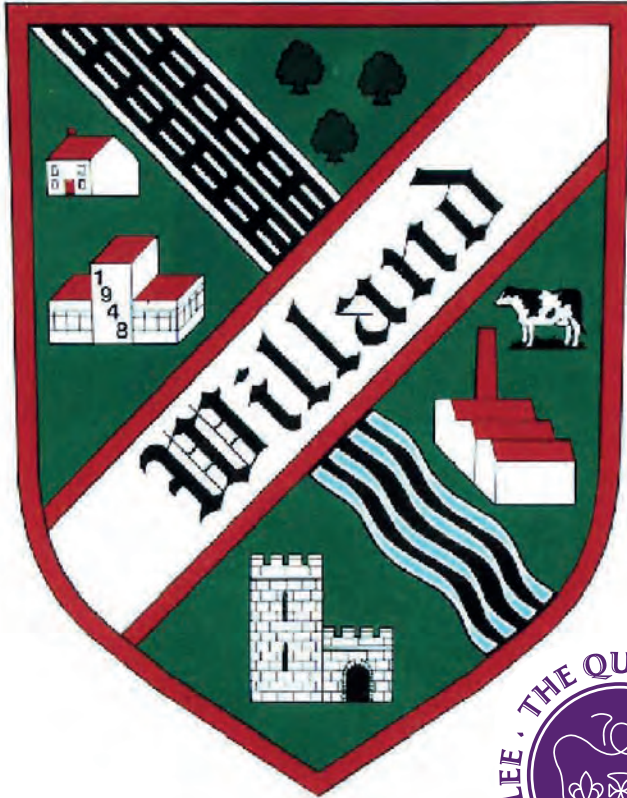


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THURSDAY 2ND JUNE

9.30AM - 12.30AM



We start our summer with Jubilee celebrations lets hope the weather is kind to us. Read on to see what is and what has been happening in the village.



Willand Village Jubilee celebrations

Make our village come alive and be decorated!
Chalk drawings on pavements, get out the bunting, fly flags
Jubilee trail

Thursday 2 June - Beacon Lighting

Light up the village with fairy lights
Lantern making workshop and lantern parade
Willand History Group Jubilee Exhibition, Club Room, Village Hall

Friday 3 June - Party

Time to get together with friends and party
Group picnic or cream tea

Saturday 4 June - Community

Craft Market in the Village Hall, 10-1pm
Community organisations open day
Doorstep sale

Sunday 5 June - The Big Jubilee Lunch

Jubilee Parade and service.
Local Street parties
The Big Jubilee Lunch



Group Picnic in the Park Friday 3rd June 10.00 – 1.00 bring your own food. For more information on what is happening look out for posters or Email: jubilee@willandvillagehall.org.uk .

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR - COMMENT & REPORT

As I begin to write this the first five months of the year are nearly gone and we are only about 5 weeks away from the longest day of the year [daylight hours that is]!

The Parish Council has had its Annual General Meeting and there are no changes in management. I was re-elected Chair and Richard Phare remains as Vice Chair. The rest of the members are involved in various working groups to keep the business of the Parish ticking over.

Before I move on too far it may be helpful to update some of the information from the last article. Some of the information will come from my District Councillor position as well as the Parish.

- The situation in Ukraine is not improving and some of the families escaping the war zone are arriving in the area. Please make them welcome and help them to fit in. Mid Devon District Council [MDDC] has officers briefed to help with housing and various welfare issues and so if you hear of anyone in difficulty please put them in touch. If we do not know the answer we probably know someone who will.
- The rising fuel prices and all that goes with it is not getting any better and individuals and families will experience difficulties. MDDC is well ahead in sorting out the £150 fuel grants connected with the Council tax and well over 80% of those eligible have been dealt with. Reminder letters are being sent to those that are known to be eligible but have not made the necessary application. Please help those neighbours or family who have difficulty. Information is available on the MDDC website and if all else fails we District Councillor will do our best to help. Locally we have the Food Pantry operating on the Gables site and run by several willing volunteers – thank you all. If you are in difficulty in affording food then it is there for you. If you are fortunate with your finances and can spare some items which are needed, I am sure that they will be gratefully received.
- A start has not been made on the 125 houses off Meadow Park as yet but we are keeping an eye on any progress to ensure that we have access to the S106 agreement monies at the first opportunity. Parish Council are already seeking designs and estimates for a pump track and possibly some form of skateboard ramp improvement in the Jubilee Field.
- The planning application to build an additional house on the end of 17 Barnes Close which would have meant the loss of 6 parking spaces has been withdrawn so hopefully residents will be assured by that. It shows what can be achieved if enough residents get together with a reasoned and robust argument. A group were welcomed at a Parish Council Meeting and were able to put their concerns forward.

- We are still working on issues to deal with concerns regarding restricted footpaths, potholes in roads and the 'Coop' Zebra Crossing. It is hard work but we keep trying and will not give in. If you spot problems please report them on the relevant websites and if you are in doubt the Parish Clerk will help. It does carry more 'clout' if a number of individuals report matters individually rather than one 'catchall' complaint from the Parish Council.

Please be aware that the Public Space Protection Order in relation to various dog issues around the village are 'live' and MDDC District Officers will be taking enforcement action as appropriate. The reaction of a person recently in the Jubilee Field – "I'll put my dog on a lead when others do the same" will not wash as a defence or mitigation. The receipt of £100 fixed penalty notice will probably not improve the justification of that stance either. Would it not be better to set a good example by complying? Dogs peeing over the play equipment causes it to rust and rot and does not help with the children's health either. On top of that we are regularly having to pay the handyman to fill in holes that some dogs dig where people twist their ankles and one sued the Parish Council.

I have seen some comment on social media criticising the Parish Council for not organising anything for the Jubilee. Apparently we – no you the parishioners - have plenty of money to do it. We have not seen any of these individuals at a Parish Council meeting asking what the reserves are for. Neither have we seen them coming forward with ideas and volunteering of their time to organise or help with anything. Perhaps some remember the last large event for the last Jubilee and remember what happened then! Great event but what went on behind the scenes to achieve it? Some parishioners may have decided not to get involved again. The Parish Council, in consultation with the Primary School and Pre School have funded and will provide a commemorative coin stamped with the Willand name as a memento of the event. A committee, with the offer of financial support from the Parish Council, was formed by a few willing helpers and some individuals have tried to organise things. Lots of enthusiasm until it came to volunteering to help so very limited progress. There will be some events in the village organised by a few and hopefully these will have been advertised by way of a leaflet drop and publicity on Facebook and the Parish Website.

We have had a wonderful show of dandelions around the village on the verges but by the time you read this I am assured that the verges will all be cut and the weeds on the pavement edges will have been sprayed. Again a plea to enjoy your own gardens but please keep the hedges and shrubs cut back so that they do not encroach on the pavements and footpaths.

Enjoy your summer and please keep safe and well. **Barry G J Warren**

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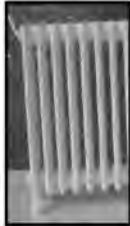
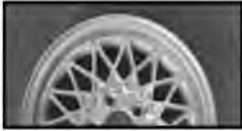
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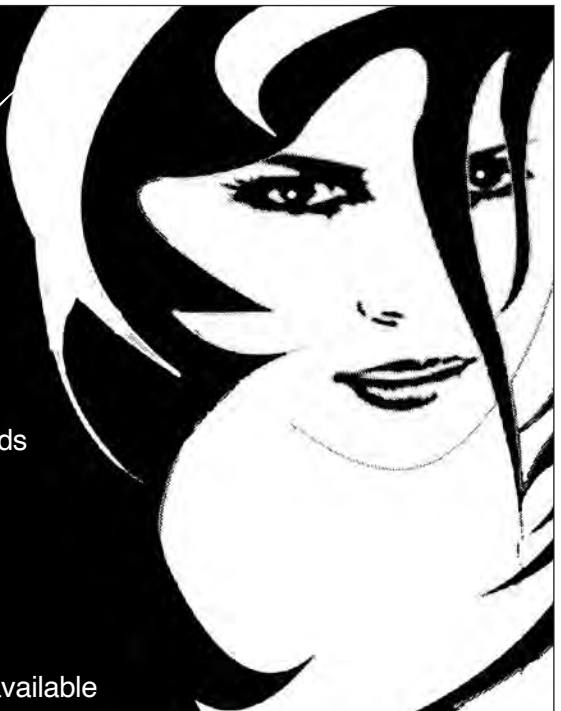
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WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY (WiTS)

By the time you are reading this we will have had our AGM and another season will have started. Already rehearsals are taking place for our next production on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th. September 2022. We have waited nearly two years to stage this play and if the actor's reactions to their lines are anything to go by, our audience will be laughing their socks off.

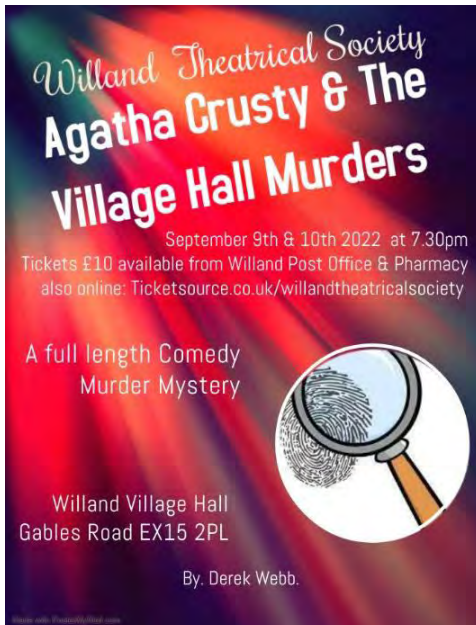
Synopsis: Agatha Crusty (pronounced Croo^osty) is a crime novelist. She's also pretty adept at solving crimes. And when her sister-in-law Alice invites her to spend a few days with her in Willand, it's not long before she gets caught up in a series of murders which seem directed at members of the Saint Mary's Village Hall committee.

From Toby, the Vicar, and Eleanor, Chair of the committee, to Harry Knott the caretaker and identical twins Olivia and Oliver Truscott-Pratt, there are plenty of suspects. And with an investigating officer as incompetent as D.I. Twigg, there are plenty of laughs as the murders begin to pile up.

But, while packed full of wit and very funny scenes, this is also a genuine murder mystery with an ingenious plot which will tax the little grey cells of the audience at the same time.

'Agatha Crusty and The Village Hall Murders' has already had more than ninety-five productions, and hundreds of performances, in the UK, Australia and the US. Without exception, audiences have loved it and the cast and crew too.


I would like to thank our sponsor **Bradfor's Building Supplies Willand** for helping towards production costs.



Willand Theatrical Society
**Agatha Crusty & The
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This is a full length 2 act play, run time 110 minutes, there will be refreshments available at the interval.

And we're off 1st Rehearsal for Agatha Crusty, and the village hall murders. Dum. Dum. Dum.



Every year WiTS give a donation to a local charity, organisation or club in Willand that is helping our community. As we are a non-profit making club, we give each year, a percentage of our panto ticket sales to local good causes. This year we have donated £326.00 to “The Pantry” to help with their unselfish aid to our Village. The volunteers give their time and energies freely to make Willand a better place.

Pictured. WiTS president Jeanette Simmons presenting the cheque to Helen Jones. Jay Rich, Sarah Webber, Sue Corbett & Marie O’Conner with baby Roman from the Pantry watched by the Writer and Director of “Cinderella what happened Next” Alison Harris with some of the actors that made the production a success. David Keating, Maggie Fincher, David Stock, Clive Fletcher and Jade Burton.



We would like to thank the good people of Willand that come along and watch our performances, we hope we entertain you with live theatre. We welcome all to come along and see what we are about, you never know you may fall in love with the greasepaint as we have. Even if a little shy to tread the boards perhaps you have a hidden talent in dress-making, art, design, set building and a million other things that go into making a production. Contact details: **Alicia - witsmembershipcontact@gmail.com 07593 823558 Sam Fincher.**

EXCELSIOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT CLUB

The sun is out, the warm weather is here, and our athletes are back running, jumping and throwing. We have held 3 sessions at the Exeter Arena to work on jumps and throws and are now holding weekly sessions in-season for 11 to 17 year-olds. Daisy, Becca and Jack have all been selected to compete in the County Championships on June 10th (they are also the 3 members who have trained at the club the most over the past 5 years).

Last month, we held a weightlifting 'Personal Best' night where our members came together to have 3 attempts each at snatch and then clean and jerk. Everyone managed to lift more than they have ever lifted before (except one who matched their pb). It was fun to see them lift in front of other people and encourage each other.

Head Coach James Marshall won the British Masters Weightlifting Championships in May, lifting a total of 160kg. The experience will be invaluable in helping our lifters in future events, especially as two of them have a chance to qualify for National Championships.

Finally, there is a glimmer of hope that we will be able to hold a Gymnastics display in July for the first time in 30 months. It has been a long time coming but all three classes are showing progress and hope to show off their skills as a group.

New members are always welcome: there are lots of ways to get fit, but if you want to learn skills, have the support of your peers and receive expert coaching, then come along. **James Marshall** Carlton House, Elmside Willand EX15 2RN

HOSPICE CARE

We have recently launched Twilight Walk which is once again, going to be an open-air event where people can come together to support Hospiscare.

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EVENT DATE Saturday 9 July, 2021

EVENT TIME Saturday 9 July, 4pm

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LOCATION: Manor Gardens, Exmouth OR your own route

For further info please visit <https://www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/twilight-walk/>.

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WILLAND COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (WCSW)

The volunteer team is delighted to announce that, after so long in the making, **WCSW** is now live.

You will see a group of volunteers in hi viz jackets (with 'Community Speed Watch' on the back) running speed check sessions on our village roads. They will appear at different times and in different locations so, beware. Details of vehicles exceeding the speed limit will be noted and recorded on the CSW data base and further action may follow. **Please remember that the key objective of WCSW is to remind drivers to stick to the speed limit on the village roads.**

Alison Hernandez, The Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon & Cornwall, has invested heavily in the CSW scheme and we now have a dedicated CSW team of police staff supporting the volunteer teams, all focussed on helping improve road safety in our village and help cut the high rate of death and serious injury on the roads in Devon and Cornwall.

Take a look - <https://visionzerosouthwest.co.uk>

Hopefully, most of you will have seen the 'VAS' system on a pole at either end of Silver Street (kindly purchased by our Parish Council as part of the road safety improvement plan). What may astound you is that, during the first 3 months of this year, it recorded an average of over 7,000 vehicle movements a day along Silver Street. It is an incredibly busy road and, as well as several side road junctions and 2 pelican crossings, our school is on that road.

Over the same period, it recorded an average of 600 vehicles a day doing 35mph or above along Silver Street (highest was between 75 and 80mph and, it wasn't emergency vehicles) These numbers suggest that we have a serious safety issue. Big thanks to everyone who played their part in getting **WCSW** launched. **David Marrow, Group Co-ordinator, WCSW.**

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COLOURFUL RAINBOW RUN RETURNS TO EXETER THIS SUMMER

Rainbow Run is taking place at a brand-new venue, Escot Park near Ottery St Mary, on June 19, in aid of Children's Hospice South West (CHSW).

Anyone aged five years and over can take part and get covered in powder paint as they walk or run through different coloured paint stations along the 5km route.

CHSW event fundraiser Kate Romo said: "Rainbow Run is the brightest fun run for everyone and we're so excited to be bringing the event to beautiful Escot Park.

"Just pull on a white T-shirt and run or walk through different coloured paint stations; there are no winners or race times, it's all about having fun and raising money to help provide vital care for local families."

Around 1,000 people took part in the last event at Westpoint in 2019, raising thousands of pounds to support the charity's Little Bridge House children's hospice in Barnstaple, North Devon.

"For the last two years, people have taken part in 'virtual' Rainbow Runs at home but it will be fantastic to see friends and families getting together at Escot Park, having fun and helping to raise a few pounds," added Kate.

"If everyone could raise just £20 in sponsorship, that could help fund one hour of care for children at Little Bridge House."

Kate added: "Covid safety measures will be in place but there is still a virtual option for anyone unable to make it to Escot Park; and we are also keen for schools to take part in our Rainbow Run schools challenge, so there really is something for everyone."

Rainbow Run is taking place at Escot Park on June 19.



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SLUG PELLETS

Outdoor use of metaldehyde products has been banned in Britain.

The chemical has been commonly used in pellets to control slugs in gardens and on farms, but metaldehyde has now been phased out due to concerns on its impact on birds and mammals. This follows advice from the UK Expert Committee on Pesticides (ECP) and the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

Victoria Prentis, Farming Minister, said: "the risks metaldehyde poses to the environment and to wildlife are too great. The government is committed to building back greener from Coronavirus and the restrictions on the use of metaldehyde are another step towards building a cleaner and greener country."

Gardeners and farmers were given fair warning to switch to other slug control methods. Products with ferric phosphate are less toxic but can still affect earthworms and even poison pets if consumed in large quantities.

There is a suite of organic methods at the gardener's disposal, such as deep sowing, carefully timed harvest, physical barriers and even diversionary feeding. Particularly susceptible plants can be avoided and toads and hedgehogs can be encouraged, as these will reduce a garden's slug population.

CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH

For each issue of this magazine, I write telling you of some things that are happening and inviting you to join in or benefit from whatever is offered. This time, as well as telling you what is happening, I need to say something else.

Soup and Something 18th June Lunchtime Soup sandwiches and dessert – and a time to chat

Coffee Morning 15th July

This is the last time that I will write here as I move from being minister of this church and a number of others in the area. We move on July 25th to retire to another part of Devon. My last service in Willand will be the day before, on July 24th at 10.30am. Anyone is welcome to ensure that I go.

We have stayed in the area longer than many Methodist Ministers (or vicars) stay in one place. We really love the people and the area, so will be sad to leave. Our leaving will also bring greater than usual changes for the church as we have not found a minister to take my place.

Thank you for the support that you give to the Methodist Church you are welcome to join in any event that we advertise. **Rev Paul Booth**
Methodist Minister

CAMEO

At our April meeting we welcomed Mick and Di from the Devon and Somerset Fire Service advising us on how to keep safe at home. We didn't realise. how many preventable hazards there were. Things we didn't even think about, but we will in future. One of the worst culprits for causing fires are cheap mobile phone chargers, evidently they can catch fire in seconds and we were warned

never to go out or go to bed leaving appliances like washing machines and dish washers working. Candles and tea lights were another hazard, as the base of tea lights get really hot. They showed us some horrific photos taken at local fires. We all learnt some surprising facts and frightening ones too. but we'll be much more aware from now on. We signed up for a free home visit where we will be given free up to date carbon monoxide meters and smoke alarms if they deem it necessary, it was a brilliant talk and they answered so many questions. It gave us all a lot to think about.

We went to the Bluebell restaurant for a Coffee Morning and members were surprised and delighted when Peta and Sandra came in with Margaret Turner. Most of us hadn't seen Margaret for nearly two years after her dreadful life-changing accident, we gave her some flowers and lots of hugs and we are hoping to be able to welcome her to other events. We all went to the Fishermen's Cot for lunch and we hired a specially adapted mini bus so that, again, Margaret was able to come with us. A beautiful sunny day and the Inn, the blossom and countryside were looking lovely. Our May meeting was our annual mystery trip. In was a beautiful sunny evening and we travelled to Torquay and along the coastal road through Babbacombe and Dawlish ending up in in a superb hotel in Dawlish Warren. The sea was sparkling blue and the trees in blossom and the countryside so green. A splendid meal and we had a wonderful evening out.

On the May-day bank holiday three car loads of us went to the Tivoli Cinema in Tiverton and enjoyed the new Downton Abbey film. The Walking Group have been enjoying the lovely spring weather and had a walk around the lanes near Clayhydon where they were lucky enough to see some deer. One member was not too happy when they encountered a large horse, not her favourite animal.

They went to Knightshayes and the woods were in full blossom and carpeting the ground, then back to the cafe for coffee. Another expedition saw them walking along the Tiverton canal to the Swans neck and back to the farm shop café. They went to Killerton and walked to Colomb St John and back through the bluebell woods which looked wonderful, especially with the white ransoms in bloom too. The latest walk was one they hadn't done before they began at the car park at Whipcott and walked along the canal back towards Burlescombe a walk they enjoyed and will be doing again.

Peta and the committee have arranged a brilliant programme for us over the coming couple of months, including a Jubilee-garden party where we will be resplendent in decorated hats. Depending on whether or not a bi-election is called for July we should be back in the Village Hall for our July monthly meeting when we are having a folk dance and sing along so that should be good fun.

If you think you would like to come along and see what we are all about you will be assured of a warm welcome. You can get in touch with us on our Facebook Willand page or through a Cameo member. Have a lovely summer.

Betty Penberthy.

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Helen Richardson. Willand Tennis Club Secretary.

NEWS FROM COLDHARBOUR MILL

OPENING TIMES: the **Museum, Shop and Grist Mill Café Bar** are all open to the public Monday to Friday 10.30am-4.30pm (last Museum entry 3pm).

PLATINUM JUBILEE FESTIVAL

Coldharbour Mill Trust has secured grant-funding to support activities and events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Uffculme. Do come and join in. From April 11th until 30th June: at Coldharbour Mill Museum - Uffculme Local History Group 'PLATINUM JUBILEE EXHIBITION' of photos and artefacts provided by members of the community, including footage of the Coronation in 1953 on a vintage TV set. Free entry to Exhibition on Festival Jubilee Steam up! Day (please see below 5th June) for EX15 residents, please bring ID/Utility Bill as proof of residency.

Friday 3rd June: Uffculme Green Team 'COMMUNITY GIVE OR TAKE' event 10am-1pm at Magelake Hall, with free refreshments. This will be a great community recycling of people's accumulation of 'stuff'.

Saturday 4th June: 1.30 for 2pm prompt start GRAND VILLAGE PARADE, starting at Coldharbour Mill car park – royal fancy dress (anything red, white and blue) optional. 3pm-5.30pm cross-dressing FOOTBALL MATCH AND VILLAGE PICNIC at Magelake

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Sunday 5th June: PLATINUM JUBILEE FESTIVAL STEAM UP at Coldharbour Mill, 10.30am-4.30pm. With music and entertainers, craft activities for children and a tea party for senior citizens. This event will be FREE to EX15

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MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

I believe the saying “a week is a long time in politics is attributed to Harold Wilson, well you should try a month. Much has changed in the last month and as a direct result, although having been elected three times as a Conservative Councillor, I now sit as an Independent. I am still serving the people and businesses of Lower Culm Ward.

For those wishing to contact me on any issue or concern, nothing changes and I am still here to assist. On that subject I am starting to hold “surgeries” in both Willand and Uffculme. This will give you the opportunity for face-to-face contact.

Details of the first three for both venues are listed below. My contact details are attached and can be found on the MDDC web pages. Some may have found my newly created Facebook page (councillorlowerculm). This will be used strictly for my Ward work and passing on information.

The surgeries started on Saturday 14th May in Willand at the village hall in the Club Room from 11am, Willand will normally be the second Saturday of the month. The next Willand surgeries are:

Nothing for June due to Jubilee celebrations

Saturday 9th July 11am start, Club Room

Saturday 13th August 11am start – this will be held in the Annexe.

You can just turn up or make an appointment by contacting me by phone or email. If you do not want to come to a surgery or if it's an urgent matter please just contact me direct at any time.

Other news

The zebra crossing in South View Road Is causing some concern given the surface is evidently not as it should be. As many of you know this crossing was a pet project of mine when the Coop first sought permission to build their store. I believed it was vital that as a company they “walked the talk” on their claims of putting the community at the heart of all they do.

To this end I managed (eventually) to get them to agree to provide the crossing now in place. I am currently talking to Devon County Council (DCC) officers as all highway related issues are the responsibility of DCC.

The issues are known and officers have already contacted the Coop to arrange the necessary repairs. Should these not be carried out in a reasonable time (sadly I was not given a definitive explanation of reasonable!) then DCC, who hold a monetary bond on the crossing, will use that money to organise the works.

I have today (10th May) contacted DCC for an urgent update and will continue to chase.

HOUNDALLER QUARRY SITE

Many will know of the quarry sites that sit adjacent to the A38 as you travel from J27 towards Wellington. As your Ward Councillor one of my roles is Chair of the Broadpath Liaison Group. This covers all the sites that sit in the area, quarry site, processing site, now closed landfill site and the aggregate bagging plant in Uffculme. The reason I mention this for Willand residents is I have over time managed to hold Aggregate Industries (AI) to account on the current conditions relating to the quarry site restoration plans.

This has included the provision of a public foot path that runs part way round the edge of the site through the wooded area, a lovely walk by the way. This will eventually encircle the whole site.

I have also managed to get an agreement to widen Clay Lane. Once this is widened all quarrying traffic will use the widened road taking the heavy HGV traffic away from Broadpath Lane, improving the lives of those who live at the end of Broadpath and removing the safety hazard of waiting for buses at the junction of Broadpath and the A38.

My next project is asking AI along with DCC to consider the possibilities for after use of the quarry site as it starts to come to the end of its productive life. These are somewhat removed from simply leaving low grade agricultural land as per current conditions.

The site is enormous and the possibilities are many and exciting. These could include the creation of fishing lakes, public walks, nature reserve, cycling tracks and many other possibilities. All providing a fantastic opportunity for safe public access and well-being activities.

Such projects take a long time, I have started the process and the initial conversations are positive. Every project starts with a conversation and so let's see how far I can go. I will keep all informed of any and all progress.

If anyone has any ideas, let me know and we can put them in the pot.

As always if there are any issues you wish to discuss or any assistance needed in connection to the Council, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other two district councillors that cover Lower Culm. My details are on the web pages or you can call me on 07975905782 01884 824082 email: **revans@middevon.gov.uk** **Bob Evans Lower Culm Ward**

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CAMEO	1 st Thursday	7.00 pm
Karate	2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Thursday	6.00 pm
Folk Dance Club	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	8.00 pm
Parish Council Meetings	2 nd Thursday	7.00 pm
Zumba	Fridays.	9.30 am
U3A Quiz WH&CC	3 rd Friday.	10.30 am
WiTS	Fridays.	7.30 pm
Exeter Theatre Train	Saturday.	2.00 pm
Cowgirl Twisters	Saturday (Monthly)	7.30 pm
Folk Dance	Saturday (Monthly)	8.00 pm
Karate	Sundays.	10.00 am
Martial Arts WH&CC	Sundays	5.15 pm

WILLAND HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE (WH&CC)

After another successful coffee and chat, a couple of our regulars said that they would like to organise a sing along afternoon. It went down a storm, it's amazing what you can do with a cd player and an excellent DJ – thank you Cheryl!

There was some questionable dancing by some, but everyone joined in with gusto and a good time was had by all. We have been asked if this could be a regular event so look out for more information

At our last coffee and chat we put everyone to work making some bunting for the Queen's Jubilee. Every one set to and made fast work of it, the centre will look great when we put it up in a couple of weeks time. The cake was very kindly donated by Helen's diner, very much appreciated and tasted delicious. We will be open on Thursday 2nd June from 9:30 am until 12pm. We will have some old-time music and ask everyone who is going to attend to wear a crown if they wish or dust off their tiara's if you are lucky enough to have one. Don't forget we have a selection of books available for you to pick one up or swap. There will be lots going on Thursday the 2nd of June so please call in and say hello.

We are looking for volunteers to help run/facilitate the coffee and chat, afternoon music sing along and the book exchange. If you have an hour or two to spare then please let us know. Also, if you have a suggestion for a group you may like to start please get in touch at the email quoted below.

The flooring has been completed upstairs by Robert Norrish, so we now have 2 rooms available for hire. Please contact **info@whacc.org** to book or for any enquiries.

The AGM will be held at the centre on Monday 6th June at 7.30pm all are welcome. **Tania Edworthy**

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

Come and join us in the CLUB ROOM of WILLAND VILLAGE HALL on THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2022 for our PLATINUM JUBILEE HISTORY EXHIBITION and JUBILEE TEA to celebrate the reign of QUEEN ELIZABETH II.

Opening at 1pm – FREE ENTRY – and lasting until 8pm in the evening, our exhibition will explore how Willand has always pulled together as a community to celebrate the big Royal occasions, as well as looking at what life in Willand has been like over the last 70 years, and how the parish has changed. For example, what was happening in Willand when the Queen's reign began in 1952? Did Willand Rovers have a decent team back then? How did the village mark the Coronation in 1953? Was the building of the Village Hall Willand villagers' the greatest achievement? What did Willand's famous Carnivals in the 1950s and 60s look like? What were the 1970s like in Willand? Was it our winter of discontent? How much was a pint of beer? What did the parish look like when it was still mostly fields? What happened when the motorway arrived? Did everyone in Willand work at Lloyd Maunder's? Who remembers Salter's Stores?



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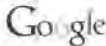
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We will try to answer these questions, and many, many more, through our display of photos, documents and memorabilia from the Willand Archive. But if you have anything, any pictures or momentos, souvenirs or memories, why not bring them along? We would be very interested in anything to do with Willand's recent past, as there is so much we don't know, haven't got any records of, or simply can't remember now. For instance, we haven't got any photos of the village's 1953 Coronation celebrations, and we have very little from the 2002 Golden Jubilee, even though most of us were there, busy with our first ever Willand History Exhibition, on a very enjoyable weekend of community activities!

While it lasts, there'll be TEAS, COFFEES and CAKE available for everyone visiting the exhibition, at our JUBILEE TEA from 5pm until 6pm – hopefully outside, if the weather's kind to us!! There'll be flags and bunting and music to celebrate the last 70 years. Everyone is welcome, so come along and indulge in a slice of cake, a good portion of Willand history, and lashings of nostalgia. Can you think of a better way to start the Jubilee bank holiday weekend? I'm not sure I can.

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

WILLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The government has set up Neighbourhood Planning as a way for our community to have some direct power to shape the development and growth of Willand. Over the last few years we have held meetings, done surveys, followed social media and as residents ourselves had lots of local conversations to listen to what villagers want for Willand. We are very grateful for all your responses.

We have found that villagers have some strong views, which we have collected under three headings, each supported by a list of specific recommendations. The headings are:-

1. Willand wants to keep its distinct identity, its good sports, recreation and social facilities, and its considerable community strengths both as a rural and as a mixed community.
2. Willand wants to develop as a safe place offering sustainable employment, access to education and leisure and accommodation opportunities for all generations of the community; that meets the future demands of climate change; and cares for our natural environment.
3. Willand wants its countryside setting to be protected from over development and for villagers to have better access, including by foot and bike, to the rural countryside round about.

As part of our consultation we are putting on a display at events over the Jubilee Weekend. At the time of writing we know that

- On Thursday 2nd June we will be at the Coffee morning in the Health and Community Centre 9.30-12.00.
- And on the same day from 1 pm in the Village Hall during the U3A '50's Remembered' meeting.

- On Saturday 4th we will have a table at the Craft Market in the Village Hall starting at 9.30

We hope to be at other venues over the weekend, and will publicise these. It is crucial that the final Plan represents the overall views of residents. It is still open to change, so your comments are very welcome.

This will be your plan, and the final version will have to get a majority vote to have any power.

If you have any comments or would like a copy of the current draft of the full details our email is npg@willand-pc.org.uk. **Stephen Little**

WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME (WCCS). GREEN COMPOSTING SITE

'Going green' for WCCS means that we are asking that you kindly bring only green garden waste to the site nothing else. Over the last few months, we have seen quantities of tree and bush pruning left in the bays. This material has had to be removed from the bays and disposed of by non-composting means, contributing in some small measure to air pollution. Not good. So big request – hedge and plant pruning's up to 1/2" thick ok with no soil IS GOOD - nothing else - big help. Further information is displayed as notices regarding garden waste on the fence.

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- **RECYCLE GARDEN WASTE.**

In the meantime, we continue to ask you to recycle garden waste- either by composting yourself, or, deposit down here at the site. Finally, you could use either, the - MDDC garden waste collection scheme (there is a charge) contact 01884 255255 or, deposit at the DCC Ashely, Bickley, Recycling Centre.

MEMBERS

It is with deep regret we have to inform you that one of our members has sadly passed away having succumbed to COVID. Spencer (SPEN) Martin was a member for some 13 years. To those visited the site would have seen a man in a HV Yellow jacket. He was a helpful and much humorous person who was enjoyed by us and visitors. He will be sadly missed. Hopefully see you down at the site. **Tony Mander Mob.07980 472242 Email: tmander931gmail.com**

WILLAND SCOUT GROUP

Willand scout group is grateful to be back meeting up and enjoying all the activities scouting has to offer after recent events.

The Beavers and Cubs meet on a Monday evening and use the village hall as our meeting venue. We are grateful for the use of such a facility so close and central for all.

The Scout group meets on a Thursday at the Halberton hut, with all sections having a minimum of 20 members and many on waiting lists for spaces.

This group has been running for 10 years in September and grown from strength to strength with dedicated volunteers over the years.

We have some exciting events planned and will of have done them by the time this is published, including the coffee morning with the Methodist Church and heading to Barton Hall for our first group camp in 2 years taking over 40 children to take on new challenges and tasks such as quad biking, climbing, zip wires, swimming, scavenger hunts and so much more. They should be tired by the end of it we hope.

We also have our usual Monday evenings of walks, pond dipping, bear trail, and trying new sports including water sports.

Does this sound like something you would like to help with? After 10 years I am leaving the beaver group at the end of the summer term, with work and family commitments needing more of my attention; so with this said the beavers, children aged 6-8, are desperately looking for new leaders to help run this successful group.

It would be devastating for them if it were to close especially as we have managed to keep it going and retain numbers even through the pandemic.

If you would like to discuss it further, find out what is involved, or wish to join us for an evening to see what happens please do not hesitate to contact either myself on the email or number provided at the end or our Scout Group Leader James on James_bicknell@outlook.com who would be happy to also discuss any queries people may have.

Give it a try, a few hours a week to contribute to the youth of our village.

Many thanks for everyone's support with the beaver group, I have appreciated all the parents and helpers over the years and thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the beavers that have passed through the group and the other stages with scouting. It has been a humbling experience and an honour to be part of.

Liesa Milligan Liesa.a.milligan@hotmail.com 07999802679

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