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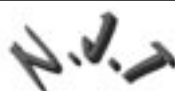
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Welcome to our Autumn edition a time of change and remembrance for all of us. The 10<sup>th</sup> of October sees the new regime for bin and recycling collection I hope you have all received your new wheelie bin and found somewhere to store it. Letters regarding the changes and the new timetable should have come through your door if you have access to the internet then the website to get information is [www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/recycling-rubbish/bin-it-123](http://www.middevon.gov.uk/residents/recycling-rubbish/bin-it-123). Or phone Customer Services on 01884 255255.

## **WILLAND HISTORY GROUP**

At the time of writing, our nation has entered a period of mourning following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, and the History Group would wish to echo the many heartfelt and wholly justified tributes being made to an incredible woman, and, whatever your views, the turning of a remarkable period in our history. Similarly, back in February 1952, following the death of her father, the front page of our local newspaper the Devon & Somerset News reported on how the Queen's accession was formally proclaimed around the district: "Bright weather prevailed, and the traditional procedure was followed with varying pomp and colour. An epoch-making atmosphere pervaded them all and exposed a new horizon. Young and charming is the Queen, and, with almost complete emergence into modern conception, outlook and thought, it was perhaps a betokening characteristic of ceremonies everywhere that youth was so strongly represented. The late King greatly strengthened the Monarchy, but the Crown may well accrete even deeper symbolic significance. Destiny, dispensing sorrow to all, yet compensates, comforts and blesses and everlastingly beckons. God bless the Queen.

Roughly translated from the somewhat old-fashioned language, the people of Devon celebrated the achievements of the late King, mourned his passing away, but welcomed the accession of a young Queen, who represented the advance of modernity. The Queen more than fulfilled her promise, reigning for 70 years, during which time our country changed profoundly, and not least our parish of Willand, which is physically and socially a very different place to how it was in 1952. However, by the time this magazine reaches you, events will have moved on and we shall be well into the reign of King Charles III. There are as many challenges facing us now as there were 70 years ago, if not more. It is time to look to the future with determination and optimism, and face those challenges. In doing so, we can learn a lot from Willand's past, by examining how the people of Willand worked together and adapted to a changing world. What better way to find out more than to join us at Willand History Group. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 18 October 2022, at 7pm in The Annex of Willand Village Hall anyone interested would be very welcome.

Despite a damp, rainy evening back in August, several members and guests enjoyed our 'Summer Walk' around the roads and lanes to the north of Willand parish. One of the features we looked at was a site – close to Spratford Stream

that map evidence suggests may once have been a medieval communal meadow connected to the manor of Muxbeare.

It was divided into strips that were owned and managed by those villagers with common rights, and annually allocated to each individual by lot-casting. For half the year such meadows were open to grazing but for the rest of the year they were closed to livestock to allow a crop of hay to grow.

By the nineteenth century the individual strips had fallen into permanent private ownerships and enclosed with hedges. Whilst research is ongoing, it appears that this meadow was called Showley, but also became known as Poorlands, and at least two cottages were built on the plots. One of these cottages was still there in the 1940s, although it not known whether it was inhabited then. The only trace of these cottages that remains visible are two short stretches of dilapidated garden wall within the hedgerow there.

Finally, a recent thunderstorm brought to mind the following report in the local press from 29 June 1905: "Sidney Harris, a little boy, son of Mr Harris, of Coombe Farm, Willand, standing in the courtyard, was struck by lightning during a thunderstorm on Monday afternoon. He fell down, and his head was cut, but fortunately he was not seriously injured.

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During our Summer break the Mid Devon singers have been keeping in touch with our friends in the choir through a number of social events such as the Summer Bar B Que and a trip on the horse drawn barge along the Grand Western Canal. Nevertheless, we were all excited to meet up again on 2<sup>nd</sup> September and resume rehearsals

We now have two new Musical Directors, Yvonne Buttifant and Leyla Buttifant Magassa who will be introducing us to a new and varied repertoire in addition to revising some of our previous favourites. Some of our new songs for this term include: Rocket Man (Elton John), Lean on Me (Bill Withers), Bring Him Home (Les Misérables) and All I Ask of You (Phantom of the Opera).

New members are very welcome; there are no auditions to join our friendly and sociable community choir. There's no charge for trying us out and it's free for under 18s. We'll continue to meet at Halberton Village Hall, on Friday evenings at 7.30pm. If you would like to find out more information, contact us now at **info@mids.co.uk** or call our Membership Secretary, Lisa Pinney on 07446 877714 **Gaynor Baveystock**. Communications Secretary



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

The extremely sad news of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II sad passing was discussed by our cast at our last rehearsal before our performance on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Our members thought it would be disrespectful to the memory of our great sovereign to just plough ahead with our performances on 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September instead of properly mourning her death. Aware that this would cause great disruption to our schedule and to all ticket holders we felt this was the most appropriate decision. Her passing was deeply felt by our members.

We apologise for any inconvenience to our audiences and hope that the postponement of two weeks has not caused too much disturbance to you. We are aware a few people have scheduled holidays that clash with the new dates and all tickets will be refunded, we apologise and feel sorry that you unfortunately will miss the show.



Thank you, kind people, of Willand who support us hopefully some who couldn't make the 9<sup>th</sup>&10<sup>th</sup> will be able to attend on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. September.

Following this show we will go straight into auditions then rehearsals for next year's Pantomime that we perform in February each year during the school's half term break. Due to near capacity audiences last year, we are extending the performances to the Thursday. So, shows will be performed on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Matinee and evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The Panto selected for next year will be "**Treasure Island.**"

Again, thanks to the wonderful people of Willand for your continued support we hope you get as much pleasure in watching our shows as we get performing them for you. **Sam Fincher.**

### **Her Majesty Elizabeth II**

She reigned supreme for seventy years,  
Her passing spawns so many tears.  
We'll miss her poise and gracefulness;  
The nation couldn't love her less.  
We'll never see her likes again;  
No Sovereign could ever match her Reign.  
Her humbleness shone loud and clear,  
That's why the nation held her so dear.  
Her Family grieve as others have done;  
The King is crowned her eldest son.  
The millions see her lying in state,  
Goodbye our Queen **Elizabeth the Great.**

**Sam Fincher.**



## **WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

What a massive change the events of a few hours can have on all our lives. The date of the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 will be remembered as the date of one of those events: the death of Her Majesty the Queen after 70+ years of service and the beginning of the reign of King Charles III.

As I write this to meet the cut-off date for publication, we are mourning the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We have also witnessed the proclamations for the commencement of the reign of King Charles III. By the time you read this the late Queen's funeral will have taken place and the official period of mourning will have passed. Many of our community will have recognised the changing times by privately or openly dealing with their feelings.

Your Parish and District Council will have followed guidance from a detailed document, prepared and updated over time, known as Operation London Bridge. Following that guidance, within half an hour of the report of the death of Her Majesty your Parish Council had cancelled the scheduled meeting for the Parish Council for that evening. I, as your Parish Council Chairman, together with our Clerk were busy making the arrangements as set out in the guidance. Our village does not have a central focal point such as a village centre and therefore St. Mary's Church sensibly becomes our focal point at times such as this. I liaised with our Vicar, Rev Simon Talbot, and he had already put things in hand. The flag was already at half-mast on the church tower and when the Church opened on the Friday morning a book of condolence was in place for people to write in as they wished. The Church was an obvious place for this as it gave people the opportunity for reflection in a quiet place if they wished. The Church and the Parish websites were updated in accordance with guidance giving information as well as acknowledging the events. Nationally, online facilities were available to make an entry in a Book of Condolence.

It was very hurtful to see that some found it necessary to comment on Facebook to the effect that there was not a flag flying in the Parish and for the Parish Council to show some respect. This is without even bothering to contact a Councillor or the Clerk to ask the question. There is a flagpole on the edge of the Village Hall Car Park. There are no ropes on it and I cannot ever remember seeing it used as it was vandalised some years ago. On the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> September a Trustee for the Village Hall and myself had a discussion on site as to the safety and future of the flagpole but first we need to establish 'ownership' and so if anyone knows the answer, I am sure that the Parish Clerk will be pleased to hear from you.

On the subject of showing respect, I can only speak for myself. In 1960 at the age of 16 years I became a Police Cadet in the then Devon Constabulary. In 1963 I became a Police constable, *locally appointed but having Authority under the Crown*. I swore an oath of allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen and I served her and our community for over 30 years until I retired as a Superintendent in 1994. During that time, I was in Her Majesty's presence on a number of occasions when she was in Devon and Cornwall, assisting with her security and



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that of her 'subjects'. I am proud to say that I met our new King when he was Duke of Cornwall and Prince of Wales and have seen instances of his caring and kindness. For a number of years, I have done my best to serve our community in Willand as a Parish Councillor and more latterly as a District Councillor for Lower Culm. I have respect for those that earn it or are entitled to it by Act of Parliament.

Whilst on a sad note, on the same day as the death of her Majesty, we were advised of the death of William 'Bill' Tobin. Bill had been a very valued member of the Parish Council for a number of years and only very recently resigned on finding that he had a terminal illness. Bill was a former serviceman who served his Country and community and was also involved with the Composting Group and the Allotments. Our condolences are conveyed to his wife and family on their loss.

Currently we have 10 Parish Councillors with one vacancy for a Co-opted member which has been advertised. We are all volunteers and none of us have been formally elected as not enough 'volunteers' from our community came forward at election time to have an election. In May 2023 there will be an election and due to the increase in the number of voters in Willand it is likely that we will increase to 12 Parish Councillors. If you want to help your community or are not happy with the current Parish Councillors, then please put your name forward so that we have an election and our community can choose who they wish to represent them. Just remember that as hard as you try you cannot please all of the people all of the time and with appointment as a councillor comes responsibility.

I mentioned Facebook earlier and I note that the various sites used in Willand from time to time seem to get very personal and sometimes bordering on offensive. Much comment recently has centred around dogs and the Jubilee Field together with the attitude of a few dog owners. Fact – the whole field is the Subject of a Public Space Protection Order – dogs must be kept on leads. This is in addition to the requirement for dog mess to be picked up and disposed of properly in the village and dog walkers must be in possession of the means to pick up. Just dealing with the Jubilee Field - there are still far too many instances of dogs being seen off leads and some do not appear to be under proper control. Our litter picker is regularly having to pick up dog mess in the field and this is not acceptable particularly when you consider the number of children using the area and the play equipment. The handyman is regularly having to fill in holes dug by dogs and we have had to repair goal posts rusted through. This is costing our community money. Mid Devon District Officers are giving attention to the area and in the main are advising and trying to educate compliance. Sadly at least a couple of people have had to be 'educated' with £100 Fixed Penalty tickets as they did not respond to other methods. Comments on Facebook are more effective if people who witness offences can note the time, date and person responsible and a picture on the mobile telephone is even better.

If this information is passed to MDDC Customer Services by email action will be taken. If you are having difficulty, contact one of your District Councillors. We are all on the telephone and email, details of which are published in this magazine. I live amongst you and Bob Evans holds a monthly Surgery in the Village Hall and so there should be no problem in contacting us.

It is that time of year again where the Parish Council must start preparing a budget for setting the precept for the next financial year. Contracts for grass cutting, hedging and other things need to be agreed and there is no doubt that all costs will rise. Do we cut back on cutting the verges, spraying weeds, cutting the grass in the play areas, cleaning bus shelters etc.? Do we try and maintain our current standards which will mean a rise in the Parish portion of the precept for the Council Tax? Please let our Clerk know if you have any thoughts or come along to a Council Meeting and let your views be known.

With winter coming and the concerns over fuel bills and rising costs, our village groups will be working together to try and help those less fortunate in our community. The Willand Pantry will need help and support; do we try and find a way to open up WHCC at the Gables more often for people to go to and perhaps keep warm and perhaps have warm drinks or soup? It all needs thinking about and coordinating with things that the Churches will be doing. Volunteer helpers will be needed so please do not sit back and think others will do it. Our regular 'volunteers' will need help and support.

With our sadness at the loss of our Queen do not forget to move on and celebrate the commencement of the reign of our new King Charles III. God save the King. **Barry G J Warren Chair Willand Parish Council.**

### **WILLAND COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (WCSW)**

Since the last update, there has been (and still is) a hold up in approving new sites at the police end because of staff changes. I have loaded every known speeding site in Willand on to the CSW system, and the Speed Enforcement Officer for this area has been out to approve them all (health & safety checks, etc). However, Station Road and the 40mph stretch of Silver Street have been approved. Posting this news on WoW resulted in more volunteers joining the team, which is great, thank you.

In the limited sessions the volunteer team has conducted so far, 19 speeders were loaded on to the system and 8 have received letters from the police. A further 5 are pending.

We know there are more speeders than this passing us but, we are still getting the hang of recording the details and we do miss some. Beware though, we are getting better. Please stick to the speed limits.

**David Marrow, Group Co-ordinator, WCSW**





## CAMEO

We have had a very busy summer going here there and everywhere making the most of the beautiful sunny weather. At the end of July 16 members had a lovely day at Wimbleball reservoir they had a walk along the lake and a picnic. The August meeting was a buffet lunch held in Peta's-garden where, as always, the committee provided us with superb food. Members took the train to Totnes, shopping or spending an enjoyable day by the river. The walking group had enjoyed a walk along the Tiverton canal to the Swans Nest and back to the Old Well for tea. The last walk of the summer was from Killerton to Bolham and back to Killerton for coffee. The singles group met at Margaret's house where we were delighted to welcome Wyn back to the group. Eight members are off for their annual holiday making a return visit to North Wales. The last coffee morning before a return to the village hall for Autumn & Winter was at the Antique Centre near Broadclyst

The September meeting was back in the village hall. Future plans include the AGM in January, eating again, this time to the Great British Fish restaurant in Tiverton for lunch. In October we are going to Lynton and Lynmouth. After a long break due to covid the Skittles Team are looking forward to their first match at the Halfway House early in November. In November there will be an outing to the Dartington glass factory and on to Barnstaple for lunch and shopping. Christmas dinner will be on the first Thursday in December. We then welcomed Christine Chitty to the meeting. Known in and around Cullompton as the hedgehog lady. Christine cares for abandoned hedgehogs she looks after them until they reach a good body weight and can be released back into the wild. Advice for caring for hedgehogs is to provide wet cat and dog food as this is what makes them thrive. Christine brought along six baby hedgehogs about six weeks old which she is hand rearing, feeding them every two hours day and night until they are able to fend for themselves in the wild. We were able to hold them, they were so tiny they fitted into the palm of our hands. It was a lovely talk, and we learned a lot about hedgehogs and the good work they do in our gardens.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall, and we are having a talk close to our hearts, about food. This will be on the first Thursday in October at 7p.m. if you would like to come along, you will be most welcome. **Betty Penberthy.**



## CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH.

As most of you will know, our minister Rev Paul Booth, has retired to live in north Devon after 15 years of ministry in this church and throughout the circuit. This is a big loss to us, but people are rallying around to continue God's work through our own hands. Our ever popular "soup & something" lunch will be on Saturday 15th October 12-2pm. Everyone is welcome and there is **no charge**.

Our coffee mornings continue with the next being on Friday 18th November 10.30am-12noon.

We will celebrate our **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 2nd October with a special service focusing on the work of the charity All We Can, which works with people in vulnerable and excluded communities, in the lowest-income countries. Our gifts of produce will go to the foodbank administered by CHAT.

Prospects, the worship group primarily for learning disabled people, will meet for a Harvest celebration on Sunday 2nd October at 3pm.

We are busy collecting items such as hats, toys, soap and flannels etc. for shoeboxes to be sent to Eastern Europe early in November. If you would like to contribute anything, or just some empty shoeboxes, we'd be very grateful. Please see the details on the Link to Hope web site.

[linktohope.co.uk](http://linktohope.co.uk) › shoebox-appeal-2022

Christmas is coming! so, we are organising our annual Christmas coffee morning together with the scouts, for Saturday 26th November in the village hall from 10-12 and I give you advance notice of the **Village carol service** on Sunday 4th December at 6.30pm. You are warmly invited to come to any or all of these events. **David and Joan Greet**

## SODUKO No. 4 This is the same as SUDOKU, but with letters instead

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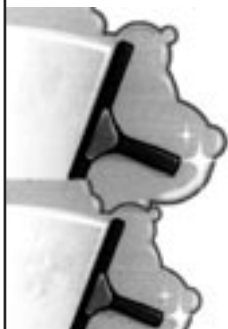
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Beavers (Term Time)	Monday	5.30pm
Cub Scouts (Term Time)	Monday	7.00pm
Kettle Bell Pump	Monday	6.30pm
Pilates with Ellie	Tuesday	9.30am
Move it or Lose it	Tuesday	2.00pm
Gymnastics Club	Tuesday	4.00pm
Cowgirl Twisters	Tuesday	7.30pm
Tiny Tots (Term Time)	Wednesday	9.30am
U3A Craft Group	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	9.30am
Pilates with Ellie	Wednesday	4.30pm
Indoor Bowls Club	Wednesday	7.00pm
Garden Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates with Ellie	Thursday	9.30am
University of the Third Age U3A	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	2.00pm
CAMEO	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7.00pm
Karate	2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	6.00pm
Folk Dance Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8.00pm
Parish Council Meetings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7.00pm
Zumba	Friday	9.30am
WiTS	Friday	7.30pm
Exeter Theatre Train	Saturday	2.00pm
Cowgirl Twisters	Saturday (Monthly)	7.30pm
Folk Dance	Saturday (Monthly)	8.00pm
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## ST MARY'S CHURCH

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Our Harvest service will be at 10am Sunday 2 October and we will be having a lunch after the service in the church hall. If you would like to join us for lunch, please contact Carole Britton on 841434.

As usual we will be passing any goods donated on to CHAT to help those in need at this time. If you would like to make a donation and can't make it to the service, please leave it in the box in the church porch. Unfortunately, it is hard to give away fresh produce but tins, boxes, packets or toiletries are very much appreciated.

### Remembrance Sunday Service on 13th November 10.50am

We will be holding our Remembrance Sunday service in the churchyard around the War Memorial as we did last year. There will be seats available for those who find it difficult to stand. We hope to be able to stream the service on Zoom and upload it to Facebook later in the day. Please contact Rev Simon Talbot for the zoom login.

### Coffee & Chat

From October we will be holding our Coffee and Chat Cafe in the church hall (in Rectory Close) twice a month from 10.30am-12.00pm. All are welcome to join on Fri 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October and 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November.

### Rockers Baby and Toddler Group

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### Film Club

On the first Saturday of the month, we show a film in the Church Hall, Rectory Close from 7pm. If you would like to join, please feel free just to turn up. There are posters in the church notice boards advertising the films being shown (copyright restrictions mean I am not allowed to publish them in here)

As always please feel free to contact me if you would like to meet to pray, talk about an issue you are dealing with or talk about faith. **Rev Simon Talbot**

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## VILLAGE HALL DIARY

October				
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November				
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup>	CV Evergreens Coffee Morning	W.V.H.	10.00 am
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Blood Donors	W.V.H	12.00 pm
Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Culm Valley Methodist Church Coffee Morning	W.V.H	10.00 am

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

It's that time of year – yep, it's autumn when the leaves drop down. For your information we accept leaves, **providing** they are not mixed with any other material EXCEPT mown grass. Please deposit in the bay where so directed would be most helpful. Subsequently, the leaves are mown and added to the shredded material for composting. Just a thought you could consider keeping the leaves and lay them on your plant beds – makes good leaf mulch.

## **WE ARE GREEN COMPOSTING SITE**

'Going green' for WCCS means that we are asking that you only bring green garden waste to the site nothing else. However, after a recent shredding session we discovered glass jars with candles in them. Soil attached to vegetation. And, labels and stones. **THIS IS NOT GOOD** - bad for the shredder and **DON'T COMPOST**.

However, we do welcome those who visit and only deposit the garden waste material that is listed on our displayed notices. If in doubt please ask us and we will politely tell you where to put it, either here on the site or advise you that we are unable to receive.

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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 Recycling Centre EX16 5PD.

## **MEMBERS (VOLUNTEERS).**

It is with deep regret that Bill Tobin one of our members sadly passed away on the 8<sup>th</sup> September. Bill was a member and Chair for over 11 years. He was a driving spirit and inspiration in moving forward the WCCS. He also was good with his dry wit and humour. We send warm wishes and sympathy to Pat his wife and family. He will be sadly missed.

On the subject of members – volunteers we had to close last Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September due to “staff” shortage. This is the first time this has happened but, with a slow decline in numbers this could be repeated. We sincerely hope not but, unless we can have more of you to come forward and become composters (even 2 hours/month) we will slowly get to that point of non-opening.





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Finally, when we we're closed someone "fly tipped" their garden waste onto the site please don't do that! We don't want this site to be a tip!!!

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## **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) until the end of October. From 1<sup>st</sup> November until the 15<sup>th</sup> December, we are open Wed-Fri 11.00am-3.30pm.

**Tickets for visits and steam day events are available on the Coldharbour Mill website: [www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/visit/](http://www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/visit/) - or phone 01884 840960 to book. Become a member and get Free Access to the Mill and Event Days for a whole year. STEAM & SCREAM.**

### **Sunday 30th October 10.30am-4:30pm (last entry 3pm)**

Join us for a day of steam, spooks and scares... if you dare, take on our Ghost trail of Coldharbour Mill – you will even meet some ghosts and hear their spooky stories first-hand. If ghosts aren't for you, then maybe you will be able to help us find all of the pumpkins we seem to have misplaced at the Mill. If you find them all there might just be a treat (or trick) at the end. In the Fox Gallery join our resident ghouls as they help us design some pretty crazy monsters,

## **CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS and STEAM**

### **Sunday 27th November 10.30am-4:30pm.**

Enjoy the Mill by candlelight and enjoy a glass of mulled wine as we welcome in the Christmas spirit. You will be able to keep warm by the boilers and feel the coal-glow as you tour the steam complex. Explore our working factory floor as we continue production through the day. Local carol singers performing in the Mill Yard will get us all in the festive mood.

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## **WILLAND GARDEN CLUB**

Sadly, our annual Flower and Vegetable Show had to be cancelled this year. The extremely hot, dry weather meant we had very few flowers to exhibit and even fewer entries in the cookery, flower arranging and craft sections. Hopefully, next year will see some more clement weather. Some of the other local clubs have also experienced the same difficulties.

We had a very good meeting in September, with Peter Cantrill, a nursery owner from Exeter, bringing along and talking about a huge variety of herbaceous plants, which were later offered for sale. We are not meeting in October as we are partaking in an inter Garden Club quiz at Hemyock. At our November meeting we are looking at slides taken in Africa, then our AGM is in December.

We have a coffee morning on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Village Hall, so please come along and have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. At the beginning of October, we will have our Club meal at the Halfway House.

If you would like to know more about the Club, please do not hesitate to contact me. **Carol Allan [cbarwa@icloud.com](mailto:cbarwa@icloud.com) 01884 33828**

## **WILLAND VILLAGE HALL**

The trustees all extend their sincere condolences to the family of the late Queen. Most of our users wished to continue with their bookings as usual, we closed on the day of the funeral, Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September as a mark of respect.

We have at last started working on refurbishment of the ladies' toilets in the entrance lobby. Ladies will be able to use the toilets in the annexe instead, whilst the work is going on. These are accessed through the committee room, next to the kitchen. Please bear with us whilst this work is ongoing.

We have experienced large increases in our fuel bills, as have all of us personally, so please be mindful of the costs once the cooler weather comes, making sure outside doors are closed, as well as the windows.

Please visit our website, **[www.willandvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.willandvillagehall.org.uk)**, to check the calendar for future bookings. The email for booking is

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## DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL

Can't let this go by without mentioning our late Queen. What a wonderful person and a great Ambassador for our Country and the Commonwealth, perhaps the most famous lady in the World, may she rest in peace.

Having said that, there has not been much activity at County this last August and of course, any meetings in Sept has been postponed because of the mourning period, but those meetings will take place in time, so it is going to be hectic, particularly the build up to preparing for next year's budget, which will be very challenging as you will see below.

At month 4 it is estimated that budgets will overspend by £17 million, excluding the dedicated schools grant deficit. This is made up of an underlying overspend of £35.6 million that is being reduced by £18.6 million of Financial Sustainability Programme (FSP) proposed savings and income. There is also a risk that inflationary pressures could result in costs, in addition to this overspend, of more than £10 million this year. The pandemic and geopolitical situation has created huge financial pressures nationally and the County Council is not immune from that. Immediate action is being taken to safeguard the financial sustainability of the authority. Work is ongoing to identify services and projects in both revenue and capital that can be transformed, modernised, remodelled, funded differently, ceased, or postponed. At month 4 £18.6 million of in year savings and additional income has been identified and work is ongoing at pace to increase this figure and further reduce the forecast overspend.

I thought you might be interested in what is happening in the Devon Housing Market and what the latest data is showing.

- Housing affordability in Devon increased to 10.35 times the average salary in 2021. Around 20% higher than the rest of UK.
- Average house price is £300,000 in Devon. No area of Devon currently has an average house price that would allow a first-time buyer to access 'help to buy' provision of an 'average' dwelling.
- 3,726 new dwellings added to 385,000 stock in 2021 including 600 'affordable homes' (a net gain of 490 after accounting for a loss of 110 through Right to Buy). Against an increase in working population of around 4000.
- At the current rate of net additions to affordable stock, even if we closed housing lists tomorrow, it would still take over 32 years to clear the backlog (reducing to 26.7 years if Right to Buy was scrapped – noted to show that while it (RTB) is a significant factor for a number of reasons, it's not the whole story).
- Housing waiting lists numbers increased to 16,058 households by the end of 2021, with 4,500 requiring urgent accommodation. The number of people classified as homeless across Devon increased by 600 last year.
- Private rent stock levels across Devon fell by around 50% between 2019 and 2021.

- The number of housing benefit claimants aged over 70 rose steadily through the year, to 7,000, a 4% increase on the previous year. Only 7 additional supported housing units were however completed in quarter 1 of 2022.
- The number of individuals living in accommodation consider unsanitary, overcrowded or otherwise unsuitable rose to 3,000 by the end of the 2021 across the area. 374 households were in temporary accommodation during Q4 of 21/22, including 70 with children.
- Devon had 11,100 second homes registered during 2021, an increase of around 2% since 2019. In South Hams, second homes made up 8.3% of all housing stock in year. It should be noted however that these official figures may significantly underestimate the real number of homes being used for Airbnb and other purposes.

The Council is committed to becoming an organisation that is intolerant to prejudice and discrimination and helping Devon to be a place that is inclusive, compassionate, and caring, where everyone can feel safe. Progress has been made in response to the findings of the Race Equality Audit report, with actions taken to support colleagues and develop a more inclusive culture. Work will continue to address racism in the workplace and our communities and to improve the protection of staff.

As always, I am here and if I can be of any help, please don't hesitate to contact me. **Ray Radford Your Devon County Councillor**

### **MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

At last some good news on the zebra crossing repairs in south view road, this one has taken me many weeks of calls to the CEO's office of the Co-op but you know what they say about patience, the promised time line is ...

- 27 November, trench resettlement work will be undertaken to include refilling, applying a temporary surface and allowing it to settle for a week
- 4 December, the crossing will be properly resurfaced and so will the nearby carriageway
- A third date of 11 December may not be needed but has been included for contingency.
- These are intermittent closures, so the road will be open outside the dates and times specified
- The work is likely to take no more than 4 – 5 hours each day, and the resurfacing work should hopefully be completed by lunchtime

My next Willand surgery will be on Saturday 8th October in the village hall, in the mean time if you need to talk to me or have any issues you can contact me via phone or E mail.

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## EXCELSIOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT CLUB

We have started our Autumn term of activities: Gymnastics, Parkour, Weightlifting and our new 'Fit for Sport' class.

Unfortunately, fitness for many children means getting told to do a lot of boring exercises, for a long time: Endless minutes of the plank, dozens of bad press-ups, posture-wrecking sit ups. They get tired but don't get any better.

Adults might like punishing themselves in an effort to burn calories, but children know better. They want to learn, explore, have fun and interact with their peers.

At our 'Fit for sport' class (on Thursdays from 1700-1800) we teach the children how to move well, then how to move faster, then how to do more. They get stronger, more agile, and have better coordination. They get a chance to do partner work, share ideas and create exercise routines based on what they have been taught. They get to make informed decisions and share ideas.

Playing sport requires the ability to make decisions, at speed, if the children are never given the opportunity to explore or make mistakes, how can they transfer their knowledge to the pitch or court?

Coach James Marshall has over twenty years of experience working with elite athletes and the various different Talent Pathways of National Governing Bodies. He uses this to shape and inform and improve what our club can offer, in a format that the children can understand. If you are a child aged 10-13 and wants help getting fit for your sport, then come along.

Our weightlifting classes are now running three times a week: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. We have received funding from the Devon Locality Budget to pay for three of our weightlifters to become Level 2 Technical Officials. This is a great opportunity for them to gain a qualification and improve their knowledge of the sport. Beginners are welcome in all of our sessions.

**James Marshall**

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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Parish Council has been working at a way of ensuring that residents have a bit more of an advance say in decisions made about our village.

We started with a questionnaire to everyone, and have had open meetings about the topics which villagers have raised. We then shared all of this through displays during the Jubilee Weekend.

This showed that villagers have some strong views, which we have put together under three headings.

- 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.
- Willand wants to develop as a safe place that adapts to the future demands of climate change; cares for our natural environment; provides sustainable opportunities in employment, leisure and accommodation; and offers access to education for all generations of the community.
- Willand wants its countryside setting to be protected from over-development and for all villagers to have better access, including by foot and bike, to the rural countryside round about.

We have now put as much of this as we can into a first draft of a Neighbourhood Plan for Willand. This is a plan which would have considerable weight in the planning process by setting out land use planning policies and a strategy for how Willand should change (or not) in the future.

To become an official document Mid Devon District Council will check that it fits within their overall Local Plan; we have to show that it really does represent your views; and then finally it will have to get a majority in a vote of villagers. We are hoping to make a few Facebook posts, and we will appreciate any comments. You can see the full document on the Neighbourhood Plan section of the Willand Parish Council website. If at any time you want to know more or to question what we are doing, please send us an email at:

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## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. We remember the armed forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. The Poppy represents all those who lost their lives on active service, from the beginning of the First World War right up to present day. You can get your poppy from all of the usual outlets in the village or order online [www.poppymap.org.uk](http://www.poppymap.org.uk).

**WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Dates for your diary Wednesday 19th October, Wednesday 16th November the book swap will be open 9:30-11:00. Come along and take a book.

We have had requests for more coffee and chats, so we have decided to add the 3rd Tuesday of the month to WH&CC event calendar, the first being Tuesday 18th October and Tuesday 15th November 10-12.

The Uffculme repair cafe had a successful visit on Saturday 3rd September. Thank you to Tony Lindsall and his team, hopefully you will visit us again soon.

We celebrated Mary's birthday at our last coffee and chat, I won't divulge her age, 21 again. It was so lovely to see some new faces. I'd like to thank everyone for their continued support especially Janine from the co-op and our volunteers Kate, Gerri, Di, Sue and Stephen, without whom these socials would be impossible. We are pleased that Councillor Warren always attends our Thursday session and is very happy to answer any council related questions.

We are always looking to develop new activities so if you have any ideas, please contact [info@whacc.org.uk](mailto:info@whacc.org.uk) or pop in on one of the dates above. We always need volunteers to help make things happen please get in touch if you can spare some time. **Tania Edworthy Chair**

**WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTER REGULAR EVENTS**

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Tea and Chat	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	10.00am-12.00pm
Pilates With Sarah	Wednesdays	6.30pm
Tea and Chat	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	9.30am-12.00pm
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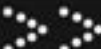
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