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- **Production**, including putting the articles, adverts and features together, dealing with contributors and the printer
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- **Editorial/administration**

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WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

We hope you had a good Christmas and wish you all a Happy New Year.

We have finished most of the refurbishment of the hall and there are only some minor bits to finish off. We have had a new hearing loop and lighting / sound system installed, which are much easier to use. The kitchen should be completed by the time you read this article.

Our caretaker, Sam Fincher, has been ill for the around the past six weeks, but we are very pleased that he is recovering slowly. Whilst he has been unwell, Graham Bodkin has kindly stepped in to help us out. We also have employed a cleaner, Oksana, who comes in two days a week.

We continue to be used almost every day of the year, which makes our fuel costs higher, so please be aware and keep exterior doors and windows closed to try and retain some heat.

If you are interested in becoming a trustee of the Hall, please contact me or our Chairman, **Michael Hollings** (**chairman@willandvillagehall.org.uk**) for details. The Hall is used almost every day of the year, so is a very valuable asset for the village. Trustees only meet 6 times a year and meetings only last around an hour, so it is not a very onerous task and you would be helping the community. We would welcome input into how we could improve our facilities, so please consider joining us.

Please visit our website, **www.willandvillagehall.org.uk**, to check the calendar for future bookings. The email for booking is **bookings@willandvillagehall.org.uk**. **Carol Allan** Village Hall Treasurer email: **treasurer@willandvillagehall.org.uk** Phone: 01884 33828

"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!"

WILLAND COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (WCSW)

I'm afraid the team haven't been out since the last update due to a combination of sickness, bad weather and going dark early. The winter months are typically the time for planning the next 12 months' objectives and activities, which we have been doing.

However, there is a ray of sunshine - December's data from the VAS box on Silver Street is the first month that we can compare with the same month a year ago and, the signs are very promising: -

The number of speeding vehicles in Dec '22 was significantly down on Dec '21 (-20%), even though total vehicles were up (+7.7%). The no of speeders as a % of total vehicles was down from 6.7% to 4.9%.

The average speeders per day dropped from 520 to 414.

However, 414 is still way too many and, 37 were doing 50+ mph. Further, there was even 2 doing 65-70mph!! So, a big thank you to those drivers keeping to the speed limit and, to those still exceeding it, the WCSW team will soon be out in force on every road of concern in Willand.

As always, we would rather persuade drivers to stick to the speed limit than catch them. **David Marrow, Group Co-ordinator, WCSW**

WILLAND POPPY APPEAL 2022

We have banked so far £3048.77. Car reader payments are not yet included. Anyone interested can view the banking book at 2 Damson Close EX15 2QB by appointment.

Previous banking since 2019 on taking over are:

2019 £2273.37

2020 £1669.43

2021 £ 257.89 late collection due to Covid

2021 £2660.60

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So, in just 4 years we have raised over £10,000. WOW and thank you to all our supporters and our wonderful volunteers. **Margaret Dennis Willand Poppy Appeal Officer.**



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CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH, GABLES ROAD

December was a very busy month for our members but at least all the planned activities went ahead, unlike December 2021

The village carol service was well attended and seemed to be appreciated. As a result of the collection taken, £248.22 was donated to CHAT. A big "Thank you" to everyone who made this possible.

We are working in the community with providing a **Warm Space** as often as we can. If the January dates are well received, we will continue through February on Thursdays from 3-6pm. Posters and information will appear on our noticeboard and on Facebook.

Our usual **Soup and Something lunch** will be on **Saturday 18th February from 12-2pm.** and the bi-monthly coffee morning will be on **Friday 17th March 10.30-12.** There is no charge for either of these events and everyone is welcome. They both provide another **Warm Space**, and a warm welcome.

Prospects worship group for disabled people, will meet on **Sunday 12th February at 3pm.** (please note this is a change of the usual date). If you, or anyone you know, is interested please get in touch with David Greet via the circuit office for more details or just turn up on the day. You only need to bring something towards the tea.

Another year starts and as we look forward, we wish you all good health and God's blessing. **David and Joan Greet**

"A new year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other."

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Times – they are a changing - yet on the other hand some things never seem to change. Let us hope that the following notes clarify what is happening, or not happening, around our Parish.

The Christmas lights have been and are now gone. Sincere thanks to all those local businesses and organisations who supported offsetting some of the cost with generous donations. The recognition has been posted on our website and you may well find an entry in this copy of the magazine. What do we do next year as 2023 is the last year of our current contract? Do we renew the contract, do something different or nothing at all? Balancing budgets come into it and it is getting now that replacing and maintaining timers is becoming more expensive than leaving the lights on all of the time. Arguing against that is climate change and reducing the carbon footprint and not using more electricity than is necessary. Decisions will have to be made and your Parish Councillors will appreciate feedback from our community as to what you would like done. It may be that we write to all organisations within the village asking for feedback. That is not to say individuals cannot or should not respond as we need all the views possible, please.

On the subject of climate change things are moving on in respect of solar farms to produce electricity. In my last notes I mentioned the possibility of a planning application being submitted for another solar farm in or around the village. That application has now been submitted for a solar farm of over 150 acres in size and over 80% of the land is Grade 2 or 3a agricultural land which is suitable for growing crops and food. Have a look on the Mid Devon District Website under reference 22/02272/FULL and you will see all the relevant documents. By the time you read this it may be close to the closing date for public comment but as this is such a major change to our countryside, I am sure you will be able to comment for a bit longer. The planning officers and the planning committee members need the views of our residents whether they support or object to the application. Please make your views known.

You will note that we are due for a change of magazine Editor as Gerri Taylor feels that the time has come for her to retire. She is supported by a small team of volunteers and if we are to continue with the magazine, we need a new Editor and the support of the team of distributors etc. Responses are a bit slow at the moment. Do you want a magazine to continue? If not how else are the various organisations in the village going to have a voice and share information with us all. Please let us know what you would like for the future.

Our volunteers have kindly sorted out the planting for the various beds but you may realise that something different is happening at the Gables corner bed. Our Tiny Tots Group are trying it out as a bit of a 'community bed' for them so it will be interesting to see what they achieve. The Old Well Garden Centre again supported us with a generous discount on the plants and the compost group provided some more compost as needed. Thank you all.

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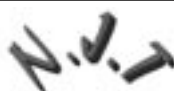
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The precept for next year is being finalised as I write this and the detail will appear elsewhere in the magazine. It is going to go up and the initial figure was a potential 33% rise for the Parish element of the precept just to stand still. We have done some 'tweaking' and used some reserves (not an ideal solution but needs must) and we have got it down by 10% or so. Regrettably all the other organisations which draw on the council tax will be having a percentage rise. MDDC are trying to keep their figures down by asking Parish and Town Councils to contribute towards some of their costs. Willand Parish Council has yet to consider this at the time of writing.

Work is in hand to provide the pump track and an update/refurbishment for the skate board ramp but we have had a slight slowdown in that we have had to apply for planning permission. If you see the application details on our website, please feel free to write into MDDC with your views. We have the money and so we cannot use it for anything else as it is 'ring fenced'. In the next few months, the Chestnut Drive Play area will also be completely refurbished as the Parish Council has taken a lease on this from MDDC to stop it closing. The refurbishment costs are all being recovered from MDDC and the bulk of the money is already in the Parish Council bank account.

On a sad note, Barbara our Parish Clerk, leaves us at the end of February. Hopefully things are well in hand to find a replacement and the email address and contact telephone number will be the same. Many thanks are due to Barbara, and Graham her husband, for all the work they have put in during her time in office.

Do not forget we have elections for District Councillors (3) and Parish Councillors (12) in May 2023 so if you are interested in helping your community, please consider putting your name forward. Some of the current members may not wish to continue so we need to be prepared. Whatever you do please make sure you vote for your preferred councillors as it is no good moaning about what is going on if you did not take your opportunity to affect the future.

A big 'well done and thank you' to all the volunteers and generous donators which ensured that those that are not so well off in our community at least had a good hamper to help them have a decent Christmas.

May I wish you all another belated Happy New Year and let us hope that things worldwide and locally settle down a bit more. **Barry G J Warren**



The Mid Devon Singers

It's about now that, for many of us, those well-intentioned promises we made ourselves at the start of the year; to become physically more active, more sociable, more creative, start to fade. But it doesn't have to be that way! Have you ever considered that joining a Community Choir such as the **Mid Devon Singers** is a fun way to tick all those boxes.

Singing has been found to lower blood pressure, increase blood oxygen saturation, elevate immunity, heighten pain threshold, strengthen respiratory muscles, and reduce stuttering. Making music produces measurable changes in the brain that positively impact our ability to heal after strokes. Add to this the decrease in stress, depression and anxiety that singing produces and it's evident that singing can lead to a deeper sense of well-being and overall happiness.

It has also been demonstrated that singing improves social bonding and social cohesion. Singing is an intimate activity and when you share it with others, it helps strengthen bonds. Furthermore, at Mid Devon Singers, in addition to our regular weekly get togethers for rehearsals, we have a varied social calendar. For example, in the past year we have enjoyed a summer bar-b-que, a boat trip on the Grand Western Canal, a Christmas dinner and disco and a quiz night. As Yvonne Buttifant (Musical Director) says "The choir have an excellent community spirit, they are like one big family" "

Under the direction of our two Musical Directors who use their skills to make a unique version, through their arrangements and improvisations, of a pre-existing piece of music, choir members enjoy the creativity that making music affords. Contributing your individual voice to produce a sound that is in harmony with the other voices around you, to produce a unique sound, is a truly awe-inspiring creative activity and the art of making a simple group of words become meaningful and that inspire and touch everybody's heart gives choir members a lot of fulfilment.

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Last year's resolution was to lose 20 pounds by Christmas. Only 30 pounds to go.

A WONDERFUL WILLAND WELCOME from WILLAND SCHOOL

This term Willand School will be getting up to lots of exiting things.

INTRODUCTION

Recently, Willand School has had many new additions including a new sound and light system as well as two wonderful new teachers in year one, Miss Smith, and in reception Mrs Pagliero. Willand School has been getting up to many more wonderful things

SPORT SPECIAL

This year's team of athletes have proved themselves simply amazing, getting themselves into the finals of many different sports events and competitions. These include the Culm Valley Sports Association basketball finals, the East Devon sports hall athletics finals taking place at Kings School, the swimming gala and the Cross-Country finals.

CHOIR COLLABORATION

The year 6 choir is working towards achieving the privilege of performing at Cullompton Community College

THE BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH

This year, from the 27th to the 29th of January, Willand School is taking part in the Big School Bird Watch. This encourages children to learn and identify different garden birds.

WILLAND SCHOOL

SCIENCE SPECTACULAR

Willand School's science superstars have been up to lots of things including the Royal Society Young People's Book Prize, a challenge where six children from year 6 have been chosen to read a variety of books and vote on which is their group favourite. We are also excited to announce that Willand School will be celebrating British Science Week from the 10th of March.

GOING FOR GOLD

On the 18 of November 2022, eight school councillors hosted Willand School's toy sale to raise money for children in need. Money was also raised when children came to school in home clothes. Altogether we raised £533.02.

SUPER STARTS

This term we have had two lovely new teachers join us.: Miss Smith and Mrs Pagliero. After talking with them we discovered their different points of view about the school. Mrs Pagliero quoted "The school is amazing and thank you for being so welcoming."

HOSPISCARE

Join the Hospiscare team at the Double Locks, Exeter on Saturday 18 March 2023, or take part 'your way' by choosing your own route and location, to raise vital funds for your local hospice.

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For more info. please go to **www.hospiscare.co.uk/events/mens-walk**.

Ali McGeown Marketing assistant

WILAND TENNIS CLUB

If you would like to be more active in 2023 then please come along to Willand Tennis Club. It is a friendly club, located beside the Village Hall. We are always keen to welcome new members and both Adult and Junior membership rates are available at very competitive rates. All 4 courts can be booked by tennis members and the public all year for 'Pay & Play'. You can cancel your booking up to 24 hours before and obtain a full refund. For more details and to book a court, please look at our website: **www.willandtennisclub.co.uk**

Booking and payment is only available online. Junior level coaching with our club coach, Nigel Little, takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (term time only). Minimum age for these sessions is 3 years. Adult coaching is also available either as a group or 1:1. Please contact **Nigel on 07951140974** for more information. **Helen Richardson, Club Secretary.**

EXCELSIOR ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT CLUB

'Muscle weakness is the new smoking,' a recent headline in a report in the British Journal of Sports Medicine said. More and more evidence is coming to light of the importance of 'muscle-strengthening activities' to improve health and reduce the risk of non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, osteoporosis and cardiac problems.

We set our club up to offer a wide range of activities that help young people improve their strength, coordination, balance, speed and mobility. Gymnastics and weight lifting involve a lot of muscle-strengthening activities and so does athletics (throwing objects, sprinting, hurdling and jumping). They are all skill-based sports too, so learning and sharing makes the activities more fun, especially with others.

We also have a class for 10–13-year-olds (strength and coordination) that mixes strength training with coordination and speed development exercises and tasks. This helps the children when they go and play their hockey, netball or football.

Six of our members have entered in a regional weight lifting competition in February. Coach James Marshall recently qualified for the European Masters weight lifting championships in Ireland, he will represent GBR there in May.

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WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY (WITS)

It's **Panto time again**, this year WiTS are performing **Treasure Island** a swashbuckling family pantomime with new costumes, songs, jokes all round family entertainment. The kids will love it. Banner says it all come along and have some fun me hearties.



WHO ARE THE WITS

The University Wits is a phrase used to name a **group of late 16th-century English playwrights and pamphleteers who were educated at the universities (Oxford or Cambridge) and who became popular secular writers**



Wits were named for the Five Inward Wits – **Common Sense, Imagination, Estimation, Fantasy, and Memory.**

King Charles II Known as "the Merry Monarch" had the "Wits" in his court from 1665.

The **Willand WiTS** stands for Willand (Wi) Theatre Society (TS) we formed in 2013 a likeminded group of individuals of all ages from all walks of life who fancied treading the boards and or trying their hand at artistic work like painting, costumes, building sets etc, even technical skills like lighting and sound. We are mainly outgoing and enjoyed entertaining people. Some of us had acted before but for many it was a first time. WiTS blossomed into a family like group supporting each other. Also, with a social side of parties, skittles, bowling etc.

Acting skills have been learnt as we went along all the time having fun No Prima Donna's allowed, roles are shared between members and whilst you may play a tree in one production you may be the star of the next or even a stage hand.

Always welcoming new members into the fold, it is lovely to see new faces gain in confidence at each show. Each year we perform the Annual Willand Panto in February and try to fit in a summer show in September. We meet at the Village Hall Friday evenings after 7pm for rehearsals. Anyone and everyone are welcome to come along and see what we are about. You never know you may catch the bug. **Sam Fincher.**

WILLAND HELPLINE UPDATE

The phone line contract for 01884 35455 comes to an end at the of February so it has been agreed not to renew it. Should anyone need assistance then please contact the Parish Clerk on 07920 014407 and the details will be passed on.

The Annual Parish Meeting
To be held on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7pm
At Willand Village Hall Club Room
All village groups are invited to report on their activities
Open to all residents

WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2023 - 2024

This is the precept requested by Willand Parish Council for the year April 2023 to March 2024. 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. The Parish Council has used some reserves to reduce the potential percentage rise which has resulted in a 20% increase in the Band D Parish Charge.

The income figures are based very much on the actuals from this year. The project line reflects generous donations from local businesses towards the Christmas lights. Money has been secured from Devon County Council towards the cost of verge cutting and grant funding was obtained towards weed spraying, but the grant funding cannot be budgeted for in 2023-2024. New contracts have been negotiated for the different aspects of ground maintenance within the village and the figures reflect these contracts.

Total income expected £15464

Total expenditure predicted £89761

Precept requested £74297

Precept 2022/2023 was £61485

Increase for Willand £12812

	2022/23 Precept	2022/23 e/o Dec 2022	2023/24 Budget
INCOME			
Precept	61485	61485	
Bank Interest	100	29	100
Magazine Advertising	5000	4945	5000
Cemetery	3000	3747	3300
Allotments	2190	2246	2370
Projects		1700	0
Ground Maintenance	4694	5394	4694
TOTAL	76469	79546	15464
EXPENDITURE			
Staff	20724	17797	27658
Office administration	7437	4411	9603
Allotments	2190	1545	2370
Cemetery	3500	2543	4947
Magazine	6600	4543	6800
All Ground management	14862	12085	13982
Village projects	6806	5966	8441
Donations to groups	350	250	360
Play areas equipment	3000	3217	4500
TOTALS	65469	52357	78661
Capital expenditure			
legal expenses	1000		1000
Community event	0		0
CCTV replacements	500		500
Office Admin	1000		1000
Cemetery contingency	0		100
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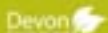
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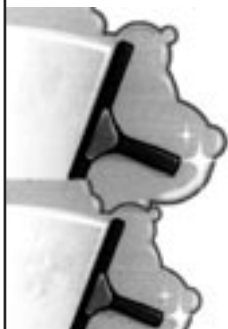


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CAMEO

We've been very busy this autumn a trip to the Dartington glass factory and on to Barnstaple for a bit of Christmas shopping. We went on our annual trip to Street again for Christmas shopping. We had a delicious Christmas dinner at Redwoods Inn, Upplowman. We had another treat as on the way we went to pick up two members who live in Uffculme and we saw their fantastic Christmas lights a secret Santa finished off a lovely evening. The walking group had been to the Old Well for Christmas tea and the singles group had a bring-and share Christmas lunch at Pat's house followed by a lucky dip.

The first cameo meeting of the new year started off on a sad note when we learnt that Mary Tancock had passed away after a few months of poor health. Mary was a long standing and active member of Cameo and will be remembered in the village for her tireless work holding coffee mornings for various charities, Mary also took part in many activities in the village. At our AGM we had welcomed several new members and had enjoyed many outings, days out coffee mornings and lunches. after three years we were able to once again play skittles, this time at the halfway house. We had a lovely jubilee garden party at Peta's house with everyone coming in a decorated hat and the runaway winner of the competition was Sylvia with her fantastic knitted silver crown decorated with sequins for jewels. Bridget came second with a hat decorated by homemade red white and blue pompoms. we had some very good speakers.

We raised over £450 for charity which this year had been the one particular project to raise money towards helping member Margaret Turner who has been bedridden for over two years since her appalling accident. Hopefully when the spring and summer comes we will be able to hire a special mini bus which can accommodate a wheelchair and Margaret will be able to come on some of our outings. We all sent her good wishes. We had a very healthy bank account and we had had a very successful year. The committee were re-elected but we still need a couple of members to come on to the committee. Peta thanked Sandra Shepherd for all her hard work on the committee as she was stepping down due to family reasons. Peta was thanked by the members for her ceaseless work on our behalf and was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

The lunch at Padbrooks has been postponed until March. We are having a coffee morning at Steamers and also lunch at the Globe in Sampford Peveral. In March we are planning a trip to Exeter to visit the underground passages or the museum or shopping. We then began one of our favourite occupations, eating. We had a magnificent spread of food to which we had all contributed. we are hoping for another successful year.

If you think you would like to come to one of our meetings you will be very welcome. We meet in the village hall on the first Thursday of the month at 7.p.m. the speaker in February will be from Carers Unite. Cameo members wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. **Betty Penberthy.**

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WILLAND GARDEN CLUB

Willand Garden Club will be holding their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 8th March 2023 in the Club Room of Willand Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm.

An interesting programme is being compiled for meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month. The subject on 8th March will be an illustrated talk on the work of the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. The evening will include a raffle (donated prizes welcome), a flower of the month competition (single stem of an outdoor flower) and refreshments. **Brian Carlson**

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MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Hello and can I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year.

A new year and no doubt one that will bring both challenges and hopefully some opportunities to us all. Let us hope the opportunities outweigh the challenges.

My work as an MDDC Councillor over the past few weeks have seen a mix of issues, conversations and votes that have given me hope for the future, despair at how the council shoots its self in the foot and anger at how some groups of members make a mockery of democracy.

On the 1st December members were invited to attend an Extraordinary Full Council meeting, the sole purpose of which was to vote on the recommendations of the cross-party committee of 12 members that discussed the Mid Devon Area Parish Boundary Review. The process had taken in public consultations and the committee had discussed a range of issues from all Wards that were considering changes.

As a member of this committee I wrote back in November that some 70% of the time had been used to discuss the range of possible changes for “our ward, Lower Culm” and that of Halberton. Following many hours of debate a recommendation was unanimously passed by all those present at the final committee meeting. These recommendations were in line with the vast majority of comments received from you the public.

Therefore, you will now see my anger and disappointment that at the Extraordinary Full Council meeting on 1st December that a quarter of elected members did not attend for such an important vote. This gave the opportunity for a last-minute amendment to be tabled by a neighbouring ward member that sought to undermine both the public and committee recommendations.

It is of even greater disappointment that this amendment was then supported by a political block vote of the member by group members that represent areas well away from ours.

They voted to reject the recommendations and public comments to pass a version that leaves our ward ever reliant on the actions and interventions of a set of Parish Councillors that live many miles away and are never affected by planning decisions made on land that sits adjacent to your homes.

There is also a well-documented history of them making no or very limited comments on such applications, thus failing to protect Lower Culm residents from unwanted development.

This is the worst face of the political manipulation, now increasingly being seen to be playing out, in this an election year.

For myself and those of you that had taken the time to write in and comment I was and am still angry at such a cynical political move.

All councils have a members pay reviewed each year; this is undertaken by an independent panel that look at a number of factors. They talk to members, look

at workload, consider neighbouring council's members pay and make a recommendation set against these and other considerations.

This year saw a recommendation of a 4.04% rise in the basic allowance, for information this is currently £5494.68 per annum.

In addition, there are a range of special responsibility allowances e.g., the Leader of the Council received the basic allowance plus another 3x so a total of £21,978.72, Cabinet Members receive basic plus an additional 1.5 x, and Chairs of Committees receive additional allowances, full details of these payments are on the MDDC website.

It is frustrating that all councils pay different amounts, a universal payment/allowance would save a deal of time. It would also be helpful if any award was set by Central Government and not requiring Councillors to debate and vote on their own pay.

As stated, we are entering an election year so all this did this was create a platform for political postering.

Firstly, The Leader sought an increase in excess of 6% well above the Panel's recommendation. This was supported by one political group but opposed by another.

We then entered a farcical round of votes that saw two recommendations rejected and even worse saw some members vote for both!

Full disclosure here: I tabled a motion to agree the 4.04%, as recommended. This surprisingly saw the same member who had seconded the 6% pay award now second my motion? Then saw him desperately trying to get his group to vote for my motion. Unfortunately, as this group had already agreed they were doing something different the confusion was evident and my motion was lost.

The same happened with the Leaders motion, despite having support of one political group the remaining councillors voted against the higher award. There ensued a raft of politically based verbal exchanges, resulting in a total stalemate. You couldn't make it up. The conclusion? To adjourn the vote until February.

The fact is, any increase will be not come into force until after the May elections. Of those pontificating on political grounds some are not standing and some that do may not actually get elected. I intend to table a compromise motion in February - watch this space.

Yet Another example of political groups concentrating on their agendas NOT council business.

Many will know I have for several months (or is it years?) been attempting to get a round table discussion to bring forward radical thinking on a new restoration plan for the vast area of local quarry sites that are coming to the end of their productive life. The current restoration plans were formed in the 1940's



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so any thoughts of recreation, biodiversity or healthy living were let's say several years away.

I am making some progress with a broad agreement that the parties will come together to bring about what I hope will be a legacy project for the quarry sites.

I personally have no set ideas but broader thoughts include looking to understand how a mix of the right planting and landscaping could help create walks, cycle paths, trim trails, ponds, fishing lakes, climbing areas, woods and possibly a nature reserve, all ideas to be considered.

This will take several years to bring to fruition but as the saying goes "A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step". Whatever happens I'm proud to have brought about the commencement of the journey.

On a final note: I will be holding my Councillor surgeries in Willand Village Hall on the 11th February and Uffculme Square Corner on 11th March, then as the election looms large, I will need to cease as purdah will start.

If you have any issues or concerns about Mid Devon services, please contact me on 07975905782 or email me at: revans@middevon.gov.uk.

Bob Evans Independent Councillor Lower Culm Ward

WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE (WH&CC)

We ended 2022 with a very busy coffee and chat, lovely to see even more new faces. The raffle was a resounding success and I would like to thank the post office for selling tickets on our behalf.

Regular sessions started on the first Thursday and third Tuesday again in January and with our new volunteers Clare and Tony it was lovely to welcome new people. We are going to have pancakes at our coffee and chat on Tuesday 21st February to mark Shrove Tuesday.

On Tuesday 21st of March we will be in making Easter Cards. If we have activities planned and you don't want to join in then there is always a welcome with a hot drink and a chat.

At the Thursday 2 February and Thursday 2nd March we will resume our monthly raffle. We are always open to suggestions for these sessions, so don't be shy let us know what you would like to do. The Co-op are continuing to support us through the community fund this year, if you haven't chosen a charity to support through your card, please consider choosing us. **Tania Edworthy**

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

There is very little to report from the History Group, other than that planning continues towards an exhibition and community event at the Village Hall on Saturday, 6 May 2023, to mark the King's Coronation, possibly with a 'live screening' of the event itself. Hopefully, by the time this magazine comes out, we should have a clearer idea of what is happening, and details will be advertised via lamppost, or social media post.

Ongoing research into Bradfield House and Estate has revealed an interesting incident from January 1909 which sheds light on the lives of our local politicians at that time. Our local (Conservative) MP was then the aristocratic Lionel Walrond, who lived at Bradfield with his glamorous, and very wealthy wife, Charlotte, known as 'Lottie'. In January 1909, with a general election looming, Lionel was on the campaign trail with his wife and had attended a meeting at Thorverton, from where he went on to a ball at the County Hall in Exeter. It had been the intention for them all to return to Bradfield, but Lottie was tired, and so booked into New London Inn in Exeter. Lionel, however, set out in the early hours (about 5am) in Lionel's motorcar (a limousine 28hp Daimler, a wedding present from Lottie's uncle, said to be worth £1,000), which was driven by his chauffeur, Joseph Orr.

On their way out of Exeter the car hit an electric tramway standard. Lionel went through the plate glass partition between the 'body of the car and the chauffeur's seat'. He suffered cuts to his face and hands, small artery was cut on his neck, with considerable blood loss, plus bruising all over his body. The chauffeur's head went through the glass screen at the front of the car, he was thrown onto the road, but apart from a bad cut over his left eye, other cuts and bruising, and was just left badly shaken. A doctor who lived nearby attended the scene and the injured were taken to New London Inn. Later they were taken back to Bradfield and treated by Willand's renowned doctor, Dr Tracey of The Gables. The police officers who attended the accident confirmed that 'the chauffeur was sober' and that the motorcar was 'wrecked'.

While Lionel's immediate political appointments were cancelled, Lottie announced that she intended to attend meetings in his stead where possible, and that same day attended a Primrose League (Conservative) meeting at the Tiverton Junction Assembly Room, in Willand (this Assembly Room was on Station Road next to the Railway Hotel, both knocked down when the M5 was built). It was reported that she '... pluckily came up from Exeter in a hired car, presided at the meeting, delivered a pointed little speech, and contributed (counting encores) no fewer than five sprightly songs in the entertainment part'. Dr Tracey, one of Lionel's ardent supporters, also spoke at the meeting, describing how they had been 'under a cloud and endured terrible anxiety', but thankfully, despite serious injury and rumours that he was close to death, Lionel was not 'dangerously ill', and adding that 'after this meeting came to an end, she [Lottie] would again take her seat in that motor car and hurry back to far-off Exeter to wait upon her suffering husband. (Cheers.)' It was estimated that around 200 people were present for the musical programme, making the venue too crowded for dancing. One of the songs Lottie sang was 'The Wedding o' Sandy Macnab', made famous by music hall legend, Harry Lauder. When she left, the entire audience came out into the road to sing 'For she's a jolly good lady'. **James Morrison, 01884 250057 (jamorrison235@gmail.com)**



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