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Always the bridesmaid, so England lost again, maybe football will come home next time. Nevertheless, we hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and this edition of your magazine.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Regrettably I have to start this magazine contribution on a sad note. It was with great sadness that the Parish Council learned of the death of former Parish Councillor Anthony George MANDER [Tony].

Tony was a member of the Parish Council for a number of years only retiring when he had to start cutting back on his commitments. He was a Trustee of the Willand Health and Community Centre project from its inception to his death. He was a stalwart of the Composting Group until recently; a supporter of the football club and had interest in many more village events and activities. Rest in Peace Tony – Duty done.

I will try and follow with some good news. As will be seen by those visiting the Jubilee Field, the skate ramp is in the process of being constructed and by the time this article goes to press I hope that it will be completed and in use for the school holidays. There has been some disruption of the footpath, but the contractors have done their best to keep this to a bare minimum. We are also very appreciative of the cooperation and assistance from the Head Teacher and staff of the primary school in permitting access to the site from the school drive. You will note that we are also putting in a footpath to the shelter and bottom of the pump track ramp to try and reduce the mud when it is all very wet.

We are in the process of obtaining quotations for various additional bits of play and fitness equipment around the village play areas. This will have to go through the process of obtaining three quotations and then putting in applications for Mid Devon District Council to release the monies to us, which they already hold, as the result of S106 monies paid by Bellway Homes as the result of their development off Meadow Park. We are considering the following improvements:

Chestnut Drive Play area – addition of a sprung see saw.

Jubilee Field fenced area – replacement see saw; two new goal posts with back and side 'netting' as requested by the youngster to save them having to chase the ball all across the field when they score a goal.

Orchard Way area – enhance the availability of fitness equipment on that side of the village similar to that available in the Jubilee Field. Parallel Bars. Pull up bars, climbing poles, monkey bars, a pan type swing and a small multigym. This will be of use to all ages.

Anyone with views or ideas are asked to share them with the Parish Clerk please.

There have been various comments on social media concerning the work of Community Payback 'volunteers' in clearing various growth in differing sections of Jaycroft.

This work was arranged by Devon County Council Highways Department. Conflicting views have been expressed as to the timing and the need with concerns for nesting birds and plants and wildlife.

To clarify the position the works and the responsibility rests with Devon County Council Highways Department. Hedges can be cut at this time of year but the person(s) responsible have a duty to make sure that there are no nesting birds etc. If anyone has firm evidence that the various sections of the wildlife law has been broken then it should be brought to the attention of the police. In spite of speculation Mid Devon District Council had no input to these works and cannot be blamed for any of it. The only involvement of the Parish Council is that we were told it was to happen and we were asked to make arrangement for welfare facilities with the village hall which we did. A telephone number was given in case of any issues, but no calls were received. The Parish Council did share the information concerning the works with residents via Facebook etc.

There are a number of footpaths which would benefit from work and whereas in previous years, pre Covid and a change of management at the Probation Service, the Parish Council could access 'volunteers' and do this work but now we can only do it via Devon County. They will wash their hands of some areas by saying that the boundary ground belongs to MDDC. One area that is of great concern at present is the footpath out to the garage after Rowan Lea. The Parish Clerk is trying to contact the farmer but no luck at present. The bottom of the hedge is encroaching over the tarmac as is the grass from the verge. There is little chance of getting DCC Highways to do it as they are not even coping with potholes. DO WE HAVE A SMALL BAND OF RESIDENTS WHO COULD GIVE SOME TIME ON, SAY A SUNDAY MORNING OR TWO, and have a go. I have the tools and inclination but not the ability now because of health.

I can advise and encourage. It would have to be volunteers and at own risk although the Parish Council has some insurance cover for such eventualities. Any takers please contact the Clerk or me direct and we will get something organised.

Thank you to the few who have responded to the survey as to the future issues around the extension to the cemetery. A decision will be made and circulated on the website and a future edition of the magazine. The statutory five year 'topple test' of the gravestones is to be carried out and any problems will be brought to the attention of the relevant families. This is a safety issue as most will appreciate.

Our volunteers have updated the planters around the village, and we are grateful for their continued support. Once again The Old Well Garden Centre has supplied the plants and supported us with a generous discount – thank you.



We still have three vacancies for Parish Councillors in Willand and we can coopt new councillors without the need for an election if appropriate. Please can you think about joining us and helping do the best we can for our community and to keep Willand a nice place to live in. I have now lived here for 34 years and used to police it back in the 1970's so have seen it grow into what it is today.

We need to keep an eye on what is being done by higher authorities which could make things worse for us. Most support and enjoy our community and long may that continue. **Barry G J Warren Chairman Willand Parish Council.**

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We hope to see you there on the 21st as the show is not just for enthusiasts but also a great family day out.

For further information about our show or the club visit our webpage **www.cvmrc.weebly.com** or phone Malc Trump on 07716699140 or myself, Peter Fosberry on 01884 821811. You can contact us by email at **cvmrc83c@gmail.com**. **Peter Fosberry.**

WILLAND GARDEN CLUB

WGC meets at 7pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except January, February and August, at the Willand Village Hall. Refreshments are available and plant sales, and a raffle are also held. The plant sales are of particular good value, and you can talk to the growers for detailed information. The talks by experienced and professional speakers are of a high standard.

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Wednesday 11th September will be a talk on Nerines and on Saturday 28th will be a coffee morning. The WGC website is –

<https://gardenclub.willandvillagehall.org.uk> Chester Baker.

WILLAND UNITED CHARITIES

Willand United Charities was set up to benefit residents of Willand who were in need. The money available for distribution is quite limited but the Trustees are able to make small grants to support individuals and local groups each year. The Trustees meet regularly twice a year, usually in September and February. Extra meetings are held to discuss applications outside of these times so people should not be put off from contacting us when necessary.

The current Trustees are Stephen Little, Neil James, Jason Scott and Kate Taylor

If you or someone you know would benefit from some support, then please contact the charity by using our email address unitedcharities@whacc.org.uk or contact one of the trustees, to receive an application form.

Kate Taylor. Trustee

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

First of all, we would like to thank Geri Holloway for getting in touch with some of her memories of Willand during the Second World War. Geri rightly reminds us that as well as the REME camp in the 'old village' there was an ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service, the women's branch of the British Army) camp in the fields on the opposite side of the road, between Elm View (which at that time was Tom Sanders' butcher shop) and the boundary wall to Harpitt House. Geri recalls the REME camp, noting that "as well as that camp with its huge hanger-like sheds there were often one or two Bren gun carriers (like small tanks) parked at the top of Dye House Lane alongside the end wall of Carr Cottage, my home, much to the curious delight of us village children."

"What I do recall very clearly is soldiers being billeted in the spacious outbuildings of Townlands, the big, detached house right opposite Carr Cottage and which was sadly demolished several years after the war ... My hospitable parents often befriended those soldiers.

Three come to mind: Dick, a soft-spoken Scot killed at Dunkirk; Tommy with whom my parents kept in touch for several years after the war; and Jordie. During their respective postings to Willand they spent much of their free time in my home, often playing darts with my father. From late evening a sentry was stationed at the wide, unenclosed frontage of the Townlands billet; the high ornamental iron double gates and many yards of iron railings on either side had been commandeered for melting down as part of the war effort. My father used to take a cup of cocoa out to the sentry on duty. Apparently the soldiers drew lots for that particular spell of duty with its welcome hot drink!"

"Despite all the military presence in the village my parents never mentioned or discussed the events of the war itself with me or my sister. Consequently, I was unaware of the actual dates, details and significance of incidents such as Dunkirk, D-Day, battled, bombing raids, etc. The one exception was the three consecutive nights in May 1942 when Exeter, just 15 miles from Willand, was severely bombed: my mother, sister and myself could hear the bombs dropping

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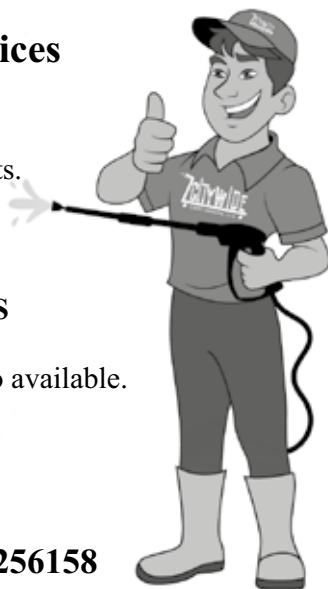
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on the city as we huddled together under the solid dining room table. My father, a member of the local ARP (Air Raid Precaution) was out in the village – as part of Dad's Army”

From our own Archives we have record of one young Willand man who was a victim of that ‘Exeter Blitz’ in May 1942. His name was Dennis Bird, aged only 17, who was killed at St David’s Railway Station. He had been living at an address in Exeter, but his parents still lived in Willand. And even Willand itself came under aerial ‘attack’ during the war. We have been told about one time when bombs fell on farmland near Park Farm, which was most likely to have been a German plane jettisoning unused bombs on its way back from a raid elsewhere. On another occasion a German plane passing over the village opened fire with its machine guns, strafing the Bramber’s factory (now demolished) on South View Road.

Thankfully there were no casualties, but houses on Fir Close were hit by stray bullets – the marks are still there to be seen - and one bullet is reputed to have gone through the canopy of a pram.

If you have any more information about these events, or anything else you can add on Willand during the Second World War, we would love to hear from you.

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



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August

Thursday 1 August (midday to 2pm) – Midweek Car Boot Sale

Saturday 3 August (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market

Saturday 17 August (times TBC) – Pirate event

Sunday 25 August (10.30am to 4pm) – The Great Western Teddy Bear Fair

September

Sunday 1 September (times TBC) – Devon General bus event in town centre

Thursday 5 September (midday to 2pm) – Midweek Car Boot Sale

Saturday 7 September (9am to 2pm) – Tiverton Farmers Market

Friday 27 September (10am to 1pm) – World’s Biggest Coffee Morning

Sunday 29 September (10am to 4pm) – Market Fest (alongside eat: Festival in town centre)

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Summer has arrived and the year is flying by! Hopefully you got to see us at one, or both, of our performances in May. Firstly, we opened the Rose & Friends Variety Show on 11th May at New Hall, Tiverton; then two weeks later we were part of a joint charity concert with Take Note Community Choir & Tonal Recall, raising £1001 for CHAT. Our thoughts are now turning to Christmas (already!) and we're due to be singing as part of the "Dulverton by Starlight" event on Sunday 1st December.

There are 6 ways that singing can improve your mental health – it makes you happier; boosts your confidence; reduces stress; makes your brain healthier; forms bonds and even gives you a physical workout (yes, we know that seems crazy, but it gives your lungs a workout and exercises your heart and muscles too!). Thank goodness for the benefits of singing when the "summer" weather hasn't really been giving us a serotonin boost, so why not give it a try in the Autumn with MiDS?

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We rehearse every Friday evening during school term time at Halberton Village Hall, starting promptly at **7.30pm** and ending at **9.30pm** - with an all-important tea/coffee break about halfway through. "School term time" means that we're on our summer holidays right now, but we'll restart for the Autumn Term on Friday 6th September.

If you would like to find out more about joining us or booking us for a performance, please contact us by email at info@mids.org.uk. Otherwise, be sure to keep an eye on our social media feeds for general news & performance information: Facebook [themiddevonsingers](#). Twitter/"X" [@MidDevonSingers](#)
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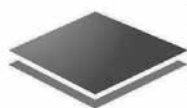
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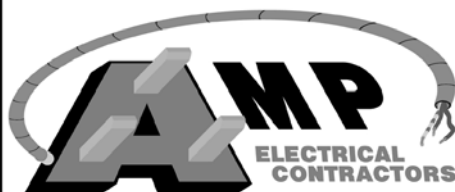
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We have just started putting together our Christmas Parcels for Eastern Europe. We could, however, really do with some extra shoe boxes please. So, when next you're in your wardrobe,

if you find any, please put them in a waterproof bag and leave them at our door.

Alternatively bring them along to Friday Morning Coffee. We make no charge. The next one will be on **Friday 20 September from 10.30-12**. Call in for a chat with good company and you might even pick up a knitting pattern and some and wool for the shoe boxes. Or some superb homemade Marmalade or Pickle.

You can have lunch with us too at the next **Soup and Something which is on Saturday 24th August at 12 noon**, when any donations you chose to make, will be given to support other charities.

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We always end with a bring and share tea, which often also seems to have birthday cake.

You'll also find us on our new Facebook page which will keep you up to date on all forthcoming events.

Please make a note of our annual joint **Christmas coffee morning** in the village hall with the scouts on **Saturday 23rd November**. (It's not far away)

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Our Murder Mystery “**THE TOSCA’s**” in June was a huge success completely sold out and judging from the social media posts thoroughly enjoyed by all a fantastic evening with The WiTS outwitting the wits. With lots of enquiries after the closing date for tickets being turned away. We do not like to turn audience’s away but as the occasion was including a two-course meal plus coffee course the purchasing arrangements for the food dictated the number of seats catered for.



The suspects lined up for the reveal

Our apologies if you missed it but don't despair we are performing another and different Murder Mystery on September 14th this one is called: “**THE WILL TO MURDER**” again with catering and bring your own drinks basis which seems to go down really well with our audience's. Keep an eye out on social media also posters and banners in and around the village in August. Don't miss out but get your tickets early.

Our annual Pantomime has been decided for next February in the Village Hall and will be “**ROBIN HOOD**” more about that in the next issue again look out for media and advertising later in the end of the year. **Sam Fincher.**



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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 st & 3 rd Wednesday	9.30am
Pilates with Ellie	Wednesday	4.30pm
Indoor Bowls Club	Wednesday	7.00pm
Garden Club	2 nd Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates with Ellie	Thursday	9.30am
University of the Third Age U3A	1 st Thursday	2.00pm
CAMEO	1 st Thursday	7.00pm
Karate	2 nd 3 rd & 4 th Thursday	6.00pm
Folk Dance Club	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	8.00pm
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Zumba	Friday	9.30am
WITS	Friday	7.30pm
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WILLAND HEALTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our AGM was held on the 8 July 2024. We started our meeting with a minute's silence in honour of Tony Mander who was one of our founding members and a valued Trustee.

The Centre has undergone great physical changes during the last year. At the end of 2023 the nursery organised the covering of the space between the two buildings with a new polycarbonate roof, floor covering and gates. This has made the space more usable and although it caused disruption to our Christmas activities these moved to the Village Hall and were just as enjoyable and successful.

This year a new electricity supply was installed which enabled both the kitchens to be remodeled with brand new fixtures and fittings. We now need to develop the activities that were specified in the application for grants for these areas.

A fundraising disco was held in February in the Village Hall. Tickets were sold by the Pharmacy and Post Office, everyone brought their own drinks and nibbles, and we provided tea and coffee. A play list was compiled by the users during the previous weeks and Frances put it all together with sound and lights assisted by Tony Donald. The evening ended with some Karaoke which was enjoyed by those who indulged. It was a great success and there have been requests for another such event. Thanks to Cherylin and Val for coming up with the idea and thank you to all who attended – keep them coming. Two of our regular attendees at the coffee morning have raised money for the Centre by selling jigsaws and I would like to thank Jen and Jo for doing this.

The volunteer led coffee mornings have continued to flourish with a regular attendance on both the first Thursday and third Tuesday mornings each month. The fine weather enabled the opening of the folding doors and tables to be put in the outside space and it worked well. I would like to record my thanks to the volunteers that turn out on a regular basis to ensure that these go ahead.

The Book Swap has been held each month on a Wednesday morning with varying success, but more people are becoming aware and involved in planning the morning. A trial of an evening book swap on a Monday is ongoing and the next one will be on 19 August at 6.30. If people use this then we have volunteers ready to continue these sessions. **Tania Edworthy – Chair**

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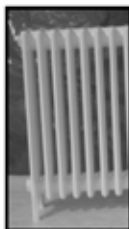
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