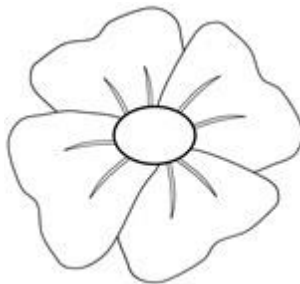
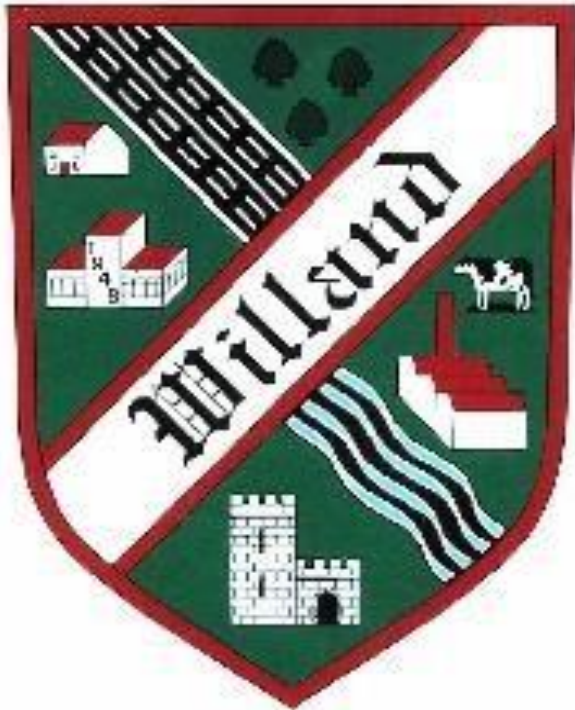


**WILLAND MAGAZINE**  
**November & December**  
**2018**



LOCAL NEWS : LOCAL EVENTS : LOCAL CONTACTS  
Delivered Free to Every Home

Welcome to the November & December issue of the magazine the months of remembrance and celebration. Let's start with a couple of thank yous. Remember the boy who was doing that cycle ride to raise money for Arthritis Research UK!

**CALLUM'S DEVON COAST TO COAST CYCLE RIDE, MAY 2018.**

**Thank you for your generous support. Altogether we raised £1551.40 for Arthritis Research UK. Here is an account**

**of our journey.** The sign that marks the beginning of the Devon Coast to Coast-Ilfracombe Pier.

**Day 1: Ilfracombe to Torrington:**

The beginning of the Devon Coast to Coast Cycle Route is at Ilfracombe Pier, marked with a sign that says 'The Devon Coast to Coast Cycle Route'.



Dad and I cycled out of the seaside town going up very steep hills to join 'Cycle Route 27'; I was exhausted at the top of the hill (as it was climbing for over 200m!) Thankfully, the next part was cycle path and it was very flat.

We cycled past wooden sculptures carved into benches and huge reservoirs. The path was quite bumpy in places and I found the rocky terrain was slightly challenging, but I managed. The path took us downhill-which was slightly more fun- through Braunton and from then on it was flat. We were cycling the Tarka Trail. With my legs aching I finished day 1 at Torrington Station.

**Day 2: Torrington to Okehampton:**

The next part of the Coast to Coast started off at Torrington Station, where I had finished the day before. After a while we reached the end of the Tarka Trail cycle path and then had to cycle on the road. This section was torturous as hill after hill after hill came. I could barely walk up the hills, let alone cycle. It was 150 metres uphill! It was tiring work and I still had another 20km to go to get to Okehampton!!! We cycled up seemingly never-ending hills; it was extremely hard work, especially in the blistering sun. It was 28 degrees now!

I slowly descended down the gentle slope leading away from Hatherleigh and had started making my way up the next gigantic hill leading towards Okehampton; my target destination to finish off today. I had now started to find out about a new difficulty - water. I had drunk so much out of my 3 litre water pack already -as it was a hot day and I needed to keep hydrated- that I had begun to run out of water rapidly, so I had to ration my water for a bit. Slowly I ascended the 200m. Finally, with my legs in agony I reached the top of the hill. I had quite a long break before I set off again ... facing another huge hill up the hill to my destination point at Okehampton Train Station. I was relieved to complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 3 day challenge.

### **Day 3: Okehampton to Plymouth:**

Starting off at Okehampton Train Station, I started cycling on the Granite Way cycle path which had a gradual slope ascending over 200m. The 15km Granite Way cycle path ended quite quickly. The cycle path took me onto the road for a bit, I passed Lydford gorge, which has the deepest river gorge in the south – west, with a spectacular 30m water fall. I carried on going up the treacherous hills near Brent Tor, which stands on the western edge of Dartmoor; its 1100ft above sea level-it was very challenging going up those hills which were ascending to nearly 300m!!!

After a too brief downhill to Tavistock there was a long uphill cycle on The Drakes Trail Cycle Path to Yelverton, which is where the famous home of Sir Francis Drake – Buckland Abbey - can be found. I cycled past Buckland Abbey in Yelverton and then onto the narrow lanes, which felt like the road would never end it was so long. Lots of hills awaited me and I had to face the challenge of getting up them. It was very difficult and extremely tiring. It felt like such a long time we'd been cycling on the same road, that I thought we had got lost. But eventually the road led us to a cycle path right next to the busy city traffic of Plymouth.

We cycled on the flat cycle path through Plymouth for another 5km and then we arrived at Smeaton's Tower, on Plymouth Hoe; we had finally completed the Devon Coast to Coast. Dad and I were a bit worn out after the 102 mile bike ride! **Thank you, from Callum.**

**SAMPFORD PEVERELL HISTORIC VEHICLES** - would like to thank everybody who attended, volunteered, donated or contributed to our gathering at Uplowman Village Hall on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Despite the disappointing weather putting a few people off we still had a fantastic display of vehicles and craft stalls and the amazing amount of £1223.60 has been donated to our designated charity, Devon Freewheelers. Whilst at the show one on call Freewheeler answered 2 emergency calls which shows how much these guys are needed.

Next year's show will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August. We are always desperate for volunteers behind the scenes. For more info call 820527 or visit our Facebook page 'Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicle Gathering'  
See you next year! **Lindy Astbury – Secretary**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** Thursday 21 March 2019 at 7.pm in the Village Hall. Refreshments available and a Parish Council meeting will follow – come and meet the current Councillors before the elections are held.

**2 MAY 2019** is an important date for Willand as we get to elect our Parish Council for a four-year term. Being a Parish Councillor is an important role as it means that you are someone that your community will look to for help,

guidance and support. You will have the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people of Willand. Seeing Willand change for the better as a result of decisions you have helped to make is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

Information about how to stand will be put on the Willand Parish Council website [www.willand-pc.org.uk](http://www.willand-pc.org.uk) when it is made available from MDDC. If you are interested in this then there is the opportunity to have a practice run as the Council is a member short following the retirement of Councillor Mander. The vacancy notice is on the Parish Council website and on the notice boards around the village – and if you are interested then please do contact me for more information. Speak to one of the current councillors their contact details are in the front of the magazine – and come along to a meeting on the second or fourth Thursday of the month to see the Council in action.

This will be the first election for both District and Parish Councillors for Willand since I became clerk and I am very much looking forward to having enough candidates to hold an election – please stand!

**Kate Taylor Clerk to Willand Parish Council**



**WILLAND**  
FOLK DANCE CLUB

Our new season of dancing is now under way. Club Nights are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month 8.00 pm to 10.30 pm. We are always pleased to welcome new members so why not come along to the Village Hall on the above days and experience for yourself what a good time we have. With this in mind, from the 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be starting at 7.30 for any newcomers/beginners to help anyone to understand the various (and simple) moves.

We are also holding a Family Barn Dance on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 2.30 pm to 5.00 pm. Admission will be £2.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. Tea and coffee with biscuits will be available during the interval and soft drinks will be available for the children. So why not come along and give us a try! For more information please give me a ring on 01404 47200. **Marilyn Broom Chairperson.**

**WILLAND ROVERS - SO FAR SO GOOD** - At the time of writing we sit top of the Western league after our first 9 games. We continue to play exciting football and some of the goals we have scored would not look out of place at the Emirates, Eithad or the Nou Camp.

We have had a stumble in losing to a very street wise Street side in the FA Cup, but still have the FA Vase and League to look forward to. We have 6 lads in the squad who all have been scouted and plucked from the lower leagues, some of whom are now playing 3 or 4 divisions higher than they have ever played. Russell has added the experienced Craig Duff to the line-up, and so far his presence has started to reap rewards, with more link up play and goals.

We have continued to improve our facilities for spectators, visitors and players alike. New walkway lights have been installed, spectators can now walk down the side of the ground safely. New floodlights are on their way to replace ones which are now nearly 30 years old. We plan to infill the pitch perimeter again making it safer for spectators, by stopping the ball coming through the unprotected areas around the pitch. All this work is done by volunteers who have, sourced the material, obtained grants to help towards the costs and have spent hours putting these things up. All of which we are extremely grateful for and without your help would not be possible. As we have improved our facilities our number of spectators has also increased which is very pleasing as we are keeping the Willand village flag flying.

As mentioned previously we are more than a football club, with a number of events planned for the forthcoming months. We continue to support **Macies Army**, in raising money for Macie Greening and her dream to go to America, with events planned for Saturday the **10<sup>th</sup> November** when we host a **Race Night** 7pm onwards, its great fun. On Saturday the **17<sup>th</sup> November** we are hosting an **80s disco** so if you want to get your fluorescent leggings out and strut your stuff please come along from 8pm, entry is £5 a head bookable in advance (see below). On Friday the **30<sup>th</sup> November** we are hosting brilliant **local band Zen**, this is a ticket only event due to popularity, ticket cost in advance is £5 and are available from **Sonia on 07793942695**

We will be hosting our legendary **Christmas meat and poultry bingo** at the club, Eyes down is 7.30 (but you will need to be there for 7ish to get a seat). The dates are as follows: **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

On the **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** we will be hosting our annual Santa Run, we are trying to raise money for **Macies Army and Willand Rovers FC**, once again we have been sponsored by Marcus at MS Heating, and we thank him and his team for their continuing support of this event. Entry forms can be obtained from the club's Facebook page, or from the club itself, cost to enter is £12 for a family, £5 per adult and £2.50 for a child.

**New Year's Eve** this year will be a disco, tickets cost £5 to get in and sold in advance obtainable from **Trina on 07815795619** doors open at 7.30pm.  
**Dominic Clark**

## **THE CULM VALLEY MILLENNIUM SCREEN**

Calling all contributors to the making of the Culm Valley Millennium Screen, now housed in Coldharbour Mill in Uffculme.

A plan is afoot to restore and conserve the wonderful mixed media Millennium Screen, depicting the course of the River Culm as it wends its way from Clayhidon to Willand. The screen was originally the brainchild of Dr Jonathan Meads and Peter Reed, created by over 100 contributors, to celebrate the Millennium and to be a snapshot in time of the Culm Valley.

A conservator has been engaged to cast her expert eye over the screen and has noted some damage which needs restoration. We hope to arrange a training day early next year for anyone interested in helping to restore the screen. If you were part of the original project, you will remember how much fun was had in planning and executing this effort. Now we are looking for you to volunteer again to help in this restoration. If you were unlucky enough to have missed this project, all is not lost!

Please join us by submitting your name and contact number to : Pam Golding, Tel: 01884 841162 and join a team of dedicated volunteers. Just half an hour of your time would be so valuable. Learn new skills and enjoy making history. We hope to re-launch the screen in 2020, twenty years after its original launch. Coldharbour Mill is committed to maintaining this work of art in appropriate conditions, and the result will be that the screen can once again be publicly staged and viewed by locals and visitors. **Pam Golding**

### **WILLAND SCOUT GROUP**

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts of Willand Scout Group will be taking part in a Parade on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November in our act of remembrance supporting the brave men and women who have died in service of our country. It is now 100 years since the end of the First World War, but just to reflect how this conflict impacted the Scout Association. In 1907, when Scouting was founded by Lord Robert Baden Powell at his camp on Brownsea Island 20 boys attended this camp. 5 of these boys went on to fight and to die in service of their country during the First World War. In total ¼ million former Scouts and Scout Leaders fought in the First World War, of which 10,000 lost their lives. The Scout Association is based on simple notions of truth, loyalty, courage, respect, fun and friendship which are the enduring quality we all hope to achieve and the reason why Scouting remains relevant today. Willand Scout Group would be delighted to see you support us on Parade on Remembrance Sunday, but furthermore if you felt you could give sometime to help children on the adventure of Scouting we would love to hear from you. Nationwide there are more children on waiting lists to join the Scout Association than there are places available. In Willand we have a thriving group, but to sustain this position we need to recruit new leaders. It is only with adult help we can provide the leadership for our members to develop. If you would like any further information, please phone James on 07748764832 or email james\_bicknell@outlook.com.

### **WILLAND SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON**

Do you have a pre-school aged child? Are you trying to decide which school will give them the best, well-rounded education and greatest opportunities? We believe that we can give your child just that. But don't take our word for it! Come and see us in action. We are holding an Open Afternoon on 20<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. and would be delighted to welcome you to our school. **Jane Howard**

## **REPORT FROM BOB EVANS YOUR LOCAL MID DEVON COUNCILLOR**

This issue hasn't seen any difficulty in finding topics to give you updates on, unfortunately there are several so I will cut my rambling short and try to be as concise as I can.

### **Local plan review**

Many will know that the initial hearings regarding J27 land allocation and associated Policy and housing has been heard by the Inspector Mr Paul Griffiths BSc(Hons) BArch IHBC, these were held on 19th and 20th September, Mr Griffiths indicated he is looking to give initial feedback by the end of October, there was no indication of what this may be and so there remain three possibilities, carry on, take it out, amend, each has very different ramifications so we must await his comments. The next round of hearings have to have a further six week lead time, so I'm not expecting anything until early 2019, watch local press or the MDDC web site for updates.

### **The new CO-OP**

Many will know that I welcomed the new store as a valuable addition to choice for the village and backed its application but fought to have a zebra crossing provided to assist safe access, this crossing was conditioned to be in place pre opening yet despite this being known by the agents and co-op all relevant paperwork was not done in time, unfortunately I have now been informed this will not be in place until January, the explanation from DCC is set out below, I have made my feeling very clear and find this a disappointing start for the co-ops association with the village.

**DCC explain.....** It is planned that the zebra will be undertaken just after Christmas. The works to install the crossing require a road closure of South view road which would direct traffic via Meadow lane, however should there be an accident in the works on the A361 between now and Christmas the diversion would be down South view road which if closed would necessitate all the traffic travelling down Meadow lane. In January the works on the A361 will be passed the Sampford junction and while there will still be closures in the Sampford vicinity there number is sufficiently reduced and will allow diversion through Sampford thus avoiding any of the residential estate in Willand.

### **2 Sisters**

I must be extremely careful in my comments here, the situation of odours from this site have been allowed to continue for far too long, I am well into my eighth year now and have been attempting to deal with this issue from day one, even sending copies of E Mails to the Environment Agency ( E.A.) from 2011 as evidence of both their and the sites none action. However at last we may be getting some progress given the damning report recently received from the E.A., a small extract is given below. Please please in the mean time report any issues direct to the E.A. on 0800 807060, this really does help!

### **Extract from E.A. Letter**

I can confirm that we have determined operations at the 2 Sisters site are not in compliance with their Environmental Permit with respect to odour. We rate non-compliance at the sites we regulate using a scoring system. 2 Sisters have been scored a CCS2 for failing to comply with the odour condition in their Environment Permit and having a significant impact on the local community.

To address these very serious issues we've required the site to undertake a series of steps to address the odour non-compliances. The site has produced an Action Plan with details of a number of improvements they will be making. All of these actions have deadlines and we will closely monitor their progress.

I hope some may be interested in the following if not for yourself but for your business or a relative.

### **Devon Alert**

Devon & Cornwall Police are continuing to increase the number of residents who are signed up to Devon Alert. They would be really grateful if you could encourage colleagues, communities, residents or professional networks to sign up.

Devon and Cornwall Alert is a free community messaging system to inform members of the public about crimes and incidents affecting their local area. Recorded messages are sent by telephone, email or text message to individuals or groups/businesses.

It is a two-way messaging system which helps the police to connect with our communities; it tells people what is happening in their area and allows them to respond directly with any information.

The system is designed to allow people who register to choose the type of information they would like to receive concerning crime and anti-social behaviour, witness appeals, crime prevention, community events and local good news. Please follow the link to sign up: <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/our-services/devon-and-cornwallalert/devon-and-cornwall-alert-explained/>

### **Planning, an explanation**

A recent application to build 125 houses on Land Adjacent Meadow Park Silver Street was this week refused by the MDDC planning committee in line with the Parish Councils representations to refuse, this may well now result in the applicant making an appeal to the Secretary of State.

Despite the PC's objections I backed the proposal for several reasons, firstly the land already has some building taking place for affordable houses, secondly the site is already allocated for 42 houses so the increase was actually 83 and thirdly the section 106 payments offered gave some £425,000 of direct funding to Willand based projects, these included £52.5k to the PC's own health and community centre, £125k to provide off site skate park and



play equipment and finally the full funding of much needed works at the school to alter the kitchens and hall costing £250k.

No planning application should be determined by offered monies alone and given the site already has allocated housing I was mindful of the many benefits the monies to the school would have had, when complete the extra room would allow far greater flexibility to the staff especially on rainy days, so on this occasion I went against the PC but I think for good reason, unfortunately we are now faced with a possibility that a successful appeal could still see the houses build but without the benefit of the funding ! Sometimes you have to make a choice.

### **Finally**

It's been an extremely busy year and much has passed yet so much more will come again next year, so for now I hope you all have a great Christmas and New Year , hope the weather isn't as bad a last winter and wish you all health and happiness. **Bob Evans MDDC Lower Culm**

### **WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY**

Excitement abounds as casting is over and rehearsals begin for our next pantomime.

An unusual Panto from a well-known and much loved fairy tale **Little Red Riding Hood.**

Performances will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 7.30pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> matinee @ 2.30pm and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> evening at 7.30pm. This year with new members of the cast and a delightful adaptation to a heart-warming fairy tale with music, songs, costumes and simple jokes that the kids and Mums and Dads love.

Graham Sessions is our director this year you may remember his production of Aladdin 2 years ago that was well received by our audience.

So come along and bring the kids to the incredible spectacle of live theatre, I just love to see the kids eyes light up at the bright colours and sounds of live entertainment. So pop the dates into your diaries I will be back to remind you in the next edition. Once again thank you for your continued support.

**Sam Fincher**

### **COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES COMMISSION**

After visiting war graves earlier in the year one of our residents wrote to the CWGC and would like to share the response received. "Many thanks for your kind letter of 20 August which has been passed to me for reply. As you have observed when visiting our sites, a huge amount of work goes into keeping the graves, cemeteries, memorials, records and planting in order.

What many people perhaps do not realise is that horticulture has always been an essential part of our commemoration of the war dead and that, with the equivalent of almost 1,000 football pitches to mow each week, the CWGC is probably the world's largest gardening organisation!

Your readers may be keen gardeners and measure their borders at home in metres, but we measure ours in kilometres! We were also one of the first organisations to mass purchase and develop the petrol-powered lawnmower and we still work with suppliers and manufacturers to develop machinery that might eventually filter its way down to the domestic gardener.

The vast majority of our 1,300 staff worldwide are gardeners and stone masons, almost 900 in fact, and some are even the third generation of their family to work for us. It is not uncommon to find that a particular group of gardeners might have experience that amounts to well over 100 years of gardening know how.

We employ a mix of UK and local staff around the world and as an employer, we are committed to the professional development of our gardening staff - with many UK gardeners having formal horticultural qualifications. Local staff with no formal qualifications undertake modular training, covering all aspects of horticultural work in a cemetery, which allows them to progress through the grading structure on successful completion of modules.

The Commission's horticulture is carefully managed to contribute to the aesthetic value of the sites, as intended from the earliest days, to give the effect of a garden, achieving a sense of peace in a beautiful and serene setting, thus bearing witness to the sacrifice of those who lie there. The cemeteries are laid out to a more or less standard plan, with headstone borders planted with herbaceous perennials and floribunda roses, with plants selected to provide variety in texture, height and timing of floral display and with low shrubs at the ends of the rows. These rows are set in lawns to provide an appropriate setting to these headstone borders – the absence of any paths contributes to the simplicity of design of the cemeteries as a whole. Other horticultural features, such as trees, shrubberies, hedges and sometimes pergolas, contribute to the architectural layout of a cemetery, helping to give interest, form and coherence to the design, in addition to providing shelter, obscuring unwanted sights and defining boundaries. Where water is a scarce resource or in short supply, we adapt our approach to suit local climatic conditions – for example at the El Alamein War Cemetery.

In effect, we see the cemeteries as not just places for the dead but for the living and the planting helps to both soften the look of our stonework and also create the right atmosphere in which to remember the dead. Our sites are moving but should not be gloomy.

We have quite a bit more detail on our website at <https://www.cwgc.org/learn/horticulture-and-works> but I hope the information above has given you the basis of what we do." **Anon**

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS –1<sup>st</sup> December will see the switch on of the new festive lights if you can make a donation to support the running costs please contact the Parish Clerk Kate Taylor 07920014407 or email [clerk@willand-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@willand-pc.org.uk).**




**ANNUAL VILLAGE  
CAROL SERVICE**
  
**Willand Village Hall**  
**Sunday 2nd December**  
**6.30 -7.30**



**Come and join us for Christmas  
carols, readings, tea, coffee and  
mince-pies**  
**A collection will be made for  
CHAT**




**THE  
OLD  
WELL**

Monday 3rd of December  
 Open until 8pm




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**Christmas Evening!**  
 Coffee Bar      Restaurant  
 Father Christmas!      Carol Singers  
 Lots of Gifts & Goodies      Tastings

## WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

We are still waiting for some quotes for the annexe refurbishment, so we can apply for grants to help fund the project.

Now that the colder months are coming (although it is like summer on the day of writing this!) please help us to conserve heat by keeping the outside doors closed when you are using the hall.

Please visit our new website, [www.willandvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.willandvillagehall.org.uk), to check availability for hire and to download booking forms. Frances, our booking secretary, can be contacted via email: [bookings@willandvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@willandvillagehall.org.uk)

**Carol Allan Village Hall Treasurer**

## WILLAND VILLAGE HALL DIARY

<b>November</b>			
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Devon & Cornwall Welsh Corgi Club Show	11.00 am
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	Family Barn Dance	2.00 pm
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Market	11.00 am
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	Culm Valley Evergreens CM	10.00 am
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	CVMC – Christmas CM	10.00 am
<b>December</b>			
Saturday	1st	Bramblehaies Coffee Morning	10.00 am
Sunday	2nd	Village Carol Service	6.30 pm
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Willand Crafty Market	11.00 am
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Tennis Club Christmas Bingo	7.00 pm
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup>	Cameo Christmas Fair	11.30 am

## USEFUL WEBSITES:

[www.willandvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.willandvillagehall.org.uk) booking and information

[www.willand-pc.org.uk](http://www.willand-pc.org.uk) all Parish Council documents and information

[www.willandmatters.org.uk](http://www.willandmatters.org.uk) The Community Hub

## REGULAR EVENTS AT WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

<b>Pilates</b>	Mondays	10:00 am
<b>Purelesque Knitting Group</b>	Mondays	2:00 pm
<b>Cull. &amp; Dist. Flower Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	2:00 pm
<b>Beavers (Term Time)</b>	Mondays	5:30 pm
<b>Cub Scouts (Term Time)</b>	Mondays	7:00 pm
<b>Kettle Bell Pump</b>	Mondays	7:00 pm
<b>Pilates</b>	Tuesday	9:00 am
<b>Flower Arranging (Sept-Mar)</b>	Tuesday	1:15 pm
<b>Gymnastics Club</b>	Tuesday	4:00 pm
<b>Pilates</b>	Tuesday	7.45 pm
<b>Tiny Tots (Term Time)</b>	Wednesday	9:30 am
<b>Flower Arranging (Sept-March)</b>	Wednesday	1:15 pm
<b>Indoor Bowls Club</b>	Wednesday	7:00 pm
<b>Garden Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	7:30 pm
<b>Pilates</b>	Thursday	8.15 am
<b>CAMEO</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7.00 pm
<b>Karate</b>	Thursday	5:30 pm
<b>Folk Dance Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:30 pm
<b>Parish Council Meetings</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7:00 pm
<b>Zumba</b>	Fridays	9.30am
<b>WITS Sept-Feb</b>	Fridays	7:00 pm
<b>Cowgirl Twisters</b>	3rd Saturday	7:30 pm
<b>Folk Dance</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday	7:00 pm
<b>Rugby Tots</b>	Sundays	9:30 am
<b>Martial Arts</b>	Sundays	6:30 pm

**HEARING DOGS FOR THE DEAF – SAVE YOUR STAMPS FROM YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS AND WE WILL PUBLISH THE ADDRESS TO SEND THEM TO IN THE NEXT EDITION!**

**THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE NEXT MAGAZINE IS WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER**

## **CAMEO**

The AGM was brought forward a month into September owing to our outgoing Chairman's holiday commitments. The annual reports showed that meetings with excellent speakers, outings to lots of lovely places, the new monthly coffee mornings at various cafes in our local area proving popular and the first of what we hope will become an annual barbeque, made 2018 a very successful Cameo year with several new members joining. The Walking Group, Singles Group Sewing Group all had an enjoyable year. Our fund-raising efforts were very successful and the finances are in a very healthy state. We were able to give £800 to Devon Air Ambulance and a donation to the Village Hall.

Changes for the new year include Sonia Chapman stepping down as Chair after 4 years. Peta Jackman has taken over as Chair with Pat Sanderson becoming Secretary, Sandra Shepherd is joining the committee and the remaining members are continuing. Keith Tadman will be the new auditor.

Members voted to make the children's hospice Little Bridge House their charity for 2019. There will be a Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th December raising money for the Devon Freewheelers and the Craft Group are busily knitting peace blankets and other items for the craft stall. We are making a return visit to the Bowd Arms, near Sidmouth for our Christmas dinner, and having Christmas lunch at Petroc. Visits to Clarks Village, Darts Farm and to Plymouth to the pantomime (oh no you're not, oh yes, we are) are planned. Following the discussion, we settled down to a fish & chip supper followed by Bingo run by Frances Wilcox helped by Judith.

In September the Cameo Singles group went to Wiltshire for their annual holiday. Staying at Littlecote Manor a 16th century mansion house. A very interesting historic building where Henry 8th entertained his "lady friends" we had a tour of the house reputed to be one of the most haunted houses in the country, there is a Roman mosaic floor which had been uncovered in the grounds. Stopping for lunch on the way in Bradford on Avon, a very interesting old town with a tiny Saxon Church, but spoiled somewhat by the incessant traffic. During our stay we visited Marlborough, Oxford, riding on the open top bus seeing the historic buildings, Winchester to see the Cathedral and the world-famous round table, some opted for a bit of shopping. There was so much to see and do and excellent evening entertainment. Returning we stopped in Bath and after having lovely weather all the week we were confronted with strong winds and pouring rain but we had had a wonderful holiday, already looking forward to next year! Our monthly Coffee Morning was held at the Bluebell restaurant in Willand and later in the week we had a Skittles evening at the Pony and Trap in Cullompton.

The first meeting of Cameo's new year in October got off to a hilarious start as we welcomed Rose Channing. She had a wealth of funny stories and poems to entertain us with. Sometimes taking us down memory lane, then testing us on

our knowledge of the Japanese language, and finally ending up with a quiz. We all had a good laugh and enjoyed ourselves. The Walking Group enjoyed a walk along the river Culm via Coldharbour Mill and later in the month they are rambling around Killerton. There will be a coffee morning at the Old Bakery in Cullompton. At our meeting in November we will be entertained by the Cullompton hand bell ringers.

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings, we meet in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of every month (unless otherwise stated) at 7p.m. **Betty Penberthy**

### **WILLAND GARDEN CLUB**

We had an excellent speaker talking about rare and unusual bulbs in September. October we are had a DVD on National Trust gardens and our November speaker is talking about a Winter Garden.

Our joint Flower and Vegetable Show was held at Sampford Peverell this year. It was a very successful day and a number of our members won several classes with their plants, produce and handicrafts. Next year, the show will be at Willand on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August.

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, we took part in the Pottinger Quiz, along with several other local garden clubs. Last year, Willand won the quiz, so we are looking forward to doing well again this year. Our annual meal will be on 18<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndham Arms.

For more details about the Garden Club, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01884 33828 or email me on cbarwa@mail.com. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month from March to December, excluding June and August. Our membership fee is only £5 a year. This includes all meetings, refreshments and a subsidised annual club meal, so is very good value. **Carol Allan Garden Club Secretary**

### **WILLAND PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR - COMMENT & REPORT**

I start with a tinge of sadness in that Councillor Tony Mander has retired from the parish council after many years of loyal service. He could not be persuaded to stay but is to be available to the village community with his commitment to the Composting site and involvement in other projects. Thank you again Tony. Our Clerk will report elsewhere on the procedures to replace Tony on the parish council.

Those of you who watch the parish website and the Facebook page will have seen that the MDDC Planning Committee has refused to grant permission for the 125 houses off Meadow Park but they did approve the creation of an entrance for housing development. As the Local Plan Review allows for 42 houses on the site over the plan period to 2033 that decision is logical. If approval was given for the houses there was to be money available for the Primary School, The Gables project to fit out the proposed community facilities and to improve the BMX track or other trim trail or play facilities. This would

have been of benefit to the village BUT the money would not have been available until the start of the development and that could be a few years hence and by then the monies probably would not cover the costs of work itemised in the offer. Willand has no proven need for all these extra houses, which would include 44 more affordable homes on top of those already built and being built alongside the B3181. The decision was a question of balance and from a Parish Council perspective, the correct decision was made. We may still end up with them as the applicant has the option to appeal. More houses for Willand is still on the table as other developers are sounding out the councils to assess their likelihood of success with other potential application. Watch the website please [www.willand-pc.org.uk](http://www.willand-pc.org.uk) and make your views known. We are not mind readers on the Parish Council! If you have a view write in at the appropriate time as it is numbers which count when gauging opposition or support for an application.

The Inspector examining the Local Plan held hearings on 20 and 21 September regarding the J27 part of the plan together with the two housing sites linked to it. Willand Parish Council were able to put their view and two residents also received a hearing. Our Ward Councillor Bob Evans also joined us and made some very robust arguments which questioned the need and soundness of the proposal. The Inspector hopes to report on this aspect of the plan by the end of October and so we may know the result by the time you receive the magazine. Watch the Website or Facebook for updates.

More play/fitness equipment has gone into the Jubilee Field for the use of all age groups – that is if you can get anywhere near it when the children come out of school. It is wonderful to see so much use being made of it. Thanks must go to our County Councillor Ray Radford who worked with the Parish Council to get a grant for the bulk of the cost from 'Investing in Devon Local Project Fund'. We also thank James Marshall for his advice and enthusiasm. He now tells us that the Mums and Dads need somewhere to sit whilst the children play and so with a case put forward by James and letters of support from the Primary School and Pre-school Heads and Richard Chesterton, one of our Ward Councillors, we have put forward an application for some funding from the 'Communities Together Fund'. If we are successful in getting the funding then watch out for some seating in the New Year. A lot of people are working to make the area more attractive and exciting to visit yet there are still some dog owners not clearing up as the men putting up the new equipment had to pick up two lots before they could start. Please do not leave litter and if you see it please put it in one of the bins.

You may have noticed the new fencing along the Orchard Way play area which has been provided by Mid Devon District Council in preparation for leasing that area to the Parish. Once the lease is complete we will be looking for funding to put in some new equipment, ideally a large piece for the older children. Get your thinking caps on as to where we can find about £10,000. Any local businesses feeling generous please?

In the last magazine we spoke of some questionable activities going on around the shelter in the Jubilee Field. The police have been involved and we have some residents who have entered into dialogue with one or two individuals. Please keep an eye on things as we do not want to lose the facilities which have resulted from a lot of commitment by some to achieve. Do remember some of the area is covered by CCTV.

A number of residents are now contacting us about uncut hedges, possible dangerous trees, garden plants encroaching over pavements, dodgy fences, noisy burglar alarms after power cuts and more. The Parish Council has no powers to deal with a lot these things direct but we do approach people and seek their cooperation. If everyone looks after their own patch or helps a less able neighbour all will be well. If that does not work we refer the matter to the relevant Council but they have set procedures and it takes time to resolve. Most things can be resolved but the time it takes can be frustrating. If you want frustration come and be a parish councillor and then you will really experience it on occasions. Did I mention we have a vacancy?

If I do not get the opportunity before may I wish you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas – yes its coming but not seen the Easter Eggs in the shops yet! Keep well and working for our community and please stay safe whilst you do it. Every little helps. Remember the best response is “How can I help”. It is so much better than “What’s in it for me.” I had better stop now before I get accused of being after the vicars job in preaching. **Barry Warren Chair**

**Cullompton & District Flower Club Annual Open Evening**

Monday 26th November 2018

Willand Village Hall

**Hans Haverkamp** International Demonstrator and Floral Designer

**Festive, Floral and Funky**

Tickets £10 on door to include tea/coffee Refreshments 6.30pm

Demonstration 7.30pm

**ST. MARY’S RESTORATION APPEAL – Update Report September 2018**

Once again I am pleased to be able to report continuing success with our appeal for funds to restore our beautiful parish church in Willand. The Church’s version of planning permission has been received and our architect is responding to some minor details that have been raised. Since my last report at the end of June, fundraising activities within the parish have raised a further £738 and we are looking forward to our evening with the Wyndham Singers on the 20<sup>th</sup> October.

We have received generous grants of £3,000 from the Allchurches Trust and £1,000 from the Devon County Council Locality Budget bringing our total receipts, including £4,000 payable after work starts, to £41,000. This is well



over the 50% mark that has enabled us to apply for a grant from the Garfield Weston Trust. Finally, we have been informed that Willand's application to Viridor Credits for a major grant from the Landfill Tax has passed through all stages and I will be meeting their representative shortly to provide an up to date report on the work that is required.

Results of both these applications are expected by the end of this month, which we are hoping will bring our target down to under £10,000 at which stage the PCC would be in a position to commit to signing the builder's contract. However, even with this perhaps rather optimistic assessment, it is clear that there will be a continuing need for further fundraising, but this would continue whilst the work was in progress.

I cannot emphasise too strongly how grateful we all are, PCC, congregation and members of our community of Willand, for these most generous contributions, large or small, that will, with the Lord's help, enable us to restore our cherished church and to safeguard its future now and for generations to

come. **Simon Talbot**  
**Rector 5 October 2018**  
**COMPOSTING MATTERS**

**LEAVES –** Why not, instead of raking, mow the leaves (mower to have collector) then cover your soil (flower beds/vegetable plot) with the mowed leaves. This will add nutrients to the soil.

Alternatively, we accept **DRY** leaves. Please deposit in the nominated bay - nearest to the main gate. **GARDEN WASTE -** Please deposit **ONLY** that which we accept (see signage). Particularly,

**WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME**

**OPENING TIMES**

**WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY**

**10.00AM – 12.00 noon**

**CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOLIDAY**

**CLOSED FROM**

12 noon - Wednesday 19th December 2018.

**TO**

10.00am Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

**COMPOST SALES**

**SIEVED £1.50 a BAG**

**UNSIEVED £1.00 PER BARROW**

When closed bags of sieved are left outside the gate please place money in the tube and replace the lid.

If there are no bags left or not enough **text**

**COMPOST to**

**07514 033305**

Someone will contact you.

Please return any empty bags

Grass Cuttings need to be fresh and not left to be rotted in bags/wheelie bins.

**Christmas trees** - providing they have no decorations and the branches are no more than 1" in diameter. From all of us we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **Tony Mander Mob.09780472242 Email: tmander931gmail.com**

**NEWS FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MID DEVON GROUP**

Our group missed the last edition of the Willand Mag, so to make up for lost time here goes with our news. We held several successful summer exhibitions at Tiverton and Cullompton Libraries; Uffculme Parish Church and Halberton Methodist Church. A very colourful exhibition displayed art work and literature

from famous artists and was called 'Freedom to Express Yourself'. The second exhibition displayed famous Magnum photos of refugees and coincided with Refugee Week in June. More recently our group attended Uffculme Green Day on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. What a wet and windy day that was, although surprisingly well-attended. There were exhibitors from numerous businesses and charitable organisations, as well as local initiatives including the school children. Our group tent was sandwiched between 2 funeral companies! A big 'thank-you' to Willanders who ventured out on such an awful day to support this worthy event.

We are now planning our annual fund raiser concert for **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at Willand Church Hall at 7.30pm**. It is always a great show and a good time should be had by all!

Alongside the above social activities, we continue with the more serious side of our work, supporting our prisoners and lobbying governments to show mercy to them. We still write regularly to those in prison, and campaign on behalf of human rights defenders in Egypt and Turkey among thousands of people who have been detained indefinitely. We are so lucky in this country to be able to have opinions and not be arrested for having them. If anyone in Willand is interested in human rights and wishes to join our very active group, just phone **Heather on 01884 821291 or Sheila on 01884 839282**.

### **CULMVALLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

The **annual Christmas Coffee morning** with the Scouts on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November starts our Christmas preparation. This will be held in the Village Hall from 10am. On Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December we get together with St Mary's church and various village organisations for the (first?) **carol service** of the season. Again this will be in the village hall at 6.30pm. It is entirely free but any donations will go to C H A T. Come early if you want a seat!

Our Christmas services will include a **andlelit carol service** on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 4pm and **Christmas Eve Holy Communion** also at 4pm. **Prospects worship** for learning disabled people will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November when activities will no doubt focus our attention on Advent and Christmas.

Our usual **monthly coffee mornings** are on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and the **Soup and Something lunches** will take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We wish you all a Joyful and blessed Christmas Season.

### **WILLAND HISTORY GROUP**

Firstly, a correction to the last History Group article: Derek Rowe had told us that William Clist was the blacksmith at the Halfway House smithy, and not Charlie Clist (apologies for the misprint!); as Derek points out, Charlie Clist was in fact William Clist's son. The History Group held a successful AGM in October, when we decided it was high time to come out of 'dormancy'. Several future

activities were discussed, including a 'Parish Walk' to be held in spring 2019, exploring Willand's historic sites, and recording the many changes. Towards the end of 2019 we plan to hold an Exhibition based loosely on the theme of 'Changing Willand', but showcasing material we have in the Willand Archive. Other projects were discussed, such the county-wide Devon Place-Name Project (recording things like field names, or even 'folk names' that might never otherwise be recorded – Toy-town for example!), or developing our own project to document the changing face of farming in Willand over the last century (from livestock and arable, to solar power and bio-digesters!).

We would love it for more people to get involved, so if you have any interest in Willand's past, or local history in general, please do get in touch. Enthusiasm and new ideas are most welcome, but your level of involvement is up to you, even it is just coming along to meetings for a chat and a listen. We plan to meet again in early 2019, so if you are interested, let us know your details and we'll be in touch to confirm contact details below.

At the kind invitation of Halberton History Group, in September we attended a talk given by millwright and archaeologist Martin Watts at Halberton Village Hall, on 'Watermills in the Devon Landscape'. He gave great insight into the history of watermills in our locality, adding to our understanding of Willand's mills. For example, in the Domesday Survey of 1086 it is recorded that Willand had one mill, which would have been a water-powered corn grinding mill. It has been speculated that this mill could have been at one of Willand's two later mills sites, Weir Mill or Summers Mill. However, Mr Watts explained that such early water mills were 'relatively ephemeral structures' not dissimilar to 'garden sheds on stilts' and we should not expect their locations to correspond with later sites. One local water mill mentioned was Selgars Mills, a corn mill on the Culm to the north of Willand, which burnt down in 1889; unusually, it was completely rebuilt as a water-powered mill at time when across the country mills were transitioning to steam power.

On 11 November it will be 100 years since the signing of the Armistice that ended the First World War. On that day in 1918, the news first reached Willand through Tiverton Junction Railway Station not long after 11 a.m. Engine whistles were blown and 'detonators' discharged, and the hooter at Cullompton Paper Mills could be heard blowing continuously. The children of Willand School were given a half day holiday, as were workers at Duchess of Devonshire Dairy, and church bells could heard ringing across the district.

At that same time, Willand farmer's son Reg Rowe (serving on the Western Front with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Devons) was seriously ill, admitted to hospital with influenza – the notorious 'Spanish flu' that claimed so many lives in 1918/19. Thankfully, he pulled through, and by the time the Armistice was signed he was back in England, at a hospital in Cambridge. He wrote to his mother back in Willand that, "I left the battalion with this rotten Spanish Flue [sic], and before I reached the base it had developed into 'Bronchial Pneumonia'. I am getting on A1 now, but it was a toss up the other side if I should come to Blighty or remain in France

for good. I left the battalion on Oct 29. We went over the top a couple of days before but we failed to reach the objective. Had to cross a river and canal. Crossed the river all right but the canal was one mass of machine guns. This place is a ... beastly military hospital and not the best of those. The food is good but I have taken a dislike to it ... Hurrah now the war is over. Hope to be with you as a civilian again shortly." Reg Rowe arrived home after demobilisation in March 1919.

Meanwhile, back in Willand, on the evening 11 November 1918, the Parish Church was packed for a service of thanksgiving. Revd Andrews gave a stirring sermon, and later wrote in the church magazine: "Our hearts are full of grateful thanksgiving to God for the cessation of hostilities and the preparations for peace ... Now is the time to think furiously of the tremendous work of reconstruction – which awaits to be done." **James Morrison, 01884 250057 (jamorrison235@gmail.com)**

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-OP**

### **Your safety is an utmost priority for us**

We want to assure the local people of Willand that we take their safety as an utmost priority. We are sorry for the delay in installing the crossing in close proximity to our new store and empathise with local frustrations.

Over the past 12 months we have worked closely with the local authorities and Devon highways to deliver a crossing that is fit for purpose and more importantly, safe for pedestrians and drives alike.

Following an initial audit conducted by Devon Highways, it was recommended that the suggested position of the original crossing requested by the parish council was not safe. In fact, Devon Highways commented that a crossing would not be required. However, in respect of the parish council's initial request and conditions of the original agreement, we agreed on an alternative location and the council's wishes for the crossing to include lights. The multiple processes involved have delayed the launch of the crossing which is planned to launch next month.

Our colleagues at Willand Co-op and I are thrilled to be part of this thriving community and are dedicated to help support causes that matter the most to local people via our membership scheme. If you would like so select a local cause Log on to your Co-op Membership account: **[www.membership.coop.co.uk/sign-in](http://www.membership.coop.co.uk/sign-in)**

Our launch week was a fantastic success and it was encouraging to see our store colleagues engaging with so many happy shoppers, we look forward to welcoming you all. **Nick Crocker Co-op Area Manager**

## **ST MARY'S CHURCH**

**Remembrance Sunday service on 11th November** will be a particularly poignant occasion this year as we commemorate 100 years to the day since the armistice. We will be gathering at 10.45am at the War Memorial in the

churchyard before moving into the church for a service. Please do join us as we remember the sacrifice and service of those who have served in the armed forces.

With November upon us it will not be long until Christmas! As always we have a large number of opportunities to celebrate the festive period. We start with the fantastic **Village Hall Carol Service** in conjunction with Culm Valley Methodists **at 6.30pm 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. I am sure this will be a wonderful occasion as different groups, churches and the school come together.

**Other Christmas services include:**

6.30pm 16th Dec St Mary's Carol service followed by refreshments in the Church Hall

4pm 24th Dec Crib and Christingle service, always very popular so do arrive in plenty of time to guarantee a seat!

11.30pm 24th Dec Midnight Communion

10.15am 25th Dec Christmas Service for all the family.

**WILLAND SCHOOL**

Here at Willand School there are lots of things children enjoy doing in their lessons. Starting with reception they like learning maths and one of their favourite things to do is shapes, they enjoy reading and love using their imaginations!

Year One children also enjoy reading in the reading tent and love to use the role-play Hospital. They find drawing pictures in the crafting area lots of fun and they love learning the alphabet as well.

Year Two's love to listen to stories at the end of the day as well as writing them; the number bonds to ten are exciting to learn about!

Now we are moving onto Lower Key Stage Two. First up is Year Three. Year Three are really enjoying learning about the ancient Egyptians and like writing stories in English. Next week, the children are going to Farm Wise and are very excited!

Next up is Year Four. They love art and enjoy their DT. The children also love PE and are really looking forward to going orienteering at Killerton soon.

Year Five children also like being active they are doing Bike- Ability at the moment (when they learn to ride their bikes sensibly on the roads), and they have discovered that they also like doing fencing (the sport). Science is one of their favourite lessons because they did bottle rockets and sending teddy bears down zip wires!

Year Six are designing and making salads which they are really enjoying, in English they are excited about ghost stories and they are doing the digestive system in science. Thank you for reading this article. **Lilly, Kiera & Jess.**

**THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THE NEXT MAGAZINE IS WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**