**EDITORIAL No. 101 July & August 2012**

I have to apologise to those advertisers who received a renewal invoice with their copy of the May & June issue of the Magazine. Apparently, the Royal Mail scales decided that at least one of the envelopes was overweight or too thick and instructed the recipient to collect it from the delivery office – and pay the additional fee. I’ve checked the package on accurate scales (103 grams), the maximum for a second-class stamp is 100. Even the paper-clip weighed a gram. It won’t happen again.

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**EXE VALLEY U3A - LEARNING FOR PLEASURE**

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We run a wide range of Interest Groups, covering subjects from Boules to Bridge, from French to Folk Dancing. We are one of many groups around the country belonging to the Third Age Trust. Monthly Meeting are held on the third Wednesday of every month at Tiverton Rugby Club, where we have a guest speaker followed by tea or coffee.

Information about interest groups, our activities and events is available at our meetings and on our web-site. ‘Doors open’ at 1.30pm, we start at 2.00pm and finish by 4.00pm. There is obviously car-parking on site. Simply turn up at a monthly meeting - we would love to see you.

For further information please call Bernice Philbrick (Vice Chair) on 01884-35299, Sian Tucker (Membership Secretary) on 01884 257067 or visit our web site [www.exevalleyu3a.org.uk](http://www.exevalleyu3a.org.uk) where you will find lots of information about us and the University of the 3rd Age (U3A). **Bernice**.

**WILLAND BROWNIES**

This last couple of terms have been a lot of fun. With our full complement of girls, we have been able to do a wide range of activities. These include a visit to a local farm to learn about lambing, where the girls helped to bottle feed some of the lambs.

The spring term started out looking at family trees, and a games night. We have been working towards a Jubilee Challenge, doing lots of activities inspired by Her Majesty, and the Royal Family. These included making uniforms from rubbish, making hats for Ascot races, and having hobby horse races in the park. We also had a Greek themed party at the end of the Spring term.

We have also been working towards our Disability awareness evening, and spent an evening putting ourselves in other people’s shoes; trying to do simple everyday tasks in a wheelchair, or blindfolded, for example. The girls had a lot of fun, but all came away with a much better understanding of the difficulties faced by people who are less able.

The start of the Summer term saw the older girls staying for a weekend in Tiverton for a sleepover. During the weekend these girls completed 2 challenges and all of the girls said that they had learnt a great deal. This was a practice event, and we are hoping to have a full Pack Holiday in the Autumn term, so watch this space!

As I write, the weather has taken a turn for the worse over the Bank holiday weekend, but we are still hoping to have a cookout, a trip to Bristol Zoo and a Teddy Bears Picnic before the end of the term. The girls are also working towards their hostess badges, and have been creating table decorations and serving tea to their honoured guests.

Since the article in the last magazine, our waiting list has grown again. However, as we are to say a sad farewell to half a dozen of our older girls this term, we are working our way through the list. If any of your readers know a girl who would like to join us, please do contact us. **Clare Sellick**

**P.C.S.O.JONATHAN SIMS**

This month we have seen an increase in Criminal damages around the village, all of these relate to tyres being slashed on vehicles. Over £700 of damage has been caused. 4 Vehicles were targeted in South View Close, 2 in Fir Close and I in Uffculme Rd. These all happened on the Sunday night of the Jubilee weekend (3/6/12 – 4/6/12). Anyone with ANY information, please contact PCSO SIMS on Tel. No.101 (Non Emergency).

The Jubilee event went well, I attended the event with a patrol car, into which the children enjoyed sitting and many of you came up and spoke to me which was good and has helped me identify new problems to tackle around the village, the main one being a Speeding problem as you approach the Four Cross Ways roundabout on the Uffculme Rd. Our Community speed watch Volunteers, along with myself, carried out a speed survey and it is evident that there is a problem. We will now be targeting this area to make this part of the village safer. Enjoy the summer, Kindest Regards, PCSO 30384 Jonathan Sims

**Yes, I could give up chocolate but I’m not a quitter.**

**WILLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

On 30th May 2012, Willand School celebrated the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

In the morning, the whole school created their own crowns. Then, at lunchtime, we had our very own ‘street party’ on the playground with our very special British lunch, including jam sandwiches and jelly and ice-cream! After this we played some traditional playground games with our classes. We then watched the Maypole Dancing club perform for the first time. To round the day off, we had an assembly with a re-enactment of the Queen’s Coronation in 1952, which starred some teachers and a ‘Queen’ from Year 6. Year 6 also played ‘God Save the Queen’ on the steel pans.

On Friday 1st June, Mr Ray Ursell from the Parish Council came to school to present each pupil with a unique coin to mark the Queen’s 60 year reign over Britain for which we were all very grateful. Willand School thoroughly enjoyed these truly spectacular Jubilee experiences. Long live the Queen!

By the time you read this, you will hopefully have joined us at the Willand School Sports Day on Tuesday 19th June. This year ‘Sports Day’ has been cancelled - to be replaced by the ‘Willand Olympics’! It was the same as the usual Sports Day, but had a surprising twist. We had an Opening Ceremony as well as our own mini Olympic Torch. A Year 6 child quoted: ‘This will be a unique experience and I am really excited about our opening ceremony.’

On the theme of the Olympics, we are delighted to announce that Willand School has been chosen to be one out of 250 schools to have eight children (four from Year 5 and four from Year 6) to go up to London on the day of the official Olympic Opening Ceremony. They will get to tour some venues, have lunch at the stadium and cheer the athletes as they enter the stadium before the Opening Ceremony. This will be a truly spectacular experience for them and Mr Lang and Miss Blight, who will be accompanying the selected children. We’re especially happy as we are one of only four schools in Devon to be present at this great event. We hope that they have the time of their life and remember the memories forever!

And now for some sad news for the school. Mr Lang has been a true member of the Willand Community and after 12 years of dedication and commitment, he has decided to leave Willand. In that time he has introduced us to Get Set, fired us up for the Olympics which led to visits from Lord Coe, Ellie Symmonds and even the Olympic Torch itself, run sports clubs every year, taught his pupils fantastic fractions lessons, helped many teachers when technology has failed them and too many more to list! We will all be sad to see him go, but wish him the best of luck for the future ahead.

On a final note as the end of the academic year approaches, we are madly

rehearsing for this year’s Key Stage 2 Summer Production for 2012. This year it will be…Alice in Wonderland. All senior citizens are welcome to come along free and enjoy the dress rehearsal on 11th July. Evening tickets for the 12th and 13th of July will be available soon from the school office.

 **Oliver, Lewis, Allana, Jessica, Emily K, & Molly.**

**Money may not be the most important thing in life,**

 **but it’s right up there with oxygen.**

**CRAFT & COLLECTORS FAIR**

You’ll remember in the last issue of the Mag, Margaret Atkins gave notice of this event, due to be held in November in the Village Hall. I recently received the following email, which explains the current situation. Ed. “*Dear Brian, I have had a very disappointing response from the folk in Willand and I am enclosing a copy of the letter to Hazel Newman cancelling. Thank you for all your time and trouble and for running around after me with the newsletter which we consider to be one of the best local magazines we have ever seen published in both Suffolk/ London  and Devon.. Kind regards, Margaret”.*

**CAMEO**

In May we had our annual mystery trip and had a scenic drive to Shaldon with a delicious meal at "The Ness" restaurant. It was a lovely sunny evening with beautiful views across the Bay.  In June, Mrs Julia King made a return visit with "Keep Fit in an Armchair" and next day we wondered if this had been a wise decision but it was a very enjoyable evening which ended with a general knowledge quiz.

The walking group have had a couple of short walks and an all-day one from Newton Poppleford to Aylesbeare Common.  We are off to visit the Lavender Farm in North Devon at the end of June and we are having a trip to Exeter Museum in July.

Ten members of the "Singles" group had a lovely holiday in Berkshire staying at a medieval manor house - one of Henry 8th's love nests! An outing to Salisbury and one to Marlborough were enjoyed and a very interesting tour of Oxford aboard the open-top bus, sunny but very cold. Six of the Group took part in a class learning to paint and decorate bisque ware and brought along their finished work for all the members to see.  Their next event is a picnic at Bobby's and an outing to Wellington to visit a garden, open under the auspices of the National Garden Scheme supporting various charities.

We had a "showcase" Cameo stall at the Jubilee celebrations and our "Human Fruit Machine" was quite a laugh.     **Betty Penberthy**

**WILLAND VILLAGE HALL**

At our AGM at the end of May, there were several new trustees appointed: Eddie Dennis (Parish Council), Tony Mander (Bowls), Sandy Hancock (St Mary’s) and Ed Hebdon (public rep). Brian Thomas was re-elected as Chairman and Carol Allan as Treasurer. Hazel Newman is now the minutes secretary and Frances Wilcox the bookings secretary.

We have now taken delivery of our new chairs. Thank you to CAMEO for the donation towards them.

The Trustees have taken the decision not to accept cardboard any more for recycling, as the system was being overwhelmed by large volumes of card. Cardboard is very bulky, yet lightweight, so the shed was filling up very quickly and we were getting very little financial return. We will still, of course, take papers in cardboard boxes.

There is a new keep fit class in the Club Room on Monday evenings and Friday mornings – Kettlebells - for more details see the notices in the Hall. The Scouts Association is also looking at setting up a Willand troop if there is enough support.

Frances Wilcox, our new booking secretary, is working on setting up a calendar online, so people can see if a date is free before filling out a booking form. If you would like to make a booking or obtain more information about the hall, please contact Frances or me. You can also print off a booking form online – just visit Willand Matters website. For bookings, contact Frances Wilcox - Phone : 07748 557107; email franceswilcox@hotmail.com or write to 35 Fir Close, Willand. Treasurer: Carol Allan – Phone: 01884 33828 ; email candrallan@talktalk.net **Carol Allan**

Hi all, Further to Carol’s article, I am hoping to create an online calendar that will be able to be viewed on the Village Hall’s web page on [www.willandmatters.org.uk](http://www.willandmatters..org.uk/)  As part of this, I would like to put information about groups that use the hall on a regular basis, i.e. what it is you do, who people can contact should they be interested in joining your group or participating in your activity, plus anything else you feel may be useful. This can be the same information for regular events or adapted for special events.

I look forward to hearing from you all. Kind Regards, **Frances Wilcox**

**Do not bite at the bait of pleasure ‘til you know**

**there is no hook beneath it.**

**CHILDREN & ADULT CLASSES.**

If anyone out there would like to learn more about Textiles, Mixed Media, Needlework, Machine work, related General craft work and much, much more, Lisa Purchase runs two-hourly day classes from her home at the old butchers shop at the bottom of Chapel Hill, in Uffculme. If you would like to have more information, her number is 01884 849259.

**WILLAND TENNIS CLUB**

Junior Tennis Coaching – Paul Nelson who lives in the village is our new Tennis Coach. Junior Tennis Coaching is on Tuesday Nights from 6pm – 9pm. We have 4 groups who are coached for 45 minutes each session and the cost is £55 per child, this includes membership. If you have a child age 5 years to 18 years and is interested in coaching sessions, please contact Rita Parish on 01884 820803 or e-mail rita@weirmill-devon.co.uk

The two courts nearest to the road have been repainted due to an attack of black algae, so all 4 courts are looking and playing well for the summer. We have 2 men’s teams and 1 mixed team entered in the leagues this year. If anyone wishes to join the club, club nights are Monday and Thursday from 6-30pm. The courts are open to the public (children £1, students £1.50 Adults £2 per person per hour). Please pay Mrs. Margaret Morrison at Driftwood, Gables Rd. opposite the courts or tel. to book a court on 01884 32331.

 **Rita Parish**

**FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

The Diamond Jubilee - what a day that was! It made all the hours of planning and preparation worth-while. We started our planning in November and sometimes it seemed an almost impossible task. However, with a strong team and a great deal of determination, we got there. Feedback from the day was that this was a fantastic event and we should do it again.

Starting with the parade, Arthur and Joan opening the event and all the games and entertainment, the contribution from the various organisations, food and drink, the day flowed. The combined service rounded off the afternoon just before the rain started in earnest. The evening was not as well attended as we would have liked but as the rain was torrential at the time and the Jubilee concert on the television, maybe this is not surprising.

A big, big thank you to the planning team who worked tirelessly, all the volunteers who supported us, our sponsors who provided cash and prize donations and the village organisations who took part. Also, a big thank you to all who came on the day and supported us. If you are on-line, there are photographs on the web site ([www.willandmatters.org.uk](http://www.willandmatters.org.uk)) As a bonus, we made a small surplus (around £350) which goes to Willand United Charities which means that the money will be used to support the local community.

Village (over)development

As part of the Jubilee Commemorative Programme, we created maps showing the growth of the village over the 60 years of the Jubilee. The maps have been an eye opener to many people, including our District and County Councillors. We have noted that with the addition of over 1000 houses over a 20 year period, there have been virtually no additions to the community infrastructure.

Three events have happened recently which have caused us concern:

1) Mid Devon Planning Committee have approved an application at Portway, a bungalow in the Old Village, to remove the bungalow and replace it with 4 x four- bedroom houses. This is overdevelopment which will lead to on-street parking problems in the future and we strongly opposed it. We are expecting several similar applications in the near future.

2) MDDC have submitted a second application to build 6 council houses on the Fir Close car park, saying “There is a dire shortage of houses in Willand”. We also strongly oppose this, as our housing needs analysis survey indicates that these houses are not needed and the site chosen is totally unsuitable and will lead to major parking problems in that area..

3) The Gables has been put on the market for development with even more houses planned for this site. This is the last open space in the settlement area of the village and we are sure that Dr Tracey, when he sold the property to Devon County Council, intended it to be used for the community, not sold off at a huge profit for development.

It is time that this over-development and infilling stopped and we, instead, should start to build back the community services we desperately need. We are looking at putting in a bid for some of the Gables land to allow us to build a Community and Healthy Living centre, which will complement and extend the services which are provided by the village hall. If we do not get it, there will be no available land in the centre of the village left.

We are anxious to collect signatures from those in the village who object to the over-development of Willand. You may have already signed a form at the Jubilee celebrations. There is also a form in the centre of this magazine. Pull it out, complete and sign it and take it to one of the drop off points in the village, which are printed on the back, or you can fill in the form on line at [www.willandmatters.org.uk/consultation](http://www.willandmatters.org.uk/consultation) We desperately need everyone in the village to respond if we are going to stop this tide of development. Without the full backing of the village, we will not be able to achieve our plans and the infilling and growth of our village will continue unchecked. We can’t allow this to happen.  **Ray Ursell, Parish Council Chairman.**

The following addresses and businesses have volunteered to deliver your completed Consultation Form to the Parish Council Chairman. Please tick the box alongside the statements if you agree, fill in the details at the bottom and deliver the completed form, in a sealed envelope if you wish, to the nearest or most convenient address to you as soon as possible, please.

More than one signatory per household is acceptable.

**Addresses:**

6 Chestnut Drive 2 Damson Close

17 Fir Close 35 Fir Close

16 Harpitt Close 25 Lupin Way

12 Mallow Court 2 Old Verbeer Cottages

4 Orchard Way Rose Mullion, Old Village.

13 Sycamore Close 11 Tamars Drive

3 Tanners Mews 32 Townlands

1 Victoria Close

**Businesses:**

One Stop Post Office

Spar/Esso Garage Willand Pharmacy

Youth Club

**Willand Consultation**

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| Having looked at the MDDC proposals to build affordable houses in Fir Close, I/we believe that this will have a major adverse impact on the village in terms of congestion and parking, and that these houses should be built on land already allocated for that purpose. |  |
| I/we believe that Willand is badly lacking in community infrastructure and that, before any further development is undertaken, this imbalance should be redressed. I/we believe that the Gables site provides the opportunity to deliver much needed medical, social and community support services, rather than being developed as a high density residential site. |  |
| Having lost most of our open spaces, I/we believe that the in-filling of residential gardens to add multiple houses is badly affecting the character of our village in terms of parking, housing density and pressure on our community services, medical, social employment, transport etc. I/we believe that any further development of this kind should be subject to a full village referendum. |  |
| Following the building of over 1150 houses over a 15 year period, I/we believe that Willand has been over developed and that any further extension of the village should be subject to a full village referendum. |  |

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| Name(s) |  |
| House number/name |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Signature |  |
| Date |  |

**SCHEDULE FOR WILLAND FLOWER AND**

**VEGETABLES AND FRUIT**

1 8 Runner Beans

2 8 French Beans (dwarf)

3 6 Pods of Broad Beans

4 8 Pods of Peas (all same variety)

5 5 Spring Sown Onions (as grown, but may be washed)

6 5 Onion Sets (any shape)

7 10 Onions suitable for pickling, not exceeding 1” diameter

8 10 Shallots

9 5 Potatoes (any shape /colour/ all same variety)

10 3 Long Carrots

11 3 Carrots (any other kind)

12 3 Beetroot – any shape

13 1 Vegetable Marrow

14 2 Lettuces (as grown)

15 1 Cucumber

16 3 Courgettes

17 5 Tomatoes

18 10 Cherry Tomatoes

19 The longest Runner Bean

20 Any other Vegetable not in previous classes

21 6 Different Herbs in one container

22 5 Apples (any variety)

23 Plate of any other Fruit

**CRAFTS**

24 A piece of Cross-Stitch or Tapestry

25 A piece of any other type of embroidery

26 Any other craft

27 Children’s Class – a painting of a flower (max A4 size)

 a)Under 7 years b. Over 7 years

28a Watercolour/Oil Painting - Landscape, Seascape or Scene

28b Watercolour/Oil Painting - Other Subject including Still Life

29 Painting in any other medium – any subject

30 Photograph (print) “A Waterway”

31 Photograph (print) “Colour in the Garden”

**VEGETABLE SHOW SATURDAY, 11TH AUGUST, 2012**

**FLOWERS**

32 Best Vase

33 3 Vases Garden Flowers - distinct kinds

34 Dahlias - 3 blooms Decorative (up to 8” diameter)

35 Dahlias - 3 blooms Cactus/Semi-Cactus (up to 8” diameter)

36 Dahlias - 5 blooms Pompon

37 Vase of 5 Asters

38 Vase of 3 Gladioli

39 1 Gladiolus

40 Vase of 10 stems of Sweet Peas

41 Vase of H.T. Roses - 3 stems

42 One Cut Rose

43 Vase of one kind of any other flower

44 Vase of 6 stems annual flowers (3 kinds)

45 Vase of Flowering Shrubs (at least 3 kinds)

46 Fuchsia - Single Variety

47 Fuchsia – Double Variety

48 Standard Fuchsia - Single Variety

49 Standard Fuchsia - Double Variety

50 Flowering Pot Plant (excluding Fuchsia)

51 Foliage Pot Plant

52 Cactus or Succulent

53 Carnivorous plant

**FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS**

54 The Olympics - max 2’6” width/depth

55 The Diamond Jubilee, accessories permitted – max 18” overall

56 A petite arrangement not to exceed 9” overall

57 A foliage arrangement - accessories permitted - not to exceed 18”width/depth

**For more details and entry forms please contact the show Secretary, Carol Allan, on 01884 33828, email** **candrallan@talktalk.net** **or write to 4 Orchard Way, Willand**

**NUMEROUS LETTERS TO THE ED.**

**Hi Brian**, In the Willand Magazine you said you didn't know the age of the youngest deliverer of the magazine. I don't think I qualify (!), but my 2 'helpers' are Matthew (aged 8) and Georgia, who turned 5 in March. They both deliver and I hand them the magazines. Hope this helps! Kind regards

 **Jane Howard (Myrtle Close)**

**Hi Brian** – just to let you know my daughter Isabelle helps me with the mag delivery in Somerville Road & Park. I have to push open the letter-box flaps for her, as she is not quite 18 months old! **Michelle Mahdon**

**Brian** - As Chair of the Willand Jubilee Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to say some well-deserved thanks to all the people that were involved in making the Willand Diamond Jubilee celebrations such a fantastic day. Firstly, thank you to the Willand Jubilee Committee who put in a tremendous amount of effort into the organising of the event – without all of their dedication, we wouldn’t have been able to have created such a memorable day. I would also like to thank those who volunteered on the day with marshalling for the event – this was an important aspect of the running of the event and we appreciate their kindness in volunteering. Appreciation goes to those organisations which took part in the event and those that sponsored the event – without their support we wouldn’t have been able to create such a great event. I’m sure you will all agree that this was a truly memorable day.

One final note to those who purchased a programme. The winning numbers are as follows (as detailed on the back of the programme):293 – Hamper, 390 – Toolbox (Trevor Bond), 444 – Diggerland tickets, 468 - Padbrook Park membership (Sue Turner).

The remaining unclaimed raffle prize numbers are:
96 - serial AW 271472 (white ticket) Guinot products
1 - serial AW 271472 (white ticket) Hairmania voucher
7 - serial AW 235816 (green ticket) Crealy tickets
20 - serial AW 263805 (orange ticket) 3 x1/2 hr golf lessons
274 - serial AW 285825 (yellow ticket) Mole Valley Farmer voucher

If you have any of these numbers please call me on 01884 34649.   **Helen Cox**

**Dear Brian,** Just a big ‘Thank You’ to all who came to the Ryan Edwards Coffee Morning and the Willand Youth Club and also to all who donated draw prizes and gave help. In just over two hours, the amount raised was £384.00 and that does not include the number of cheques we were given. God Bless you all, **Cherilyn Hawkins**

**Hi Brian**, This poem was written by a visitor to Willand from outside the area. They were house-sitting for a friend and came to the carnival on Saturday when they saw something was going on. He had written a poem and I asked him to forward it to us as you might be able to stick it in the next magazine.

 **Nigel Crick**.

 **THE DIAMOND JUBILEE**

 **D**o you all remember back

 **I**n 1952.

 **A** princess had to be a queen,

 **M**ajestic through and through.

 **O**ver us she’s reigned since then

 **N**o faltering in sight.

 **D**uty Calls and she responds, no matter day or night.

 **J**ubilant,

 **U**n-erring,

 **B**orn to be our queen.

 **I**f you agree raise up your glass and say out

 **L**oud “God Save Our Queen.”

 **E**at, drink and merry be, just one thing left to say -

 **E**very good wish go with you who celebrate today.

 **Wal & Eileen Slade, Visitors to Willand, 2nd June 2012.**

**Brian –** A ‘Thank You’ toLance & the Silvertones for making my 60th birthday such a special night to remember. And we were able to raise £523.00 for Mid Devon Hospicecare (Pine Lodge, Tiverton). **Judith Dawson**

**Dear Brian,** As requested, just to let you know Tavy Textiles in Cullompton, will be closing its doors at the end of July, after trading in the town for over 30 years. In my opinion, it will be a sad loss, because in previous years it has been a very thriving town for retail shops. At one time , we had two iron-mongers, three bakeries, two jewellers, one electrical shop, one fish shop, two shoe shops, a carpet shop, four butchers, a number of independent sweet shops, a toyshop, a china shop, two wool shops, a gents outfitters, a newsagents, a baby shop, two chemists, a fruit & veg shop, a bicycle shop, a farm/Garden shop, a dry cleaners, a television shop, a paint and wallpaper shop and a Londis/Spar convenience store, although I’m sure you will forgive me if I’ve missed anyone.

I consider the decline of the town over the years has been due to the crippling rent, rates and overheads for independent traders, added to which there are now retail outlets with free parking and Sunday trading, which has a knock-on effect. Internet shopping has played a large part in our decline – customers view the fabrics via our sample books, but purchase the goods online.

Having been the manageress here for over thirty years, I would like to take this

opportunity to sincerely thank our past customers, our friends and our staff for

all their help and support over these past years. **Irene Kerslake.**

**Dear Brian**, The magazine cover this month is novel and interesting. Congratulations on your achievement. I too remember the old Amstrad but my early experience with it was frustrating to say the least. After complaining to the shop where I bought it because of it's strange behaviour for nearly a year I was told I was a silly old woman who should never have bought a computer. I took it further and discovered it was sold to me with a virus in the software.

I see at the bottom of the insert re the Jubilee celebrations that proceeds will go to Willand United Charities who provide support for those in need in the village. Who are these charities? I have been here four years and never heard of them. Neither CAMEO or Over 60's have mentioned them. Best Wishes.

 **Betty Mills**

(An article, similar to the one below, was published in the July& August edition of the Willand mag, 2010. Ed)

**WILLAND UNITED CHARITIES – BIDS FOR FUNDING – 2012**

**Support to groups:** the Willand United Charity (WUC) provides financial support to many organisations in Willand, to enable them to purchase vital items of equipment, or assist in fund raising for a major development project.  Financial support is allocated to organisations that work in the service of our village community.  Examples include, the Elderly People’s Lunch Club, Willand Tennis Club, the Rockers Parent and Toddler Group, Willand Brownies and the Community Composting Scheme.

**Support to individuals:** in addition, individuals and families can receive special payments to relieve the suffering of those coping with distress, financial hardship, sickness or infirmity.  In these cases, bids can be made for financial provision for a specific need.  For example, the provision of an oven, funding to purchase a carpet for the front room, a grant for a struggling individual or family to take a recuperative holiday.  Those making bids for individuals or families need to make sure the need is especially pressing.

**Size of grants:** the size of grant allocations will depend on a number of factors, including the funds available at the time of allocation (WUC is not a wealthy charity), the urgency of the need and the number of bids being considered.

Bids for grants: if you know of a worthy cause, be  it an organisation or a family/individual, and would like to make a bid for funding from the WUC, please make a submission in writing (between ½ a page to 1 page in length), to the Chairman (address below), by Saturday 21st July 2012.

**Mr Martin Turner, Chairman of the Willand United Charities, Rowesfield, Willand Old Village, EX15 2RW.**

**GETTING ABOUT**

Cycling just got easier in the Blackdown Hills and Mid Devon Countryside.

Wouldn’t it be good to cycle around this beautiful, hilly countryside enjoying the scenery, stopping where you want and when you want, without the fear of not having enough energy to keep going. Well, we think our pedal assisted electric bikes will enable you to achieve all this and bring a smile to your face as well. You can hire an electric bike from us and if you live within 5 miles of Willand, get the bike delivered and collected free of charge to/from your door. (A small fee is charged for delivery further afield).

If you are not confident enough to cycle alone on the roads, worried about getting lost, want to learn more about the local area or just want to improve your photography skills, then there are a choice of guided tours you could take instead. If none of the tours interest you then why not opt for a bespoke tour with a guide that fits your family, friends, hen party, or corporate group needs. It does not have to be a whole day’s ride and it doesn’t have to cost more per person than the price of an organised tour. For more details call 07522449218, email kate@easybikedays or check out the website at [www.easybikedays.com](http://www.easybikedays.com)

**WILLAND GARDEN CLUB**

On 26th May, we had a successful Plant Sale, which will help subsidise our Flower Show. Schedules are available from the Village Hall entrance or me. A list of classes is elsewhere in this newsletter.The Show is on Saturday, 11th August, and we hope to have a good number of entries. Everyone is welcome to enter – it is very much a show for amateur gardeners and crafts people and entries are free.

Our speaker in May unfortunately had to go into hospital, so we had a light

hearted quiz instead, with slides of places in the South West, interspersed with “Guess the duck species from Slimbridge” and pictures of Abbotsbury swannery.

Instead of our normal June meeting, we will be visiting Marwood Gardens in North Devon for our annual trip. In July, we will be having a talk on Glorious Devon and on September 12th we will be hearing about the Blackdown Hills.

If you would like to join us, the annual subscription is £2.50. You can come along for a visit to any of our meetings for just 50p if you do not want to join but are just interested in a particular talk. For more details, please contact me on 01884 33828 or email candrallan@talktalk.net**. Carol Allan**

**Whatever women do, they must do it twice as good as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.**

**WILLAND ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION.**

The Association was originally founded in defence of threats from property developers. A committee was formed to keep a vigilant eye on proceedings at the time. Since then, we have continued to keep a watchful eye on any further developments that may pose a threat to our site. In addition, we have campaigned to keep the site well managed and safe. At the moment, the site is looking particularly good and fruit and vegetable production will soon be in full swing. However, the Allotment Association seems to have slipped into inactivity.

Since Colin Smale, the Chairman, stepped down, no-one has come forward to fill that role. Consequently, whilst there used to be four meetings a year, there have been none for the past twelve months or so, As Treasurer, I still hold the accounts for the Association, but I am no longer an allotment holder. I believe it is extremely important to keep this association going for all the original reasons and for plot holders to have a community opinion in any matters that may arise. To that end, we need some of you to step forward and put this Association back on its feet. I appreciate that not all allotment holders live in Willand and would be grateful if these sentiments could be passed on to those who may not read this.

Please contact Simon Duckett (details inside the front cover of this Mag) or Bernice Philbrick on 01884 35299 with your response, ideas or intentions as a matter of urgency. Thanking you in anticipation, **Bernice.**

**SHELTERBOX**

I’m aware that a number of people in Willand are familiar with the activities of Shelterbox and have helped in raising funds. You may wish to know they have an Open Day on August 18th, starting around 10.00am, where you are able to walk around their warehouse at Unit 1, Water-Ma-Trout, Helston, Cornwall, TR13 0LW and see the ‘production line’ of the equipment which is packed into each box and learn more about where, when and how they have been able to help the many, many thousands of people who have been made homeless and lost everything because of disasters world-wide. It’s an eye-opener and I recommend a visit. Ed.

**FUNDRAISING EVENING IN MEMORY OF STEVE DUNN (MY DAD)**

All proceeds are going to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. The event will be held at Magelake Hall, Uffculme on 28th July 2012, from 6.00pm until midnight. It is going to be a brilliant evening in which we hope to raise even more money for the Devon Air Ambulance for the outstanding work they do.

There will be a **Fun Auction**, which Mr Phil Conn from Sampford Peverell, has kindly agreed to do for us. A **Mega Raffle** which includes big cash prizes. A **Delicious Hog Roast** by the one and only “Hogfather”. The **Bar** will be open and there will be a **Disco to dance the night away**, thanks to Chris Cummings, who has so kindly agreed to support us.

We have had such amazing donations from local businesses and there will be autographed gifts from celebrities, family days out to local top attractions including football clubs and much, much more. We also have a variety of shopping vouchers and meals to beautiful pubs so all in all, there is something for everyone to bid for on the Auction or win on the Raffle

Please join us on this wonderful evening to help to support this great cause.

For further details please contact **Elaina Dunn 07513 290215 or Mary Dunn 07803 426686.** Raffle Tickets are on sale now & will also be sold, up until 7.30pm, on the night. We look forward to seeing you there & please spread the word.  **Elaina & Mary.**

**WALK YOUR AGE FOR GUIDE DOGS**

Tilly Trotter has already walked the Tarka Trail with both Dalby and Kendal, her first two guide dogs. It was 150 miles each time. Tilly is now 78 and to celebrate her new partnership with Gwyn, her lovely young German Shepherd, she is going to walk the Grand Western and Taunton & Bridgwater canals, from Tiverton to Bridgwater and back, a distance of 78 kilometres. She is dedicating this walk to the memory of Ernest Pinsent of Uplowman, a much missed puppy walker and member of the Tiverton Branch of Guide Dogs.

The first walk will meet at Tiverton Canal Basin, at 0930 on 17th August and go to the end of the Grand Western Canal at Lowdwells Nr Greenham. The Taunton & Bridgwater canal will be split into two sections. Taunton (Brewhouse Theatre) to Maunsel Lock on the 18th and from there to Newtown Dock, Bridgwater on the 19th. The 20th is a rest day. The route will be retraced on 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

Please join Tilly with your family, friends and well behaved dogs for a fun day (or part of a day) out in the country and help raise money for this wonderful cause. Guide Dogs is a charity which supports many people with sight loss but receives no government funding. For more information please ring 01884 840179, or to make a donation, visit https://www.justgiving.com/Tilly-Trotter

**NEWS from COLDHARBOUR MILL**

SUMMER EVENTS – DATES for your DIARY

**Wednesday 11th July: Friends of the Mill SUMMER QUIZ with quiz master Pete Walter. 7 for 7.30pm at Uffculme Village Hall. Admission £6 - includes buffet supper & tea/coffee. (No bar licence, so please bring your own drinks). Contestants will take part in teams of 4 – please phone 01884 840359 to book in your team by Wed. 4th July.**

**Sunday 29th July**: **SUMMER CRAFT FAIR at the Mill*. 10.am-4pm (last entry 3.30pm).*** Local producers with wool, felt, fibres, textiles and a variety of other craft goods, and the Mill Shop with Coldharbour Mill products and locally sourced craft goods, including pottery, blankets and kits. **Small admission charge for the Fair only; Mill tours – including entry to Fair - also available at normal weekend admission charge.**

**Sunday 26th & Monday 27th August**: Culm Valley Model Railway Club will be operating the Mill's own Culm Valley layout in the Fox Gallery (on Level 4 of main Mill building**). 10.am-4pm**

**Monday 27th August: STEAM UP at the MILL! 10.am-4pm (last entry 3.30pm)** - 100-year-old steam engines at full blast (from 11am), and Victorian spinning & weaving machines in action!! Lots to see & do for the whole family – Model Railway, Uffculme School Art Show, World War 2 & early textile machinery exhibitions, the stunning Millennium Tapestry screen, children’s quiz, the Mill Gift Shop with yarns, fabrics, rugs & throws all produced at the Mill, also craft kits, blankets, pottery & other goods produced by local craftspeople, and souvenirs – not forgetting the Restaurant for drinks, snacks & meals, and the Millstream gardens for picnics. For more information please contact us! 01884 840960 or email: *info@coldharbourmill.org.uk* Website: *www.coldharbourmill.org.uk* **Susan Wasfi**

**Give me the luxuries of life and I will**

**gladly do without the necessities.**

**ON YOUR MARKS**

A Holiday Club for 5 – 11 year olds, Monday, August 13th – Friday 17th

10.00am – 12.00pm. Saturday BBQ and Special Sunday Service run by St Mary’s Church in the Church Hall. A week of fun, including, games, watching a dvd, songs, special activities, prayers and Bible reading as we learn about following Jesus in the race of life. Booking forms are available in the Church and Church Hall or by contacting **Rob Wilkinson on 01884 – 32509.**

**I want a man who is kind and understanding. Is that**

**too much to ask of a millionaire?**

**OVER 60’S CLUB**

This year has been a rather difficult one for the Club, as no response was forthcoming from members to help form a committee for 2012/13. The previous committee wanted a break – but to save the Club from being disbanded, five decided to be re-elected. Arrangements have been made to meet every other month (March, May, July, & September) and the in-between months (April, June, August and October) would be for outings.

We have also decided to lower the age limit and have been renamed ‘Club 55’. We will not meet during November, December, January & February, as many members find the cold weather unsuitable to turn out. We can only wait to see if these arrangements will help the Club, in addition to inviting people from outside Willand to join us. I am pleased to say we have two new members already, with perhaps more in the pipeline!

We have introduced a quiz afternoon, which members did seem to enjoy and we also have bingo and varied speakers, also tea & biscuits. Each member brings a small prize for our draw which means everyone goes home with a prize. We have a Coffee Morning on September 15th with our usual stalls and draw and we look forward to meeting new visitors there.

The committee try to make the meetings and outings as enjoyable as possible – this is all WE can do to make the Club as enjoyable and friendly as it used to be and look forward to enthusiastic responses in the months to come. The dates and times of meetings, etc., can always be found on the Willand Diary page.

 **Margaret Atherton, Secretary.**

**WILLAND HISTORY GROUP:**

Although I was not present on the day, I have been told by our members who were there that Willand's Diamond Jubilee celebrations passed off successfully and were enjoyed by all. So well done to the organisers and everyone involved in bringing the village together. Thanks to Sandy and Bridget for manning the History's Group's modest contribution, and here are the questions and answers to our Diamond Jubilee Quiz, reflecting just a few of the changes that have happened in Willand over the last 60 years: 1. Townlands was opened in 1971. 2. Somerville Park was finished in 1980. 3. Bob Salter ran Willand Cash & Carry until 1977. 4. The tennis courts were finished in 1952. 5. The History Group first met in 2001. 6. Willand Square Dance Club was formed in 1962. 7. The Over 60’s were ‘born’ in 1954. 8. Christine retired from Pre-School in 2004. 9. Wilf retired in 1989. 10 The Railway Hotel was demolished in 1974. 11. The Railway Station closed in 1986. 12 The last sale at the Market was in 1995. 13 The new Church Hall was opened in 1986. 14. The post Office returned in 1969. 15. Miss Tanner laid a foundation stone to the Hall in 1955.

Cheers**, Jamie Morrison**

**AND FINALLY**

As you will have already read, Frances Wilcox is taking over the responsibility for the Village Hall bookings. In doing so, her new system for recording these bookings goes into far greater detail than I need for the single-line entries on the Willand Diary page. Frances has made the Village Hall activities available on-line and consequently, I’m having a major re-think as how to highlight ALL forthcoming events in the mag. One idea is to detail every single organisation holding events in the village, with all the relevant contact information, together with their regular dates. Would this be better than having just a Diary Page? Your comments would be very much appreciated but in the meantime, for this issue only, I’ve listed below those dates which have been sent to me by the contributors to this issue of the Mag. I’ll come up with a resolution before the next issue – but any ideas from you would be a help.

**WILLAND DIARY**

**JULY**

Thursday 5th  CAMEO-Jubilee Sailing Trust. W.V.H., 7.15pm

Wednesday 11-15th Exeter Cathedral Flower Festival, Exeter

Thursday 12th Over 60’s Club. W.V.H., 2.15pm

Thursday 12th Willand School ‘Alice in Wonderland’ at the school.

Friday 13th “ “ “ “ “

Saturday 14th Hospicecare Ladies Midnight Walk, Tiverton

Tuesday 24th St Mary’s Church Hall Whist Drive 7.30pm

Saturday 28th Charity evening for Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

**AUGUST**

Thursday 2nd CAMEO -    Social Evening, W.V.H., 7.15pm

Saturday 11th  Willand Garden Club Show, Willand Village hall.

Monday 13th – 17th St. Mary’s Church ‘Holiday Club’ 10.00am – 12.00pm

Friday 17th Walk Your Age for Guide Dogs.

**FRIDAY 17th CUT-OFF FOR INPUT TO THE SEPTEMBER MAG.**

Saturday 18th Shelterbox Open Day, Helston, Cornwall. 10.00am

Sunday 19th Sampford Peverell Historic Vehicles Show.

Tuesday 21st St. Mary’s Church Hall Whist Drive 7.30pm

**SEPTEMBER**

Thursday 6th CAMEO - Exeter Through the Ages W.V.H., 7.15pm.