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EDITORIAL

I have stepped in to do this issue last minute so hope you will forgive any omissions or mistakes. A big thank you to Sam Fincher who has been our editor for the last few years. It's now time for new blood to step up and take on the mantle. If you are interested then contact the Parish Clerk. Gerri Taylor

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Since my last article for the magazine things moved rather fast in relation to the outline planning application for 130 houses off Silver Street. The application came before the MDDC Planning Committee on the 11th of March 2026. I personally went to the meeting and spoke against the application on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council had submitted a very detailed response to the original consultation, but I wonder how many of the committee had read it. Our three Ward Councillors had been asked to support us, but none did. Even if they could not get there they could have submitted written representations. Sadly, very few residents wrote in to object or support. The meeting was recorded and can be heard on the MDDC website and you will hear that there was no debate at all before the application was approved. Even the officer report to committee contained errors and appears to have had sections of it 'cut and pasted' from another report as at one point he referred to it being adjacent to Culmstock! It is noted that a number are now supporting a petition but I am unsure as to what that will achieve as the decision cannot be reversed. If it raises more awareness in our community that will be a positive. What next?

A full reserved planning application will now have to be submitted with all the detail of layout, appearance, materials to be used, landscaping, open space etc. When that is available everyone with a concern needs to submit their views and this needs to be done separately and individually rather than block letters or petitions. Watch the Parish Council Website and Facebook page as we will let you know as soon as we know. It has been noted that some residents are in favour of new homes, as most of us are, but they need to be in the right place and after proper infrastructure has been provided. Provision of facilities after people have moved in is not the best way of doing things. It helps no one for the future if we are approving potential 'slum' areas with a potential for anti-social behaviour.

The application for outline planning permission for the 170 dwellings between the B3181 and Muxbeare Lane is still going ahead and although the consultation period is closed the applicant is amending their application to negate or remove grounds for objection. We do not get much of a chance to then respond to these 'amendments' and before you know it the application will be recommended for approval as MDDC do not want the expense of an appeal if they refuse.

With both applications they wish to get as many properties on the land as possible and then they get around the requirement of provision of public open

space or playing fields by making a monetary contribution for offsite provision. Where have we got land in the village that could meet this need?

The Parish Council and individuals are chasing Devon County Council to repair potholes and badly failed road surfaces around the village. Just look at the fiasco of patching and neglected areas around Meadow Park. Our DCC Councillor has been made aware but please keep chasing him and reporting it onto DCC website. The more that do the better.

The MDDC housing site in Somerlea is progressing at a cost and a lot of inconvenience to immediate neighbours. The parking around the area is not improving but when you take away 20+ parking spaces and block off current residents from their rear access it is not surprising. I have been trying to get to the bottom of what is happening at Fir Close where a lot of money has been spent and there is nothing to show for it yet. Responses to questions raised with the Cabinet Member for Housing raise even more questions but we will keep trying. At the end of the day some people will fortunately be able to rent their own home but at what cost to the rest of the community due to questionable management.

There are efforts being made by a group emanating from the Neighbourhood Plan 'volunteers' to look at working toward achieving some of the goals or policies set out and consultations will take place. If you are approached please make sure that you respond as it is the only way we can build the future of our community.

I have noticed a number of entries on Facebook regarding thefts and suspicious behaviour of a minority around the village and regardless of what you think the police will or will not do please make sure that you report all these issues to them as at the end of the day it is statistics that support arguments for more patrols. Having said that a recent incident in the village saw at least four police vehicles and eight or more officers in attendance. I must admit to a sad moment when I saw their appearance and demeanour which would never have been allowed in my day. Perhaps I am old fashioned in thinking that appearance and the way we presented ourselves was half the battle at any incident. Still at least I did not spot an officer that 'with it' that he had his baseball cap on back to front to be really trendy. All joking apart with the Easter holidays approaching please keep an eye out to deter or prevent damage or nuisance around the village.

The preparation of the Magazine has been a little 'last minute' this time as sadly Sam the editor has been ill and will have to hand over the job to someone new. Gerri has kindly stepped out of retirement to get this issue out with help from the rest of the team and friends. Thank you to Sam and we wish you well in overcoming your present problems. We are looking for a new Editor so please contact the Parish Clerk if you feel you can help. The pay is unmentionable but the rewards for helping your community are endless.

Spring is coming and hopefully the weather will be kind to us. I am still trying to recover my lawn from last summers heat wave. Look for the positives in life and enjoy. Remember that "There are no problems, only solutions". The follow on bit from that for some is, – "If there is no solution there was no problem in the first place". The first bit was attributed to the late John Lennon. Not sure who the second bit is attributable to but Dalai Lama XIV is quoted as saying "If there is no solution to the problem then don't waste time worrying about it. If there is a solution to the problem, then don't waste time worrying about it." Perhaps someone misquoted him.

Now that I have proven to you that I am a mine of useless information keep positive and help work to making our community a good, safe and happy place to be. **Barry G J Warren. Chairman of Parish Council.**

CAMEO

Our walking group had a walk around Uffculme, just a short one as the weather was a bit iffy and back to Bridwell for coffee and cake.

Another walk, we met at Magelake and walked out of the village up along Slow Jacks and a couple of fields. We stopped and looked over Uffculme in the sunshine. We then drove to Culmstock, The Strand for a most needed light refreshment. We passed a pothole with a traffic cone in it, think it is a sign of the times, it was certainly deep!!

Several of us enjoyed, as usual, a very nice coffee morning at Tiverton Golf Club looking out on to green on a very nice day, no rain.

Our February meeting welcomed Nikki Woollatt from Ecoe Advice for an informative and engaging "Keeping Warm and Well" energy advice session. The talk offered practical tips on how to keep our homes warm, manage energy use and reduce bills during the colder months. We also enjoyed a fun quiz which helped reinforce some useful energy-saving ideas. It was a really helpful session, giving members simple, everyday steps we can take to stay warm and make our energy go further.

At the same session a member from the Air Ambulance team attended and was handed a cheque for £1,000 being our last year's chosen charity.

The March meeting we enjoyed the sounds of the Tiverton West End Warblers, who started their session singing Happy Birthday to Peta, our President on her birthday, Heather also had her birthday the same day. We were treated to Hello Mary Lou, Girl of my Best Friend, King of the Road and many more in that era. It was a very nice evening, bringing back lots of memories for the majority of our ladies, being of a certain age!

We have lots to look forward to, coffee mornings, trip to Otter Nurseries, our annual mystery trip, two lunches and a trip to Lynton and Lymouth. Join us ladies and enter into the fun.

Valerie Newberry

WILLAND FOOD NETWORK

The Pantry continues to open Monday - Friday 9.30 until 11am. We are open to all Willand residents. Due to rising costs, we have had to have a price increase, to £6 for 10 items. We continue to hold fund raising events to sustain this.

We, sadly for the first time since 2020, will not be buying in Easter eggs this year to distribute to the elderly in the village, due to the rising costs! We will only distribute eggs that have been donated.

We have an afternoon tea on Easter Monday at Willand Health and Community Centre, to raise funds for The Pantry. Everyone welcome.

We have a great supplier for cat and dog food; the RSPCA have been donating large quantities. A special mention to Dave Maynard, who collects this from Exeter for us. If you have pets, please see if we have whatever they eat before visiting a pet store or supermarket.

Thank you to everyone who donates in the Co-Op we have a basket in there for donations.

We shop weekly to keep our shelves and freezers stocked.

The Pantry is run solely by a fantastic team of volunteers who selflessly give their time. A big thank you to all of them.

Keep your eyes open for more events during the year...

Helen Jones

WILLAND UNITED CHARITIES

Willand United Charities was established in the early 20th century and was formed from a number of small charities set up in the previous century to benefit residents of Willand who were in need, and this is still the purpose of the United Charities.

At a recent meeting of the Charity Trustees we realised that there may be people in Willand who are finding it difficult to make ends meet with the increase in general living costs. The rise in fuel costs and the proposal to bring in delivery charges from the local pharmacy being just two things that are current. The Trustees are able to give small grants to individuals and local groups so if one would make a big difference to you or someone you know then please contact the charity by using our email address clerk@willandunitedcharities.co.uk or contact one of the trustees to receive an application form.

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WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

For those of you who don't already know, we would like to bring you news of an exciting archaeological excavation that is happening this summer very near to Willand, one that is looking for local volunteers to get involved!!

Back in 2004 a local metal detectorist, John Hill, discovered a concentration of Roman finds in a field between Halberton and Sampford Peverell (in Halberton parish). Over the next few years further investigations were made, including field-walking, geophysical surveys and exploratory archaeological excavations, led by Tiverton Archaeology Group (TAG) and the Sampford Peverell Society (SPS), but in close association with the county archaeologists at Devon County Council, plus local archaeology company, AC Archaeology & Heritage. These investigations confirmed the presence of a Roman villa probably dating from the mid-2nd to 4th centuries AD, on what is called a 'winged corridor' layout, with confirmed mosaic flooring, and evidence for a hypocaust system (under-floor heating) – plus other buildings and features potentially associated with farming, but also with ironworking (a lot of 'slag' was found, the by-product of smelting iron ore to produce iron metal).

After a lot of hard work, almost £250,000 was secured from the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a research and community project that has been given the grand name of Saving Halberton's Ancient Roman Environment or SHARE, and is led by the University of Exeter, in partnership with Devon County Council, TAG and SPS. It is scheduled to last for five years and is aimed at rescuing the vulnerable archaeology (the mosaics in particular are at risk), excavating the villa, investigating its immediate environs and understanding how it tied in with the surrounding landscape – whilst engaging the local community wherever possible. From May to July of this year, the year excavations will concentrate on the villa itself, firstly with the work being done by students from Exeter University as part of their 'summer school' and then by local volunteers – during which time it is hoped to have the mosaics recorded and lifted. Over two subsequent summers efforts will look to the villa complex and surrounding area.

The discovery of a Roman villa this far west is extremely rare, only the fifth found in Devon, which is thought to be a sign that we had our own distinctive culture down here, more resistant to 'Romanisation', less inclined to adopt the fashions and ideas of the Roman world, unlike those to the east of the Blackdowns where villas are much more common. So this excavation is an exciting opportunity to unlock more of this story, to learn about this unusual villa and its estate, about what made it so special, locally. And for those of us in our own fair parish of Willand, to understand what our place was like during the Roman era, and to explore how the Halberton villa estate may have affected our own subsequent history.

There has already been plenty of interest shown at SHARE publicity events held in Cullompton and Tiverton (not to mention interest from the BBC Digging for Britain team!), but if you would like to sign up, or just want to know more, you

can go to the SHARE website (sites.exeter.ac.uk/share/). They will be organising a programme of community activities, including outreach and care home visits, talks to local groups, workshops and Roman 'fun days', and the site will be open to all visitors whilst the excavations are ongoing – organisations involved in social care, as well as local schools are especially encouraged to get involved. If you fancy volunteering at the excavations, no previous experience is required, and there will be a chance to get involved at different levels, from setting up and helping out with logistics, washing the finds, or getting down to the nitty-gritty of archaeology, mattock, trowel or brush in hand, uncovering the past and revealing treasures that have not been seen for almost two thousand years!!

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

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Remember Monday 6 April an afternoon tea at the Health and Community Centre 2.00 till 4.00 to raise money for The Pantry. These fundraising teas always have wonderful cakes and good company.

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You Are What You Believe

Over the last month in church, we have been considering the Apostles' Creed. The word 'creed' comes from the Latin word 'credo' which means 'I believe'. The Apostles were the eyewitnesses of Jesus and who became his followers. The creed holds the core teaching of these eyewitnesses. It takes the story of the Bible, and it condenses some of the main points down in a memorable, succinct way. Here is a short excerpt to give you an idea:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

This is one of three or four statements of belief which Christians say regularly in church. However, one should not think that creeds are only said in church or reserved for Christians and people of religious faith. We are all storytelling creatures who put ourselves into a certain story which shapes our life and identity. Lots of competing narratives attempt to tell us who we are. I wonder what story you have placed yourself in? A purely materialist creed tells us that we are here by accident. A consumeristic creed tells us that we are worth no more than the sum of our possessions. The creed of extreme individualism tells us that meaning comes from within and we are the authors of our own destiny. All these beliefs have a profound impact on the way we live. They all tend to narrow the human gaze to the here and now and fail to inspire.

Christians are those who seek to find their identity in the God of the Bible. The Christian God is the Trinitarian God who is eternal and created all things from nothing. The word 'trinity' can seem like a difficult word to get your mind around, but it is essentially two words mashed together, 'tri' meaning three and 'unity' meaning one. This word reflects the truth we see throughout the Bible that God is three in one. We have Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons who are totally united in the one God. It sounds confusing, but it is not so much a maths equation to solve, as it is the good news that God is love and you are invited! This invitation is most clearly conveyed to us in the middle of time through the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Saviour. Jesus gives us a window into God. If this is the God who created everything, it means that before the universe existed, there was love. In addition, it also means that when the universe eventually experiences a heat death and ceases to exist, love will go on.

Saying the creed is one way of rejecting the powerful and often meaningless belief systems of the day and putting ourselves into an ancient story which has been changing lives and transforming cultures for over two thousand years. It shapes our identity and turns us into people of great hope. Why don't you have

a look at the Apostles' Creed online and see what you think? If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch.

Happy Easter

Rev Ben Maynard

THE MILLENNIUM SCREEN RE-LAUNCH

Twenty-six years ago, in the year 2000, a twenty-five foot long screen, portraying the life and landscape of five parishes, along the banks of the river Culm, namely Clayhidon, Hemyock, Culmstock, Uffculme and Willand, was created by local ladies in a variety of stitched and painted media. This was one of several projects, conceived by two friends, Jonathan Meads and Peter Reid, to mark the millennium. The Screen was displayed locally at the time and was eventually taken to the Millennium Dome in London, as part of the national celebrations. On its return to Devon, it was housed at the Coldharbour Mill, in Uffculme, where it was a popular exhibit for some years. As time went by, however, moth damage occurred, and in 2019, extensive restoration and conservation was undertaken, followed by professional storage. Now, in 2026, we are pleased to announce this wonderful exhibit is back on display at the Mill, with conservation measures in place.

Do take this opportunity to visit Coldharbour Mill to view this resource. We are planning an official re-launch and would very much like to get back in touch with any of the ladies who were involved, along with any gentlemen who mounted the Screen. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please contact me on 01884 829101 or email pamgolding@hotmail.co.uk.

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The Mid Devon Singers

April 2026

Our 2026 performance calendar is starting to take shape – so far, we have the following planned:

- 9th May – performing in the “Rose & Friends” variety show at New Hall, Tiverton
- 23th May - joint concert with Take Note Community Choir at St Paul’s in Tiverton
- 25th July – performing at the Mid Devon Show
- and a couple of irons in the fire for Christmas time!

If you’ve got an event coming up & would like to discuss booking us, please send an email to concerts@mids.org.uk.

We’ve welcomed some new members to our group this year and it’s been really lovely to see them settle in

well - we’re always looking for new recruits though, particularly from the Tenor & Bass voices!

Our friendly & fun rehearsals are a great way to unwind at the end of the week - we meet at Halberton Village Hall on Friday evenings in term time, starting promptly at **7.30pm** and ending at **9.30pm**, with an all-important tea/coffee/biscuit chat break about halfway through.

Easter will be here soon, which means we’re actually off for the first 3 Fridays in April (the 3rd, 10th & 17th), so why not come along and give us a try once the stacks of chocolate have gone down? We will return on 24th April for the summer term – the half-term break will be on 29th May and the last rehearsal of the term will be on 17th July.

There are no auditions to join our sociable singing group and the first 4 regular rehearsals are free with absolutely no obligation. If you want to sign up after that, membership subs are a very reasonable £15.00 per month. To find out more, either drop us a line on our socials, or email us at membership@mids.org.uk.

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WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

The hall continues to be busier than ever, so we are sad to be losing Lin Hillier as our Treasurer. Thank you Lin for all your help. We have had Elaine join the team as part time Admin support to the bookings so please bear with us as this transition takes place.

We also say happy retirement to Graham, Sam and Karen who made up our Maintenance team and welcome Mark and Rebecca should you need to contact them please email caretaker@willandvillagehall.org.uk

The hall is at the centre of village life and we could not run it without those who have got involved as Trustees. Our Annual General Meeting is on Monday 18th May 6pm in the annex everyone is welcome, and users of the hall are encouraged to send a representative of their group. We only have Bi-Monthly meetings and they are usually fairly quick. If you would like to find out more, please email chair@willandvillagehall.org.uk

Regular Hall users are reminded to avoid disappointment and make sure their bookings for 2027 are requested ASAP.

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Thank you for supporting this community facility. You are always welcome to drop into the site and have a chat with the volunteers. Hope to see you soon.**Email: willandccs24sec@outlook.com**

Willand Magazine

This community magazine has been in operation since the 1990's and has had 3 Editorial Teams during this time but a host of other volunteers including contributors who provide interesting content keeping us informed of all the activities in the village. Local firms who advertise their services, and people who deliver, ensuring it goes out to every house in the village. At the present time there is an enthusiastic delivery team who want to continue but an editorial team is needed to collate the articles. If you would like to be involved in this please contact the Parish Clerk by email, clerk@willand-pc.gov.uk. If no one comes forward then this may be the last magazine for the village.



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Our Coffee and Chat is now on the morning of the first and third Thursday of each month (10 -12); there is Book Swap and Chat with coffee on the third Monday evening (6.30-7.30) and last Wednesday morning (10-11.30); and until June there is a table games morning on the second Wednesday morning (10am). There is also Stitch without a Hitch, every Monday evening (6.30- 8pm). (Knitting and crochet for all, with help for beginners.)

Please drop in to try one or more of these (if you don't already!). You will find a friendly welcome and good company. If you have an idea for a new session or activity we'd love to hear from you — come along and share your thoughts!

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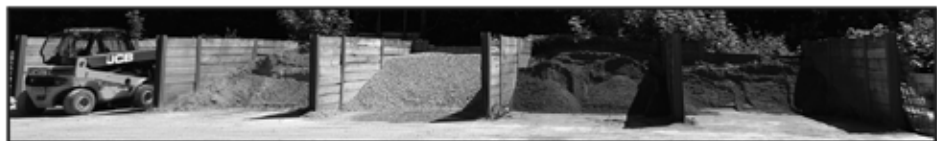
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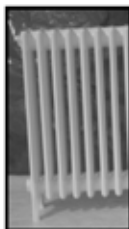
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Would you like to take part in the POPPY PROJECT at Coldharbour Mill?

Join us at the Mill to help create a beautiful collaborative artwork for Remembrance Day this year. Working together, we'll be crafting poppies to form a striking display that honours remembrance and community.

You're welcome to **drop into our café**, pick up a **FREE poppy pattern and ball of yarn** – or **use your own**, bring along your own needles or hook, and crochet or knit away at your own pace.

Whether you stay for a quick coffee or settle in for a longer **knit-and-natter** or **crochet-and-chat**, every poppy made will become part of a large display on the Mill chimney marking Remembrance Day this coming November. Dates for our informal knit-and-natter sessions will be shared soon, so keep an eye out on our website and social media! www.coldharbourmill.org.uk

CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH. EX15 2PL

From the telling signs from our lawn, Spring is well on the way!

The Daffodils on the pathway side, trumpet this news wonderfully.

The clocks have gone forward and there's even sunshine from the sky.

So, always feel free to sit a while on a bench in the lawn and take in all the wonders of Creation.

But you are always also welcome, to join us in the Chapel for any of our activities.

We meet every Sunday Morning at 10.30am

We would be delighted if you feel able to join us, in our Worshipful Fellowship. We are told our singing is a delight, our welcome is warm and sincere and our Preachers are thought-provoking and inspiring.

Recently we have also seen, some new faces with us and some younger faces too, which is our delight and an inspiration in itself. This is always followed by coffee and a chat. (Often with cake!). Some people just come for this gathering at **11.30am**. Why not try it and see?

Also, on **Sunday April 19th + Sunday May 17th at 6.30pm**. we have a time of Group Reflection. A Quieter time at the Evening of the Day.

A time to try and prayerfully even out our thinking in such a turbulent world.

Our **Prospect Group** with growing numbers, meets on **April 5th. Easter Day at 3pm**. It's the perfect all age, inclusive, Celebration for Easter Day

If you know of a disabled person or helper who might like to join us, please just turn up for a very warm welcome. All level access and facilities.

We are always happy to add new ladies' voices, to our "**Occasional Singers' Group**", who meet on an afternoon and one evening a week. Their quality is a joy and well worth hearing.

As usual, all our Weekday activities continue as ever on **Saturday April 25th** we have our **Free Lunch from 12noon** onwards. Again, numbers grow. Feel no obligation to give a donation but we know some of you like to, so we choose a different charity each time.

Our **Coffee Morning is on Friday May 15th from 10.30 am.** Just a very pleasant meeting point for a chat, often with quizzes and a board game or with a joint jigsaw on the go. We are also delighted to be hosting two weddings during the summer. So let's pray for sunshine for them both.

From the people of Culm Valley Methodist Church. We wish you Every Blessing. **David Greet. Email:** greetdj@hotmail.com

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