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This edition is dedicated to editor Sam Fincher, who sadly passed away on the 27th April. As well as editing the magazine, Sam contributed to the life of the village in many other ways, including the plays and pantos put on by Willand Theatrical Society (WiTS) and as the former village hall caretaker. He will be much missed. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Maggie and family with heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all he did for the village

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

It is with great sadness that I have to let you know of the passing of the Parish Council Chair, Barry Warren, on the 21st May 2026. Barry did so much for the village over the years and was well known by many. He will be much missed. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Marge, and family.

May is the Annual Parish Council meeting and this took place on the 14th May. This is when Councillors elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the year. Barry Warren has been re-elected as Chair and Sam Sycamore has been elected as Vice-Chair. Both were elected unanimously.

Mid Devon District Council have re-consulted on outline application for the proposed 170 dwellings to the north of the village, between the B3181 and Muxbear Lane, as some revised documentation was submitted. Whilst the site is in Halberton Parish the nearest facilities and biggest impact will be on Willand. The Parish Council discussed the revisions at its meeting on the 14th May and has re-iterated the concerns expressed in its original consultation submission on the sustainability of the site, lack of facilities and infrastructure and access. Comments made by the Parish Council and others can be found on the Mid Devon Public Access Planning Portal.

The potholes just before the Millenium Way roundabout have finally been repaired after the flooding in Autumn and Winter, which is welcome news. There are still other potholes awaiting repair in and around the village. Please keep reporting these to Devon County Council.

There have unfortunately been the usual problems with Graffiti, some of which is very offensive, and items being dumped in the motorway underpass with some attempts to light fires. National Highways are the responsible authority for the underpass and issues should be reported to them. The Parish Clerk and local Councillors make regular reports but as soon as its sorted, it starts again.

Now its Spring and with Summer nearly upon us, we will all be getting out and about more. This means increased use of the Jubilee Field, Orchard Way and other play areas. It is good to see people using these facilities but a plea that everyone uses them responsibly. Last year there were several incidents of criminal damage over the Summer. This costs us all as taxpayers as items have to be repaired or replaced and can result in a temporary or permanent loss of equipment where the damage is severe. The Parish Council always reports these incidents to the Police but, even with the CCTV at the village hall, it can be difficult to identify the culprits and take any action.

The magazine is still looking for a new editor if anyone would like to put their name forward. If you do, please contact the Parish Clerk. If no-one comes forward there is a real risk that the magazine will cease production. Many thanks to those who have stepped in to get this edition produced.

Until next time, enjoy the longer days and better, we hope, weather.

Debbie Bird, Clerk to Willand Parish Council

CAMEO

This month our walking group met up and walked around the swans neck in Halberton. Beautiful walk along the canal, where all the evidence of spring was found. The trees were bursting out their leaves and no longer bare, the wild flowers were blooming and the birds were singing. What a lovely morning and of course back to Halberton Farm Shop for well deserved refreshments. The next walk completely different but still spring like was at Culmstock Beacon and back to The Strand for a well deserved coffee break.

We met up for coffee at Fagans and lunch at the Merry Harriers both well attended by our members. We all seem to like our meetings for something to eat and drink, why not.

Several of us travelled to Otter Nurseries by minibus, guess what, we all headed to the restaurant first for coffee and cake. We spent a few hours wandering around the shop and could have spent a small fortune, think some did. Joshuas was favoured by several for lunch. Another quick look around the store and back in the minibus and home after an enjoyable day out.

Our singles group meet every third Sunday for tea, biscuits and chat. For various reasons some have had to drop out so we have a few vacancies. We meet at members houses so we have to limit our numbers. So Cameo single ladies if anyone wants to join, please let us know.

For our April meeting we were treated to Use it or Lose it with Sue, who talked about and demonstrated keeping fit for the more mature ladies. Always a bit of fun but serious because if we don't use it we will lose it!

May meeting is always our mystery tour night. After we were all picked up at various picking up points we headed down the M5. Mmmm is it Exmouth, yes we turned off the M5 and headed towards Exmouth but wait we then turned off towards Budleigh Salterton. Not Exmouth then. Down country roads and villages we went. We then came back on to the road for Exmouth but turned towards Exeter?? The bus turned off on that road and we headed into Exton. The Puffing Billy was our venue. What a lovely pub. We enjoyed a delicious meal with a few drinks, some more than others!! It was a very pleasant evening and home we went to be all dropped off again almost to our doors. Thank you so much for that, Mark.

Valerie Newberry

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

At the time of writing, the History Group is looking at a fresh way forward, adjusting the way we operate in order to deal with changing circumstances, and the ongoing issue of low membership. We are determined however, after 25 years, to keep the group going as a platform for local history, and to continue as custodians of the Willand Archive, collecting material, and conserving records for the benefit of the parish. We are hopeful that a new direction will provide greater opportunity for engagement with the community: we will let you know more as plans crystallise. In the meantime, if you would like to get involved, please do get in touch (see details below).

Another Willand institute that is currently subject to some conjecture is the Halfway House, and while it is unwise to speculate on what the future may hold, it is perhaps worth considering what we know about the Halfway's history, and its place in parish life. By the eighteenth century the Halfway House was established as a coaching inn, ideally situated (roughly) *half way* between Exeter and Taunton, Bristol and Plymouth, London and Penzance. We know the names of the licensed innkeepers dating from Humphrey Stark in the 1820s; the premises were then owned by the Wood family, part of the local Mountstephen estate. The Halfway has always been a place to stay, and a place to eat and drink, but it has also been so much more. As a coaching inn, it would have been the hub of its own community of live-in staff, with subsidiary businesses such as wheelwrights and blacksmiths servicing the passing coaches and packhorse trains. The Halfway's smithy would go on to meet local agricultural needs until the twentieth century when horses were replaced by motor vehicles, with the Halfway and Willand's last blacksmith, William Clist, finally ceasing business in the 1940s – the workshop and attached cottage (long-since demolished) were located at the end of the current car park.

During the nineteenth century, after the arrival of the railways put long distance mail coaches out of business, coaching inns went into decline, and this was the case in Willand, especially after the building of the Railway Hotel besides Tiverton Junction railway station in the 1840s. Willand's other coaching inn, the White Horse (in the old village), suffered in particular and had closed by the 1870s, when it was sold to the Rowe family who ran a farming and butcher's business from the premises, renamed The Elms. Like many country inns through the late-1800s, the licensees of the Halfway House were also engaged in small-scale farming, unable to make full living as an innkeeper. In August 1906, Mrs Hookway, who was then the landlady of the Halfway, even made the local press when she achieved a 'remarkable catch' of six young rats in one steel gin trap, set in her poultry run.

However, the Halfway House did keep going because it became a focus for parish leisure and entertainment. In the 1850s/60s, for example, the field across the road – later known as Archery Field – was used by the Culm Vale Cricket and Archery Club, with the Halfway providing the teas and refreshments; a Pavilion was built there, where all sorts of social events were held until the

1920s, from extravagant balls and fancy luncheons for the local gentry, to political rallies, and the popular whist drives and Red Cross fundraising events of the First World War – with the Halfway invariably doing the catering. Evidence for much of this is based on what has been recorded and can be found in the archives, but so much was not recorded: the casual meetings and quiet pints, the late night sing-songs, the family meals and festive celebrations, live music at weekends, the darts and skittles teams. And then there were the annual bus trips for pub regulars during 1950s/60s, the destination usually being somewhere on the coast – one Halfway regular, the late Dick Dart, remembered that ‘the boot was full of beer’ and how the first stop would always be at another pub. Of course, as well as all the happy memories, there were the times of struggle, the upsets and scuffles, the shady characters, and thumping hangovers – such is the history of most village pubs. Perhaps the Halfway’s greatest claim to fame came in 1938 when the pub acquired a new sign, designed and made by the renowned Somerset artist Rachel Reckitt – she had been commissioned by Arnold & Hancock, the Taunton brewery who then owned the Halfway. For many years the Halfway was one of the few pubs to have a Rachel Reckitt sign surviving in situ – until replaced, for understandable reasons, during renovation in the 2000s (does anyone know what became of the old sign?).

Over the last three hundred years the pub trade has always had its ups and downs, having to cope with often baffling legislation, plus the vagaries of economics and ever-changing social fashions, but it is safe to say that survival in the hospitality industry has never been tougher. For a parish pub like the Halfway House to be viable, or even better to thrive, it needs the support and ongoing custom of the local community – so if you can, why not pay a visit to the Halfway! Though maybe take heed of Thomas Hartnoll, a farm labourer who lived in one of the cottages along Silver Street, and visited the pub on the 4 July 1894. Aged 61, perhaps he ought to have known better, but such was his enjoyment of the hospitality that he was later arrested and charged with being ‘drunk on the highway near the Halfway House’.

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Our **Prospect Group** with growing numbers, next meets on **Sunday June 7th at 3pm**.

If you know of a disabled person or helper who might like to join us, please just turn up for a sincerely, lovely occasion. We've all level access and with facilities and of course, with a banquet of a tea to follow! For a contact, please **use greetdj@hotmail.com**

On **Saturday June 27th**, 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. Last month we sent £168 to Christian Aid. Thank you most sincerely for your continued generosity. **And our, Grand Traditional Cream Tea, is on Saturday July 4th at 3pm**.

Then our **Free Coffee Morning is on Friday July 17th from 10.30 am. (Often with Cake!)** With quizzes and a board game or two and usually with a joint jigsaw on the go.

We're so grateful for all your help and generosity in giving to and maintaining our **Donation Cupboard**. So many people (from across the world) find it such a help. Any issues please use the contact above for a rapid response from us. So, from the people of Culm Valley Methodist Church:

We wish you Every Blessing.

And our hope and prayer is that over these early summer days, you might just find time, to seek a calmness and peace in and through Creation itself, or as we might say "In finding the warmth of Atonement within your heart".

ST MARY'S CHURCH WILLAND

The importance of community.

I went to the cinema recently with my wife, Sarah, and our children to watch The Sheep Detectives. The movie was a lot of fun, detailing the crime-solving escapades of an unusual flock of sheep. A side-story of the movie involves a winter lamb who is rejected by the flock because he is different. Whilst this is a fictitious idea, there are premature lambs who are rejected by their mothers and need human intervention to rear them. If these lambs are born in winter, the mothers may reject them because they can't get the rich food to produce the milk needed to raise a healthy lamb. I will not include a spoiler by telling you what happens to the lamb in the movie, but this subplot draws out the all-too-common behaviour of human beings to alienate one another because they are different.

This sort of alienation can be so damaging because community is central to human flourishing. It enables individuals to share values and beliefs with others in a way which builds a sense of identity, meaning and purpose. People who are part of a community watch out for one another; they have people to turn to for support in times of trouble. There is lots of evidence out there which confirms that people who are embedded in a community are happier and healthier, both mentally and physically than those who go it alone. This all shows that we were made for good, healthy community with all our fellow human beings.

The Bible often likens human beings to sheep in need of a shepherd and when I was younger, I found this a little bit offensive because I'd much rather be likened to a bear, a lion, or an eagle. However, as I have become older, and realised that I'm not as invincible or good at life as I thought I was, I have come to see the truth of this metaphor. When Jesus claimed to be the Good Shepherd, he was advertising the fact that he was starting a new community where everyone is welcome. A community for the outcast as well as for those who considered themselves on the inside. This community was not based on personal gifting, status, ethnicity or any other title that might segregate people. Instead, it was based on the surprising reality that, despite the fact that human beings made a bit of hash of loving each other and taking care of this world, God loves us and forgives us. This love and forgiveness finds its concrete reality in the fact that Jesus, the Son of God, has made that love known. He is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

The vision of the church at the end of the Bible is a people washed clean by Jesus, made up of a diverse, multi-national, multi-cultural community from every tribe, tongue and nation stood before the throne of God. This is a wonderful picture of unity and community with God and our fellow human brothers and sisters. St Mary's Church here in our village is a local expression of this future vision. Therefore, everyone is welcome to come along and and be a part of our community. Church is one of those communities that can offer the health and wellbeing benefits that come from living alongside other people. It is also a place where forgiveness and love can be received and shared. And finally, it is a place where that future vision of global united and peace can be lived out and ushered in through worship and prayer.

Rev. Ben Maynard .

NATURE WITHOUT BARRIERS: LIBRARIES CREATE KITS TO GET FAMILIES OUTDOORS

A beach leaflet with accessibility downloads, stickers to collect as you explore, and stories to listen to outdoors are just some of the new ways families can connect with nature this spring thanks to Libraries Unlimited.

The charity that runs the libraries in Devon and Torbay has launched brand-new resources for *The Outdoor Explorer Club*, a free initiative designed to help children, young people and families get outdoors and enjoy nature together.

Created alongside young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), the new resources include a beach leaflet, an activity booklet with sticker sheet, downloadable and audio stories, and clear accessibility information.

Available online and from local libraries across Devon, the resources are designed to make getting outdoors more inclusive and fun for everyone. Families can pick up printed copies of the original trail leaflet, the new beach leaflet and activity booklet, as well as a sticker sheet from any Libraries Unlimited library to begin their adventure.

The new materials have been co-produced with the Champions for Change group and local SEND schools, following a consultation by Devon County Council which highlighted the barriers some children and young people with neurodivergent conditions, special educational needs and disabilities face when accessing nature and outdoor spaces. The project has been funded by Devon County Council.

The project brings together a wide range of partners and organisations, including Sound Communities, Dartmoor National Park, Devon Wildlife Trust, the National Trust and Forestry England, alongside local councils and accessibility organisations across Devon.

The resources form part of Libraries Unlimited's broader commitment to health and wellbeing, demonstrating the value of coproducing materials that are inclusive by design rather than treating inclusivity as an afterthought. This approach is further strengthened by the option to request braille and easy-read versions of the stories, which are provided free of charge from the ROVIC service at Devon County Council.

The project has also gained national recognition, with Libraries Unlimited invited to share the work at the Libraries Connected Innovation Gathering as an example of innovative, co-produced library services.

Shirin Khaster, Participation Worker SEND, Children's Services, Devon County Council, said: "The Champions for Change group really enjoyed working on this project. It was a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with professionals, share ideas, and learn from each other's unique experiences. From the beginning, everyone played a part in creating the accessible leaflet. The final result reflects the group's shared values, voices, and creativity... and shows what can be achieved through teamwork and thoughtful collaboration."

Imogen, a student at Bidwell Brook School, said: "As a wheelchair user, I am very passionate about accessibility and inclusion. These walks will make sure people don't feel left out or shut in. Beth included us at every step. She listened to our opinions on making sure we included Widgit symbols, easy read text, large font size and page numbers. I also like that there is a story with every walk, because it includes another fun element. These leaflets have made it across the county. I know this because I found them at my local children's hospice, which is amazing as more families can get out on these walks."

Alex Kittow, Chief Executive Officer at Libraries Unlimited added: “It’s wonderful that based on the success of the first Outdoor Explorer Club packs, Devon County Council have funded more packs, extending the reach to the beach! Creating these materials as a collaborative process, really understanding the needs of these young people, highlights the crucial role that libraries play in inclusivity in our communities. We hope that we are demonstrating that not only are libraries welcoming, inclusive spaces, but that extends out into the beautiful countryside and beaches we are lucky enough to have in our county.”

The new Outdoor Explorer Club resources are available now. To find out more, access digital versions, or pick up your free resources, visit the [Libraries Unlimited website](#) or pop into your local library.

WILLAND HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

We are really pleased with the number of activities that are now taking place at our Centre on Gables Road, opposite the Village Hall. As you can tell from our name, we exist to support and provide activities which contribute towards improving the health and well-being of local residents. Our volunteers organise events and we accept bookings by others which contribute to our overall purpose.

We have popular events run by our volunteers which are open to everyone – please do come and see us! We have ‘Tea and Chat’ on the first and third Thursdays of the month between 10.00 and 12.00, the cake is good too! At the moment we also have a popular ‘Knit and Chat’ every Monday between 6.30 and 8 pm. We have a good selection of books, and ‘Book Swap’ (with coffee) is on the third Monday between 6.30 and 7.30pm and the fourth Wednesday between 10.00 and 11.30 - and for the games players there is Tea, Chat and Games on the second Thursday between 10.00-12.00.

An up-to-date monthly programme is posted on the notice board next to the Post Office. We also have a Facebook page – and if you want to see the diary for all our current bookings and other information visit our booking site at <https://hallbookingonline.com/willand>. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Stephen Little

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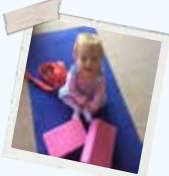
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WILLAND UNITED CHARITIES

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.

The current Trustees are Stephen Little, Neil James, Jason Scott, Kate Taylor and the Rector Ben Maynard.

Kate Taylor (Trustee)

WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME (WCCS) –located at the top end of Jaycroft in the corner of the Allotment site.

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Mondays – 6.30pm – 7.30pm (Summertime only)**

WCCS is run by a small and friendly group of volunteers. Our mission is to protect the natural environment by reducing waste to landfill by composting. We need your Green Waste to help us to continue our Community Composting site.

Remember we take your Green Garden Waste for FREE.

Volunteers Needed! - We need volunteers to help with the day to day running of the site and to allow the site to continue to operate. If you could spare a couple of hours per week to help it would help to ensure that the site continues to provide the local service. We need Volunteers to help with both the administration for the site as well as the day to day operation of the site. Any help would be gratefully received. Please pop in or email for more information.

We accept:

Green Garden Waste - Fresh Grass & Hedge Clippings, Prunings that can be cut with secateurs, up to 1 inch diameter, Flowers, Vegetables & Plants. Depositing in the bay where directed by our team, would be most helpful. Further information is displayed on notices regarding garden waste on the fence.

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Compost Sales:

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NEWS FROM COLDHARBOUR MILL

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EVENTS: for more information go to www.coldharbourmill.org.uk/whats-on/

Saturday 20th June COMMUNITY NATURE FEST 11am-4pm

We're excited to announce our first-ever Community Nature Fest at the Mill, held in collaboration with the Uffculme Green Team! Explore the wonders of our local ecosystem, and take part in free, family-friendly activities including nature-themed crafts and hands-on discovery sessions - something for everyone. Come along, get inspired, and celebrate the incredible wildlife right on our doorstep.

Friday 3rd July SWIFT WATCH EVENING 7-9.30pm

Join us for the Mill's annual Swift Watch Evening, brought to you in collaboration with the Uffculme Green Team Wildlife Group and the Uffculme Swift Group.

From 7pm, delicious food and drinks available from the Grist Mill Cafe Bar. From 8pm, enjoy a fascinating talk and Q&A session with a local swift enthusiast as you watch the aerial acrobatics of the Mill's thriving swift colony, joined by their lively companions – house martins and swallows.

No booking required – just bring your own chair and enjoy the evening! Free Parking is available and please note that the gates will close between 9:45 and 10pm.

Saturday 25th July SUMMER FAYRE 11am-4pm

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CRAFT WORKSHOPS at the MILL

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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. 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!

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE ON THE MOOR? – HOSPICE CARE

Introducing *The Dartmoor Beast* – a brand new, fully supported trail running challenge through the heart of Dartmoor National Park, taking place on 27 September 2026.

Runners can choose the full 20-mile route or the 14-miler across open moorland, rivers, bogs, and steep ascents. This epic race covers some of the toughest terrain in the UK, including the summit of High Willhays - the tallest mountain in southern England.

Cross the finish line to earn your well-deserved finisher's medal and enjoy a proper Devon cream tea in spectacular surroundings. Trophies will be awarded to the fastest male and female competitors. Every entry also includes a £2 donation to Dartmoor National Park, helping to protect and maintain its much-loved trails.

Take advantage of reduced entry fees, £32 for the Beast or £27 for the Wee Beastie, when you commit to raising a minimum of £175 for Hospiscare, supporting vital end-of-life care for local people living with terminal illness. For more information or to sign up, visit: www.thedartmoorbeast.co.uk/

FORCE Cancer Charity's annual Nello cycle ride is always on the final Sunday in June.

So get Sunday June 28th 2026 in your diary!

As always, it'll start and finish at Topsham Rugby Club near Exeter with the choice of 60 or 100 mile routes around beautiful Devon countryside – and a bit of Somerset!

It's not a sportive. It's not timed. It's a fantastic charity ride that has raised around £1.4million to support people in Devon affected by cancer.

The food stops are legendary and there's mechanical support and first aid cover throughout.

It may already be in your club's diary and you may have members taking part. But if not, we'd love you to join us this year for The Nello 2026 and we have set ourselves a significant fundraising target for the event.

More and more people are being diagnosed with cancer every year and that means a growing demand for support from FORCE.

We already support thousands of local people dealing with a cancer diagnosis and expect to see an extra 150 patients and family members in 2026. To support them we need to raise an extra £127,500.

And we believe our Nello cyclists are the very people we can rely on to rise to that challenge. We'd be proud to have you as part of The Nello in 2026 and we want to thank you for your support of this unique event.

We'd be so grateful if you could share the details around your club and beyond. You can enter online via the FORCE website - forcecancercharity.co.uk/nello/
Thank you.

NEWS FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MID DEVON GROUP

It was a night to remember when Amnesty International Mid Devon Group hosted a sold-out concert in St Mary's Church Hall on May 8th.

This was the latest in a whole series of such concerts and our local audience was delighted by a wonderful programme of music and the spoken word. Over £1200 was raised and this will go directly towards funding postage for our letters to prisoners of conscience throughout the world .

Once again, a big thank-you to those who took part, both on stage and behind the scenes. But most of all to those in Willand who bought tickets and supported this popular event.

Amnesty International Mid Devon Group meet every second Thursday evening in the month at 7.30pm. We meet at Halberton Methodist Church. New members will be made very welcome. So if anyone is interested, please contact Heather Radmore, secretary, at terryandheather@hotmail.co.uk. We would love to see you! **Sheila Eschle.**

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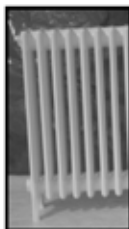
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