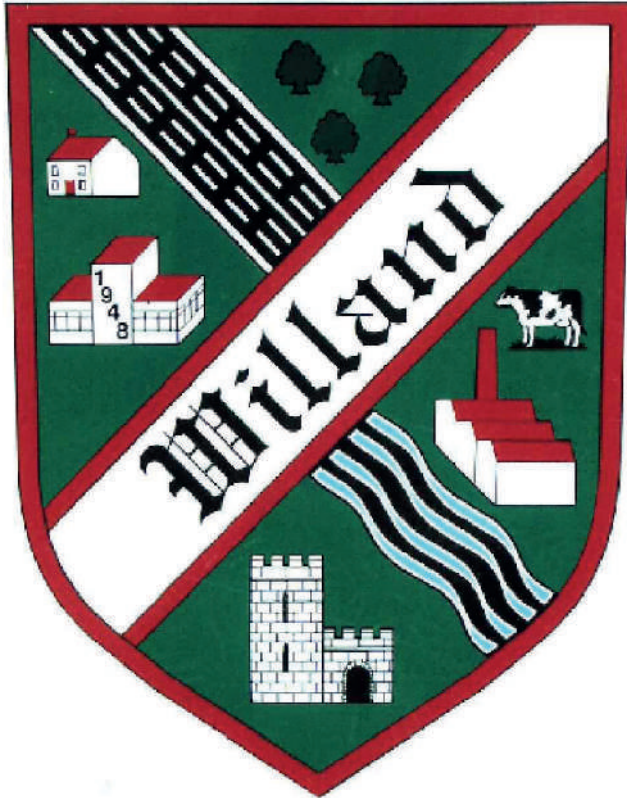


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EDITORIAL

No 186

Welcome to the August, September issue of the Willand Parish Magazine. This is my first edition as the editor and I hope I can be as professional as Sam Fincher, who was admired and loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

As the new editor I would like to ask the if you have for any suggestions on what you would like to read about in the bi-monthly magazine and to suggest that maybe you have a story about Willand that you would like to share with everyone. This magazine is for you, about your community and your contributions and thoughts would be welcome I look forward to your feedback. Please contact willandparishmag@gmail.com to submit your article.

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR'S NOTES

Sadly, as the last edition was going to print in May, the Parish Council Chair, Barry Warren, passed away. A short paragraph was added to let everyone know but there was no time to make any further comment. Barry was the Parish Council Chair for 11 years and a Parish Councillor for several years before that. He was a serving police officer for 30 years before his retirement and was also a former Mid Devon District Councillor and Leader of the Council. Barry cared a great deal about the local area and the local community and was a passionate advocate for Willand. Many people have been in contact to say how sorry they were to hear of his passing. He will be missed by his fellow Parish Councillors and the Parish Council staff. Most importantly he was a family man and will be much missed by his wife, children, and his wider family. Following Barry's passing the Parish Council elected a new Chair at the July meeting and I am pleased to have been chosen by my fellow Councillors to be the Council Chair for the remainder of the municipal year with Jason Scott elected as Vice-Chair.

The work of the Parish Council continues, and I am really excited to be involved in the next chapter. I have lived in Willand for several years and passionate about making the village a great place to live for everyone. If anyone wants to know more about what the Parish Council does, I encourage you to come along to a meeting. In the meantime, if there is anything that I or my fellow Parish Councillors can do to assist you with issues in Willand, please get in touch, our details can be found on page 1 of this magazine or on the website.

Sam Sycamore, Chair Willand Parish Council

WILLAND WILDLIFE REPORT – SUMMER 2026

Welcome to the first Willand Wildlife Report which has been prepared by the Parish Council's Biodiversity Working Group and will be included in all future issues of the Willand Magazine. Other initiatives that are planned include an opportunity for residents to visit to a "Wildlife Garden" in Willand, a Community Biodiversity event open to all in the village, and creating Community Pollinator

Patches which will be managed for specific species. If you have any ideas which would help to conserve and enhance biodiversity in Willand, please share your thoughts via the Parish Clerk. Also if you have an interest in or knowledge of our local wildlife and would like to be involved in any future projects, please get in touch. Have you seen much wildlife in Willand in 2026? Have you noticed less or more butterflies this summer? Have you had fewer birds in your garden? When was the last time you saw a frog, toad, slow worm or hedgehog? Have you spotted anything unusual? This is the record of the wildlife that one member of our Working Group has seen in Willand during the 5 weeks from 1 June: how does this compare with what you've seen?

MOTHS included Common Swift (*Korscheltellus lupulina*), Non Banded Riband Wave, Yellow Underwing and Hummingbird Hawk: BUTTERFLIES seen were Meadow brown, Painted lady, Cabbage white, Speckled wood, Peacock and Red Admiral: BIRDS observed: a wren building its nest in a sun awning; numerous fledglings including crows, starlings, blue tits, great tits, long-tailed tits and blackbirds; other birds spotted around the village such as great spotted woodpecker, nuthatch, robin, sparrow, swallow, various gulls, wood pigeon, collared dove, blackcap, dunnock, goldfinch, chaffinch, rooks, Canada geese and buzzard. There was a rather gory discovery when the remains of a racing pigeon were found in Willand Cemetery, probably a victim of a peregrine falcon; luckily the identity number and contact number of the bird's owner were still on the carcass so it was possible to get in touch to let him know that particular pigeon would not be coming home to roost!

INSECTS included lots of Ladybird larva and adult ladybirds, a 4-spot Harlequin ladybird (an invasive species), Rose sawfly caterpillars, various beetles, bees and hoverflies, ants and ants nests, woodlice and lots of different types of spider. There was an unusual sighting of a wasp flying off with a mealworm! The tasty meal would be taken back to the nest to be chopped up and fed to their young, known as wasp larvae. According to the charity Buglife, wasps are very important in our world because: Wasps eat flies, aphids, caterpillars and other invertebrates, making them an important insect-controlling predator. Wasps are amazing architects, building hexagonal paper nests from chewed-up wood. Wasps are important pollinators. Wasp nests provide a home for some of our most beautiful, pollinating hoverflies.

The Natural History Museum points out that although wasps may cause annoyance to us humans in the summer months, they have a crucial role to play and goes as far as saying that "we certainly would not be able to cope in a world without wasps." MAMMALS seen included a stoat which dashed across the road near Skinners Farm, a rat in the same area, and (heard but not seen) hedgehogs mating on a front lawn which had been left uncut this season and resembled a miniature hay meadow. Did you know that when female hedgehogs are making nests for their babies they will often do this in the daytime? They look like "they're on a mission" and will have nesting materials in their mouths so if you see this activity you need to leave well

alone. However, if you see a hedgehog in the daytime which is slow and sluggish and appearing to sunbathe it's not OK and needs help.

Looking ahead we are approaching the autumn and birdsong quietens down because the breeding season is over, adult birds no longer sing to defend territory or attract mates and they may be busy teaching their fledglings how to survive. Also birds moult their feathers and grow new, undamaged feathers for winter; this process makes them vulnerable so they hide away for safety.

This is also the time of year when we notice signs of migration when birds fly hundreds or even thousands of miles to find more food in warmer climates. Birds which leave the UK include warblers such as chiffchaffs, plus swallows, swifts, house martins and cuckoos. Arrivals into the UK include redwings and fieldfares (members of the thrush family): redwings migrate at night and you can listen out for their high-pitched "tseep" call from October. Other winter visitors include geese and swans, ducks and waders.

There are many places to visit and see wildlife wherever you are in the UK. You might like to download a FREE app called Wildling which can help you to discover places near you or further away – use it as your pocket guide to over 1500 wild places. We hope you have enjoyed reading this article and that you will be able to spot some of our special wildlife in Willand and think about how you can help on your patch by leaving a wild area in your garden, or providing appropriate shelter, water and feeding

Barbara Bodkin

CAMEO

Our walkers headed off to Knighthayes for our first walk through the woodland and of course, ending with refreshments. The next walk we met at Magelake, it was very hot so just a token walk up at Gaddon Down in the woods it was too hot to go very far. We then drove off and ended up at Blackdown Nurseries for a cool drink and something to eat, of course. It was Mary's birthday (she organises the walks) so we arranged for a member of staff to sing Happy Birthday to her, she didn't disclose her age!!!

A trip was organised for a visit to Lynton and Lynmouth. What a lovely day it was, weather was good, a mooch round the village, a ride on the cliff railway, a splendid day was had by all but we weren't finished, we were driven up the road to enjoy the scenery at Valley of the Rocks. Came home tired but happy.

Singles group was hosted first by Brenda and then by Mary. A delightful couple of Sunday afternoons spent chatting and enjoying tea and biscuits, after we had put the world to rights.

June meeting, our speaker was Paul Scarbrough from AbilityNet. It is a charity who provide free digital skills for older people. He gave us some very interesting information and helped one or two to understand their phones

better. He issued us with cards so if anyone needed further help, someone would come to their house and assist. July we had fun and games, no speaker, just a laugh a minute. Not sure where Peta gets all the games from but we do have fun.

The August meeting is our Garden Party, something to look forward to. We can put on a nice dress and enjoy good company and delicious lunch with entertainment and a few glasses of wine plus a good draw. This is our charity "do". As you can see we have a varied list of "events" and welcome new members any-time.

Valerie Newberry

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing away of our Parish Council Chair, Barry Warren. Not only had he always supported History Group events and exhibitions, with his cheerful presence always welcome, but he had long been a diligent and consistent voice in standing up for Willand in local affairs, working hard to make the parish a better place for all. His tireless efforts and loyal service to our community will be much missed. Our thoughts are with his family and friends.

At the time of writing in July, we can report that the community archaeology dig at Batten's Farm Roman villa, not far to the north-west of Willand, is going very well indeed. Despite often sweltering heat-wave conditions, there have been hundreds of visitors to the site, and the many local volunteers participating, including members of our History Group, have thoroughly enjoyed discovering the Romano-British history of our area by getting stuck into some hands-on archaeology. So far, the foundations and room plan of the main villa building have been uncovered, a fascinating multiphase dwelling of undoubted high status. In one of the rooms what remains of a stunning mosaic has now been completely revealed, ready to be 'lifted' and eventually put on display at the Tiverton Museum of Mid Devon Life. Not only this, but two other buildings have been discovered, part of the elaborate villa complex. One is still puzzling the archaeologists, but was possibly used for storage, workshops or agricultural use. The other is a magnificent bathhouse (well, for Roman Devon at least!), with evidence of a changing room, and hot and cold plunge pools.

The many artefact finds have added the colour to what life was like at the villa, and elaborated on the high status of the inhabitants. To mention just a few, there are amphorae from Spain that would have been filled with imported wine or olive oil; beautifully made pottery from Gaul (France), Rhineland, the New Forest and Oxfordshire; oyster shells and many animal bones (sheep, cattle and pigs) confirming the rich diet they enjoyed; good numbers of Roman coins; a piece of carved masonry, possibly part of a domestic shrine to their favoured



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gods; a finely made copper brooch; and perhaps the star find has been a blue glass 'intaglio' depicting the Roman goddess Victory, which would have been set in a metal finger ring, and could be used to press into wax to seal documents. Much work has yet to be done, and interpretations are changing all the time with each new discovery, but all of this suggests that this was home to people of some importance, wealth and authority, and that they chose to display this through Romanised architecture and by adopting a Romanised way of life. The dating of finds from the 2nd to the 4th centuries AD, together with the number of phases of development and rebuilding of the structures, confirms that they were there for a long time. Their wealth may have come from running a thriving agricultural estate, trading surplus produce through the developing Roman settlement at Cullompton and the regional capital at Isca Dumnoniorum (Exeter). Perhaps they had close links to the Roman administration itself, acting as local government representatives or tax collectors.

One of the most interesting questions remains whether they were members of the native elite happy to work with the Romans and adopt their fashions, or whether they were outsiders introducing Roman ways. But what is the specific relevance of these investigations to Willand? This villa complex and estate would have dominated the local area, and although Willand as a village did not exist during the Roman era, the land would have been farmed by families living in thatched roundhouses within ditched enclosures – several of these have been identified in the area, and one was recently excavated by a commercial archaeology company just to the north of the Halfway House. It is likely that these were part of the villa estate, similar to how tenanted farms were part of big country house estates in the nineteenth century. It has been argued that although the villa buildings were abandoned the estate landholdings survived beyond the end of the Roman era, and that their boundaries were formalised as civil and ecclesiastical boundaries in the early-medieval period. In particular, it has been suggested that the Anglo-Saxon administrative area of the Halberton Hundred, of which Willand was a part, was based on the Batten's Farm villa estate. It was only later that the parish of Willand was carved out of Halberton, after Willand had become a landholding (or manor) with its own church and priest. This is why Willand is surrounded on three sides by Halberton parish – something that continues to cause headaches for local planners. This is a massive oversimplification of the process, and much more research is required, but the excavation at Batten's Farm Roman villa will help to answer some of these questions, and help us to understand the very origins of Willand and the people who lived here!

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CULM VALLEY METHODIST CHURCH. EX15 2PL.

I'm waiting for someone to tell me that there are "Christmas Cards on sale in the local stores!" "Far too early:" you'll shout. Maybe, but please don't shout at us, when we tell you that we have already started, filling and wrapping Christmas Shoeboxes for Eastern Europe!!! Last year, thankfully with the help of others, maybe even you, we sent off 238! (Hence the early start). There are ladies knitting hats and toy puppets as I write. If you'd like to help in any way that would be wonderful. At home if that's easier, or by joining our friendly "Boxing" sessions. You'll be made very welcome. That's something we try to always be, "very welcoming". It's so heartening when people say "I was truly welcomed in. They meant it and now I'm part of that family too."

We would say that's the love of Jesus shining through. (Matt. Ch. 25 vs. 35.)

For you're always so welcome, to join us at the Chapel for our many activities.

We meet for Worship every Sunday Morning at 10.30am and on the 3rd Sunday 6.30pm.

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Our next Prospect Group meets on Sunday August 2nd at 3pm, when we will be thinking about the "Good Samaritan". 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, safe parking, all level access and facilities: and of course, with a banquet of a tea to follow! greetdj@hotmail.com

One of the things we really enjoy your company at, is for our Charity work for many organisations. I asked the treasurer how much money we were able to give away last year and she told me over £4,000. And this when most of our functions are free. However, many of you like to give a little donation anyway, which joined together amazingly creates, this large sum. Thank you.

Our next Free Lunch from 12noon is on Saturday August 15th. Our next Free Coffee Morning Fellowship will be on Friday September 18th from 10.30 am. (Often with Cake!) and with quizzes and a board game or two and usually with a joint jigsaw on the go.

As part of our outreach works, we hold regularly Worship Sessions at Somerville House, Trafalgar Court and Kent Farm. If you know of anyone staying there, who might like us to say hello, just email as above.

As always, 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 contact as above for any rapid response from us. So, from the people of Culm Valley Methodist Church:

Every Blessing, to you all.

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 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 unity and peace can be lived out and ushered in through worship and prayer.

Rev. Ben Maynard.

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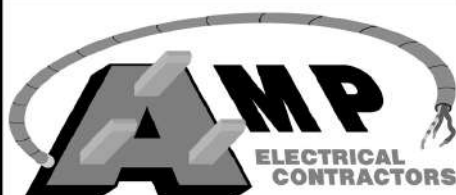


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WILLAND HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

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! 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

PLEASE NOTE SOME DATE AND TIME CHANGES

Willand Health and Community Centre programme run by the Centre Volunteers

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event
August	3 rd	Monday	18.30 to 20.00	Knitting & Crochet Group
August	6 th	Thursday	10.00 to 12.00	Tea & Chat
August	10 th	Monday	18.30 to 20.00	Knitting & Crochet Group
August	17 th	Monday	18.30 to 19.30	Book Swap with coffee
August	17 th	Monday	18.30 to 20.00	Knitting & Crochet Group
August	20 th	Thursday	10.00 to 12.00	Tea & Chat
August	24 th	Monday	18.30 to 20.00	Knitting & Crochet Group
August	26 th	Wednesday	10.00 to 11.30	Book Swap with Coffee
September	3 rd	Thursday	10.00 to 12.00	Tea & Chat
September	7 th	Monday	18.30 to 20.00	Knitting & Crochet Group
September	14 th	Monday	18.30 to 20.00	Knitting & Crochet Group
September	17 th	Thursday	10.00 to 12.00	Tea & Chat
September	21 st	Monday	18.30 to 19.30	Book Swap with Coffee
September	21 st	Monday	18.30 to 20.00	Knitting & Crochet Group
September	28 th	Monday	18.30 to 20.00	Knitting & Crochet Group
September	30 th	Wednesday	10.00 to 11.30	Book Swap with Coffee

HOSPICE CARE

It has been an incredibly challenging few years for Hospiscare. We are currently facing a funding gap of over £1 million, driven by increasing costs and ongoing government underfunding.

Despite these pressures, our commitment remains unchanged. Providing compassionate end-of-life care to people living with life-limiting illness and

supporting their loved ones across Exeter, central and east Devon is at the very heart of everything we do. We see every day the profound difference this care makes to those who rely on us.

Hospiscare exists because of the community it serves. It is your kindness and generosity that enable us to be there for local families during the most difficult moments. If you are able to support our Summer Appeal, we would be deeply grateful. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us continue to provide vital care to those who need us most. To make your donation, please visit: hospiscare.co.uk/spring Thank you for your compassion and support.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS SUMMER FOR HOSPISCARE

Summer is the perfect time to bring people together and support your local hospice charity. At Hospiscare, we invite you to make a difference your way by turning your passion into a fundraising activity. Whether you enjoy music, art, crafting, gardening, baking, or organising community events, there are countless ways to raise funds. You could host a summer concert, art exhibition, craft fair, open garden, afternoon tea, sponsored walk, cycle ride, or community picnic. You may even choose to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary by asking for donations instead of gifts or honour the memory of someone special through a fundraising event in their name. Every pound raised helps Hospiscare provide compassionate care and support to local people living with a life-limiting illness and their loved ones across Exeter, central and east Devon.

To find out more visit hospiscare.co.uk/fundraise and download a free fundraising pack. Together, let's make this summer one to remember.

Would you like the chance to win £3,000 while supporting your local hospice? Then Summer Raffle is for you!

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Tickets cost just £2 each, giving entrants the chance to win one of several cash prizes, including a £500 second prize, a £250 third prize, and 10 runners-up prizes of £25. The raffle is open by post from 7 July to 14 August, with online entries available until 18 August. Every ticket purchased helps Hospiscare continue providing specialist care and support to local people living with life-limiting illnesses, as well as their families and loved ones, at a time when they need it most. To enter the Summer Raffle or find out more, visit: www.hospiscarelottery.co.uk/summer.

WILLAND UNITED CHARITIES

Willand United Charities was established in the early 20th century, formed from several 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 charity today.

The Trustees meet regularly twice a year, usually in September and February, but extra meetings, or email/telephone discussions are held to discuss applications outside of these times so people should not be put off from contacting us when necessary. The money available for distribution is quite limited but the Trustees are aware that the rising cost of living and unexpected expenses can severely impact day to day life and cause distress which a small grant could help solve. If you or someone you know would benefit from some support, then please either contact the charity by using our email address clerk@willandunitedcharities.co.uk or download an application form. <https://willand-pc.gov.uk/downloads>. The current Trustees are Neil James, Stephen Little, Ben Maynard, Jason Scott, Kate Taylor
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WILLAND COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME (WCCS) –located at the top end of Jaycroft in the corner of the Allotment site.

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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

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WILLAND VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to let you know the main hall has recently been decorated and new blinds installed, we hope you like the new look and hope those of you using the hall will help us keep it looking smart by not using Sellotape on the paintwork to hang decorations when you have a party. With the blinds if you have the windows open please only lower the blinds halfway as if they are fully lowered, they will get pulled out the window by any breeze and this could damage them.

The hall has also **upgraded the Wi-Fi to Full Fibre (FTTP)** so hopefully those that use this will find an improvement on speed when several people are on it. Sadly, in recent weeks the hall has been subjected to some anti-social behaviour we are monitoring this on the CCTV and youth's involved have been identified and hopefully the police will take the action required to nip this in the bud. Please though if you do see anything please do let us know ASAP email CCTV@willandvillagehall.org.uk stating the location, date and time the incident took place.

Car Parking remains an ongoing issue at the hall; there are 8 spaces that have been given permits to park during the day. Anyone Dropping off / Picking up the school have advised parents the times they are allowed to park if there is space available. The times are also displayed on the shed at the end of the car park if you need to check. Priority for parking remains with those using the hall facilities so please be respectful and don't out stay your welcome.

Elaine is settling in nicely to the booking secretary's role please remember though she only does a few hours a week usually at a weekend so if you have sent in a request please be patient she will get back to you ASAP. If you would like to see if the hall has availability, please view our online calendar <https://willandvillagehall.org.uk/calendar> then bookings can be requested by either by clicking on customer login or completing our online form <https://willandvillagehall.org.uk/booking>

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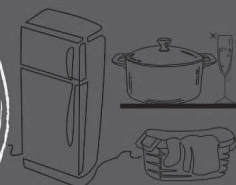


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REGULAR EVENTS – Willand Village Hall

EVENT	DATE	TIME
U3A Gaming	1 st Monday	10.30am
U3A Mahjong Group	2 nd & 4 th Monday	10.30am
U3A Art in Action	2 nd & 4 th Monday	1.30pm
U3A Coloured Pencil	3 rd Monday	1.30pm
Beavers (Term Time)	Mondays	5.30pm
Cub Scouts (Term Time)	Mondays	7.00pm
Pilates with Ellie	Tuesday	9.30am & 6.00pm
U3A Quilting Group	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday	9.30am
Move it or Lose it	Tuesday	2.00pm
Cowgirl Twisters	Tuesday	7.30pm
U3A Sewing Group	1 st Wednesday	9.30am
Tiny Tots (Term Time)	Wednesdays	9.30am
U3A Craft Group	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	9.30am
Indoor Bowls Club	Wednesdays	7.00pm
Garden Club	2 nd Wednesday	7.30pm
Pilates with Ellie	Thursday	9.30am
U3A	1 st Thursday	2.00pm
U3A Bridge	2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Thursday	2.00pm
CAMEO	1 st Thursday	7.00pm
Karate	2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th Thursday	6.00pm
Folk Dance Club	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	7.00pm
Parish Council Meeting	2 nd Thursday	7.00pm
Fun Football Factory	Fridays	9.15pm
U3A Quiz	3 rd Friday	10.30am
Zumba	Fridays	1.30pm
WiTS	Fridays	7.30pm
Cowgirl Twisters	Saturday (Monthly)	7.30pm
Folk Dance	Saturday (Monthly)	8.00pm
Arate	Sundays	10.15am
Martial Arts	Sundays	5.15pm

For U3A (University of the 3rd Age) events some vary please check their website <https://culmvalley.u3asite.uk/>

CULM VALLEY MODEL RAILWAY SHOW Saturday 19th September

The little blue engine and his friends can be driven around the tracks by children (and adults) at our 16th Model Railway Show on SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER at WILLAND VILLAGE HALL. It is open as usual from 10am until 4.00pm. The cost is £6.00 for adults and only £1.00 for children & all visitors will be issued with an old-time card rail ticket franked by a genuine 100-year-old railway ticket machine. There is of course free parking and

wheelchair access to most of the hall. Bring your children to let them have a drive of their favourite engines on our scenic Solder model railway. There are 2 controllers so 2 children at a time can drive & there are also sidings for the older kids who would like to use their skill at shunting. For the younger ones push buttons allow them to drive the tram engine into a tunnel and then watch it come back from a different tunnel. This is a great day out for families and enthusiasts and will be super fun for visitors and club members alike.

Malc Trump, the Exhibition Manager, has assembled 15 top quality layouts, most of which have never been seen in Mid Devon before. They will cover different gauges, styles and eras.

Harvey's Hobbies are again sponsoring the show and will have a superb collection of top-quality second-hand models for sale at bargain prices. As usual, there will be excellent refreshments with bacon baps, hot dogs, pasties, sandwiches, cakes etc. as well as tea, coffee and cold drinks. We hope to see you there on the 19th as the show is not just for enthusiasts but also a great family day out.

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

WILLAND THEATRICAL SOCIETY

Just wanted to let everyone know about our sensational summer event this year. We will be hosting a Variety show at the Village Hall on Friday, September 11th at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm.

Our members will be showing off their skills with a variety of acts from singing, dancing, comedy turns, comedy sketches and anything else we can think of. Please come along and support us.

Rehearsals will be starting in September for our annual pantomime in February 2027. We have a unique, very funny panto casted for you all, which I'm sure you will enjoy as always.

We love doing what we do and without you, our audience, our supporters, we couldn't do it, so thank you for your wonderful and continuing support.

See you all at the Variety show

Maggie Fincher (Secretary WiTS)

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL APPLE JUICING DAY

The Apple Juicing day, run by Sustainable Tiverton, will take place again this year in **Sampford Peverell Village Hall, on Saturday 3rd October** with the opportunity to juice your own apples or buy some freshly made juice, plus refreshments, live music, local honey sales and the Sampford Peverell Charity Knitters. Timed slots will be available to book, and we have some extra

equipment to ease any delays. So save the date and start saving your plastic bottles.

MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL'S NEW APP IS NOW LIVE!

Report it, read it, remember it – council app goes live

A new app to make accessing council services even easier has been launched. The app allows people to report issues, read news and set up reminders in one simple to use tool. Residents can also search and comment on planning applications, find their nearest car park, library or place to eat, get in touch with their local councillor and set up waste collection reminders.

The free app is available to download from the Google Play or Apple App store with residents simply needing to search Mid Devon District Council to find and install the app onto their smartphone or mobile device, or simply scan the QR code below. Any data on the app remains on an individual's phone and is not retained by the Council.

Designed with simplicity and accessibility in mind, the app is easy to use and compliments existing channels such as email, website and phone. By offering a simple to use self-service option for common queries, it also helps free up phone lines for those residents who need more personalised support or wish to speak to a member of staff.

Cllr Josh Wright, Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement said: "The app is clear and simple, giving residents another choice about how they access our services and when they do it. It builds on the strong channels we already have in place including our website, social media and e-newsletters, giving people even more choice about how and when they contact us. But as always, we will continue to have staff on the end of the phone or available to book an appointment with for those who prefer to talk to a person."

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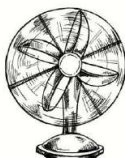
Keep sun and hot air out of your house by keeping all windows and doors shut and shutting curtains /Blinds during the day. If you have no curtains, put a sheet or blanket up instead.

When it gets cooler outside, open all your windows and doors to get the cool air in and across the house

Use fans in front of an open window, facing outward, to draw hot air out of the room. When it's cooler outside, turn them around to draw the cool air in.

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