

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP REPORT
to the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (WPC)
Thursday, 9 March 2023

The History Group is pleased to report a successful 2022, with increased activity; new members; the ongoing collection of the Willand Archive; a parish walk exploring Willand's historic landscape; several meetings, including one held in the Church; and continued research on several projects. However, the standout event was our Exhibition and Jubilee Tea to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, reflecting on past Royal celebrations in the village, as well as some of the many changes that have happened in Willand over the past 70 years – it was a very enjoyable day, well attended, and the Jubilee trifle went down a treat!

This year, as part of Willand's weekend of events planned for the Coronation, we are looking forward to organising the live screening of King Charles III's Coronation on Saturday, 6 May 2023, on the Big Screen in the Village Hall. Plans are still being made, but there will be all the usual teas, coffees and cakes on offer, and we hope to make it a real community event, bringing lots of people together, whether they have lived in Willand for years, or are new to the village. We want to celebrate the fact that Willand is full of people from all over, so as part of our exhibition we are hoping to collect photos, memorabilia and memories of past community or Royal occasions (even the Queen's 1953 Coronation, if they can remember!), from Willand, the rest Devon or the UK, or indeed, anywhere in world!

So far, the signs are positive that the History Group is keeping active and engaging with more people, but we still need new members to keep the group going, and to bring in new skills and ideas, although they would welcome get involved as much or as little as they like. Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every other month at 7 p.m. in the Annex Room, Willand Village Hall, (next meeting 18 April) – you'd be more than welcome!

James Morrison
Secretary,
Willand History Group

Email: jamorrison235@gmail.com
Tel.: 01884 250057