

**TUESDAY KERBSIDE COLLECTION.**

Next month's dates are **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER.**

**GREEN BINS COLLECTED EVERY TUESDAY.** Please put bins out by 7.00am. Waste Hotline 01285 623123. [www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/waste](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/waste)

**WILLERSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Office is situated at the south western corner of the Village Hall, open for enquiries and advice on Monday each week from 9.30am-12noon (except Bank Holidays). At all times recorded messages can be left on the phone 01386 853635, or e-mail [willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com)

**WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL**

To hire the hall please telephone **LUCY JORDAN 01386 854886 after 6pm or** leave a message, or email [willerseyhall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseyhall@btinternet.com)  
**Caretaker – Bill Payne 01386 858368.**

**THERE IS A DEFIBRILLATOR on the outside wall at the Village Hall.**

**METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE** – Tel: Penny Ingles 853306.

**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

The Mobile Library next visit is on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.** Near the Bell Inn **1350-1550.** Please use the library, good selection of books available

**COTSWOLD VOLUNTEERS NORTH**

Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments should ring the CVN Help Centre: 01608 651115. This telephone is manned from 09.30-13.30hrs Monday to Friday. At other times there is an Answerphone.

**Transport charges are 50p a mile (Minimum charge £3.00)**

**TRAVEL SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

National Rail Traveline	0845 7484950
National Bus Traveline	0871 2002233
Hedgehog	01386 841466
N. N. Cresswell	01386 48655
Johnsons	01564 797000
Marchants of Cheltenham	01242 257714

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are now available on the County Council's Web site at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bustimetables](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/bustimetables)

**Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police**

**Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111. Gas Emergency - 0800111999**

**Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 834444**

**Thames Water -Water Supply – 0845 9200888**

**Police – Telephone 101. Emergency 999. ☐ [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)**

**The Vicarage, Honeybourne. 01386 830302**

Dear Friends

November is the month of Remembrance. For the church, the 1<sup>st</sup> November is All Saints Day, when we remember and celebrate all those Christians who have lived and died and left a legacy of a true example of Christian living for us to emulate. On 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls Day, We commemorate those we have loved and who are no longer with us. And of course, as a nation, Remembrance Sunday calls to mind the two world wars and many bitter conflicts since which have been etched in our hearts as times of extreme valour and huge sacrifice. In July, I had the privilege of serving with a small team of clergy colleagues as chaplains at the Royal International Air Show at Fairford. Our purpose there was to support the 3000 strong volunteer force should there have been a major incident. This year's show saw spectacular aerobatic displays given by the most modern of military hardware, but the highlight for the crowds and for the teams of aircrew was the memorial flypast of a large group of WWII Spitfires, Hurricanes and Lancasters. The 50,000 strong crowd fell silent as these flying displays caught their imaginations. But what was it they imagined?

As I reflected on this, it is impossible to erase the fact that these machines are, of course, designed to kill and to maim. Their purpose, if used with integrity, is to fight for the cause of justice and peace. Even then, the concept of 'just war', a theory expounded by St Thomas Aquinas in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, is a difficult one to rationalise when so many innocents are caught up in the violence of war. Sadly, military might is not always used to fight for such high ideals. In the aftermath of the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war, huge swathes of displaced and terrified people moved across Europe in search of safety and a better life for themselves and their children. The 1951 UN Convention for Refugees was created to provide a fair set of rules to ensure that such homeless people could settle in a place of safety and be provided with international protection if appropriate. According to the Convention, a refugee is someone who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion. Sadly, 70 years later we are experiencing similar sights of mass migration caused by despotic and power crazy regimes.

All our parishes will be holding Remembrance Day services which will honour those from our own communities who have fought for freedom. The national Act of Remembrance at the cenotaph in London and the two minute silence at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month are also intended to ensure we do not forget those who fought so valiantly and sacrificed so much. Their legacy is our privilege to live in a democracy with the freedom to express ourselves in peace whatever our opinions and views are. I hope that this year's services will serve to offer you an opportunity to reflect on the great gift of freedom we have in this country and, for Christians everywhere, an opportunity to remind ourselves of our calling to Christ's service – to love our neighbours as ourselves.

With love and blessings.

**Celia. Team Curate**

## **Willersey's Meeting with the Bishop: "I hear you."**

A second public meeting on the Diocese's intentions with regard to the Willersey's glebe land was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Nearly 200 villagers packed the Village Hall again, on this occasion meeting Rt Revd Rachel Treweek, the new Bishop of Gloucester, to hear what she and her team had to say and to address their concerns and questions to her.

In the forthright and, at times, heated meeting, which was chaired jointly by Bishop Rachel for the Diocese and Lord Dear for the Parish, parishioners made clear their opposition to the Diocese's intentions to sell large areas of the parish's glebe land for housing development.

Parishioners were particularly discomfited by the Diocesan Glebe Committee Chairman's presentation. His inability to name Willersey correctly and to get any of the facts correct on the developments under consideration in the parish called into question the Glebe Committee's ability to make decisions with respect to parish land.

Other significant outcomes of the meeting included:

- Bishop Rachel announcing a change of stance on behalf of the Diocese. Where its previous policy had been that the Diocese need show no interest in parishioner's concerns (its contention being that this should be left to the council planning department), Bishop Rachel insisted that she did not want to see Willersey "over-housed".
- Bearing the above in mind, a commitment by the Bishop that the Diocese will not allow any move to be made towards obtaining planning permission on any glebe land in Willersey until the appeal relating to the proposed 70 house development, south of Collin Lane, is known.
- A commitment by the Bishop and the Diocesan Secretary that the only land on which the Diocese will consider applying for planning permission or selling will be within the area known by parishioners as "Terrify" (and not any of the precious areas of ancient ridge and furrow).
- Having heard all of the concern and incredulity expressed by parishioners at the Diocese's choice of the promoter Gladman as a partner, an intention by the Bishop to ensure that this decision is reconsidered.

The next steps are that the Assistant Diocesan Secretary will draft a record of the transactions of the meeting which the PCC will review and agree with the Bishop. Thereafter, the PCC will meet the Bishop in the next few weeks to discuss the matter further.

## **Weston rural cinema: November**

Based on the literary classic by Thomas Hardy, our November film, "**Far from the Madding Crowd**" is the story of independent, beautiful and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene. Faced with three different suitors, she has to choose. Gabriel Oak, a sheep farmer, is captivated by her wilfulness; Frank Troy is a handsome and reckless Sergeant and William Boldwood a prosperous and mature bachelor. A timeless story of Bathsheba's choices and passions, the film explores the nature of relationships and love as well as the human ability to overcome hardships through resilience and perseverance.

The film will be shown in Weston sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Doors will open at 7.30 p.m. and the film begins at 8.00 p.m. Tickets are £4.00 at the door. For more information contact Chris Rossington or David White on 01386 849316 or find details on the village website, [www.westonsubedge.com](http://www.westonsubedge.com).

## **Youth Club**

Weston sub-Edge Youth Club meets on the **first and third Thursdays** of each month between 7.00 and 9.00 p.m. Members enjoy a wide range of activities and Sue Stanier, our leader, and Alex Havery, her assistant, have an exciting programme planned. **New members between 10 and 18 years both from the village and from the surrounding area are always welcome.** Join the Club and make new friends. Subscriptions are £1.00 per meeting and drinks and sweets are on sale. For more information, contact Chris Rossington on 01386 849316 or Sue on 07555 649056.

## **Book Launch: "From Country Boys to Soldier Boys"**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November Paul Hughes will be talking about his new book, "**From Country Boys to Soldier Boys**", written in memory of the 108 men and women from Weston-sub-Edge and Aston-sub-Edge who served in the Great War, 1914-18.

The launch will take place in Weston sub-Edge Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. This book, Paul's second, was published in August 2015 and follows "**Campden 1914-18**" published in November 2008. This new book has over 220 photographs and includes short biographies of the 108 men and women who served from the two villages. It includes a section on Norton Hall VAD hospital and has a photographic gallery of new Chipping Campden 1914-18 photographs collected by the author following the publication of "Campden 1914-18" and also tells the stories of the various war memorials in the two villages.

Paul funds the research for, and publication of, his books himself and so is reliant on their purchase. This new volume will be of great interest to all with past and present links to the villages and the surrounding area.

**STRATFORD-UPON-AVON CHORAL SOCIETY**  
**Charpentier and Haydn Choral Classics**

Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society's Winter Concert on **Saturday 21st November 2015** features Haydn's *Harmoniemesse* and Charpentier's *Te Deum* in Holy Trinity Church, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon at 7:30pm.

The Choral Society sings the great classical and romantic choral works as well as lesser known and more modern pieces. No record has been found of these two works having been performed before by them, certainly not in the last 30 years.

The *Harmoniemesse* in B-flat major was written by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) in 1802 and was his last substantial composition. It is because of the prominence of the wind instruments in this mass and the German terminology for a kind of wind ensemble, Harmonie, that this mass setting is called "Harmoniemesse" or "Wind-Band Mass." The setting is divided into six movements and is cheerful, confident and exciting.

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1636-1704), born and died in Paris, was a dominant figure in French Church music. His grand polyphonic motet *Te Deum* in D major, a key he considered "bright and very warlike", was probably composed between 1688 and 1698 during his stay at the Jesuit Church of Saint-Louis in Paris, where he held the position of musical director and before he moved to Sainte Chapelle. The work is written for the group of soloists, choir and instrumental accompaniment. There are four surviving Charpentier's settings of the *Te Deum*, this one is thought to have been performed to mark the victory celebrations and the Battle of Steinkirk in August, 1692. His music is noted for its harmonic richness and colour contrasts and the well-known opening prelude was briefly played at the coronation in the 1995 Richard III film.

The professional soloists will be: Soprano Sara Whichelow, Mezzo Olivia Barry, Tenor Daniel Joy and Bass James Berry, who is a local 'boy', past pupil of King Edwards School in Stratford. Several of these soloists have sung with the choir before and they will be accompanied by the Regency Sinfonia and Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society, conducted by Music Director Stephen Dodsworth. 2015 is now 179 years since the Stratford Choral Society's formation in 1836 and along with the Huddersfield Choral Society it is one of only two long-standing choral societies in the country to have performed continuously without a break since foundation.

Tickets for this concert on Saturday 21st November 2015: £15 (adults) or £7.50 (students) or further information, phone Carol Jackson on 01386 841440. Tickets also available on the night at the door, at Holy Trinity Bookshop or phone 01608 682049. Up to two children under 16 are admitted free of charge if accompanied by an adult

On Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October, Lord Dear attended a meeting with the Church Commissioners in the House of Lords, having tabled a question in advance. The Bishop of London read out a prepared statement that reiterated much of what the parish had heard from the Bishop of Gloucester in terms of assurances. In the discussion that followed, the Bishop of London affirmed that the Church of England would not wish to implement a policy that resulted in a drop in congregations for the sake of gaining additional income from the sale of Glebe Land. The Bishop of London will be sending Lord Dear a copy of his statement and this will be made available to parishioners.

**Rob McNeill-Wilson**  
**Church Warden, Saint Peter's, Willersey**

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**NOVEMBER NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

**TREE OF LIGHT**

The Parish Council will be opening the book for the tree of light from the middle of November, application forms will be available from the Parish Council office and the Willersey Stores, for those who wish to remember their loved ones. The cost remains the same as last year, £5 per entry of each memorial.

**WREATH LAYING**

This year's poppy wreath will be laid by Councillor Philip Bennett in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the many conflicts around the world.

**GLEBE LAND**

The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation, doing all it can to promote the welfare of Willersey and represent the village's best interest's. To this end the Parish Council is in touch with the Bishop of Gloucester and the PCC.

**MESSY CHURCH**  
**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 10 for 10.30 – 1pm.**  
**Willersey Village Hall.**  
**A morning of Activities, Crafts, Games, Songs,**  
**Baking, Stories...**  
**For all the family including lunch.**  
**For more information phone**  
**Rev'd Debbie on 01386 830302**

**WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

*Believe in yourself and others*

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER**

Mondays Floorball  
Wednesdays Homework Club  
Thursdays Multi Skills Club  
Fridays Dance & Football Clubs

**DIARY DATES NOVEMBER**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> INSET  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Term 2 Start  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dogs Trust Visit  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Newsletter  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Newsletter

**Willersey School Family Quiz Night –  
Friday 20th November at 7.30pm**

Its quiz time again! Please join us for another family quiz night with our resident quiz master, Jules Williams, on Friday 20th November at Willersey village hall. You don't have to come in a team, please just turn up and join a table. Great prizes for the winners. There will also be a "bottle" tombola - from bubble bath to champagne prizes and live music!. All proceeds go to Willersey school to help fund much needed playground equipment, school trips and books.

Please feel free to bring your own refreshments.

Tickets are £2 per adult, £1 per child, please pay on the door.

Doors open at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Friends of Willersey School

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

**AFTERNOON TEA & CAKES**

**In WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL**

**On SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

**3.00pm to 5.00pm**

**Come and enjoy "Afternoon Tea"**

**With friends and help raise money for**

**Macmillan Cancer Support**

**TICKETS £5 each available from the Top Shop**

**SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH PARTY**

**2015.**

**Willersey W.I. invites ALL RESIDENTS OF THE  
VILLAGE WHO ARE 65yrs OR OLDER to join  
us for a Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall on**

**SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER at 12.30pm for 1pm**

**Husbands, wives and partners or helpers  
of any age are also welcome**

**R.S.P.V.**

**Please fill in the details below and leave this form at  
Willersey Stores as soon as possible  
(by 21 November at the latest) so that we know  
the number to cater for.**

**PLEASE PRINT YOUR DETAILS**

**I would like to come to the lunch party**

**NAME.....**

**My husband/wife/partner/helper would like to come too.**

**NAME.....**

**Meal, please tick here if you would like**

**a meat ..... salmon ..... vegetarian.....**

**or coeliac ..... meal.**

**If you would like a lift, tick here.....**

**My address is.....**

.....

**Telephone number.....**

**PLEASE CUT THIS OUT AND TAKE TO WILLERSEY STORES BY  
SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER**

## **BROADWAY EMBROIDERY GROUP**

Due to unforeseen circumstances Jane was unable to join us and demonstrate her embroidered poppy. It is hoped that Jane will be available for our November meeting and show members how to create a long and short stitched poppy. Fortunately Alison was with us to show some members how to create a crochet poppy. Thank you Alison. Do look out for the different poppies being worn for Remembrance Day.

Rose having already inspired us with Christmas Trees, back in July, produced some exciting Nordic Santas, which enthused many of the group to embark on.

Next meeting : Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 1pm.

Theme. Embroidered Poppy or Nordic Santas or members own project

If anyone would like to know more please ring either

**Penny Ingles 01386 853306. Gillian Beale 01386 852958**

Or visit the group at Broadway Methodist Hall. A warm welcome awaits.

### **GLoucestershire County Council**

**The Mobile Library will be visiting Willersey**

**Bell Inn 13:50 until 15:50 on**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 10<sup>th</sup> December,**

**7<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**A good selection of books for both adults and children**

**Use a computer free of charge**

**[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries)**

**or call the Contact Centre 0845 230 5420**

**It's free to join the Library**

### **BROADWAY MUSIC MAKERS**

#### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**

**At the Lifford Hall, Broadway.**

**Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm**

**Tickets £7 each**

**includes nibbles & a glass of wine or fruit juice**

**BYO other drinks**

### **Willersey Snooker Club AGM 2015**

Willersey Snooker Club's Annual General Meeting will take place in the Snooker Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. All members are welcome, along with any guests interested in future membership. The meeting will follow the traditional format to include the election of Club Officers and Committee

## **BELL INN GOLF SOCIETY**

**Web site: [www.bellinningsociety.wordpress.com](http://www.bellinningsociety.wordpress.com)**

**Annual Days at Breadsall Priory Golf & Hotel 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> September 2015**  
**Sunday**

The conditions on the day and Priory Course were perfect, with warm dry and windless weather. The Priory course may have taken its toll on a few leg muscles!! The "Champagne Moment" was awarded to Keith Burke for his imitation of John Cleese beating the car with a branch, but he was laying on the tee beating the ground with his fists - come on Keith we have all hit the odd bad shot!!

**Winners on Sunday**

Stefan White 7 iron for nearest the pin was won by Brian Lawrence

Peter Norton Townsend Driver for the longest drive was won by Steve Webb with a monster straight drive of over 300 yards.

Committee Salver for most points on the par 3s & par 5s was won by Maggie McDivitt. Ladies Cup was also won by Maggie McDivitt

Founders Cup was won by Chairman Phil on a count back from Warren & Bernie Ian Lamb Trophy for 19 handicap and over was won by Chairman Phil

Seniors Cup was won by Bernie Beale

Best Gross Score winner Steve Webb. Best Nett Score also won by Steve Webb

**Monday**

Unfortunately the good weather of Sunday did not last as Monday was wet for the whole morning as we played the Moorland course for both a team Bowmaker competition and an individual Stableford.. Despite the continuous rain all matches were completed with the Bowmaker Team event won by Noel Hughes Neville Jelfs Bill Payne and Steve Jordan just edging out runners up Bernie Beale Phil Bennett Warren McDivitt and Mike Barnes The individual Stableford was won by Bobby Webb on a count back from Noel Hughes both recording 35 points.

The inaugural David Milnes-James Green Jacket for the best Stableford scores over both days was presented by Elizabeth to Steve Webb with a score of 68 points just beating brother Bobby by a single point.

Despite the weather on Monday the Society had an excellent couple of days in Derbyshire.

**Russ Ralph**

### **WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL**

The Village Hall is having the floor re-lacquered at the beginning of next year during the week commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 so the hall will be out of action for the whole week. Bookings can recommence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. We hope that this will improve all users experience. .

**URGENTLY WANTED**  
**JOINT EDITOR FOR CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS**

I have been Editor of the Village News since May.2014. I now need someone to share the editing on alternate months starting in February 2016. If you are computer literate with the ability to deal with emails & Attachments, able to put together the Church & Village News in a similar or better way than at present and have time to spare every other month, I will be delighted to hear from you.

Quite a lot of the copy comes by email, such as the Church Letter from Rev Debbie Forman. Details of Church Services are sent by email, which are adapted for the centre pages, also from the Parish Council, the Golf Society and other organisations. The Public Notice details at the back stays much the same each month except changes to Refuse Collection and Mobile Library visit. Other copy comes from the various Groups, Societies and Clubs in and around the village either being left at Willersey Stores, dropped through the letter box or by phone. Please email [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com) for more details.

**CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS for DECEMBER AND JANUARY**

The Church & Village News is combined for December 2015 and January 2016 due to the Christmas & New Year break by the printers. Anyone who is organising an event in December or January please let the Editor have it by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please send to our new email address [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com)

**WILLERSEY TODDLER GROUP (Help Wanted)**

Willersey Toddler Group which takes place every Friday in Willersey Hall is desperate for more help running the group. Some mums do help but can't do it all the time. Willersey Toddlers meet in Willersey Village Hall on Fridays, 9.30-11.30am. The cost is £2.50 per family inc. tea or coffee for adults, squash & snack for the children, we are open to everyone who looks after a baby or preschool child. Lots of great toys, crafts, fun for the children & chat, support & a cuppa for the parents. If anyone in the village or surrounding area would like to help and have fun with small children for two hours once a week call in at the Hall on a Friday morning. Or contact Lucy. Email [lucybearcoft@hotmail.com](mailto:lucybearcoft@hotmail.com)

**FAMILY SERVICE 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015.**

Our Service this month was about Luke the physician and we thought about healing through wholeness, Judy and Jane gave us an interesting insight into their working worlds when they were nursing.

What's in the bag had all things medical in it, bandages, plasters, eye patches, things to make us feel better. Alice and Tia helped take the collection.

Our prayers were read by Jean, Jane, Judy, Robert and Pat, expressing our thoughts on those who suffer throughout the world and giving thanks for all medical staff who help and cure us throughout the world. Thank you to all of them.

Our next Service is on November 15<sup>th</sup> and is Village Sunday, so please come and join us at 11o'clock in St. Peter's.

**CHURCH AUTUMN CLEAN- NOVEMBER 14th**

We are having an "Autumn Clean" in Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.o'clock to 12 o'clock, please come along and help us dust a pew or two. There will be a bowl of soup the end of dusting. We would be glad of the extra duster or two..

**CHURCH CLEANING**

Week ending

7 <sup>th</sup> November	Linda Frost
14 <sup>th</sup> November	AUTUMN CLEAN
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Emma Phillips & Gillian Beale
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Lisa Marcham & Heather Lishman.

**BRASS CLEANING**

Weeks ending

7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Mal Jelfs & Jackie Jordan
21 <sup>st</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Jennie Bond & Caroline Hardman

**Willersey Amateur Horticultural & Craft Show**

The Committee have donated from funds:

£100 to Willersey Village Hall

(approx £170 already donated towards new tables)

£300 to Campden Home Nurses.

(To help fund the splendid work they undertake in and around the Community every day).

**Once again, thanks for your support on the day.**

## WILLERSEY W.I.

After a great "Reggae" version of Jerusalem (no, only joking) but a rousing rendition of course, we went through last month's minutes, talked of preparations for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. Judy sold a good number of Christmas cards in aid of the Cobalt Unit, and we had a scrumptious spread prepared by the "3 lovelies", Mildred, Pat and Jean B.

Our speaker was Heather Key Davies of the family run business Fibrex Nurseries Ltd of Pebworth. She told us of the 50+ years of exhibiting floral displays at Malvern, Hampton Court and Chelsea, where over the years they have won many gold medals (and others) and gained national status. Preparation carries on from year to year with no gaps and they are already selecting plants for 2017. Her talk was all about Chelsea and being in the Great Pavilion, and their plants are mainly pelargoniums, ferns, begonias, with over 46 varieties and 14 Staff approximately to build. The Exhibit measures 25ft x 8ft. She showed us how they built up massive pots to create this beautiful display. They do a mock-up in their Nursery at Pebworth beforehand to avoid mistakes and each plant stem is caned for transportation. Heather said that most of the people exhibiting get "Chelsea Cough" from the dust and pollen, then have to cope with the mad mobs who fight to buy the plants on Sale Day at the end of the week. Orders from all over the world pour in via the internet, which are sent via mail order. A really captivating talk leaving us feeling creative, and full of advice from Heather.

Next Meeting Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, also A.G.M.

Speaker Charlotte Gabb – "Floral Art"  
Welcome & Thanks: Jean S.  
Table Flowers: Mary S  
Birthday Flowers: Maggie.  
Tea Hostesses: Penny & Alison  
No Competition:

## WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB.

At our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September, Roger Butler gave a most interesting talk on "Canal History and Heritage". There are over 2000 miles of Canals in this country and approximately 32,000 Canal Boats on them. He showed beautiful pictures, not only of canal boats, but of the bridges, tunnels, locks and lock houses. Also the lovely countryside and wildlife beside the canals at different seasons of the year.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September, Avryl Donovan talked to us about an Educational Trust she has set up in Laos. She visited the country in 2007 while on a trip to Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos and she was so disturbed by the poverty of the people and the lack of education for the children that she determined to help. She has since sponsored twelve children through school and on to further education. The trust has also raised money to provide much needed pens, papers and books for the schools and in 2009 she raised the funds for two toilets to be built at one school and when she visited the country she was asked to officially declare the toilets open. It was an inspiring talk and we very much admire Avryl for all she does for this little known country.

Our next meeting will be on 28<sup>th</sup> October when Marian Beagley will talk on "My Mum was a Cockney".

11<sup>th</sup> November, Merlene Watson will give a talk entitled "I'm Deaf not Daft" We always enjoy a sumptuous tea and visitors are very welcome to join us. 2.30 for a 2.45 p.m. start.

## SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

### NOVEMBER 2015

N.B. Holy Communion with traditional 1662 Prayer Book language is celebrated every Wednesday at 11.00am. Do come along and/or

*Drop in for coffee and a chat 11.30-12.00 noon*

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Sidesman</u>
1 November 9.30am	TRINITY 22 Bill Halling Isaiah 25. V 6-9. Rev 21 v 1-6a	David Kelley
2 November 7.30pm	ALL SOULS DAY Evening Service at Willersey	Bill Halling
8 November 10.30am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Emma Phillips Jonah 3. 1-5, 10. Heb. 9. 24-end	Rob Heming
15 November 11.00am	VILLAGE SUNDAY	Bill Halling
22 November 10.00am	SERVICE AT DORSINGTON Service for all churches of the group.	
29 November 10.30am	UNITED SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH	

#### **Coffee Rota for November.**

1 <sup>st</sup> November	Emma Phillips & Mary Stephenson
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Benefice Service
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Wednesday Club Members
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	At Dorsington

#### **CELEBRATING OUR VILLAGE OF WILLERSEY**

*We are hoping that on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November** the organisations and societies of Willersey will come together again at St. Peter's Church to celebrate village life.*

*The gathering will start at **11am** and there will be refreshments afterwards. We look forward to seeing you.*

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

### NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY SERVICES ALL AT 10.30am, unless stated.

1 <sup>st</sup> November	Own Arrangement
8 <sup>th</sup> November	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT St. PETER'S.
15 <sup>th</sup> November	VILLAGE SERVICE AT ST. PETER'S 11.00am
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Rev. Christine Kettlety
29 <sup>th</sup> November	UNITED SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Audrey Simpson

#### COFFEE

Coffee served every Friday between 10.00 and 11.30am in Church Community Room, fair trade goods available.

#### MUNCH BUNCH

The next Munch Bunch Lunch is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Anyone not on the list please contact Elizabeth on 853400

#### **GIFT DAY FOR THE CHURCH ROOF**

**Willersey Methodist Church**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 10.30 – 3 pm**

Traidcraft Christmas Cards and Goods together with a Gift Box for your Donation will all be in our lovely Church, giving you a chance to admire the workmanship of the past in the Gordon Russell Furniture, all in English Oak and dated around 1930. Crafted by past members of this Methodist Church. Come and see what your Gramp/Uncle/Dad made and how talented they were!

**Ploughman's Lunch:- Cheese, Roll, Fruit, Home Made Chutney, Cake, all for £6.00!**



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