

**TUESDAY KERBSIDE COLLECTION.**

April dates are **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Please put bins out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.  
[www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/)

**WILLERSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

The Office is situated at the south western corner of the Village Hall and is 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 [willerseychall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseychall@btinternet.com) Otherwise telephone Jean Harris 01386 858434. Hall Caretaker – Bill Payne 01386 858368.

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

**MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE**

For queries 01452 425048

The Mobile Library next visit is on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 near the Bell Inn at 1350-1550. Browse the book shelves, Use the PC with free internet access and find information from library staff and other public sector partners

**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 Enquiries	08457 484950	or 03457 48 49 50
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 – 0800 111 999

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)

Dear Friends

The Easter season is here at last after the rigours of Lent and the absence of flowers in the church and no alleluias! I wonder how we all managed with our Lenten disciplines? What I hope and pray above all is that now all around us speaks of renewal, of joy and of new beginnings, that you will experience it all with a renewed sense of thankfulness. In the church it is a time of amazing joy as we celebrate once again the resurrection of Jesus, restoration of hope to shattered disciples, assurance of the triumph of life over death. Alongside the Easter Eggs and Easter bunnies the world around us is bursting into life, the trees are in bud if not already showing their spring coat of fragile green and the church too is filled with flowers, we can sing the Gloria again and as many alleluias as we can fit in. I very much hope and pray that your hearts will be filled with that same joy.

So as the world is bursting with new beginnings so it is a new beginning in the life of these six parishes. After my last service in Honeybourne on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and after I have said my farewells at lunch in Weston sub Edge Village Hall the removal men come in the following day and on 5<sup>th</sup> April, in the evening, we shall leave for our new life in Addington. We shall go with a mixture of sadness at what we are leaving behind and excitement as we look forward to the future. Thus begins the vacancy for you with all the opportunities and challenges that it brings. You will not be on your own, of course, because Celia will still be here, working three day a week plus Sundays and as we are part of a team, it is Craig as Team Rector who has ultimate responsibility. That said, it will feel like a vacancy! But the really important thing is to see it as an amazing opportunity and a time of exploration and growth.

The regular things will not suddenly cease – there will still be Honeyangels, there will still be Messy Church, there will still be Bible Study – but it is a time when people discover the unplumbed depths of their spirituality or realise that they are rather good at taking a lead. It is not a time for closing things down but for being open to the movement of the spirit and in which the prevailing culture must be one of “we can do this”. Over the next little while, representatives from each of the parishes will put together a Parish Profile. This is an important document which will eventually be sent to applicants for the post, so it has to be enticing! Please pray for them as they work to produce this.

## Weston Rural Cinema: April

My hopes for you as six parishes and part of the Vale and Cotswold Edge is that you will work ever more closely together, sharing worship, enriching each other, supporting each other with a deep and growing sense of being the body of Christ in this place. It is not a time for going it alone. The God whom we worship is God in Trinity who draws us into relationship. We are called to mirror this in our life here as church with a deep sense that what we do together will give greater glory to God and build us up as his body here on earth. As Edward and I leave we shall keep you all in our prayers and in our thoughts and we ask that you pray for us and for the people of Addington on the next step of our Christian pilgrimage.

With love and blessings

Debbie

The Vicarage, Honeybourne. 01386 830302

### Willersey Amateur Horticulture and Craft Show

The “Willersey Amateur Horticultural and Craft Show” will again take place on Monday August Bank Holiday 2016 in the Village Hall along with all the usual attractions on the day. Just a reminder to everyone that the photography section subjects for 2016 are:-

- 1) Silhouettes
- 2) Garden ornament/sculpture
- 3) Farm Machinery
- 4) The Hedgerow

So everyone get clicking those cameras, capturing those pictures that tell a story, ready for the Show.

### “Welcome to Willersey” Booklet

This booklet has been updated. If you know of someone who has recently moved to Willersey and has not received a copy, then do contact Mrs Judy Munt on 853305 to get a copy of the “Welcome to Willersey” booklet to give to them.

### MAY CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the May 2016 News must be received by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events. Email them to [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com), drop them into Willersey Stores or phone 858628. Newsletter creation will start early on the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet about two weeks after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at.

[www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm](http://www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm)

“The Lady in the Van” tells the true story of the relationship between Alan Bennett and the singular Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins who 'temporarily' parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and proceeded to live there for 15 years.

The film will be shown in Weston sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April. 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).

The Seagrave Arms offers a pre-cinema dinner from 6.00 p.m. for £15.00 per person. Booking is essential. Please phone 01386 840192.

### **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, has 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.

The programme for April is:

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April:	School holiday – no meeting
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April:	Earth Day fun and games

### **The Village Bar**

The bar has re-opened under new management. Join **Jamie Baylis** and his team for a drink in congenial surroundings. Opening hours are:

Friday: 4.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Saturday: 12 noon to 11.00 p.m.

Sunday: 12 noon to 9.00 p.m.

Happy hour: Fridays and Saturdays between 5.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Full sized snooker table.

Children under 15 years welcome until 9.00 p.m.

### **The Village Bar Coffee Morning**

The monthly coffee morning will be re-launched on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April with free coffee/tea and cakes (this month only) between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

World Challenge Fund Raiser    Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
6.30 for 7pm start – Willersey Village Hall  
Tickets £15.00

My name is Libby Akerman. I've been raising money over the past year in order to join an expedition to Mongolia this summer.

On St George's day (Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> April) I am hosting an evening of live varied musical entertainment performed by me and a few of my friends with a 2 course meal, Raffle and a short quiz. Tickets are just £15 and include an arrival drink but please bring your own wine, beer etc. Tickets will be on sale from Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at Willersey Stores and also from me directly. My contact details are as follows:-  
Email- [libby.akerman@btinternet.com](mailto:libby.akerman@btinternet.com)      Mobile- 07904 940237  
Home- 01386 858959, 1 The Long House, Main Street, Willersey.

## **BELL INN GOLF SOCIETY**

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

Joint match with the Coach & Horses for The Neale Wolder  
Memorial Cup

Our annual match this year was played at Ombersley Golf Club on 26<sup>th</sup> February. The weather for late winter was excellent as was the condition of the course, with firm fairways and fast greens. The catering was first class and the soup after 9 holes very welcomed. The result was a different matter however and despite an excellent effort by our best players Mike Barnes, Warren McDivitt and Steve Jordan all with 38 points the Cup was won by the Coach & Horses player Nigel Darrell with an outstanding score of 46 points (and this with a blob on the last hole!!).

Nearest the pin on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole was won by Steve Donovan, and Ray Cordes, our only winner on the day, taking the nearest in 2 shots on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole. The day ended with a full English breakfast and presentations by Tom Jelfs.

Happy golfing,      Russ Ralph

## **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Willersey 2016**



**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 3:00 pm to 7:00pm approx.**

**Some ideas for a Proposed Programme: (Full Details later).**

**Village Street Party (Bring your own picnic).**

**Tea and coffee available.**

**Races and fancy dress (with a royal theme) for very young children.**

**Send a message to the Queen in a big birthday card.**

**Races to Saintbury Church for young people and adults.**

**Pageant and parade of the decades.**

**Dance display.                      Group photo.**

**Let's decorate Willersey with flags and bunting.**

**(Other ideas very welcome.)**

***Save the date and dust off your best hat.***

**(Hats will be worn!)**

**Pray for good weather      Fun for all**

## MAURICE CHARLES ANDREWS MBE : OBITUARY.

Maurice was the ninth child of eleven born to George and Mary Andrews (with another adopted) at Wells Gardens, Broadway on June 10th 1923.

His childhood was happy but materially poor and was recorded in his book, 'A Village Remembered' which he wrote in the 1970's. He was a Cub and Scout and sang in St Michael's Church Choir.

He went to Broadway School under an inspirational Head Teacher, Archibald Bridgeman and left at 14 to become a Grocer's Boy for the Midland Stores before joining Charles Steward's Building firm as a Clerk. Here he was given the opportunity to attend evening classes in Evesham to gain qualifications.

When WW2 started he joined the LDV or Home Guard before enlisting in the RAF on 1941, aged 18. He wanted to be a pilot but chronic colour blindness prevented this so he became a 'Backroom Boy' dealing with security issues.

In 1942 he was posted to India. Here he served on the staff of South East Asia Command under Lord Louis Mountbatten and was proud to have had a conversation with him about Broadway. Maurice also attended one of Gandhi's mass rallies and had never seen so many people in one place at the same time. The Indian experience left an impression on him for the rest of his life and was a considerable eye-opener for a young lad from a small Cotswold village.

He returned to the UK in 1945 and signed on for another year at the Air Ministry where he was promoted to Flight Sergeant. Here he met a WAAF Corporal, Eira Wyn-Evans, and they were married in 1947 following demob. His first job on civvy street was as a Production Controller in Luton & then near Swansea where their first child was born. However, Maurice wanted to return to Broadway and the family set up their first real home in Sandscroft Avenue in 1948, where their second child was born a few year's later.

He got a clerical job with the building firm of W.A.Cox in Evesham and then moved to the office of Gordon Russell's before going to Arthur Parker's building firm where he became Director and Secretary until 1957.

Maurice became self-employed as an Accountant and Secretary in the late 1950's before setting up two companies, Dunelm Estates and Dunelm Trading. The latter, an ironmonger's, was with his brother, Harry, in Leamington Road.

Maurice started his Community Service by being elected onto Broadway Parish Council in 1952 and he served on it until 1963. He was also elected to Evesham Rural District Council in 1955. He served on several committees and was Chairman of the Housing Committee in 1958. He was also on various charity committees and a School Governor. He was a keen member of Broadway Cricket Club and rose from Teaboy in 1933 to Chairman in 1960. He negotiated the renting of the cricket ground before the club eventually bought it. He was also a member of the Football Club.

**Anne and Josie would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes and cards following the death of Freda King. Freda was the oldest surviving resident who was born and brought up in the village. She was delighted to have celebrated her 100th birthday last year with all her family and friends. It was her greatest wish to end her life peacefully in her cottage in Willersey and that wish was granted on the 27<sup>th</sup> February. "The life of one we love is never lost...her influence goes on through all the lives she ever touched"**

### St Peters Churchyard Mowing 2016

We are grateful to the following people for agreeing to mow the churchyard.

11.04.16 to 24.04.16	Rob and Judith McNeill-Wilson
25.04.16 to 08.05.16	Lesley Jordan and Paul Tolley
09.05.16 to 22.05.16	Peter Bond and A.N.Other
23.05.16 to 05.06.16	Stephen and Nigel Foxall
06.06.16 to 19.06.16	Stephen Jordan and Bill Payne
20.06.16 to 03.07.16	Rob and Judith McNeill-Wilson
04.07.16 to 17.07.16	Lesley Jordan and Paul Tolley
18.07.16 to 31.07.16	Peter Bond and A.N.Other
01.08.16 to 14.08.16	Stephen and Nigel Foxall
15.08.16 to 28.08.16	Stephen Jordan and Bill Payne
29.08.16 to 11.09.16	Rob and Judith McNeill-Wilson
12.09.16 to 25.09.16	Lesley Jordan and Paul Tolley
26.09.16 to 09.10.16	Peter Bond and A.N.Other
10.10.16 to 23.10.16	Rob and Judith McNeill-Wilson

If these dates are not convenient, as before please could you make your own arrangements to swap. Thank you, Chris Gooding

## LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS

April 2016

### A Quartet of Counties from Adlestrop – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Moderate

Ninety years ago this walk would have passed through four counties - today it only touches three. From Adlestrop, we walk to Little Compton and then on to Kitebrook. Our next stop is Evenlode, and we return to Adlestrop via Chastleton House & the Diamond Way. Please bring a packed lunch. 6 hours: 11 miles.

**Start:** 10:00 am Adlestrop Village Hall car park – donation. OS Map ref SP 241 272.

### Early Birds – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April - Moderate

A beautiful and varied circular walk from St Mary's, taking in the hamlet of Farmcote and a section through Guiting Wood. We will walk through varied habitats and hope to see common farm land birds and early summer visitors. Please bring packed lunch. 4 hours: 8 miles.

**Start:** 10:00 am St Mary's Church, Temple Guiting. Park at Temple Guiting Village Hall. OS Map ref SP 090 279.

### East of Adlestrop – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Moderate

A chance to see the eastern side of the Cotswolds. Starting in Adlestrop we walk northwards to Chastleton and then east towards the Rollright hillside, then through Salford and Cornwell, returning via Daylesford to Adlestrop. Please bring packed lunch/refreshments. 5 hours: 10 miles.

**Start:** 9:30 am Adlestrop Village Hall car park - donation. OS Map ref SP 241 272.

### On Track – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Moderate

We follow an ancient track as we explore the Cotswold hills and valleys. Bring a packed lunch. 5.5 hours: 10 miles.

**Start:** 9:30 am Didbrook. Meet outside the church; park considerately in village. OS Map ref SP 055 314.

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

The Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds. For more information see [www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk](http://www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk) or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to extreme weather.

In 1963 ill-health and a wish for better education opportunities for his children led to a move to Eastbourne which had been a popular family holiday venue. Here he joined the Dental Estimates Board and investigated dentists who were trying to defraud the NHS. He continued playing cricket for the DEB and also qualified as an Umpire in the district.

Maurice became a voluntary worker at the Citizen's Advice Bureau in Eastbourne and also joined RAFA and other local societies. He left the DEB in 1968 and had some part-time jobs until the early 1970s when, with both children starting their own lives, he and Eira returned to the Cotswolds and finally settled in Willersey.

Now fully retired, he became Clerk of Willersey Parish Council in 1979 that began 33 unbroken years of service as Clerk, Councillor and Chairman. Just two of the many issues he was involved with were the flooding problems in Willersey and the weight restriction for lorries in the village. He also set up the Willersey Forum where inhabitants could come to raise queries and discuss matters as well as setting up a welcome booklet for people moving into the village. He was very proud that he had not missed a meeting until the very end.

Maurice also keenly supported Willersey Footlights and the Wednesday Club. He belonged to the British Legion, RAFA and was President of the Evesham Branch of Burma Star. Along with his wife, Eira, he attended many Remembrance Services including two marches at the Cenotaph. He continued his connection with CAB by helping to set up the Evesham branch. He was also Village Correspondent for the Evesham Journal.

Maurice, along with Eira, attended many funerals of local people and ex-service personnel – sometimes being virtually the only mourners - as he felt it so important to recognise the life of each person.

He was greatly influenced by his mother, Mary, to help others as well as the extended family. She had not only raised a large family and taken in washing to help ends meet but had helped at births around Broadway and lay out those who died as well as helping other villagers in many other ways.

Maurice wanted to help 'ordinary folk' and did this in many ways – offering advice, when sought, and applying for help from organisations were just two of them. All of this in total confidence and much remains unknown.

Maurice also managed to research his family tree back to the 15<sup>th</sup>C and held a lot of information regarding the history of Willersey and Broadway, giving many talks to local groups.

Due rewards, though not sought after, came in Maurice's later life. He received Maundy money from the Queen in 2003 at Gloucester Cathedral. Although being on the border of Worcestershire and Gloucestershire had its drawbacks for some Parish Council matters, it did mean that he was put forward by both Councils and went to two Garden Parties at the Palace! The proudest day, however, came in 2007 when he received the MBE from Prince Charles and had a brief conversation with him about Lord Mountbatten.

In 2012 ill health forced him to curtail all activities though he maintained his interest in them. He and Eira moved to Mill House Care Home in Chipping Campden at Christmas 2013 where they were wonderfully cared for until each passed away. They also received excellent care over the years from their GPs in Mickleton, Broadway and Campden as well as at various local NHS Hospitals.

Maurice was a devoted husband, a wonderful father, a proud grandfather and also proud to come from the Cotswolds but, above all, he was a good, caring, gentle man.

Christine Dalton (daughter).  
March 2016

**David and Christine would like to thank everyone in Willersey for the wonderful, kind cards and comments in tribute to Maurice. We are sure there is so much he did that we will never know about but it will be remembered by those involved which will all help to keep his memory alive. Again, we thank everyone for the love, support and care shown to Eira and Maurice for over 30 years. We wish everyone in Willersey the very best of everything in the future and we will keep in touch.**

#### Update on Willersey's Glebe Land.

##### **1. Bishop's Review**

On her appointment, Bishop Rachel announced that she would be launching a review into "the Willersey matter". That has now been held. Saint Peter's PCC declined to take part in this review because:

The review was premature: given that the ongoing emergence of damaging revelations has yet to cease and the Diocese has not yet withdrawn fully from the intended sale and development.

The Review Group lacked independence: As an example, one member of the group came to it with preconceptions, having previously responded on behalf of the Church Commissioners using this Review being forthcoming as the justification for ignoring and dismissing all of the valid points and concerns raised in a letter of objection from the Parish and pre-judging the Diocesan staff's conduct, writing that any problems had arisen "in good faith".

The review process was subjective and opinion-based: asking "1. From your experience, what might be improved in any communication process concerning Glebe land transactions?" and "2. Do you have any specific "dos or don'ts" that the Review Group may find helpful?" This is a most serious matter with far-reaching consequences, it is regrettable, for the Diocese and the Church of England that this review avoided getting to the root causes of what has happened because they appear fundamental and merit a proper inquiry.

## **WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB**

At our meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Dr. Richard Long spoke to us about Lawrence of Arabia. He was a British scholar, writer and soldier and served in the Middle East where he mobilised the Arab Revolt in World War 1. On his return to England he served in the RAF and the Royal Tank Corps, under different names. He was sadly killed at the age of 45 whilst riding his motor bike at 90 mph. It was amazing to learn of all the things that Lawrence had achieved in his relatively short life.

The meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled owing to the Thanksgiving Service for the life of Maurice Andrews. Maurice had been a long time member of the Wednesday Club and both he and Eira, his wife had served as chairman of the club. In 2015 he joined us for our summer party and we celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday with a cake.

The next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March will be Members Day, and on 13<sup>th</sup> April, Nicholas Clarke pays a return visit to talk on 'The Old Levant'.

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As if it wasn't enough that in recent years the village has become blighted with parked cars on the public highway, access roads, across the greens, and on the greens, pavements are now also being singled out. I have just watched an elderly lady with her dog walk out in the road around parked cars on the pavement along Collin Lane. Why should she have to? But clearly she could not get between the cars and the hedge. Why oh why are some people so thoughtless??

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*I want again to ask dog owners in Ley Orchard to pick up their dog mess. It's on the footpath and children attending Willersey School use the route. Perpetrators will be reported if spotted. Can those walking their dogs please carry bags and ensure any mess is picked up. We have five dog waste bins in Willersey.*

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#### WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

There will be a Meeting of the Management Committee on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room. If you are unable to attend please let the Secretary, Phil Bennett, know. Telephone 01386 858695

## Willersey Women's Institute

Our tables were cheerfully decorated for our Easter meeting including coloured chocolate eggs which rapidly disappeared. We sang "Jerusalem", distributed lovely birthday flowers and welcomed Diane Ellis as a new member. Important items from the minutes were discussed, particularly the forthcoming Group meeting to be held in Willersey on Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> with the theme of "A day at the Seaside". Items were requested for a table display eg bucket and spades and many helpers for various jobs. The Hall will be available from 3pm.

We then got down to the serious part of the evening, making things out of scraps of "wood", large or small, thick or thin, with crochet hooks, knitting needles or sewing needles. The ultimate aim is to decorate a small part of the village for the Queen's celebration and judging by the noise and activity it was fun. All sorts of ideas were produced, not all practical!

The hostesses came round with plates of hot cross buns, chocolate crispy nests and hot drinks, most welcomed. We wondered whether any other organisations in the village would like to join in our efforts in "yarn bombing" - its official name - and make some small articles with which to decorate part of the Village. It doesn't take too much effort and should look nice. For more details, please contact Maggie 858635 or Mal 858351 - [please join us](#).

A box circulated during the evening for our annual ACWW collection; this year our contribution is going towards identifying and care for the health and safety of immigrant children, the continual vaccination programme and most importantly a supply of portable, farming and industrial water.

The competition of photographs was won by Adine and the raffle by Eileen - congratulations. Members were encouraged to buy tickets for "A Day at the Seaside" next month. J Munt

**Exercise to Music (50+)**      *Back by Popular Demand!*  
Willersey Village Hall      Tuesdays at 7.30  
Starts 12th April      Contact Gill 01386 854830      [gillcod@aol.com](mailto:gillcod@aol.com)

## 2. Meeting with the Archdeacon

On Monday 7 March, the PCC's representatives, Lord Dear (GD) and Robert McNeill-Wilson (RMW) met the Diocese's representatives, Archdeacon Robert Springett (RS) and Colin Rank (CR), the Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance. Rev Craig Bishop (Team Rector) and Canon Katrina Scott, (Rural Dean) were also present.

**The land:** GD and RMW drew the Diocese's attention to the discrepancy between all of the assurances given by the Diocese since July 2015 that Terrify was the only land which it intended to sell for development and the maps obtained (as reported in the February Village News) showing an area for sale of four times that size. The PCC will continue to hold the Diocese accountable for honouring all of the commitments it has given, regarding the limitation on its intended sale and development.

**Local Plan consultation:** The PCC continued to insist that the Diocese respects Willersey's participation in the Cotswold District Council's formal consultation on planning policies and the Local Plan and accept that it would be disrespectful, inappropriate and premature for the Diocese to seek any planning permission until the outcome of that consultation is known. This is particularly important given that the Parish Quota already appears certain to be exceeded by developments accepted by a responsible parish. The Parish Council is petitioning the CDC to remove the village's glebe land from the Local Plan, as required by the unanimous vote in Willersey's first public meeting on this matter, and parishioners have reinforced this by expressing their views directly as part of the CDC's consultation.

**Diocese assurances overdue:** Archdeacon RS had offered to meet PCC representatives to consider options for providing Willersey parishioners with real assurance that the Diocese would never build on Upper Marbrook (the glebe field next to St Peter's Church). RMW had also highlighted the need to provide this assurance for Lower Marbrook, (the ancient ridge and furrow land on the other side of the road to Saintbury), given the concerns aroused by the Diocese's maps, mentioned above. RMW had reminded Archdeacon RS that it was now four months since this commitment was given, however the meeting failed to address this matter.

In summary, the PCC regrets that it is unable to report any progress arising from this meeting. The PCC is liaising with Archdeacon Robert Springett to arrange another meeting in which it will continue to press for progress.

Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden

**SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH**  
**for April 2016**

N.B. Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) service is celebrated every Wednesday at 11am. Do come along and join us for the service and/or coffee and a chat 11.30-12.00 noon.

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Sidesman.</u>
<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 11:00 am	Benefice Service for Debbie's last Sunday – at Honeybourne	
<b>April 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am Coffee	Rob Heming Eucharist Jane & Chris Gooding	Jane Gooding Rev ch 5 v11 - 14
<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b> 11:00:am	Family Service	
<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9:30am Coffee	David Kelley Eucharist Penny & Peter Burch	David Kelley Rev ch 21 v 1 - 6
<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b> 9.30 am	BCP Holy Communion	

**Please check for changes to the lessons on the weekly sheet**

It's that time of year again, so please could you come and help Spring Clean in the Church. The date is 16<sup>th</sup> April - a Saturday at 10 o'clock until 12:30pm, with a bowl of soup afterwards. Hope you can come. Bring a duster. Polish will be there waiting for you.

**Willersey Parish Council**

**Leak in Church Street**

Following a number of reports to Gloucestershire Highways asking for the leak in Church Street to be repaired, the Parish council has been assured that the leak will be repaired as soon as a gang becomes available. The jetter that was initially send found that the pipe was blocked and now excavation is required to find the leak

The Appeal against the refusal by Cotswold District Council for up to 71 dwellings (35 to be affordable units) at Land South of Collin Lane has been dismissed. Shortly there will be road works on Willersey Hill to improve the drainage of the stream flowing down the hill

**METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES**  
**for April 2016**

**SUNDAY SERVICES ALL AT 10.30am, unless stated**

3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Miss Lillian Fitton
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Revd. David Haslam
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Mr James Steele
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Revd Ros Murphy

Coffee is served every Friday in the Methodist Community Room between 10.00 and 11.30. Sale of a selection of fair trade goods.

**Munch Bunch**

The lunch for April will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 12.30  
For any queries please contact David on 853400

**WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH**

**Apologies** for the cancellation of the Munch Bunch on 16<sup>th</sup> March. It was all due to the Funeral Service of Maurice Andrews at the same time on the same day! Our sincere apologies to the many people who were expecting a lunch. We do not expect this collision to be repeated!

**Lent Lunches** have been well supported and have been a joint Methodist/Anglican effort. Thank you to everyone who came and you'll be pleased to know that we have raised in the region of **£300** (we've one more week to go at the time of writing!) We'll make sure you know the exact amount in our next news letter. The total will go to **Christian Aid** directly. Thank you also to those who made soup – Jean, Sandra and Hazel. Thanks also to Sandra for her support every week.

**The Coffee, Chat and Craft** There are 3 crocheted/knitted 'Comfort Blankets' and one embroidered quilt ready to go. The pastor for Cedar Lawn Methodist Home for the Aged in Stratford is coming on Sunday and we hope to liaise with him for likely 'receivers'. However, the embroidered quilt has a special place to go and will be delivered over Easter. We'll let you know in the next news letter, where and to whom.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** was well supported and thanks to all the ladies who took part. We learnt a lot about Cuba. Did you know it's shaped like an alligator and that it's national flower is a jasmine? **£45.65p** has gone off to the WWDP fund, which does all sorts of work around the world.

**Croquet afternoons** will start again on 4<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon from 2.30 – 4pm. Please join us! All equipment is there; croquet mallets, balls and hoops. There will be a tea interval. Cost £2 per person. Let's hope the weather is good for us, however the garden is sheltered and we have a 'pavilion' to sit in!

Hope to see you soon! Penny 853306