

MONDAYS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates are **Mondays 12th & 26th March 2018**

Please put bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.

www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/1432588/1b-monday.pdf

If you have a green bin for garden and food waste it goes out every week.

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

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

To hire the hall please telephone Annie & Bill Payne 01386 858368, or email willerseychall@btinternet.com Otherwise telephone Jean Harris 01386 858434.

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE – Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE For queries telephone 01452 426973

The Mobile Library's next visits are on Thursdays 1st and 29th March 2018 near the Bell Inn from 13:50 to 15:50.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/17800/mobile-library-dates-nov-17-mar-18.pdf

The **MOBILE POST OFFICE** visits on Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45/14:45.

Only for Lloyds customers, their Mobile Bank visits Broadway Mon/Fri 13:30 to 15:15 and Wed 9:30 to 11:45. Not with Lloyds? – use Budgens Post Office.

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 09:30-13:30 hrs 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 48 49 50 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 at www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/ and on the Willersey website at www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus

Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111 or 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999

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

Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800

Police – Telephone 101 www.gloucestershire.police.uk Emergency 999.

In 1991, just before I was married, the film, ‘Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves’ was released. I went to see it in Cambridge with my Best Man. Whilst the film wasn’t especially memorable, the theme music, composed and sung by Bryan Adams, was – ‘Everything I do, I do it for you.’

We’re now in the Season of Lent. This is a time when Christians prepare themselves, by prayer and fasting, for the great celebration of Easter and of Christ’s victory over sin and death. More than that, it is a time to look honestly and openly at our lives, finding those places where we have shut out God and inviting Him in, to transform those dark places (which we all have) with his marvellous and glorious light. Some people choose to give something up for the 40-days of Lent but, more and more, through initiatives such as ‘40 Acts’ (www.40acts.org.uk), we’re being encouraged to do an act of kindness or generosity on each day during Lent. I think this is a great idea. What we do doesn’t have to be complicated. It could be as simple as saying “thank you” to someone who helps us, visiting a housebound neighbour or, as I said recently in an assembly at Honeybourne School, talking to the person on their own in the playground. Age is no barrier to acts of kindness!

For many, Lent generates, consciously or subconsciously, a lot of questions, the most significant one being, “Why did Jesus have to die?” The answer to that question is, on the one hand, profound and, on the other, straightforward: Jesus Christ went to the cross for you, for me and for the whole of God’s creation, to restore our relationship with God, which had broken down because of sin. On the cross, all our sins – past, present and future – were dealt with once and for all. The words of Bryan Adams’ song, might have been spoken by Christ himself:

“Everything I do, I do it for you.”

Christ’s death is a wonderful, life-changing, world-changing moment in history like no other. And yet still questions remain about God, about life and its meaning and about Jesus Christ and his relevance in 2018.

We want to give you a space to explore some of those questions and so, on **9 April**, we’re going to start something called ‘The Y Course’ (www.ycourse.com). This eight-week course is aimed at those with questions. You need no knowledge of the Bible, Christianity or the Church – and there are no prayers and no hymn singing! In its own words, the Y Course is, “Cringe free. Totally relevant. Cynic friendly.” Ken Spensley, who attends St Peter’s Church in Willersey, and I, will be leading the course. We’ll meet at **7pm in The Thatched Tavern in Honeybourne**. We’d love you to join us. No need to let us know if you’re coming – just turn up. Over a pint, and in a relaxed atmosphere, we can look together at those Big Questions that you’ve always had but never been able to ask.

In the meantime, I hope that, during this Season of Lent, you will know for the first time, or know again, how loved you are by God’s Son, Jesus Christ. On the cross, everything he did, he did for **you**.

With love, Scott

The Reverend Scott Watts, Team Vicar, The Vicarage, Stratford Road, Honeybourne, Evesham, WR11 7PP Tel: 01386 834946 revscottwatts@yahoo.com

Friday 16th February

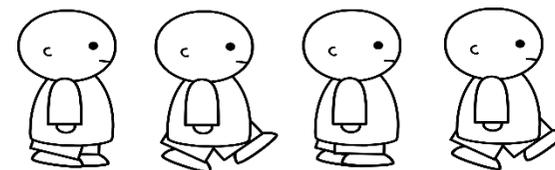
Community Wellbeing Service We had a visit from Carol Stockman today. The two main messages were:- If you've a health problem which you think is 'long term' then contact Carol on 07738 106542. If there should be an emergency, being 'registered' with the authorities will speed up the process of attendance; the other is not to be too proud and miss out on things/finance which could help. Get in touch with Carol. She will be at our Coffee Morning Fridays on an ad hoc basis from now on, if you'd like a word; Coffee, Craft and Chat 10.00 – 11.30 am
Women's World Day of Prayer is 2nd March. Poster in this magazine with details. Please do try and come if you can. It's in the morning this year and we're hoping people will join us for a ploughman's lunch afterwards. The prayer board for Lent is available every Friday morning in Church. Please come, put your prayers on the pieces of paper and stick them on the board.

Jumpers etc are mounting up. Thank you to everyone who has knitted and has dropped items in. We are grateful and so are Greenfields Africa. You only have to watch one news bulletin to know the sorts of groups these things are going to. **And it's home & abroad!**

We celebrate **Easter** in our usual way. **Good Friday 30th March, Procession.** We start from St Peter's Church at 11.00 am, walk to the Methodist Church, a short service there, then down to the Cross on Saw Pit Green. Please join us at whichever point you'd like to. Hot Cross Buns will be served at the Cross.

On Easter Sunday we shall be joining together for a walk in memory of Canon Anthony Harvey. He came with us last year. We shall start at the Cherry Orchard 8.15 am (or if you're fit, the top of the hill 20 minutes earlier), and, after *breakfast together at the Methodist Church, walk down to St Peter's for our joint Service at 9.30 am. (*Donations for Christian Aid)

Our services are at 10.30 every Sunday and you will be very welcome!



At our Family service on 18th February our theme was Love and there was a good congregation with three children. Bridget took our service and children and adults brought a cuddly toy to take part in the service. Paper hearts were given out for the congregation to write a thought on kindness and these were placed on a branch during the service. Adine read the lesson, and the Velveteen Rabbit was read to illustrate how to share our love no matter what. The prayers were said by Ken, Bill and Gillian. Poppy took the collection and Bill was there to welcome the congregation as they came in.

During the service we sang the Taize chant "Living Charity". This was to say Thank You to Canon Harvey for his work with the Family Service. Bridget spoke about our cuddly toys that are always with us as we grow up to show how Jesus is with us throughout our lives.

She also spoke about the 40 acts of kindness website <https://40acts.org.uk/> set up to encourage us to think how we help one another.

Our next service is on 18th March at 11 O'clock. Come and see what it is all about.

North Cotswold University of the Third Age

Our speaker for March 8th at 2:00pm in Willersey Village Hall will be Peter Wyton who is a poet. His poetry appears on a monthly basis in Cotswold Life Magazine and he also presents from time to time on Radio Gloucestershire. He was in the RAF for 36 years.

He regularly performs at festivals, art centres and a variety of venues from Penzance to The Kingdom of Fife and from East Anglia to the Glens of Antrim. He tells me that some of his poetry may touch on serious subjects. In general his aim is to entertain and amuse. I am sure we shall all enjoy his visit. <https://u3asites.org.uk/code/u3asite.php?site=522&page=1>

Easter Lilies at St Peter's

If you would like to give towards Easter Lilies in St Peter's church in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope with their name, if you would like it to be mentioned and leave at Willersey Stores by Saturday March 24th.

The Flower Group

Second AONB Draft for Consultation

The Cotswolds Conservation Board is in the process of reviewing the statutory Management Plan for the Cotswolds AONB. The Plan seeks to define the approach to conserving, enhancing, understanding and enjoying the natural beauty of the AONB. It aims to inform the activity of a multitude of partners, stakeholders, landowners, businesses, communities and visitors to contribute to the enhancement and enjoyment of this nationally designated landscape. This is an exciting, but challenging time to undertake this review. The Board also believes it is the ideal time to be ambitious and forward thinking in order to achieve the best outcomes for the AONB into the future.

During the last year we have held workshops and undertaken targeted engagement with our partners on a First Draft Plan. We've carefully considered the comments we received and have now produced a Second Draft AONB Management Plan for wider consultation.

The Second Draft Plan can be viewed on our website at [Cotswolds AONB Management Plan - Cotswolds AONB](#). We would welcome your input and comments on this Second Draft Plan by **29th March 2018**. Please send them to managementplan@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk.

Cotswolds Conservation Board, Fosse Way,
Northleach, Gloucestershire, GL54 3JH **01451 862000**

Cotswold District Council Consultation on Local Plan Main Modifications begins on 19 February

The Cotswold District Local Plan was examined in public towards the end of 2017. The District Council will now be consulting on 'Main Modifications' to the Plan over a six week period beginning on 19 February 2018. The Modifications are considered necessary to ensure that the Local Plan is a 'sound' and legally-compliant document. You can download copies of the Modifications, associated papers and representation forms - as well as make representations online - on the District Council website at www.cotswold.gov.uk. Documents can be also inspected at CDC's offices in Cirencester and Moreton-in-Marsh, or at libraries across Cotswold District. Registering online is the easiest way of making representation(s) to a specific Main Modification. If you would like to do this please register and submit your comments at: <http://consult.cotswold.gov.uk>

NEW CHURCH CAR PARK

With generous support from a local charity, a new car park has been constructed at the rear of St Peter's Church, with access from Church Street alongside the Church.

The car park is now open and is for the use of those attending services or functions at the Church and will provide a much needed, and long awaited, facility. It will always be open for those visiting the Church for any reason, but not for overnight parking.

It will prove to be especially useful when larger numbers attend the Church eg: funerals, weddings, Christmas, Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday etc, and will prevent congestion in Church Street.

Mackenzie's Soup Kitchen

Thank you for all the support received I received for this event whether with making soups, puddings or giving raffle prizes. I made £447 and I am doing well with my fund raising
Thank you very much.

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Yet again I leave for my work at 4:00 am, get to my car put the heater on in the car and one guess what - Dog shit on my boots, not fun when you have to go back in to wash them at 04:00! So this it. Now cctv hidden - I will now find these people and deliver their mess back to them. They won't like it, on their door step !!!, I have a dog, do my stuff. and will not put up with it,

Weston Rural Cinema: March

After the death of his older brother Joe, Lee Chandler is shocked to learn that Joe has made him sole guardian of his nephew Patrick. Taking leave of his job, Lee reluctantly returns to Manchester-by-the-Sea to care for Patrick, a spirited 16-year-old, and is forced to deal with a past that separated him from his wife Randi and the community where he was born and raised. Bonded by the man who held their family together, Lee and Patrick struggle to adjust to a world without him.

The film will be shown in Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 29th March. 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 on 01386 849316 or find details on the village website, www.westonsubedge.com.

The Village Bar will be open from 4.00 p.m. for a pre-cinema supper. For more details contact becci.white@btinternet.com or drop into the bar one weekend and collect a menu.

Kids After School

It was with considerable reluctance that Weston Parish Council took the decision to close our Youth Club at the end of December after more than 10 successful years.

There has been a proposal that we replace it later in the year with a **Kids After School Club** on the first and third Thursdays of each month between 4.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. This would be open to all children between 6 and 9 years whether or not they live in Weston-sub-Edge.

If you have children who might be interested in such a club please register that interest with Chris Rossington on 01386 849316 or chrisrossington@hotmail.com. The club would be organised and run by a qualified Youth Leader but parents of members would be expected to join a rota to help out with activities and refreshments three or four times a year.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

All God's Creation is very good!

Based on Suriname in South America

The United Service will take place at the Methodist Church
on Friday March 2nd

Starting at 11.30 am and followed by a ploughman's lunch (£5)

SPECIAL GUEST – ROS WATTS

Please let us know if you'd like to have lunch with us

Broadway Embroidery Group

Our February meeting was led by Rose, who introduced us to some basic canvas work. Our project when completed could be for the lid of a box, a lavender bag or a pin cushion.

We shall be continuing this project at our March meeting on Thursday 1st March, ten o'clock until one o'clock.

For any enquiries please ring either Penny on 01386 853306 or Gillian on 01386 852958.

Welcome to Willersey Booklet

Anyone who has moved into the village over the past few months and has not received a booklet please contact the Parish Council Office on 01386 853635 and they will arrange for you to receive one, or call in to the office when open on Monday mornings between 9.30am-12 noon. The booklet gives details of the many services in Willersey and surrounding areas as well as a brief history of Willersey by Maurice Andrews MBE.

LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS

March January 2018



Battles and Brewing in Stow – Thursday 1st March - Moderate

The walk will take us via Broadwell to the site of the Battle of Stow, and onto the Donnington Brewery. The return is via Upper Swell to Stow where we will explore evidence of the town's brewing history. Walk is in collaboration with the Stow Civic Society.

3 hours: 5.5 miles. **Start:** 10:00 am Stow-on-the-Wold village green, old stocks. OS Map ref SP 192 258.

The Ebrington Boundary Stones – Friday 9th March - Strenuous

The third of a series of walks based on the boundary stones erected to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This walk will visit the final stone marking the boundary between Quinton and Ebrington and revisiting others.

Please bring a packed lunch. 5.5 hours: 11 miles.

Start: 10:00 am Mickleton church. OS Map ref SP 162 435.

Snowhill (the rest of it) – Thursday 15th March - Moderate

We know all about the Manor but there is an interesting parish around it, from Bronze Age and Iron Age remains to (relatively) modern quarrying. Bring suitable refreshment. 3 hours: 6 miles. **Start:** 10:00am Snowhill village car park (free), next to NT car park for the manor. OS Map ref SP 096 340.

Windrush and Wardens Way Circular – Walk 1 – Thursday 22nd March –

Moderate This is the first in a series of four circular walks encompassing the Windrush and Wardens Ways. This walk takes us out on the Wardens Way to Roel Gate, returning via the Windrush Way. We should get wonderful views down the Sudeley valley. Bring a packed lunch. 4.5 hours: 8 miles.

Start: 10:00 am Winchcombe Back Lane car park (pay & display £1 per day). OS Map ref SP 094 375.

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.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to extreme weather.



Willersey Women's Institute

Our February meeting started with welcoming new members and guests - always a pleasure! Then Lynne started us off with "Jerusalem" which we sang with gusto. We had three birthday girls this month, Mary, Jean and Val who had lovely flowers.

Jackie reported that with the sale of Christmas cards and the penny pots, she was able to take a further £121 to the cobalt Unit. Brilliant!

Forthcoming events are nicely mixed. Childswickham have invited us to their next meeting and they are invited to ours. We also invited Badsey to our April talk. Its always nice to mix with neighbouring "tribes"!

Ebrington have a quiz night in support of De3nman College which we will try to attend! A occasion which we are looking forward to is lunch at Charingworth Manor with speaker Tricia Stewart - the original Calendar girl. All in aid of Campden home nursing. We have lots more lined up for this year, so watch this space.

Business over , Jane introduced Adrian James to talk about "Tempted to Travel". A photographer and well travelled man he spoke of travelling in his college years off the beaten track but he gathered many wonderful photos. They appear in many gardening book etc. He took us on a journey from Corsica to Iran, Siberia, Sri Lanka, Jordan, Ethiopia, then finishing at Lundy Bay in Devon! His garden is one of Offenham's open to the public every August with others to raise money for local charities - worth a visit.

Following the travel theme, Jacky, Cathy, sue and Gill W gave us lovely tasters from India, China, Italy and Russia. Yum!

Next Meeting Monday 12th March 7:00pm Guests welcome (£4)

Speaker: Yvonne Everest 'Chocolatiere'

Competition - Sweet Quizzing Teas - Pam McM & Mary

Birthday Flowers - Pamela B

Raffle - Alison Table Flowers - Pam McM

N.B. Thank you to all members who get involved with teas, raffle, flowers and make each meeting such a lovely social gathering each month. A big "Thank you to the committee that support me so well (President)

Also recipes are coming in well for our Food Heros Recipe book. More are always welcome.

Mike Munt's funeral will be on Friday 23rd March
at 1pm in St Peter's Church.

Everyone is welcome for refreshments afterwards at the Village Hall.

AGE UK

Age UK are back in Broadway at Signpost! Once a month. Advice on all aspects of ageing are available. Form filling on the computer can be done by them, or the volunteers at Signpost. Don't struggle - get help!

Age UK at Signpost, Broadway on 859029 – leave a message **SIGNPOST** are asking for a few more volunteers. If you can spare 3 hours a week just once in the month, in good company and be a help to the whole community in and around Broadway, then please telephone 859029 and leave a message. Last year 1000 people came through the Signpost door!

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY WELLBEING SERVICE (previously VILLAGE AGENTS)

Hello – my name is CAROL STOCKMAN and I am your local Community Wellbeing Agent (previously Village Agent) together with JO SPICER (Social Prescriber - who is based at several surgeries in the North Cotswolds) we support, offer advice and provide information to anyone over the age of 16 in times of need. The service can be helpful for people

- in times of change (after redundancy, health issues, retirement)
- in times of emotional hardship, such as bereavement
- worries around debt or financial issues
- who don't know where to turn for support
- who would like to volunteer in the community

If you think that we may be able to help you, a family member, neighbour, friend or relative please call our office on the number below. We are able to see you at home, in the GP surgery and/or a community venue.

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) 01452 528491 or email info@grcc.org.uk CAROL STOCKMAN

The APRIL 2018 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the April 2018 News must be received by Saturday 17th March unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events. Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of the next day, the 18th. Drop them into Willersey Stores, email them to willerseynews@gmail.com, or phone 858628. Please note **the May and June editions will be combined** and published in May.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet no later than one week after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at.

www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed. Please email them to willerseynews@gmail.com or leave them at the Village Stores

For later updates to any Church and Village News do look on our Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or www.willersey.org.

I have the pleasure in attaching an invitation to our new regular ‘Community Coffee Morning’ at Mill House Care Home, with the next on **Wednesday 28th March at 11am.**

We will be opening our doors to the community so why not pay us a visit at Mill House in Chipping Campden and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some cake. The residents and our team would very much love the opportunity to meet and engage with more members of their local community – all are welcome!

Please feel to RSVP to Kim directly; manager.millhouse@caringhomes.org or by all means drop by on the 28th March.

The community coffee morning will be a regular monthly event in the future, being held at 11am on the last Wednesday of every month.

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Notes from Your Parish Council

RUBBISH PICK UP

Willersey Parish Council; is organising a “rubbish pick up party”, going round the village on Wednesday April 11th from 6pm onwards. The PC will be very pleased to welcome any volunteers to help!

SUMMER PLAYDAYS

For the third year running WPC is delighted to be able to organise Play Gloucestershire to run another two day Play Day event in the recreation ground. It will be around the same time as last year and in the school holidays. As soon as a date has been set, it will be publicised. Cllr. Lynden Stowe organises the funding through Cotswold County Council an application for funding the two days has been made. The toilet facilities are funded by WPC. Many thanks to Cllr. Lynden Stowe for his help in the funding for this fun event.

REPORTING ISSUES

In last month’s parish magazine WPC reminded residents that anyone can report a highway repair or incident to Highways directly. Just to say that this includes potholes and footpath issues as well.

Go to <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-rights-of-way/roads/report-it/> and report any highway related problem. Cllr Lynden Stowe has told parish council that this is the quickest way to get an issue resolved.

DOG FOULING

Residents are encouraged to report owners of dogs who don’t pick up after their dogs, go to “dog fouling” on Cotswold District Council site:

https://forms.cotswold.gov.uk/eforms/ufsmain?formid=ORG_REPORT_FO_RM&C_PRM_RTYPE=DOGFOU&C_PRM_ORG=CDC&C_PRM_UID_ACCESSKEY=3c774fab929cc2fc&ebz=1_1516368123191&ebd=0&ebz=1_1516368123191



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Ringling Remembers Recruitment

Armistice Day this coming November will help commemorate 100 years since the end of the First World war in 1918, and church bells will ring out in unison across the land on Sunday 11th November. 1400 bell ringers lost their lives during the conflict and it is intended that the same number will be recruited nationally this year under the heading of '*Ringling Remembers*'

Willersey, which has six bells, has nine regular ringers to call upon to maintain this tradition; although interestingly only two of these who currently ring were Willersey ringers five years ago. Seven of the current band have all learnt their ringing in that time, helping to maintain ringing in our village. So continuing to grow our band of ringers is important.

Willersey ringers would like to contribute to this campaign and will be offering opportunities for those who might be interested in learning a new skill and taking part in this year's special Armistice Day ringing.

Bell ringing does not require huge strength - it's about controlling the bell with technique. Being able to count is all the maths you need and you can become a ringer knowing nothing about music. A few weeks tuition enables new ringers to join in with the band and become part of our village's 300 year old tradition.

Pete Kavanagh, Ken Spensley, Beccie Williams - our most recent new ringer - or Bob Topp would be happy to chat further. Look out for further news of the planned taster sessions. Email: bob.topp@btinternet.com

St Peter's Church News

The coming month of March is a busy time at St Peter's. We have already begun the Lenten season and there are Lent Lunches and a discussion group each Wednesday at 1pm each week at Honeybourne Vicarage.

On Friday 2nd March is the World Day of Prayer written this year by women in Suriname and the theme this year is "All God's Creation is very good". This addresses the question of pollution of our wonderful world. The service will begin at 11.30 am at The Methodist Chapel and we will share a ploughman's lunch afterwards. Please see the poster.

Mothering Sunday will be our Family Service on March 11th at 11am to which everyone is most welcome (with or without a mother!).

We have a special Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion with foot washing at 7.30 pm at St Peter's at the beginning of our Easter Celebrations.

On Good Friday at 11am we have our Procession of Witness from St Peter's to the Methodist Chapel carrying the Cross, and then to Sawpit Green, followed by hot cross buns.

Easter Day Celebrations begin at 8.15am with a walk down Willersey Hill from the Cherry Orchard to arrive at the Methodist Hall in time for breakfast of coffee/tea and bacon butties before we all go to St Peter's for the great Easter Day Celebration of Holy Communion at 09.30am. As always, many of these occasions are joint with St Peter's and our Methodist friends, and everyone is welcome to join us .

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

On 17th January, Paul Lewis entertained us with Poems, stories and readings.

A real favourite with members was an extract from “Cider with Rosie” by Laurie Lee. After the reading Paul recalled a memory from his childhood, when spending time with his aunt Mabel in Painswick, a gentleman would pop in for a cup of tea. That gentleman was Laurie Lee.

We all hope that Paul will visit us again in the near future with more gems to delight us.

On 31st January we welcomed guest speaker Peter Petrie. His talk “Its a Sinister World” proved to be intriguing, giving us an interesting and informative insight into the world of left handedness.

Left means sinister in Latin, hence the title.

Left side tends to be thought of as negative, whilst right is positive, but as Peter explained, most of us are somewhere in the middle, performing some tasks right sided and some left. We did some demonstrations proving this to be the case.

Peter was an excellent speaker and his subject very interesting.

On 14th February David Chatterley came to tell us the History of Teddy Bears. He first of all told us of the Steiff Bear, which was made by Margarete Steiff. She had been crippled by polio when age 10. As she was confined to a wheel chair she spent her time designing and making toy animals. The first bears were black and walked on all fours, before progressing to the famous yellow bears, with the moveable arms and legs. David produced toy bears of every shape and size, including the “Save the Children” bear and of course Winnie the Poo.

Many of our members had brought along their bears – the oldest being 107 years. We all enjoyed the journey back to our childhood.

On 28th February we welcome back Ken Ingamells with his slides and talk on “Iceland: a Fantastic Country.

14th March Jan Long - Does the Golden Lady work for God?.

28th March. David Howe. Talk “Laughter”

Nature Box



These little guys are in serious trouble. But more of this later on. Hedgehogs are just coming out of hibernation, although it is not unusual for them to become active for a few days during the winter. Some hedgehog facts:-

-  25% don't survive hibernation;
-  in hibernation their heart beat drops from 200 to **20** beats a minute;
-  they are competent swimmers but need a gentle slope to climb out;
-  a single spine can support the entire weight of a hedgehog;
-  they snore in winter and males grunt loudly in courtship;
-  females mate with multiple partners so may have a mixed litter;
-  mating is the only part the male plays in raising the young;
-  babies are known as hoglets or urchins;
-  they travel up to 2 km a night to feed and find a mate; and
-  they need a minimum of 12 interlinked gardens to prosper.

Numbers have plummeted in recent years, probably through higher levels of predation, current farming practices and other habitat changes including gardens with more fencing and hard landscaping. If we want to help stem this decline allowing movement between gardens, putting out water and suitable food such as meal worms or sunflower hearts, and trying to leave an undisturbed corner of the garden with old dead wood and leaf litter can really help. To find out more look online at hedgehogstreet.org

If you would like to share interesting wildlife sightings in and around the village, comment or contribute to Nature Box please contact the nature box editor Bob Topp to express an interest and send items to: willerseynaturebox@gmail.com

Services at ST. PETER'S CHURCH March 2018

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 at 11.30-12.00 noon.

Sidesman, Readers and Coffee rota for March 2018

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Refreshments
4th March Lent 3	Tim Prestage	Tim Prestage	9.30 am BCP Peter & Penny Burch
11th March Mothering Sunday	David Kelley	David Kelley	9.30 am Eucharist Adine Keatley & Tini Owens
18th March Lent 5 Passion Sunday	Bel & Bill Jabelman	FAST team	11.00 am Family Service
25th March Palm Sunday	Benefice Service		10.00 am Eucharist Aston Sub Edge
1st April Easter Day	Rob Heming 9.30 am Eucharist	Pat Heming	United with Methodists Sylvia Schembri & Sandra Spensley

If you need to swap please contact someone to take your place.

BCP Holy Communion CW Eucharist

All services start at 9:30am unless otherwise noted.

Please check for changes/additions on the weekly sheet.

Week Ending

March 3rd & March 10th

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Spring Clean in St Peter's Church. Come along, bring a duster, polish and some secateurs (for trimming shrubs). There will be a bowl of soup, bread and cheese for lunch. Time: from 10:00 at the Church on March 17th and 24th. This could be your Spring workout. Cleaning cupboard in the vestry. A key is in the Bell Inn or from Mrs Gillian Beale 01386 852958

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for March 2018

Our services all start at 10:30 am

- 4th March United Service at Broadway 10.30 am
 11th March Alan Cooper
 18th March Revd Dr Israel Salvanayagam with Broadway Church
 In Willersey. Communion
 25th March Stafford Mortimer
 30th March GOOD FRIDAY – Service for the Procession of Witness
 before going to Sawpit Green. Around 12 pm
 1st April EASTER United Service at St Peter's 9.30 am

Munch Bunch

Munch Bunch lunch is usually on the third Wednesday of any month at 12:30pm. Please contact David on 853400 if you are unable to attend or you are not a regular.

Date	St Peter's Lessons
March 4th	Exodus ch 2 v 1-17 & 1 Corinthians ch 1 v 18 - 25
March 11th	Exodus ch 2 v 1-10 & 2 Corinthians ch 1 v 3-7
March 29th	Exodus ch 12 v 1-14 & 1 Corinthians ch 11 v 23-26
April 1st	Acts ch 10 v 34—43 & 1 Corinthians ch 15 v 1-11

Holy Week

Date	St. Peter's Willersey	Willersey Methodist Church	Sawpit Green Willersey
Wednesday 28th March	11.00 am BCP Holy Communion and Meditation		
Maundy Thurs 29th March	7.30 pm The Eucharist of Maundy Thursday	with foot washing	
Good Friday 30th March	10.45am Journeying with the cross	11:30am Journeying with the cross	12:00 noon Journeying with the cross
31st March Holy Saturday	The Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows,	8:00pm first Eucharist of Easter at Dorsington	
1st April Easter Day	9.30 am Eucharist United with Methodists		