

MONDAYS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates are **Mondays 9th & 23rd April 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 Thursday 26th April 2018

near the Bell Inn from 13:50 to 15:50.

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/1518592/mobile-library-dates-april-18-august-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.

It all seemed so hopeless on Good Friday. The Saviour promised by God had been crucified and was dead. So many hopes and dreams were shattered and lay in ruins. The disciples were bewildered and confused by what had happened. How could this possibly be part of God's plan to reconcile the whole of creation to Himself?

Christ's death, which is as significant and effective today as it was 2,000 years ago, and which will still be just as significant and effective in 2,000 years time, was necessary because sin had driven a wedge between our relationship with the God who created us in His image and who longs to be in a relationship with each one of us. On the cross, all our sin – past, present and future – was put to death with Jesus *and we have been forgiven.*

And then this happened. Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb where Christ's body had been buried, only to find it empty. St John writes,

'Mary Magdalene stood crying outside the tomb. She was still weeping, when she stooped down and saw two angels inside. The angels asked Mary, "Why are you crying?" She answered, "They have taken away my Lord's body! I don't know where they have put him." As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she did not know who he was. Jesus asked her, "Why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" She thought he was the gardener and said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so I can go and get him." Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him, "Rabboni." The Aramaic word "Rabboni" means "Teacher."' (CEV)

The story of our salvation doesn't end with death. On what we now celebrate as Easter Day, Christians believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. In doing so, he destroyed eternal death and gave the whole of God's creation the opportunity to revel instead in *eternal life*. Those who believe, no matter how falteringly, have hope – hope for the here and now, and hope for eternity. This doesn't mean that we won't go through difficult times. It doesn't mean that won't know pain and suffering. It doesn't even mean that we'll escape physical death. What it does mean is that death, when it comes, is not the end of our journey, but, rather, the beginning of a new one *in God's presence forever.*

I pray that this Easter, amongst family gatherings and enjoying lots of Easter eggs, you will find time to draw *real hope* from the Easter story. Across the six parishes that I am privileged to care for, you will find services in our churches to help you do just that. We'd love you to join us, but, even if you don't want to, or aren't able to, may you know and experience the *hope* that Jesus Christ offers. There's nothing like it, and nothing so certain, this side of heaven.

A very happy Easter to you all.

With love, **Scott** The Reverend Scott Watts, Team Vicar, The Vicarage, Stratford Road, Honeybourne, Evesham, WR11 7PP Tel: 01386 834946

revscottwatts@yahoo.com

Well what weather for our Family service on 18th March but 16 brave souls and little Poppy braved the snow and ice to come to the Church. Father Kevin took us through the service with the theme "Water : The challenges of Life". The bible reading was "The woman at the Well" which aptly displayed how walls can become an obstacle between different nations, and how the problem can be solved. There were also posies given out for our Mums – better late than never. Poppy gave out the posies and helped take the collection. Thank you to Bel and Bill for lovely refreshments and welcoming us into the Church. Our next Family service is on April 15th at 11 o'clock. Please make a note.

North Cotswold University of the Third Age

Thursday Apr 12th **Queen Victoria and other Royals at Osbourne House** by Andrew Chappell

Andrew will talk about the life and times of Queen Victoria and others at Osbourne House and will show original photographs and memorabilia, many at one time owned by the Queen's housekeeper, including original envelopes signed by Victoria, Lord Melbourne and Lord Palmerston. £2 payable at door. Willersey Village Hall 2pm
<https://u3asites.org.uk/code/u3asite.php?site=522&page=1>

We would like to thank all the people who supported the Pud Fest that was held in February. The money raised will go towards buying equipment that will enable Lottie to continue to be cared for at home as she gets older.
Clive and Eileen Lockyer.

RAF 100

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the formation of the RAF, the North Cotswold Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association is organising two events to which all are warmly welcome. The first is an exhibition of RAF memorabilia in Stow on the Wold's Town Hall on Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 April. The second is a Band and Choir Concert starting at 7–30pm on Friday 27 April, in St. James Church, Chipping Campden. Tickets for the concert will be on sale from the Tourist Information Office, Chipping Campden.

WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

April and May 2018

First in this report we tell of the loss of David Ingles from our congregation and his position as Steward of the church. David died on 9th March with family around him. It is the end of an era of David's term as leader of our church and he will be sadly missed. We are grateful that he was with us for so long in spite of his illness. He has been in a great deal of pain over the last few years, still giving his time to the church but gradually withdrawing. We pray that he is at peace at last.

Our Women's World Day of Prayer had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the snow. Thank you to everyone who was prepared to come and take part. We had a 'special coffee morning' last Friday (9th) when we raised £65 from coffee and a table top Bring & Buy. Thank you to those who supported us. We sent the money straight off to WWDP for their funds for Suriname.

Easter will be a united celebration; we walk on Easter morning with breakfast at the Methodists, followed by service at St Peter's. If anyone from any/or no faith would like to join us you will be very welcome. Look for the notices.

Christian Aid week this year is **not going to be a door to door collection**, but the Willersey Churches will be arranging a coffee morning for Christian Aid on 12th May, at Par House, 25 Collin Close, where Richard & Penny will be pleased to welcome you. Do please support us in this effort. Willersey Churches are arranging a Garage Sale for 26th May. Please support us in this new venture. We hope everyone in the village will enjoy the day and that 'we will draw the crowds'!! See notice in this magazine. Don't forget our Friday coffee, chat and craft mornings with a small library; information on the help available to you and our village Community Welfare representative – Carol Stockman – if she's available. Croquet will start again in May, the first Wednesday in the month. Please ring Richard (853306) if you'd like to come. We are a growing number!



From your Youth and Children's Worker...

Since being appointed as the Vale and Cotswold Edge Youth and Children's Worker at the beginning of the year, I have been getting to know both the schools and the churches within the team. By the end of the term I would have been to all 11 churches to introduce myself and meet as many of you as I can. I feel incredibly overwhelmed by the support and encouragement I have received thus far.

I have also been into each of our church schools and met with the various head teachers, staff and most importantly the pupils themselves. During some of these visits I have been fortunate enough to be a part of collective worship, observe and met with members of Open the Book, and run "Experience Church" for key stage one in both St James and Blockley schools. I have co-led Big Questions Club, a fun, faith-orientated after-school club in Blockley.

I have also become part of a team of three youth leaders running a lunch time club much like a Christian Union called Explore within Chipping Camden School. This is an exceptional and exciting opportunity. These are young people in different year groups keen to discuss and explore their faith.

I am really looking forward to what the new term holds. So far I am set to start Bright Sparks, an after-school club which aims to make the bible fun, interactive and alive, in both St James and Willersey schools. In June I am due to spend a week in Chipping Campden School where we will be providing Soul Space to the pupils. We have Junior Church already on its way in St James church.

Thank you for all your prayers and words of encouragement. I am incredibly excited with what God is doing and where he will lead us next. God is good.

Amy Todd Children and Youth Worker in the Vale and Cotswold Edge



Willersey Amateur Horticultural and Craft Show

August Bank Holiday Monday

Just a quick note to say that the "Show" will take place on August Bank Holiday, with the usual "stalls and attractions".

Reminder for the Photography 2018 section, the subjects are:-

- 1) Over the Garden Fence
- 2) Gardening Footwear
- 3) Capturing the Cotswolds
- 4) Sunrise/Sunset

So get sowing, browse through your Cookery Books, and get the cameras "clicking" ready for the **BIG DAY**.

More details to follow

Mrs Joan Leek, 1920-2018 **THE LADY ON THE RED TRACTOR**

(Based on a reading at her graveside)

Joan, these few lines are just for you, from Vee,
Who listened to your thoughts and memories.

For it was my pleasure near the end –

To become your carer and your friend.

You wondered "Will God be angry with me?"

I wasn't one o'them Churchgoers, you see"

"God loves you" I said "You gave your all –

To His fields and creatures large and small"

Your last wish granted, the final factor –

Carried off to Church behind your tractor.

With no more suffering, no more pain.

You have done it your way, once again.

For more on Joan's life do visit www.willersey.org/obituaries.htm#lee

The Y Course – An introduction to Christianity

A course being run on behalf of the Vale and Cotswold Edge Teams at the Thatched Tavern pub at Honeybourne, starting Monday 9th April at 7.00 till 8.30pm. It lasts 8 weeks.

All are welcome to attend and join us in a relaxed atmosphere as we talk over a beer about some of the questions many people have. You can of course just say nothing if you'd prefer! It's a simple format with short videos, no singing or praying, cynic friendly cringe free but totally relevant. No bible, Christianity or church knowledge needed. No need to book, just turn up.

Please call Rev Scott Watts on 01386 834946 for more information. Scott would also be delighted to meet you separately to discuss any issues or particular questions.

We look forward to seeing you on 9th April.

Ken Spensley

Weston Rural Cinema: April

Paddington 2 finds our favourite bear happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, where he has become a popular member of the community, spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's hundredth birthday, Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr. Gruber's antique shop and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. When the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to unmask the thief...

The film will be shown in Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 26th 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 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 the 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.

The Village Bar Coffee Morning

Weston-sub-Edge's monthly coffee morning will be held between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon on Saturday 7th April. Come along to sample Becky's delicious home-made cakes. £2.80 for cake and coffee/tea and yet more cakes to take home to enjoy later.

Start: 10.00 am St Mary's Church Temple Guiting. Park at the village hall. OS Map ref SP 090 279.

Passion and Politics – Saturday 28th April - Moderate

The walk focuses on Bourton-on-the-Hill, its manor house and church, and delves into the life of one of its former inhabitants. Bring packed lunch and refreshments. 5.5 hours: 10 miles. *Start:* 9.30 am Longborough, near bus shelter. Park carefully in village. OS Map ref SP 179 296.

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.

YES! Too much dog poo in the village!! Irresponsible dog owners need their noses rubbed in it! It's now been spotted a couple of times in the recreation field. OK, it's a public right of way or country footpath, and 99% pick it up if needed.

Use your poo bags, you morons. There are plenty of bins in the Village to.

NO EXCUSE!!

Welcome to Willersey Booklet

Anyone who has moved into the village over the past few months and has not received this 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**

April 2018



Countryside & Villages around Bourton-on-the-Water – Monday 2nd April – Strenuous This circular walk goes cross-country to the villages of Clapton-on-the-Hill, Farmington and Cold Aston. The walk returns along the Windrush river. 6 hours: 11 miles.

Start: 9.30 am Bourton-on-the-Water War Memorial. OS Map ref SP 170 211.

A Walk Through History – Thursday 5th April - Moderate

A moderate walk from Stretton-on-Fosse to Paxford, Ebrington and Compton Scorpion, with far reaching views. Please bring a packed lunch. 5 hours: 10 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Outside Plough Inn, Stretton-on-the-Fosse. Park on roadside. OS Map ref SP 220 385.

Spring on the Overbury Estate – Tuesday 10th April - Moderate

A varied walk starting from Overbury village, climbing up Bredon Hill through the estate and parkland with good views. We will learn some of the history of the family estate and a Gothic castle built by a 17th century pirate. 3 hours: 5.5 miles.

Start: 10.00am St Faith's Church, Overbury. Park on road near church. OS Map ref SO 957 374.

Windrush and Wardens Way Circular – Walk 2 – Thursday 12th April - Moderate

A series of four circular walks encompassing the Windrush and Wardens Ways. This walk takes us out on the Wardens Way through Guiting Wood, returning on the Windrush Way via the medieval village of Hawling. Bring a packed lunch. 4.5 hours: 8 miles. *Start:* 10.00 am Guiting Power village hall car park (donation). OS Map ref SP 095 246.

The Solicitor and the Sexton – Saturday 14th April - Moderate

The English novelist, Algernon Gissing, an erstwhile solicitor, wrote one of the first walking guides for the Cotswolds. His unlikely friendship with William Smith was the cornerstone of his writing. The walk centres on Saintbury and the surrounding area. Bring packed lunch. 5.5 hours: 10 miles. *Start:* 9.30 am Chipping Campden, the Market Hall. OS Map ref SP 151 392.

Early Birds – Friday 20th April - Easy

A circular walk from Temple Guiting to Guiting Power. Fairly level walking, 3 short hills and one stile. Likely to be muddy. We hope to see a range of common farmland birds and early summer visitors. Binoculars would be useful. 3.5 hours: 7miles.



**Willersey WI
Meeting Monday 12th March**

Spring is in the air and our doors opened to some enthusiastic members and eight guests. Following the business of the evening we were entertained by Yvonne Everest, a 'Chocolatiere' who runs her business from Wickhamford. Her chocolate art is typical of her quirky sense of fun and she runs a range of courses and workshops for all age groups. Maybe a new activity for our lively members.

Gi had received a letter thanking the Willersey WI for the fourteen 'Dignity Bags', that we sent to 'Women in Crisis' in Syria.

Reminder About Future Events in April

* WI Open Meeting Monday 9th April - *Pottery demonstration* - Neil Alcock

* *Skittles* at The New Inn - 14th April - raffle and supper - 7.00pm

* *Bingo* for all of the family - 21st April see below

* *Campden Group* - 'Tears of the Dragon' - 23rd April - Weston Subedge - 7:00pm

We would be delighted to receive raffle prizes or hamper items for the BINGO at the April meeting.

Guest caller **BINGO BINGO BINGO** Joe McDonagh

A fun event for all the family

21st April at 6:30

Willersey Village Hall

£5 entry entitles you to one book of cards, buy on the door

£2 for children under 11 years of age

Prizes for a line and a full house - BINGO!

Refreshments available and Raffle

Next WI Meeting Monday 9th April - 7:15

Tea Hostesses - Lynne, Liz, Elizabeth Birthday Flowers - Eileen (1)
Raffle - Adine Table Flowers - Jackie
Competition - A favourite piece of pottery

May WI Meeting Monday 14th May - 7.15

Speaker: Claire Price - 'Bobbin & Twine'

Tea Hostess - Maggie & Mal Birthday Flowers - Jean Smith (3)
Raffle - Judy Table Flowers - Jenny
Competition - A piece of your own needlecraft
Crockery Hire - Mal 858351

*Recipes are coming in well for our Food Heroes Recipe book.
More are always welcome*

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

There will be a Meeting of the Management Committee
On Tuesday 10th April, 2018 at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room.
Please let Secretary, Phil Bennett Tel: 01386 858695
know if you are unable to attend.

The MAY and JUNE 2018 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the **May and June 2018 combined News** must be received
by Tuesday 17th April 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

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 .**

**WILLERSEY GARAGE SALE,
SATURDAY MAY 26TH
WHITSUN WEEKEND**

11 – 4 pm

Refreshments available



A Map of all Garage Sales in the Village
will be in Willersey Stores

If you would like to advertise in the Newsletter,
Please email Pat Heming at
office@heming-services.co.uk
Your newsletter needs you!

**WILLERSEY'S FIRST VILLAGE WIDE
GARAGE SALE
Saturday May 26th 11 – 4 pm
Run by Willersey Churches**

Contacts:- Gillian Beale, 852958; Penny Ingles 853306
Forms and money to Mark at the Top Shop or Penny @ 25 Collin Close
What happens is:-

1. We advertise the date (above). You all decide you can get rid of lots of stuff!! And get in touch with us.
2. We give you a number and take £10 from you – for all the advertising we're going to do and organising.
3. The week before, you get all your stuff ready and decide how much you're hoping to sell it for. We will be putting out a lot of info to get people to come.
4. There will be teas available on the day at both churches. This will entice more people to come, we hope!
5. Your address/name (whichever you want) will be on the map of the village and the map will be on sale to all on the day.
6. At the bottom of this page you will see a tear off slip which we would be glad to receive, together with the £10, as soon as possible. (Copies of this page will be in the Stores or you can print it from here www.willersey.org/garagesale.pdf)

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Name
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Address
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Please sign that you have enclosed £10.00

Nature Box - How to be a bad bird watcher



Most of us know far more birds than we think. Liz, who is well into her 90s, and lived all of her life on the land, claimed to know nothing about birds. But when asked if she would recognise a blackbird, robin, blue tit, house sparrow, thrush, wood pigeon, starling, magpie, crow.... said, "Well of course". We all do probably know far more than we think.

Somewhat strangely knowing what a bird is not, can be helpful in adding to our knowledge by then looking out for the difference in markings, size and shape of the 'new' bird. Listening can often be a big clue to identifying a bird too. Some call their name like the cuckoo or jackdaw - "jack, jack, jack"; whilst others have a very memorable call. If you haven't thought too much about this here are a couple to listen out for whilst weeding or sipping a cup of tea.



The great tit, a garden regular, is sometimes called "the teacher bird" as one of its calls sounds like "teacher, teacher, teacher."



Another to note is the collared dove - slightly smaller and more elegant than a wood pigeon and with a black band round its neck. This one is a bit of a football supporter seeming to be constantly saying, "United, United, United".

And yes, the writer is not an expert, but another bad bird watcher, only a page or two ahead of the next person, but enjoying learning more and the richness that birds and wildlife in general can bring to our lives.

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 and send items to: willerseynaturebox@gmail.com



Any sightings of hedgehogs would be particularly welcome.

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

Please save the date. **Sunday 6th May**, anytime between two and five o'clock. Come and join us for a cuppa and cake, everyone welcome. Celebrate 50 years of the new village hall, see the plans for all the exciting changes on the way!

If anyone has any photos of the Hall, old Hall, anything Village Hall related we would love to display them, just pop your name on the back and pass them on to any member of the Village Hall committee or Annie, Jackie or Mal. Thank you.

All the cooks out there, if anyone would like to make us a cake for the day we would be very grateful.

The Village Hall is such an important part of our village, please support this event and enjoy the celebration, fifty years to the day, look forward to seeing you all.

“Ashes to ashes, dust to dust, singularity to singularity.”

“The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge.”

Stephen Hawking 1942 to 2018

The late Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University



NATURE BOX EXTRA

Willersey School's Big Garden Birdwatch Survey

Well done to all of the 19 children from Willersey School class 2 who took part in the Big Garden Bird Watch earlier in the year.

They carried out their survey in the Forest School field and saw and heard plenty of birds including blue tits, 3 squabbling robins, a wren, jackdaws and carrion crows, dunnock, green woodpecker, starlings, wood pigeons and appropriately enough great tits - that bird often known as the 'teacher bird'. But the best spot of all was by 'eagle eyed' Tia who picked out a **greater spotted woodpecker**. Don't youngsters have good eyesight!

Recently reported interesting village sightings have included long tailed tits (Pam), blackcaps and siskins (Mike and Pete) and a bull finch (Debbie & Richard), something of a local rarity these days, and Shirley's confirmed report of a beautiful barn owl. Please keep reporting interesting sightings.

Notes from Your Parish Council

RUBBISH PICK UP

Don't forget WPC is organising a “rubbish pick up party”, we shall be going round the village on Wednesday April 11th from 6pm onwards litter picking. The PC will be very pleased to welcome any volunteers to help!

DOG FOULING

In spite of the fact WPC has supplied dog mess bags on the dog bins, the village is **still** awash with dog mess. A huge thank you to all those responsible owners who keep picking up after their dogs and putting it in the bins. To those owners who just keep walking

WAKE UP YOU ARE BREAKING THE LAW

There are fines in place for odious individuals who fail to pick up. Don't forget anyone who sees this happen can report it on the Cotswold District Council site:

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

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

We were debating whether to cancel the meeting on 28th February owing to the snow, but decided to go ahead and 2 hardy members came to listen to the talk by Ken Ingamells on Iceland, a fantastic country. Ken told us the history of Iceland from the time it was formed and the various countries that had ruled it. He also showed us some dramatic pictures of volcanoes, geysers, hot springs, lava fields and waterfalls. The houses are heated and water supplied by geothermal power so it is a very ecological friendly country.

13th March At the start of the meeting Pat paid a very moving tribute to Helen Rhoden who had died at the weekend. Helen had been a member of the Wednesday Club for many years, serving as the Chairman at one time. We had missed her for the past two years when ill health prevented her from attending.

The title of the talk “Does the Golden lady work for God?” had intrigued us. Jan Long explained that she had been to India with a number of Rotary Club members from all over the country to immunise children under 6 years against polio. Today there are only two countries which still have polio – these are Pakistan and Afghanistan. As the borders of these two countries join India there is always the danger of the disease spreading. For the past 30 years Rotary Clubs worldwide have joined in the programme of immunisation and the disease is almost eradicated in India. At one point whilst they were carrying out immunisation a little girl said to her mother “Does the golden lady work for God?” Bill Gates who makes a considerable financial contribution to this programme also goes to India to help with immunisations.

Our speaker on 28th March was David Howe – Talk “Laughter”.

11th April is Member’s Day and on 25th April Sue Ablett will talk on “A World of Words”.

Following the talks we always have a splendid tea. Because of this we need to use the tables and as they are quite heavy we are having problems setting them up. We wondered if there was anyone who would be prepared to come in for about half an hour every other Wednesday to help set them up. We would be happy to pay for this help.

If you think you can help please contact Sandra on 858637, Jean on 852616 or Marie on 858258.

CHRISTIAN AID - COFFEE MORNING IN THE GARDEN

Of Par House, 25 Collin Close on
Saturday 12th May 11th – 12:30 am

Willersey Churches invite you to Penny & Richard’s home to come and look (and of course criticise!) their garden on Saturday 12th May. We are holding this instead of doing the door to door collection as explained under our Methodist newsletter. We hope to raise plenty of money for Christian Aid. They’re doing very good work in the middle east as well as other places. Please support the cause.



A heartfelt thank you to all who attended, donated or helped at our “Doing it for Lottie” pud fest, which was held on Saturday 24th February.

Whilst indulging in puddings we raised a delicious £1090.00 which takes us closer to our goal for Lottie’s wheel chair lift. For more information on future events visit our facebook page “Doing it for Lottie”.

Many thanks Rachael Barker, James and Claire Lockyer.

Services at ST. PETER'S CHURCH April 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 April 2018

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Refreshments
1st April Easter Day	Rob Heming 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)	Pat Heming	United with Methodists Sylvia Schembri & Sandra Spensley
8th April Easter 2	John Busbridge 9.30 am Holy Communion (Modern Language)	John Busbridge	Peter & Penny Burch
15th April Easter 3	11.00 am Bel & Bill Jabelman	FAST team	Family Service Annie and Bill Payne
22nd April Easter 4	10:00 am Benefice Service	Dorsington	Holy Communion (Modern Language)
29th April Easter 5	9:30 David Kelley Holy Communion (Modern Language)	Richard Ingles	United with Methodists Liz Webb & Tini Owens

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.

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Please decide which of the two days you will do your cleaning -

Thank you. The cleaning cupboard in the vestry.

A key is in the Bell Inn or from Mrs Gillian Beale 01386 852958

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for April 2018

Our services all start at 10:30 am

1st April United Service for Easter Day at St Peter's 9.30 am
 8th April Revd Peter Grimwood – with Communion
 15th April Revd Stanley Weary
 22nd April Sheila Brown
 29th April (5th Sunday) United at St Peter's 9:30am
 6th May Don and Jean Pritchard Reflection Worship (informal)

Munch Bunch

The Munch Bunch lunch is usually on the third Wednesday of any month at 12:30pm. Please contact Penny on 853306 if you are unable to attend or you are not a regular.

Date	St Peter's Lessons
April 1st	Acts ch 10 v 34-43 & 1Corinthians ch 15 v 1-11
April 8th	Exodus ch 14 v 10-end & ch 15 v 20-21 & Acts ch 4 v 32-35-7
April 15th	Family Service
April 22nd	Genesis ch 7 v 1-5 & 11-18 ch 8 v 6-18 ch 9 v 8-13 & Acts ch 4 v 5-12
April 29th	Genesis ch 22 v 1-18 & Acts ch 8 v 26-end

Broadway Embroidery Group

Bitter winds and snow prevented the group from meeting in March. For our April meeting Rose will continue with the Blue Crystal Project of canvas work. We shall also be painting fabric in readiness for our sheep project in May. All members will have received the requirements for the sheep project by email from Rose but if you have any queries please contact Penny on 01386 853306 or Gillian on 01386 852958

Next meeting: Thursday April 5th
 10 am to 1pm at the Broadway Methodist Hall.