

PUBLIC NOTICES MARCH 2019

MONDAYS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates are **Mondays 11th & 25th March 2019**

Please put bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.
www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/1588297/1B-Monday.pdf

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

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE For queries telephone 01452 426973

The Mobile Library's next visit is on Thursday 28th March 2019

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

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2083391/mobile-library-dates-november-18-march-19.pdf

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 willerseyhall@btinternet.com Otherwise telephone Jean Harris 01386 858434.

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

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COTSWOLD VOLUNTEERS NORTH

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Johnsons 01564 797000

Marchants of Cheltenham 01242 257714

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Willersey website at www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus

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Floodline – 0845 988 1188 Thames Water – 0800 980 8800 Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999

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

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Pastoral Letter – March 2019

The Way of the Cross

Even if you haven't yet got the date of Ash Wednesday in your mind, you may already be contemplating the day that precedes it, Shrove Tuesday, also known these days as 'Pancake Day', and how you'll be serving up your pancakes. Lemon and a little sugar for me, please!

Ash Wednesday (it's on 6 March) signals the beginning of the season of Lent in the Christian Church. This is a time when many Christians make space in their lives to remember and reflect on what God's Son, Jesus Christ, did – *for you, for me and for the whole of God's creation* – when he walked the way of the cross. For Jesus, it was a literal journey that would lead to his death as a common criminal, as the lowest of the low, on the cross at Calvary. Christians believe that Christ's death was the ultimate demonstration of God's love for each one of us, that he would give up his one and only Son, his beloved, to free us from every sin that has ever been committed and that will ever be committed. As Jesus reminds us in chapter 3 of the Gospel according to St John,

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (NRSV)

For people then and for people now, it was and is a life-changing event in human history. In a moment, the way to God, in whose image each one of us is made, was wide open. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can have *hope* amongst so much hopelessness. That's why, each year, Christians all over the world want to remember and to say thank you to the God of hope and love.

There'll be a service on Ash Wednesday at St Peter's Church, Dorsington, at 7.30pm. You'd be very welcome to join us if you'd like to make a commitment to setting aside some time during Lent to reflect on God's love. Also, Ros and I will be hosting Lent Lunches at the Vicarage on 12th, 19th & 26th March and 2nd & 9th April. We'll meet from 12:30pm – 2:00pm, starting with homemade soup and bread, and then have a time thinking about what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Do come along if you're able to do so. We'd love to see you.

I want to leave you with these words, which are used in Church as a blessing during the season of Lent. May they bless you as you read them and as you walk with Christ the way of his cross.

'Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves,
take up your cross, and follow him.

Amen.'

(© The Archbishops' Council, 2000)

With love,
Scott

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NEWS FROM THE METHODISTS

March 2019

Well – is this Spring? At the moment it is warm, the sun is shining but WATCH OUT! I think it did this last year and in March it was snowing and gave us a good amount of it.

Whatever the weather (barring a lot of snow), we are open for Coffee and Chat on Fridays from 10 am and for Church on Sunday (10.30).

The future looks bright, no matter what the weather. We are joining with St Peter's for a Pancake Party on Tuesday 5th March from 12. Please support. Collection will be sent to Christian Aid.

Looking forward, at Easter we shall join with St Peter's again.

In the meantime we are arranging a Quiz Evening on 6th April at the Village Hall. We expect the village organisations to join in with at least one team (6 – 8 people); from Snooker, Wednesday Club, WI, U3A, the Churches, gentle exercise – everyone please! Bob Topp and Peter Cavanagh are the Quiz Masters and we're looking forward to it. There will be a Ploughman's half way through. Watch out for the posters.

There will be coffee mornings in the summer, as well as Patronal Festival etc.

Let's look forward and forget the B(rexit) word.

Come and Join us! Penny - 853306

Gloria

It's with much sadness that we record the passing of Gloria Thompson on January 25th aged 72. A member of our village community for many years. Husband Terry and his family would like to express their thanks to Cheltenham Hospital, St Richards Hospice and to the many friends whose sympathy, generosity and well wishes have been most welcome.

The funeral was held at the Vale Crematorium on February 6th attended by her many friends.

Sandra and I have been here 4 years, knowing no one in the village. We were told Willersey is a friendly place to live, Gloria was the first to contact us from over the road, I'm not sure we would have survived if she hadn't. Just to have her and Terry's friendship was wonderful.

Where to go for the best butcher.

What time to be at Clive's barrow to ensure you get the best tomatoes.

Your house alarm light is flashing I'll show you how to fix that.

Have you forgotten your alarm code? I know it.

No 'over the hill' means that direction.

Ken You've put the wrong bins out!

Lovely bell ringing this morning she'd say – knowing that I was a trainee ringer and not very good.

Gloria asked for our birthdays and sent us cards every year.

The list goes on, these simple examples of advice to ensure a smooth, warm welcome and ongoing friendship. That friendship has grown through the years. Gloria was like that with everyone. Gloria had the time for everyone. She gave of herself, connected with people where they were, what they were going through. This warm hearted friendly lady. Yes Willersey is a friendly village and Gloria is and her memory will remain, at its heart and soul.

I had the great privilege to visit her in hospital on the Monday. I stood for a while at the foot of the bed as she slept, praying that she'd wake. She did, and her smile of recognition lit up her lovely face and the ward. A wonderful unforgettable vision that I'm pleased to be sharing with you. She sat me down and painfully moved to swing her legs off the edge of the bed to be close to me. And Hey! It was Gloria. We chatted about everything and nothing. We could have just met in the middle of the village. What a glorious 15 mins with Gloria, what a memory. What an honour to know her if only for a few short years. Who's going to feed the birds in the street now?

RIP love, God bless you. Ken Spensley.

Village Hall Update.

The Village Hall committee have spent the last year finalising our refurbishment and improvement plans and trying to obtain funding to carry out the work.

The committee's first priority is to address the necessary refurbishment work identified in the building survey carried out in 2016. This work includes the need for a new roof, gutters, fascias, outer cladding, main hall windows, disabled access ramps, fire doors and many smaller items which need doing to meet with the latest building and fire regulations.

The hall management committee have also compiled a programme of enhancement work which includes the removal of the existing fixed stage and having a stackable stage system as used in many schools. The extra space created by removing the stage would provide a more useable floor area for use on a day to day basis. The committee have also had plans drawn up for an extension to be built on the south east corner to replace the old wooden storage sheds this will create much needed extra storage space. Further plans also include a new audio/visual system, low voltage lighting plus the regrading and resurfacing of the rear car park.

As things stand we are a long way short of our fundraising target of £250k + VAT, we are in line to receive £100k from developers, S106 contributions and a further £20k likely from Cotswold District Council and National Lottery Awards for All scheme.

The hall committee are now working with the Parish Council to explore other funding options and exploring the possibility of a VAT exemption. We have a provisional plan to carry out the essential refurbishment work next year and the funding we currently have may just be enough to cover this work. The items on our enhancement programme, including the extension may have to be shelved if additional funding cannot be agreed.

The committee have provisionally agreed to close the hall in April or May next year, the length of the closure will depend on the amount of work carried out but this could be up to six months.

If anyone feels they could help with this project, by way of expertise or financial help, please get in touch by contacting the hall chairman, Neville Jelfs. 01386 858351 or email, - nevillejelfs@gmail.com.

Family Service for February

Our theme for this month was 'Friendship' and Father Keiron helped us think of this. He talked of commandments and how these help us think of the way we connect with one another. Did you realise that although we know the Ten Commandments, in all there are 613 listed commandments in various ways. The lesson read by Bill P was asking us to love another (John 15 vs 12.15), and our prayers mentioned ways to help and care for one another. Poppy took the collection and thanks to Bel and Bill for a lovely cup of coffee and cake.

Our March Service is centred around sharing, so come and share with us on March 17th at 11 o'clock. It is St Patrick's Day. Refreshments - Annie and Bill Payne

Don't forget our Spring Cleaning session on Saturday March 23rd at 10 o'clock. Dusters at the ready!

Easter Lilies

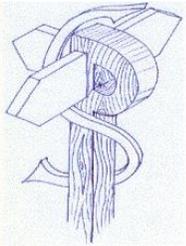
St. Peter's Flower Group will be once again managing flowers in the Church to celebrate Easter.

Donations towards the flowers would be greatly appreciated and can be left with Mrs Tini Owens at Hill Farm, Main Street (Opposite Willersey Stores)

Also anyone wishing to have a lily in memory of a loved one, please give details to Tini.

Thank you The Flower Group





SIGNPOST

New older People's Information and Advice Surgery to run at Signpost, Broadway

Age UK Herefordshire & Worcestershire are launching a new Information and Advice Surgery at Signpost, Broadway every Monday from 9.30am to 3.00pm beginning Monday 4th February 2019.

The weekly sessions will offer both drop-in and bookable slots for older people to get support and guidance on a range of issues, including ... Money Matters, Tax, Wills, LPAs, Legal Issues, Your Home, Social Care, Form Filling, Wellbeing, Signposting to Services and much more.

Age UK are delighted to be back in the Broadway area on a regular basis to offer Information and Advice for all local people over 50.

The service is FREE and confidential.

To find out more or to book a session with an Information and Advice Officer, please call Age UK Herefordshire & Worcestershire on 01905 740950 or 0800 008 6077

The Signpost office is located at 4, Russell Square, High Street, Broadway WR12 7AP (Tel. 01386 859029)

Telephone Banking Scam

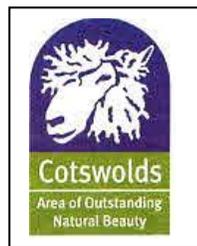
Four elderly individuals have been targeted in the Stow on the Wold area by the same phone scam resulting in over £30,000 being transferred to scammers.

The method of operation has been the same for all incidents. People pick up the phone to a well-educated male's voice who says they are from a bank/the police/action fraud and there is money being emptied from their accounts as they speak. They are told to go to their local bank and withdraw all their savings into a new account so that the supposed investigators can make sure their money is safe and track who is stealing the money. In one case the supposed investigator told a female to call the number on the back of her card straight away to be put through to the bank. When she put the phone down the scammer kept the line open so that the new number she dialled went straight back through to the scammer and not the new number. The scammers tell people to say that the money is for home improvements or for a holiday when in the bank. When the money has been transferred the scammer ends all contact. This leaves someone without all their life savings and with no idea they have been talking to a scammer.

If you get a call from someone saying they are from your bank or the police and they want to talk about your bank or money of any kind then please put the phone down and talk to a neighbour/friend or family member for advice. Then call the police on 101 on a different phone.

Banks or the police will never ask you to transfer your money into any other accounts or withdraw your money as it is at risk. We will also not ask you to go into the bank to transfer or withdraw money at any time. Because of the increasing frequency of these scams occurring in our area we would like everyone to talk about it with your elderly neighbours/family or friends so they are aware this is happening and how to prevent them from making the same mistakes.

**LOCAL WALKS WITH THE
COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS
March 2019**



Bourton-on-the-Water Rissington Circuit – Thursday 14th March - Strenuous

A circuit from Bourton-on-the-Water via lakes, Little Rissington, Great Rissington and some road walking to then cross fields back to Bourton. Countryside/scenery. Bring a drink and packed lunch.

4 hours: 8 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Bourton-on-the-Water War Memorial in village centre. OS Map ref: SP 167 207.

War and Shipwreck – Thursday 21st March - Moderate

On this circular walk, we'll discover an unusual war memorial, the link between Broadway and the sinking of the Titanic and hear about another shipwreck at Stanway House. Please bring a packed lunch.

5 hours: 10 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Stanton village car park. OS Map ref: SP 067 344.

Why Willersey? – Tuesday 26th March - Moderate

Another in our series of shorter walks exploring villages and their surroundings in relation to their geology, geography and history. Some steep climbs and rough paths.

3 hours: 5 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Willersey village hall car park. OS Map ref: SP 105 395.

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 WI February Report

We welcomed 36 members tonight which included two new girls and a guest. A welcome drink courtesy of our two glamorous 'nippies' and a silhouette quiz by Gi set the tone for a chatty evening.

Nigel our speaker from Severn Freewheelers is part of a voluntary organisation that delivers essential supplies between NHS facilities in Hereford, Worcester, Gloucestershire and North Wiltshire. They run a 365 day service, 19.00hrs to 07.00 during the week and 24hrs at the weekend and on Bank Holidays. This essential service is funded by donations and it costs £45,000 a year to run but saves the NHS £200,000. Nigel talked about the skills and commitment these cyclists need, along with sharing a mixture of humour and amusing anecdotes. Their big fund raising bash is at Prescott Speed Hill Climb in April.

Gi's quiz was somewhat appropriate given it was placing body parts onto a silhouette. However, we worry about some of the ladies and their knowledge of anatomy. Thankfully they are not surgeons. Shock horror, the 'Newbies' won the quiz along with the raffle prize. No sour grapes though, we'll doctor their answers next time.

A flashy hamper from Fortnum & Mason, donated by Lizzie, is being raffled for a local food bank. Tickets can be bought for £1 at the March meeting or at The Bell, thanks to Sue and Lou.

Mildred is organising a skittles night at The New Inn on Saturday 23rd March. Sign up at the March meeting for your supper choice, please.

Partners, friends and A.N. Others are welcome.

Gill has organised a 'Silk Painting' workshop for the same day. We will start with coffee at 10.00 followed by the workshop and lunch. £5 to take part in the work shop and all members are invited for lunch at 12.30. Let us know at the March meeting if you would like lunch.

Jackie's card and copper collection raised another £141 for the Cobalt Unit, a thank you from them along with a lovely thank you card from 'Lottie's' family. The lift is now in place to help her access her bedroom upstairs and be with the rest of the family.



MARCH MEETING

March 11th - Village Hall 7.15

'Shakespeare's Garden' - Glynn Jones

An open meeting - £4 for guests

Competition - A Bunch of Herbs in a Jam Jar

Tea Hostesses - Adine & Penny

Birthday Flowers - Alison - 3

Raffle - Sandra S

Crockery Hire call Mal 858351



Helen's 84 Mile walk for "Mind"

I would like to tell you about my personal plan to raise money for the mental health charity Mind.

Since losing my husband John to Lewy Body Disease (a distressing form of senile dementia), I have wanted to make an effort to help other mental health sufferers and their families. Recently on National Television, I learnt that in this country one teenage girl in four had attempted self-harm. That prompted me to take action! In March this year I will be aged **84** and to celebrate my birthday I intend to walk **84 miles** in seventeen stages of about 5 miles each, in the North Cotswolds over a period of 21 days. My target is to raise **£3000 for Mind in memory of my late husband John** who suffered from a distressing form of senile dementia.

A team of experienced Walk Leaders and a small committee of friends are organising the walks, publicity and money matters for me.

I hope that you may be able to help me towards my target by Sponsoring me. This walk is entirely my own idea and has no connection with any organisation. Sponsorship forms are available from Jennie Bond, Orchard Villa, Main Street, Willersey (Near the Pike roundabout), Sharon Thackery in Broadway 01386 858973 or email: alan.andrews738@gmail.com .

Thank you, Helen Jones

A longing to wander tears my heart when I hear trees rustling in the wind at evening. If one listens to them silently for a long time, this longing reveals its kernel, its meaning. It is not so much a matter of escaping from one's suffering, though it may seem to be so. It is a longing for home, for a memory of the mother, for new metaphors for life. It leads home. Every path leads homeward, every step is birth, every step is death, every grave is mother.

So the tree rustles in the evening, when we stand uneasily before our own childish thoughts: Trees have long thoughts, long-breathing and restful, just as they have longer lives than ours. They are wiser than we are, as long as we do not listen to them. But when we have learned how to listen to trees, then the brevity, the quickness and the childlike hastiness of our thoughts achieve an incomparable joy. Whoever has learned how to listen to trees no longer wants to be a tree. He wants to be nothing except what he is. That is home. That is happiness."

— Herman Hesse, Bäume. Betrachtungen und Gedichte

Broadway Embroidery Group

It was another full house for our February meeting and our Project of Butterflies for an exhibition at Croome Court continued.

The butterflies were all at different stages some almost complete and a second one started by some ladies. Others progressed more slowly!

'Changing Perspectives' will be on display at Croome Court near Pershore from May until November.

Next Month's details are:-

Thursday 7th March

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Broadway Methodist Hall

Project: Working with Shibori Silk

Tutor: Ros Watts

Any queries please ring either
Penny on 01386 853306
Gillian on 01386 852958

Trees

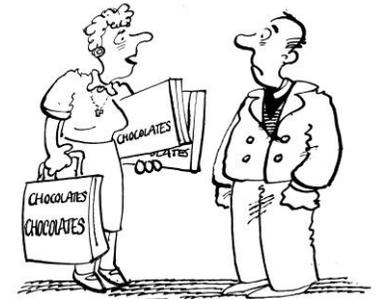
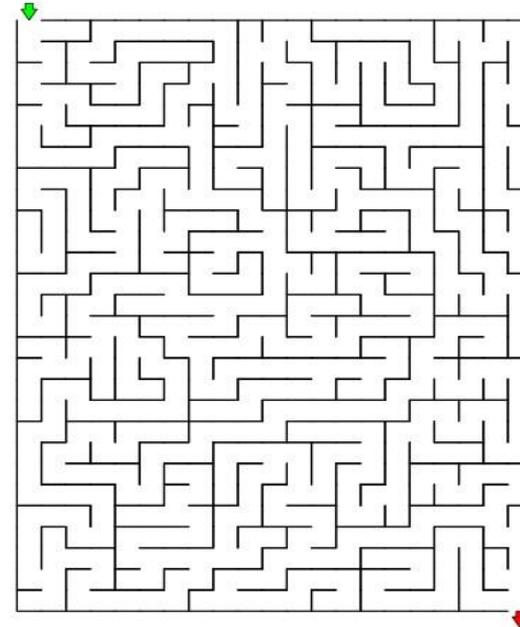
“For me, trees have always been the most penetrating preachers. I revere them when they live in tribes and families, in forests and groves. And even more I revere them when they stand alone. They are like lonely persons. Not like hermits who have stolen away out of some weakness, but like great, solitary men, like Beethoven and Nietzsche. In their highest boughs the world rustles, their roots rest in infinity; but they do not lose themselves there, they struggle with all the force of their lives for one thing only: to fulfil themselves according to their own laws, to build up their own form, to represent themselves. Nothing is holier, nothing is more exemplary than a beautiful, strong tree. When a tree is cut down and reveals its naked death-wound to the sun, one can read its whole history in the luminous, inscribed disk of its trunk: in the rings of its years, its scars, all the struggle, all the suffering, all the sickness, all the happiness and prosperity stand truly written, the narrow years and the luxurious years, the attacks withstood, the storms endured. And every young farm boy knows that the hardest and noblest wood has the narrowest rings, that high on the mountains and in continuing danger the most indestructible, the strongest, the ideal trees grow.

Trees are sanctuaries. Whoever knows how to speak to them, whoever knows how to listen to them, can learn the truth. They do not preach learning and precepts, they preach, undeterred by particulars, the ancient law of life. A tree says: A kernel is hidden in me, a spark, a thought, I am life from eternal life. The attempt and the risk that the eternal mother took with me is unique, unique the form and veins of my skin, unique the smallest play of leaves in my branches and the smallest scar on my bark. I was made to form and reveal the eternal in my smallest special detail. A tree says: My strength is trust. I know nothing about my fathers, I know nothing about the thousand children that every year spring out of me. I live out the secret of my seed to the very end, and I care for nothing else. I trust that God is in me. I trust that my labour is holy. Out of this trust I live.

When we are stricken and cannot bear our lives any longer, then a tree has something to say to us: Be still! Be still! Look at me! Life is not easy, life is not difficult. Those are childish thoughts. Let God speak within you, and your thoughts will grow silent. You are anxious because your path leads away from mother and home. But every step and every day lead you back again to the mother. Home is neither here nor there. Home is within you, or home is nowhere at all.

Children's Corner

Amaz(e)ing if you can find your way out!! Enter at top left



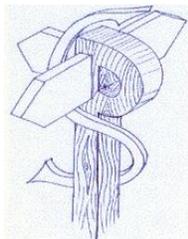
I am stockpiling, just in case...

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The Solution to last month's Sudoku



Ken Spensley



SIGNPOST

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Last year Signpost ran a highly successful series of early evening Defibrillator training courses taught by Robin Farnworth - West Midlands Ambulance Service Community First Responder. This resulted in over 30 local people becoming proficient in CPR as well as the use of a defibrillator.

Due to this success, Signpost are delighted to report that Robin has agreed to run a further three sessions in the Signpost offices on Wednesday, 3rd, 10th and 17th April starting at 6.30 pm and lasting about two hours.

Participation is free but donations are welcome.

A minimum number of four people are required for the course to run.

If you would like to participate in the next round of courses please contact Signpost on: 01386 859029 or send an email to: helen@rushmore1.co.uk

Kind regards
Helen Rushmore Chair
Signpost Broadway

North Cotswold University of the Third Age Open Meeting

Our subject for Thursday March 14th at 2:00pm in Willersey Village Hall will be '**Sentenced to Beyond the Seas**' What became of the women 'convicts' transported from Worcestershire? A talk by David Clark.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/north-cotswold/events>

Weston sub Edge Rural Cinema



Thursday 28th March
7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.
Village Hall

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Cert PG-13

Starring: Rami Malek, Lucy Boynton, Gwilym Lee and Ben Hardy

Tickets £4 at the door or

tel: 01386 849316 for more information.

For seniors transport to and from the Hall phone as above.

The Village Bar will be open from 4.00p.m.serving a full supper menu

Our March film is "**Bohemian Rhapsody**", a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. He defied stereotypes and shattered convention to become a major force in rock music. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound, their near-implosion as Mercury's lifestyle spirals out of control and their triumphant reunion on the eve of Live Aid where Mercury, facing a life-threatening illness, leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music.

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

The Village Bar Coffee Morning

Weston-sub-Edge's monthly coffee morning will be held from 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 2nd March. Come along to chat with friends old and new and to sample delicious home-made cakes. £3.20 for cake and coffee/tea and yet more cakes to take home to enjoy later if you wish. .

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our speaker on 30th January was Ken Ingamells talking about the Falklands Conflict. As Ken was employed by the B.B.C. at that time as a weather forecaster and he was in charge of forecasting the weather conditions for the military he was able to give us lots of information on this conflict.

On 13th February David Howe made a welcome return with Thoughts on Relationships. As always he kept us laughing for the whole talk.

On 27th February Peter Petrie will be talking about the Power of Music and on 13th March we shall have Humorous Poems and Readings with Paul Evans. On 27th March Joan Bomford will talk about her life in farming.

We always enjoy a splendid tea after the talk and welcome members from surrounding villages. Meetings start at 2.30 for 2.45.

The APRIL 2019 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for this news must be received by Sunday 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, phone Alan on 858601 or Bill on 858628, or preferably email them to willerseynews@gmail.com. Thank you.

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.

Nature Box



SURVIVING WINTER

"April is the cruellest month" according to T.S. Elliot (thank goodness for Wikipedia), but just right now our weather can be a bit of a challenge for some of our wildlife

The British fascination with feeding song birds dates from the very harsh winter of 1890/91 when there was a national newspaper campaign to save starving bird populations. This continued practice where the UK spends in excess of 200 million pounds each year makes a huge difference to the bird population during winter, particularly since there has been a marked loss of wild food habitat.

But birds aren't without a bit of guile and invention. Some remember how blue tits learnt to steal the cream from bottled milk with foil tops when the cream used to settle on the top of our daily milk deliveries.

Some birds like wrens produce large numbers of young to ensure some get through the winter. Small song birds often gather together in mixed flocks at this time of year - blue tits, great tits, chaffinches etc - to seek out good food supplies and also have extra pairs of eyes to watch out for avian predators - who need to eat too! Two thirds of sparrowhawks die in their first year - mostly through starvation. It is now understood that rooks, crows and jackdaws communicate with each other about the best source of food currently, before they head off first thing. Getting through the cold nights is obviously a challenge if you don't have a duvet, but here again different strategies are used. Wrens huddle together, often in really big numbers, with a record of more than 60. Long tailed tits bunch together along a branch, taking it in turns to be at the edge; and other birds just like us simply shiver to generate warmth.

If you'd like to comment or contribute to Nature Box or report interesting local sightings please email Bob Topp at willerseynaturebox@gmail.com

Services at ST. PETER'S CHURCH March 2019

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 2019

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Refreshments
March 3 rd MP Sunday next before Lent	Tim Prestage	Tim Prestage	Rachael Barker & Tini Owens
March 6 th Ash Wednesday	7:30pm at	Dorsington	HC ML
March 10 th BCP Lent 1 HC TL	David Kelley	David Kelley	Peter & Penny Burch
March 17 th Lent 2	11:00am	FAST Team	Family Service Annie & Bill Payne
March 24 th CW Lent 3	10.00am	Benefice service	Pebworth HC ML
March 31 st Mothering Sunday Lent4	10:30am	Joint at	The Methodists
April 7 th MP Lent 5 Passion Sunday	Ken Spensley	Ken Spensley	Liz Webb & Adine Keatley

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

MP = Morning Prayer. BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Trad Language).

CW = Common Worship Modern Language

HC Holy Communion ML Modern Language TL Traditional Language .

FAST = Family Service (No Communion)

All services start at 9:00am unless otherwise noted. Details of the local Benefice services in local Churches can be found on this webpage:- www.willersey.org/stpeter.htm or on the notice board in St Peter's porch.

Please check for changes/additions on the weekly sheet.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for February 2019

Our services all start at 10:30 am

Come and Join us! Penny - 853306

3 rd	March	Margaret Fuller (Reader)
10 th	March	Revd Dr Israel Selvanayagam - Sacrament
17 th	March	We join Broadway Methodists (lifts available if necessary)
24 th	March	Anne Yelland
31 st	March	ST PETER'S JOIN US FOR A SERVICE TOGETHER

Date	St Peter's Lessons
March 3 rd	Exodus 34 v 29 - end & 2 Corinthians 3 v 12 - C4 v2
March 6 th	Isaiah 58 v 1 - 12 & 2 Corinthians 5 v 20b - C6 v10
March 10 th	Deut 26 v 1-11 & Romans 10 v 8b - 13
March 17 th	Family Service
March 24 th	Isaiah 55 v 1 - 9 & 1 Corinthians 10 v 1 - 13
March 31 st	Joint at the Methodists
April 7 th	Isaiah 43 v 16 - 21 & Philippians 3 v 4b - 14

Week Ending

March 2nd & March 9th

March 16th

March 23rd

St Peter's Church Cleaning

Justine Steventon and Grace

Gillian Beale

Spring clean on Saturday followed by a soup lunch

Week Ending

March 2nd & March 9th

March 23rd

St Peter's Brass Cleaning

Jennie and Peter Bond

Spring clean

Please choose either week to do the Church or brass cleaning

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

St Peter's Church

Osbert Harden was baptised on 20th January

The Funeral of Frederick Taylor took place on 14th February