

MONDAYS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates are **Mondays 1st, 15th & 29th July**

Please put bins and bags out by 7.00am. The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.
https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/1709071/Your-Waste-Collection-Calendar_2019-1B.pdf Green bins for garden and food waste currently go out every week.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE The Mobile Library's next visit is on Thursday 18th July near the Bell Inn from 13:50 to 15:50.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/media/2086856/mobile-library-dates-march-19-to-july-19-tbc.pdf> For telephone queries 01452 426973

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.

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.

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‘But I trust in you, O Lord’; I say, ‘You are my God.’ My times are in your hand...’ Psalm 31, verses 14-15 (NRSV)

It seems hard to believe that, on 28 June, it will be two-years since Bishop Rachel, the Bishop of Gloucester, licensed me as a Team Vicar in the Vale and Cotswold Edge Team. In some ways, the time has flown by. In other ways – good ways! – it feels as if I’ve always been here and that is because so many of you have made Ros and I feel that we *belong*. That wonderful sense of belonging is, in no small part, the result of the love, welcome, support and encouragement that you have so generously shared with us. Thank you. We are so happy to be here amongst you as fellow pilgrims, sharing with one another the highs and lows of life.

Anniversaries and birthdays always make me think about time. It really is a precious resource. We can make the most of it, or we can waste it. One thing’s certain, though – once time has passed, there’s no way of getting it back. In my 93-year old Mother-in Law’s home hangs a beautiful piece of calligraphy, the text of which reads,

‘My times are in thy hand,
whatever they may be;
pleasing or painful, dark or bright,
as best may seem to thee.’

The words are a prayer, really, but are taken from a hymn written in 1824 and based on verses from Psalm 31 (see above). Every time I visit Mum, I pause in the hallway to read those words again, despite now knowing them by heart. Using those words as a prayer takes *real faith*. They challenge me. Do I, do you, trust God enough to say, ‘My times are in your hand, whatever they may be?’ You see, these profoundly true words acknowledge that life won’t always be a bed of roses – that there will be ‘pleasing, painful, dark and bright’ times ahead for us all. But, they are also a reminder that our Faithful God holds all time and, indeed, the whole of creation, in his hands. There is much peace to be found in knowing and believing that. Better still, the peace deepens when we remember that God holds each one of *us* in his hands, too.

With love, Scott

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WILLERSEY METHODISTS NEWS

Firstly I must thank everyone for their support of our Garden open day @ 25 Collin Close back at the end of May. We made a wonderful total of £350 of which £150 has gone to Cedar Lawn Methodist Care Home. Thank you especially to Jen, Ann, Mary and gang for their hard work with the coffee etc.

We're now looking forward to the wedding themed Patronal Festival at St Peter's! Listening to the ladies on Friday (knitting & coffee), it appears we shall have plenty of dresses and flowers! **That's on 29th/30th JUNE.**

That day we shall be manning a small Craft Fair in our church with tea and cakes on the side. There will be demonstrations of spinning, unfortunately our weaver has had to rush down to Kent, but she's setting up before she goes. Other demonstrations will be ongoing, including the best knitting I've ever seen! There will be an exhibition of all kinds of crafts. The garden will be open at the back. And we all pray for a sunny warm day! An entrance fee of £3 will be charged.

There will be another **GARDEN COFFEE MORNING at 25 Collin Close on Friday 12th July** (10.30 – 12) when Rosie will be there with her craft made goods (she's got a lovely line now in inexpensive felt hand bags). You will all be familiar with her beautifully made 'stuff'. This time is a joint venture with St Peter's to raise money for Christian Aid. We no longer collect door to door. Please come and support all the work this organisation does across the world. Cakes, plants, bric-a-brac can be brought to sell, or given in advance! We'll sell anything – except our dog Max!

During the next 2 months Willersey, Broadway and Evesham Methodist Churches will be moved (bureaucratically) from the Stratford Circuit to the South Worcestershire Circuit. The move enables us to share more Ministers and local preachers. We have been warmly welcomed by South Worcs. The rest of the churches in our Circuit are going to Warwickshire. Lots of talk over this, but we're not moving the church itself. We'll still be there for the village – services, coffee/knitting, U3A meetings etc as well as lots of information from AgeUK.

Hope to see you during the busy summer we always have!
Penny 853306

Our cover – bottom right - Willersey has a fine mulberry tree growing in it.
(Caught red handed – stealing mulberries which stain the hands.)



Willersey Footlights

'The Best of British'

Costumes, wigs, props and assorted paraphernalia have disappeared back into the magical black hole that is the Footlights shed for another day and all those involved are enjoying a well earned rest.

As ever with Footlights performances, profits for the show always go towards supporting a worthy cause. This year the village hall refurbishment is being supported and a cheque for £750 has been presented to the village hall committee.

Once again all those associated with Willersey Footlights would like to express our appreciation for the splendid support we received through tickets sales, raffle prizes and community support for putting on this year's show. Willersey folk really are our 'twelfth man'.

We will be doing our usual stall at the Horticultural Show on August Bank Holiday Monday. Any donations would be much appreciated eg. Bric-a-Barc, Toys, Clothes, Fancy Goods. (Sorry no furniture). Contacts: Mal Jelfs – 858351

Sue Clark – 852939

Thank you.

North Cotswold University of the Third Age Open Meeting

Summer Soirée at Toddington Village Hall on **Thursday 11th July.**

Thursday July 11th Special Interest Day in Cheltenham on 'Where Science is taking us in in the Future' and **Annual Summer Get Together..**

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

Churchyard Mowing 2019

We are very grateful to the following people for agreeing to continue to mow the churchyard:

From	To	
13/04/2019	27/04/2019	Rob & Judith McNeil-Wilson
28/04/2019	11/05/2019	Leslie Jordan & Paul Tolley
12/05/2019	25/05/2019	Peter Bond & Rodney Parnell
26/05/2019	08/06/2019	Stephen & Nigel Foxall
09/06/2019	22/06/2019	Stephen Jordan & Bill Payne
23/06/2019	06/07/2019	Rob & Judith McNeil-Wilson
07/07/2019	20/07/2019	Leslie Jordan & Paul Tolley
21/07/2019	03/08/2019	Peter Bond & Rodney Parnell
04/08/2019	17/08/2019	Stephen & Nigel Foxall
18/08/2019	31/08/2019	Stephen Jordan & Bill Payne
01/09/2019	14/09/2019	Rob & Judith McNeil-Wilson
15/09/2019	28/09/2019	Leslie Jordan & Paul Tolley
29/09/2019	12/10/2019	Peter Bond & Rodney Parnell
13/10/2019	26/10/2019	Rob & Judith McNeil-Wilson

If these dates are not convenient please could you make your own arrangements to swop duties. Thank you

Tel. No.s

Paul Tolley	854889	Nigel Foxall	852717
Peter Bond	853430	Stephen Jordan	852678
Rod Parnall	858759	Bill Payne	858368
Stephen Foxall	831241	Les Jordan	854886

Lou Roberts 11/4/1935 – 28/5/2019

The family would like to thank everyone who contributed to and made Lou's service so memorable. Thank you also for the many kind words, memories and cards that have been received.

We would particularly wish to thank the Reverend Scott Watts as well as Carol and her team at Merstow Green Funeral Home, Kevin, Beth and their team at Cotswold Baguettes and to all the family and friends who helped to make the day a true celebration of Lou's life.

Betty Roberts and Family

Path, Trail & Wagging Tails

Supermarkets and Pet Super Stores,
 Supply the Foods your Pets Adore,
 Tons of Bags & Pet Food Tins
 Treats, Biscuits & other nice things.
 Remember one thing as you walk with pride,
 Of that Hairy, Fluffy creature by your side,
 Whatever you put in to the dogs appealing bit,
 In time comes out the other end as smelly ***** Stuff?
 Outdoor time walking on footpaths & hikes,
 We take our Pets & view the sites,
 Fields & Hedges Full of Flowers and Green,
 And Piles of Dog Poo enhance the scene.
 While walking with dog, or friends & child,
 There are Pet owners, that drive you wild,
 When their dogs Do what dogs Do,
 and their Owners leave it to greet your Shoe!
 The Same Stores that supply the food,
 Sell Bags.... ..not wanting to be rude,
 Are used to collect what Dogs Do Do!
 If you are one of these, be nice pick up the POO.



Willersey church bell ringers now number 14, with Lena and Lisa now established as Sunday service ringers. It is particularly pleasing that most of the ringers live in the village making it

a really local band.

As part celebration and *enthusiasm for biscuits and scrummy cake* our band has recently enjoyed a day's mini local ringing tour visiting and ringing at Childswickham, Dumbleton, Beckford and Eckington. Ringing elsewhere is always interesting as the bells and layout all vary considerably, and the experience enhances everyone's skill, as well as reminding you of the pleasure of ringing at St Peter's here in the village.

Weston Rural Cinema: July

Our July film is “**Stan and Ollie**”. Laurel and Hardy, one of the world's great comedy teams, set out on a variety hall tour of Britain in 1953. Diminished by age and with their golden era as the kings of Hollywood comedy now behind them, they face an uncertain future. As the charm and beauty of their performances shines through, they re-connect with their adoring fans. The tour becomes a hit but Stan and Ollie can't quite shake the spectre of Laurel and Hardy's past. The long-buried ghosts, coupled with Oliver's failing health, start to threaten their precious partnership. The film portrays their tender and poignant creative marriage as they become aware that they may be approaching their swan song.

The film will be shown in Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 25th July. 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. 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.

Family Fun Day

Following the success of the opening of the Children's Playground last year, a Family Fun Afternoon is to be held on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 7th September. More information will be available next month but please put the date in your diary.

Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall

Regular activities include:

Seniors coffee morning	–	second Monday of every month at 10.30 a.m.
Keep Fit	–	Mondays at 4.00 p.m.
Pilates	–	Tuesdays at 12.45 p.m.
Yoga	–	Tuesdays at 6.45 p.m.
Zumba	–	Wednesdays at 6.15 p.m.
Auction	–	currently the first and third Fridays of the month at 6.00 p.m. Only one auction in August on Friday 2nd

The hall offers a Children's Party package for £30 for 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons. If desired, catering can be arranged through the Village Bar. For more information about the hall visit the village website, www.westonsubedge.com. To discuss potential for a regular booking, to arrange to view the hall or to make a one-off booking contact Chris Rossington on 01386 849316.

Thank you Easter flowers

A belated thank you to everyone donating monies towards the lilies and flowers for Easter. The Church was beautifully decorated for this special day in the Christian calendar. The names of loved ones were remembered at the

Easter Day Service

Flower Group

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

Broadway Embroidery Group

Our May & June meetings involved the group working on a goldwork project with Jacky expertly guiding us through the different stages. This project is nearing completion but time will be given for finishing at our July meeting. Plans for our summer outing to Croome Court were discussed to view our embroidered butterflies on display. We have arranged a visit to the rose garden followed by afternoon tea.

Next meeting Tues July 4th 10am-1pm Broadway Methodist Hall sit & sew
Queries to Penny Ingles 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale 01386 852958



Willersey Parish Council

Hedges There is a safety issue for pedestrians using Blind Lane and associated footpaths where hedges and undergrowth have overgrown the paths. The Parish Council are aware of normal restrictions on disturbing nesting birds and there is a reluctance to ask residents to do so.

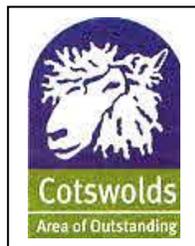
However, we have received a number of complaints that in places the footpaths are becoming impassable and pedestrians attempting to do so may injure themselves. In these circumstances the Council is asking residents whose hedges are blocking the paths to cut them back within the next 2 weeks; this is their responsibility as they are obstructing a public highway. If possible, trimming should avoid those areas where sites of nests can be identified.

Recreation Ground

- Two full playdays provided by Play Gloucestershire will take place on Monday 29th July and Monday 12th August 10am to 4pm. These are active and creative sessions for children, young people and families living in Willersey.
- The Council has received £20,000 to spend on the recreation ground. Sarah Arthey, saraharthey@icloud.com is consulting parents on their views but the council would welcome ideas from any resident willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com

Dog Poo Thank you to the two residents who have done their civic duty and reported individuals who have failed to pick up: these cases are being pursued. Photos are particularly useful as they also give a time & date.

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



Let the Train Take the Strain – Thursday 4th July - Strenuous

Meet at the ticket office at 10.00 am in time to catch 10.15 am diesel train to Broadway (single ticket: £7). We will then walk back to Toddington using mainly the Cotswold Way. Two steep ascents. Please bring packed lunch. 6.5 hours: 12 miles.

Start: 10.00 am Toddington Steam Railway Station. OS Map ref: SP 050 323

Windrush Wander – Tuesday 9th July - Strenuous

A clockwise route towards Great Rissington, turning east, then south to Great Barrington, Little Barrington, Windrush and back to Sherborne. 4.5 hours: 11 miles.

Start: 9.30 am Water Meadows car park (NT) near Northfield Barn, Sherbourne. OS Map ref: SP 175 154

Castlett Wood, Kineton, a brook and a river – Tuesday 9th July - Moderate

A circular walk which follows the Castlett Brook through Castlett Wood before passing through the hamlet of Kineton where the walk briefly runs alongside the River Windrush. 2.5 hours: 5.5 miles. **Start:** 10.00 am Guiting Power village car park (donation). OS Map ref: SP 095 246.

No Rush around Windrush – Tuesday 16th July - Moderate

A pleasant walk taking in the Windrush, Naunton (famous for its church and dovecote) and Barton, with food and drink available at the pub after the walk. 2.5 hours: 5 miles. **Start:** 10.00 am Farmers Arms pub car park, Guiting Power. OS Map ref: SP 095 247.

Up and around Nottingham Hill – Tuesday 30th July - Moderate

A circular walk exploring Nottingham Hill with lovely views of the Malverns. Some steep climbs, rough paths and stiles. Refreshments available at the pub after the walk, if required. 3.5 hours: 6 miles. **Start:** 10.00 am The Apple Tree pub, Stockwell Lane, Woodmancote. OS Map ref: SO 975 274.

Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday - Easy

We will walk along the High Street and provide a historical tour of the town. Refreshments available in the town after the walk. 1.5 hours.

Start: 14:00 on Tuesdays and 10:00 on Thursdays. Meet at the Market Hall in the centre of town. OS Map ref: SP 15136 39174.

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.



**Willersey Meeting Mondays
May/June 2019**

I notice from last year's June minutes that we were in the middle of some very fine weather; however this year we have been cheered by some heart warming events and some good speakers. Lena Stranks on 'Stand Up' and Lou Wood demonstrating 'Sugar craft' skills.

Lena spoke about her experiences on the 'Stand Up Circuit'. What a formidable experience and how brave was she. She tumbled into it as a challenge and has clearly enjoyed a mix of success and some more humbling moments. She talked with such humour and humility and gave us some insight into the techniques and timing of 'Stand Up'. Respect Lena!

Many of us were surprised by the artistry of Lou's crafting in sugar: the roses, lily of the valley, fuchsias and others displayed were realistic enough to fool many of us. To our amazement she made a replica of an agapanthus in sugar paste, clearly setting us a challenge for our next cake sale. But really, the traditional Victoria sponge takes a lot of beating.

Claire, Lottie's mum, spent a few minutes updating us on the progress of Lottie and the big impact her wheelchair lift has had on the family. The family are now keen to install a special support bath for her.

Diane, from 'Caring Hands', joined us in May to thank us for the donations we have given to date. She talked about the range of support the organisation is giving to individuals and families in the region.

Our May coffee morning was a success. We welcomed other fundraising stalls and we in turn raised over £500 towards our charities: 'Seniors' Lunch', 'Caring Hands' and the WI funds. So a big thank you to all who ran a stall, spent money and those who were full of praise for our lovely WI ladies. We have our traditional August Coffee Morning on the 3rd. So come along to another occasion to chat and meet friends.

The Patronal Festival is fast approaching and the girls are assembling items of wedding memorabilia for the 29th and 30th of June.

The Summer outing is at The Childswickham Inn on July 8th at 7.00pm. A huge thanks to Lizzie and Lynne for organising the event. We are looking forward to our evening out.



Who's Under the Hat? *Scarecrow Trail*

The **August Bank holiday Monday** village event is not so far away now, so a few words about the **scarecrow trail** is probably timely. Here's a reminder about the theme for this year which is totally '*freestyle*' with the only requirement being that you need a hat of your choosing to guide your scarecrow character.

So whether it's a flat cap, boater, helmet, crown, beret or any other piece of headwear, the choice is yours. A work based scarecrow, leisure or hobby influence, historical or scarecrow inspired by those who live in other parts of the world - the choice is limitless. *You just need that hat!*

- Please join in and be a part of this Willersey nonsense.
- Tradition has it that there's a modest prize for the 'best' scarecrow as judged by us all, but taking part is the real fun, and it would be splendid if we could match or exceed last year's total of twenty scarecrows. So if you haven't taken part before, "**Come on in and join the party.**"
- Entry forms can be collected from the village shop from **Monday 5th August** and returned by **Friday 16th August**, please.
- Please display Scarecrows from **Monday 19th August**. Village scarecrow trail contact: Bob Topp (Tel. 858635)



JULY OUTING

July 8th - The Childswickham Inn - 7.00pm

Birthday Flowers - Gill O'D - 4

WI Crockery Hire call Mal 858351

WI August Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd August 10.30 - 12.00

A Raffle, Cake Sale, Plants & Produce,

Gifts & Cards and Tombola

Our charities this year are:-

The Seniors' Lunch, Caring Hands and Willersey WI

£2 entry for coffee and biscuits and some great bargains.

All contributions will be gratefully received

Additional Fund Raisers

Any group wishing to raise funds for there chosen charity is welcome to join us and set up a table.

Contact Mal - 858351 or Maggie - 858635

Children's Corner



Mouse Makes

In the time of the disciples it was usual for men to have two names. Which second name belongs to which Apostle?

JUDE	BOANERGES
MATTHEW	SIMON
JOHN	DIDYMUS
PETER	THADDEUS
THOMAS	SAUL
PAUL	NATHANIEL
BARTHOLOMEW	LEVI



Who did Jesus choose as His first disciples? _____ and _____
Matthew 4:18

Which disciple was a tax collector?
Matthew 10:3

Who was John's brother?
Matthew 4:21

Which disciple betrayed Jesus?
Mark 3:19

Which Apostle wrote Revelation?
Revelation 1:1

Who became the Apostle to the Gentiles?
Acts 13:9
Acts 9:1-18

DID YOU KNOW?
Some of the Apostles recorded the stories of Jesus and wrote about what it means to be a Christian.
Matthew and John wrote gospels.
Paul wrote many letters to the new Christian churches. (Look at the New Testament to see how many he wrote.)
James, Peter, John and Jude all wrote letters.
John wrote the book of Revelation.

DID YOU KNOW?
Four of the disciples were fishermen: **Andrew, Peter, James and John**. They would have used two different nets to fish: a circular one in shallow water and a large dragnet in deep water.

Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

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J	A	O	D	J	A	M	E	S	I	M	O	N	S	
J	A	T	H	A	D	D	E	U	S	L	E	H	D	U
M	T	N	S	M	A	T	T	H	I	A	S	R	S	
E	N	O	T	H	O	M	A	S	P	E	T	E	R	
S	A	B	A	R	T	H	O	L	O	M	E	W	S	

PETER • JAMES • JOHN
ANDREW • PHILIP
BARTHOLOMEW
MATTHEW • THOMAS
THADDEUS • SIMON
JAMES • JUDAS
MATTHIAS • PAUL

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Children Rule – Tomorrow's World in our Village This year's Craft and Horticultural Show, Monday 26th Aug 2019 from 2.00 till 5.00pm, is hoping to resurrect events for Children in ours and surrounding villages next to the Village Hall, well away from traffic.

We hope to have mini tennis activities, including adult and child doubles, penalty shoot out and hook the duck courtesy of Holy Redeemer Primary school. There's also a range of games available courtesy of Willersey Primary school, including target golf, target bean bags and the obstacle course. Others are possible but few

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3	6	8	2	5	9	1	4	7
2	5	4	7	1	3	9	8	6
5	4	3	1	9	7	6	2	8
7	8	9	5	6	2	3	1	4
6	2	1	8	3	4	5	7	9
4	9	5	6	7	1	8	3	2
8	7	6	3	2	5	4	9	1
1	3	2	9	4	8	7	6	5

will run without the support of Parents and other willing volunteers to help.

The aim is to engage our children, make them feel part of the show and have fun. If you can give an hour or more, please contact either Sarah Arthey on saraharthey@hotmail.co.uk or Ken Spensley on ica86lta@btinternet.com

Thank you in anticipation. When you're not playing these games there's space on the grass to relax, enjoy the sunshine and a bring-your-own picnic! **14**

Nature Box 'Bangers and Breeders'

Now that we have three swift nest boxes up at The Bell, with particular thanks to Robert Hemings, we await to see what interest may be shown by our returning swifts in this first year.

Following the fund raising at The Bell, from Willersey bell ringers, Collin Close residents, the WI coffee morning with the 'Where's Sid the Swift' competition and generous donations - we're back in the black, and all 3 boxes have been paid for via 'retro funding'. Thank you all.

Whilst there is no guarantee swifts will use our boxes to breed this year - cheeky starlings got in first with our own swift nest box at the house; we may see some action with immature non breeding swifts flying up at 40mph and striking a box whilst inspecting, ready perhaps to nest next year. Hence the name 'bangers'.

It is always interesting to hear recollections and observations about Willersey wildlife, and a particular 'shout out' to *Adine, Beccie, Bill, Clive, Deborah, David, Derek, Glennys, Helen, Jayne, Jean, Judith, Mal, Mike & Shirley, Pam, Peter, Pete, Robert & Helen, Richard, Robin, Sue, Sandra, Sarah, Sandy & Mike, Sue & Lou, Trevor* and many others who have been in contact via Gmail or stopped me in the street to share their interest in and knowledge of our local wildlife.

And, while most of us aren't looking plenty of robins are busy raising their second brood. First brood robins don't have that red breast yet.

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

Proceeds to go to the Village Hall

In conjunction with the Willersey Horticulture Show

To be held on Bank Holiday

Monday 26th August 2019 from 2pm

On Top Green, Willersey

**WE WOULD LIKE SPONSORS FOR EVERY CLASS PLEASE
TO APPEAR ON THE SCHEDULE AND
BE ANNOUNCED ON THE DAY**

SCHEDULE

CLASS 1: **FANCY DRESS FOR DOGS**

CLASS 2: DOG WITH THE WAGGIEST TAIL

CLASS 3: BEST VETERAN – 7 years & over

CLASS 4: MOST APPEALING EYES

CLASS 5: DOG WITH THE SHORTEST LEGS

CLASS 6: BEST FAMILY DOG

- shown by 2 family members

CLASS 7: BEST WORKING DOG (No Display)

CLASS 8: BEST RESCUE DOG

CLASS 9: BEST LOOKING DOG

CLASS 10: BEST CONDITION

BEST IN SHOW – ALL 1ST WINNERS

ENTRIES ON THE DAY £2.00

Family Service Sunday 16th June

Father Kevin took our June Trinity Sunday Service on Father's Day. On our service sheet was the Rublev Icon depicting the Trinity. Father Kevin based his talk on this icon and there was much interaction between him and the congregation as we looked at the picture in more detail. I think everyone will have learnt something from this fascinating icon of the three figures Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We learnt a new song with Kevin and

- Horticulture and Craft Show
- Vintage and Classic Car Display
- Vintage Tractor Display
- Dog Show
- Scarecrow Trail
- Teas and Cakes
- Various Stalls and Attractions
- Children Games
- Hand Bell Ringing
- Musical Interludes

Any Village organisation who wish to run a stall to raise money for their benefits, please contact Bill Payne on 01386 858368 or 07977844893 or e-mail billathome13@tiscali.co.uk to book their spot.

Anyone wishing to display their artistic talents in the Craft Show, please contact Sandy Barnes or Gillian Beale

Reminder for the Photography 2019 section, the subjects are:-

- 1) Insects
- 2) Water
- 3) Patterns in Nature
- 4) Hanging Mists

Show Schedules will be available at Willersey Stores from mid - July, so please take one and "Have a go in the Show" --- YOU NEVER KNOW

More details to follow in August's edition

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

We ended our season with the summer party. On arrival the hall looked very festive and summery. Harvington Ukulele Band entertained us with lots of the old songs that we all recognized and could sing along with. Then we were served with a sumptuous tea, ending with strawberries and cream. We now have a break until 12th September when we hold our Annual General Meeting. We have a very interesting programme planned for next season and we welcome new members to our meetings.

St Nicholas' Church Saintbury

Opening the National Volunteers' Week on Saturday 1st June Anne, Karen and Heather joined Patrick Joel (Volunteering Officer) from the Churches Conservation Trust at St Nicholas Church for the day. The group set out to initiate its first steps towards a new roof appeal aiming at around £150,000 to apply lead replacement and repairs following the comprehensive roof theft of late 2017. This remains a threat to the important medieval wall paintings and the integrity of the building generally. The appeal project will include support from the community in the form of a series of events currently in design, none possible without early June's thorough and deep clean, which the local group tackled with purpose. As a first step, high level dusting and cobweb removal brought down ancient dirt which was obscuring the figuring of the barrel roof in the chancel and making the pale walls of the nave dull as well. Airborne dust settled but not for long, with dusters, brushes and vacuuming completing the task to the point of dry polishing woodwork for a finish. Results are best evaluated with a visit so please contact either Anne Thomas on 853797 - email: upperwall@aol.com or Karen Postings on 859179 - email: postings55@btinternet.com so we can arrange entry.

The churchyard is in dire need of maintenance. This is not owned by the Churches Conservation Trust and is the responsibility of Willersey and Saintbury Parish. Any assistance in grass cutting would be gratefully received. Mower fuel expenses etc can be reimbursed by contacting the Church Warden Robert McNeil-Wilson. Will we keep you informed of any future events and if you wish to volunteer please do not hesitate to contact us.

Anne Thomas and Karen Postings (Church Volunteers).

Sang The Lord's Prayer to a calypso rhythm. Thank you to Bill for welcoming everyone on arrival, Justine for reading the lesson and Ken and Gillian for the prayers.

Refreshments were provided by Jutsine and Rachael with help from Grace and Poppy. Chocolates were offered to the fathers and grandfathers as it was Father's day. The ladies were not left out!. There were enough for everyone.

Our next Family Service will be on 21st July at 11:00am.

CHRISTIAN AID



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE
TWO CHURCHES' EFFORT TO RAISE MONEY FOR
CHRISTIAN AID.**

PAR HOUSE, 25 COLLIN CLOSE, WILLERSEY

**COFFEE MORNING/GARDEN OPEN,
SALES TABLES, RAFFLE AND,
HOPEFULLY GOOD WEATHER!**

FRIDAY JULY 12TH FROM 10:30 – 12:00

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL Management Committee Meeting

There will be a Meeting of the Management Committee on Tuesday 16th July, 2019 at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Room. Please let the Secretary, Phil Bennett Tel: 01386 858695 know if you are unable to attend.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH July 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 July 2019

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Refreshments
July 7th Trinity 3	Ken Spensley Morning Prayer	Pat Heming	Sandra Spensley & Pat Heming
July 14th Trinity 4	David Kelley HC TL	David Kelley	Rob Heming & Peter Burch
July 21st Trinity 5	11.00 am Bel & Bill Jabelman	Family Service	FAST team Bel & Bill Jabelman
July 28th Trinity 6	Tim Prestage HC ML	Tim Prestage	Sylvia Schambri & Linda Frost
4th August Trinity 7	Morning Prayer		

Please check with the week sheet that there is no change to the lessons. If you are unable to do your duty please arrange a swap.

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

HC Holy Communion TL Traditional Language

ML Modern Language CW Eucharist

All services start at **9:00am unless otherwise noted.**

Please check for changes/additions on the weekly sheet.

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July 6th or July 13th

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St Peter's Church Cleaning

Annie Payne and Sue Clark

Justine Steventon and Grace

St Peter's Brass Cleaning

Gillian Beale

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Please choose either week to do your cleaning. The cleaning cupboard in the vestry. A key is in the Bell Inn or from Mrs Gillian Beale 01386 852958. Please let me know if cleaning materials are getting low so I can replenish - Gillian.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for JULY 2019

Our services all start at 10:30 am

- 7th July Alan Cooper
 14th July Revd Israel Selanayagam (with communion)
 21st July Circuit Celebratory Service at Stratford with all the other churches from our Circuit
 28th July Don & Jean Pritchard

Date	St Peter's Lessons
July 7th	2 King ch 5 v 1-14 & Galatians ch 6 v 7-16
July 14th	Amos ch 7 v 7-end & Colossians ch 1 v 1-14
July 21st	Family Service
July 28th	Hosea ch 1 v 2-10 & Colossians ch 2 v 6-15

Parochial Church Council

The PCC held its annual meeting on Monday April 21st in St Peter's Church. Reports were heard from the Rector, the Primary School Headmaster, Family Service Planning Team and the Churchwarden. Financial statements for the year were produced and circulated. The members of the PCC are now Rev Scott Watts, 834946, chairperson; Rob McNeil Wilson, 852785, churchwarden; Sylvia Schambri, minutes secretary; Judith McNeil Wilson, acting treasurer; Rachael Barker, 859483, safeguarding officer; Gillian Beale, 852958; & David Kelley. Meetings are held quarterly in the Methodist Committee Room.

If you would like to be the Treasurer please contact one of us.

FAST – Family Service Team; the First 10 Years! July 2019 sees the 10th Anniversary of St. Peter's much-acclaimed Family Service. This informal act of worship, still held at 11:00 on the third Sunday of every month, appeals to children and the young at heart. Thanks to all the FAST Women who have worked with our clergy over the years to develop and deliver these services.