

MONDAYS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates are **Mondays 4th & 18th November**

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

Green bins for garden and food waste currently go out every week.

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-library/mobile-library-service/>

For telephone queries 01452 425048 or 07795602325 Being curtailed?

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.

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 841849 N. N. Cresswell 01386 48655

Johnsons 01564 797000 for route 1

Pulhams Coaches 01451 820369 for route 606

From October 28th, New Timetable operated by Pulhams Coaches 01451 820369.

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/ and for Willersey on the 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.

‘I am grateful to God...when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.’ The Second Letter of St Paul to Timothy, chapter 1, verse 3 (NRSV)

The older I get, the more convinced I am that the walk of faith was never intended to be an experience of loneliness or isolation. I don't mean that there aren't times when we seek and need peace and quiet – we all need those precious moments – but as I get older I realise, more and more, the importance of fellowship, friendship and partnership in the Gospel. Of course, as a Christian, I know, deep down, that I am never really alone. God is with me because the risen, ascended and glorified Jesus Christ has sent his Holy Spirit to abide with me and within me. This is the profound and wonderful truth for all Christians. However, there are times, humanly speaking, when the world can feel a lonely place.

One of the things that I love about being a Christian minister is that I don't work in isolation. There are many incredibly hard-working and dedicated people who share with me in ministry. I think especially of my churchwardens, members of our church councils, other clergy and lay ministers, and so many others, who support, help and encourage me and, more than that, who show, in word and deed, the love of God to a needy world. Like St Paul, writing to his friend, Timothy, I thank God for each one of them every day. Each is a blessing from God. And, I thank God for all of you, too! You have made Ros and me so welcome and so at home in these amazing communities.

Two people have recently joined our Team and I want formally to welcome them and to introduce them to you.

First, the **Reverend Dr Kevin Grumball** has been Licensed by Bishop Rachel, the Bishop of Gloucester, as Associate Vicar. Kevin helps in the parishes on a part-time basis, whilst also working as cyber-security consultant for Lloyd's of London. Whilst Kevin has been with us on placement for some months, we are delighted that he is now a permanent part of the Team.

Then, **Mark Taylor, a Licensed Lay Minister** (sometimes known as a Reader) will soon be Licensed by Bishop Robert, the Bishop of Tewkesbury, to serve in the Team. Previously, Mark was a senior officer in the West Midlands Fire Service. Since he retired, he has set up and now runs his own fire rescue education and training consultancy.

Welcome, Kevin and Mark! We are so glad that you're here and we look forward to all that God is going to do in you and through you as you share with us. Do, please, look out for them and do, please, make Kevin and Mark as welcome as you have made me.

Oh, and if you're finding the world a lonely place at the moment, why not reach out to God in prayer? You don't need to use any fancy or 'churchy' words. Just tell God, in your own words, what's on your heart and mind. And, don't be afraid to reach out to us, too. We're here for you – always – regardless of what you believe, struggle to believe or don't believe.

With love,
Scott

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An Odd Occurrence

Just as a shout out as it seems rather odd, we had someone come banging on the front door then doing the doorbell claiming they were here to sell something. We couldn't tell what they were selling as they just asked in what I assume was a London accent 'do you need anything?' We were all rather perplexed. All we said in response was that there is an anti-cold calling sign so he better watch out - his excuse for not knowing was that he entered from the 'other end' which means he was on foot around the village - possibly looking for someone to rob said partner and felt like it was an odd occurrence,

Broadway Embroidery Group

October was the beginning of Christmas for the group. Felt stockings in blue or white felt were given to each member to decorate in any way they liked. On completion these will be displayed at the Christmas Tree Festival at the United Reformed Church in Broadway.

November Meeting.

Thursday November 7th at Broadway Methodist Hall. 10am to 1pm
Project – Rose's Christmas Challenge.
For information and enquiries please ring either
Penny Ingles on 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale on 01386 852958

Village Hall Redevelopment

The Parish Council are planning to start the redevelopment next Easter subject to residents' approval. Further information will be provided regarding the plans and a public meeting held in the coming weeks.

**HAVE YOU GOT AN NHS HEARING AID?
IMPORTANT NOTICE OF CHANGES TO
Hearing Aid Sessions in Chipping Campden and Mickleton**

**Starting in February 2020 (thereafter every other month)
Sessions will be BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

By calling

Gloucestershire Deaf Association 01452 372999

Session times remain the same

**at Badgers Field, Chipping Campden between 10.00am – 12.30pm and
at The Leasows, Cedar Road, Mickleton between 1.30 pm & 3.30pm**

The Hard of Hearing Outreach Workers from
the **Gloucestershire Deaf Association** will be offering help and information.
They will change your hearing aid tubes and make sure that your hearing aid is
working well.

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Willessey certainly did Wear It Pink Friday 18th October.

We made **£2300** Amazing!

We really can't thank everyone enough for being so, so generous,
wonderful bakers, great prizes, gifts, auction items and the many, many
donations, and to you all for braving the awful weather to attend this event
to spend your money.

Many of us in the village have been touched by Breast cancer which still
claims 1000 lives a month. This amount of money raised will go a long way
in funding research into this disease.

Even though we had such wonderful help from so many, we couldn't have
done it without Sue and Lou at The Bell Inn. They have been so fantastic,
hosting, huge donations and collecting auction items. They couldn't have
done more to make this event such a success.

To **The Wear It Pink Team**, my wonderful friends you went above and
beyond I can't thank you enough. Sorry I can't write to you all for the
many, many donations, I would be here until next Christmas, thank you.

Feeling very emotional and so very grateful,
Jackie Jordan on behalf of **The Wear It Pink Team.**



By Popular demand

COMMUNITY QUIZ & RAFFLE

Organised by and in aid of the Willersey Churches

9th November 7p.m.

At the Village Hall – 6 persons per team

Contact Penny Ingles (853306) or Penny Burch (853837) to book a table

£6 entry per person includes a Ploughman's supper

Please bring your own cutlery, drinks and glasses

A good evening is promised by Expert Quizmasters **Bob Topp** and **Pete Cavanagh**

This could be their last Quiz! So come and enjoy!

The DECEMBER 2019 and JANUARY 2020 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Copy for the December/January **News** must be received by Sunday 17th November 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.

The editors aim to make the Newsletter as correct as possible but errors may sadly slip in and we are also dependent on the accuracy of our contributors!

VOLUNTEER WITH GIRLGUIDING

Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK, with over 500,000 members.

Thanks to the dedication and support of over 100,000 amazing volunteers, we are active in every part of the UK, giving girls and young women a space where they can be themselves, have fun, build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills and make a positive difference to their lives and their communities.

We build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations. We give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good. We give them a space to have fun.

We run Rainbows (5-7 yrs), Brownies (7-10 yrs), Guides (10-14 yrs) and Rangers (14-18 yrs)

Interested in Volunteering ?

There are a myriad of ways you can get involved.

Our volunteering opportunities can fit around your skills, commitments and interests. You don't need to have been involved in Guiding before to make a big difference and find a role that's perfect for you.

What Volunteering is All About

Volunteering with us isn't just about campfires and helping girls to get their next badge - although those are special moments that we all share.

It's about empowering girls and giving them new experiences.

It's about being a role model and helping girls to realise their full potential.

It's sharing and developing your skills.

VOLUNTEER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your professional and personal experience, a specific skill or simply your enthusiasm - you have so much to share with girls and young women in Guiding. It's time to get involved.

Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Or find out more at cotswoldn@girlguidingglos.org.uk

Cotswold District Council is calling on residents to give their views on proposed changes to its Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

The Council has launched a consultation which runs until Friday 15th November and is open to all residents in the district, not just those in receipt of support. If agreed, the changes would come into effect on 1st April 2020. Changes proposed include:

- Introducing a new income banded scheme to take account of different groups from single occupants to couples and families with children.
- Introducing an 'extended period' of up to eight weeks to support the transition of households whose increased income sees them move into higher banding.
- Removal of the two child limit to help larger families have more disposable income
- Introducing an increase to the maximum amount of savings claimants can have, from £6,001 to £10,000.

Cllr Mike Evely, Deputy Leader of Cotswold District Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, said: "This consultation is vital to understand the views not just of those who rely on Council Tax support, but also the wider communities we serve. I'd encourage anyone who can spare a few moments to fill out the survey and help us to ensure any changes made best suit the needs of residents." Following the consultation, a report will be considered by councillors before a decision is made.

The survey is online at www.cotswold.gov.uk/CTRS, while paper copies can be found at the Council Offices in Cirencester & Moreton in Marsh.

Our Church **October Family Service** was a Happy Time with the congregation joining in. The Theme this time was Books and *What's in the Bag* came out with pieces from everyday literature to Bible readings. The congregation were asked if they recognised these readings. There were some very knowledgeable people able to guess most of the pieces, sometimes with a clue given. Father Kevin took the Service welcoming several American visitors who were very interested in the Service and thoroughly enjoyed joining in. Kevin's talk was based on a book from Isaiah to complete the Service. There was a new hymn sung during the Service and with the music provided it went very well.

Bill, Margaret and Dale helped giving out Service sheets and Poppy did her job helping with the collection. Pat and Ken lead us in Prayer.

Our **November Service** is **Village Sunday** when all the organisations are asked to come and take part. Why not join us to say Thank You for our village and Village life on November 17th at 11 O'clock.

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.

Parish Council

Dog regulations for the Recreation Ground

The Parish Council thanks those residents who have responded to the consultation regarding dog access to the ground.

The conclusions are that although residents believe most dogs are friendly they recognise that some may not be, and many people or children find a dog running towards them and possibly jumping or barking to be an alarming experience.

Parents of children using the playground do not believe that dogs should be allowed in this area. Although faeces is picked up, urine is not.

Those who use the park for exercise particularly football, are concerned that dog faeces are not picked up.

The ground is a convenient exercise area for dog owners living close by.

Following this consultation the Parish Council have decided that the best way of reconciling the interests of dog walkers, footballers, parents and other users, is that in future dogs will be permitted in the ground but only if they are kept on a lead at all times.

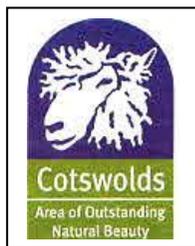
This will take effect from November 1st and appropriate notices will be erected at entrances to the ground.

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LOCAL WALKS WITH THE
COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS
November 2019



**Windrush, Wardens Way Circular – Walk 4 –
Tuesday 5th November - Moderate**

The last in a series of four circular walks encompassing the Windrush and Wardens Way. We will leave Winchcombe on the Windrush Way and return via the Wardens Way. Hopefully we will get lovely views down the Sudeley valley. Bring a packed lunch. 4.5 hours: 8 miles.
Start: 10.00 am Winchcombe Back lane car park (£1 all day) OS Map ref: SP 024 285.

Hidcote Hike – Thursday 7th November - Strenuous

An excellent walk, much of the trail being stone tracks. We start at Hidcote, which will be closed, and head for Chipping Campden and Ebrington passing the large mansion style house of Foxcote. End with glorious views over Ilmington and a scenic descent to Hidcote. Bring a snack and a packed lunch. 5 hours: 10 miles.
Start: 10.00 am Hidcote NT car park. OS Map ref: SP 176 428.

Hills and Churches around Oxenton Hill – 8th November – Moderate

A hilly walk passing the churches around Oxenton and Crane Hills. Great views on a clear day. Please bring a drink/snack. 3 hours: 6 miles.
Start: 10.00 am Park carefully in Alstone village. Meet at St Margaret's church.
OS Map ref: SO 983 325.

Power around Guiting – Tuesday 12th November - Moderate

This circular walk starts at the ancient village of Guiting Power. We climb up the Cotswold Hills to get views to the north and west (weather permitting). Dropping down into the river valley, we come to the village of Naunton with its famous dove-cote. Bring drinks and a snack. 3 hours: 6 miles.
Start: 10.00 am Guiting Power village car park (donation) OS Map ref: SP 094 246.

A Three Village Walk – 19th November - Strenuous

A walk with several ascents but no significant climbs. We visit the villages of Cold Aston (also known as Aston Blanc), Turkdean and Notgrove via the Macmillan Way, Diamond Way and Gloucestershire Way. Refreshments available after the walk in The Plough, Cold Aston. 3 hours: 6.5 miles.
Start: 10.00 am Village green, Cold Aston. OS Map ref: SP 129 197.

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.



Willersey WI October Report

Martin Blakeman proved to be a great draw for members and our seven guests, many of whom had worked with Martin at Gordon Russell's. His talk and slide show on 'A Craftsman's View - Gordon Russell' was full of anecdotes and information really bringing the workshop and its many skilled craftsmen to life. How fortunate to be surrounded by such a skill set with amazing memories of times gone by. Martin judged the competition, 'An Item of Wood to Inspire'. He chose a beautifully turned goblet made by Heather's beau.

A huge thank you to all who helped to raise a stonking £1,160 plus £90 gift aided contribution at The Macmillan Coffee Morning; along with another chunk of money, £40, for the Cobalt Unit. We were all definitely in the pink over these results and in preparation for Jackie's 'Wear It Pink Day' at the Bell Inn. So, no holds barred with the pink outfits girls.

We have managed to round up three teams for the Village Quiz, always a fun evening, with good company and tasty snacks. Do we have what it takes to win? Watch this space.

Our tasty supper from Lynne and Lizzie was rounded off with Lizzie sharing the chocolate cake she won at the Macmillan Coffee morning. It has been noted that Penny B was again on a winning streak with the raffle We hope that when she wins on the lottery she remembers her friends!

Although it's only October our thoughts turn to Christmas with plans for our Christmas Village Bazaar on the 23rd November. A great opportunity to find those little Christmas gifts. We have a wreath making workshop coming up on the 2nd December and the Seniors' lunch on the 7th December. So with all this planned activity we are kicking back and enjoying being spoilt at the Childswickham Inn for our Christmas Party.



AGM - NOVEMBER MEETING

11th November - Village Hall 7.15

'Flower Arranging' - BHGS

An open meeting - £4 for guests

Tea Hostesses - Jane & Eileen

Birthday Flowers - Adine - 3 Raffle - Judy

WI Crockery Hire call Mal 858351



Children's Corner

Children's Prayers – as written

Dear God,

Please change the taste of asparagus, its gross.

If you watch in church on Sunday I will show you my new shoes.

Did you mean for giraffe to look like that or was it an accident.

If you let dinasor not extinct we would not have a country. You did the right thing.

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own room. It works with me and my brother.

Please send Dennis Clarke to a different camp this year.

I went to a wedding and they kissed right there in church. Is that OK?

My turtle died. Is he with you? If so he likes lettuce.

“Do not be afraid for I am with you” Isaiah 43:5 (Secret Agents Memory verse)

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of our vounteers, the children who attend and everyone who prayfully coverd this years VaCE Holiday club. It was an incredible time and unachievable without each one of you offering your time and giftings. Thank you!

We had around 30 primary school age children join us this year. Our theme was SECRET AGENTS. A theme everyone hugely enjoyed. Our leaders probably the most!

Our teaching was based around the story of Moses. From his birth to leading the people out of salvery in Egypt. We learned how God had chosen Moses for a mission. Our secret agents had 3 days of games,craft and story telling all centered around how god ultimatly loves us, he is our saviour, our protector and how we are called to be his messengers, his agents!

Parent comments:

“Thank you enormously.That was the best value for money, I have spent all summer. It was an amazing time!Thank you” KS1

“Thank you for the holiday club, it was thoroughly enjoyed by my son and his friend - who went home and told his parents that God is always with you” KS2

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We are all looking forward to another great holiday club in 2020!

New Bus Time Table



From October 28th, a new timetable for the 606 bus will be operated by Pulhams Coaches telephone 01451 820369. There is no Sunday service now.

Jonathan Roberts is the Transport Infrastructure Officer contact at Gloucestershire County Council if you wish to comment on this. Here is an online link to the new timetable.

www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus

Signpost Broadway AGM
to be held at the
Broadway United Reform Church on
Monday, 11th November at 7 pm. All Welcome.

Helen Rushmore Chair
Signpost Broadway Mobile: 07974 766269

Nature Box



Flocks of Convenience

Winter migration is now well underway with great flocks of birds arriving having successfully navigated their lengthy journeys.

Sticking together has obvious benefits for birds such as geese, swans and waders, usually travelling in a 'V' formation to conserve energy, taking it in turns to be at the front; although nobody has yet discovered how they decide who is to lead and what signals a change of leader.

Although we are unlikely to see such spectacular arrivals over Willersey, there will be many other smaller birds migrating through the area and travelling together helps in identifying suitable landfall, finding food and of course extra pairs of eyes to watch for predators. Flocks of redwing and fieldfare regularly arrive in and around the village, stopping to feed and rest before perhaps moving on. Such migratory birds often fly at night for extra safety, and can be heard flying overhead in the dark calling to each other. Although it is now known that peregrine falcons have become adept at catching migrating birds at night in urban areas where there is significant street lighting.

Our tits and finches will form large mixed groups of convenience too at this time, and can be seen busily using feeders and flitting through our gardens.

And, while most of us aren't looking, our hedgehogs will soon be bedding down and hibernating for the winter.

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

Weston Rural Cinema: November

The last film of 2019 is "Wild Rose". This highly acclaimed production tells the complicated story of Rose-Lynn, a Scottish woman on a quest to become a country music star. She is just out of prison and grappling with the responsibilities of a job and being a young mother of two children. The opportunity to travel to Nashville, Tennessee begins a life-changing journey to discover her true voice.

The film will be shown in Weston-sub-Edge Village Hall on Thursday 28th November. 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. New faces are always welcome.

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.

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.
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Equipilates	–	Mondays at 7.00 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 second and fourth Fridays of the month at 6.00 p.m.

The hall offers a Children's Party package for £30 for 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons. Catering can be arranged through the Village Bar. For more information about the hall visit the village website, www.westonsubedge.com or contact Chris Rossington on 01386 849316.

Christmas Fair

The annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 30th November at 2.00 p.m. with lots of suitably themed stalls and games and plenty to entertain the children. Check the village website and the posters that will be on display nearer the time. If you are interested in helping out on the day or in providing a stall please contact Sue Prestage at sue.prestage@gmail.com.

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our speaker on 25th September was Gwen Zanzottera on "A Double Evacuation". With this intriguing title we were unsure what to expect. Gwen told us that she was born in London and lived there until the age of 9 when war was declared. She was one of the many children who were immediately evacuated and with her mother was sent to Northampton where the conditions they had to live in were not good. After a while, as London was not being bombed they returned to their home. Then bombing started in earnest and they came to Broadway, which she said was like a picture postcard village. They were very happy here and she said she had a very good education, first in Broadway School, then Prince Henry's Grammar School in Evesham. Her stories brought back many memories to our members.

On 9th October Jan Long came to talk to us about her work with the British Council. Not a lot is known about this Council which was formed in 1934 and opened offices and branches all over the world, to promote British Trade abroad. It has offices in America, North Africa, Sub Sahara, East Asia, Russia and many other countries. Jan had lived in many foreign countries as a child as her father was in the forces, and had also worked in several of them during her 25 years with the Council. Her talk was very informative and amusing, illustrated by pictures of the places she had worked in and some of the famous people she had met.

On 6th November Roger Butler pays a return visit with his talk and slides on "The Magic of Morocco" and on 20th November some of the children from Willersey Primary School will bring "A Christmas Chorus"
on 4th December Mike Watkins will give a talk with film and music on "Remembering the Swinging 60s"
We then have a break until 8th January 2020 when we shall have our New Year Lunch at Dumbleton Hall.

Royal Air Forces Association Autumn Concert

A big thank you to all those who came along and supported the RAF Association Concert on Saturday 19th October. Particular thanks to the Blockley Blokes Choir under the direction of Martin Dear and Accompanist Doreen Robinson. And a huge thank you to The Willersey Hand Bell Ringers led by Robert Chadburn who provided most entertaining support. Many thanks also to Mark and Zoe at the Village Stores for their help in selling tickets. We had a most enjoyable evening and raised a very healthy sum for the RAF Association annual Wings Appeal charity.

Parish Safeguarding Update

Every parish in the Vale and Cotswold Edge Team takes seriously its safeguarding responsibilities and I thought it might be helpful if I gave you an update of what is happening nationally and locally in the Church.

January saw the publication of the 'Parish Safeguarding Handbook', designed to support day-to-day safeguarding work for all parishes working with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

Then, the House of Bishops produced a 'Promoting a Safer Church' safeguarding policy statement. The church councils of each church have formally agreed to adopt this document, which will be displayed outside each church. This, along with other documents on display, gives details of each Parish Safeguarding Officer. Contact numbers are also provided for passing on concerns about abuse of children, vulnerable adults and reporting modern slavery. The latest version of all the Church of England safeguarding documents can be viewed at <http://www.churchofengland.org/safeguarding>

Awareness of safeguarding issues applies to all aspects of church life, especially to those in the Church who are at risk of being alone with a child or vulnerable adult. As a minimum, these people are required to complete a course covering basic safeguarding requirements. For example, our Church bell-ringers have recently completed this course.

The annual version of the church's safeguarding checklist has just been completed and submitted to the Diocese of Gloucester for each of the parishes across the Team. This aims to ensure that we have checks in place and identify areas where more work needs doing.

I hope this update is helpful and gives you assurance of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all those who have contact, however limited, with the Church.

Rev Scott Watts, Team Vicar

Willersey Snooker Club AGM 2019

Willersey Snooker Club's Annual General Meeting will take place in the Snooker Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 2nd December. All members are welcome, along with any guests interested in future membership.

The meeting will follow the traditional format to include the election of Club Officers and Committee

Willersey Village Christmas Bazaar



Saturday 23rd November 10.30 to 12noon

The WI invite you to the Village Hall & Jubilee Room

Entry fee of £2 to include coffee and biscuits

Cakes and a raffle are on offer

Joining us are local artisans selling Christmas goods

Some enthusiastic Willersey School Children and parents with a fund raising activity. The lively young things who supported our last event will also be doing their bit for their chosen charity

If anyone would like to join us with a stall please contact
Mal 858351 or Maggie 858635



Christmas Tree Festival

St Peters' Church is planning to hold a Christmas Tree Festival during the Christmas period. It is hoped that different organisations and businesses in the Village will be willing to take part.

The idea is that your tree could reflect your group or it could be decorated in any way you choose.

Trees will be provided. They will not be large.

Ideally it would be good to have the trees decorated and in position for the weekend of the 14th /15th Decmber in time for the Family Service.

If you would like to take part please contact either
Jennie Bond 01386 853430 or Gillian Beale 01386 852958

THE POND



Thank you, thank you

I would like to thank all of the loyal volunteers who tackle the cleaning out of the pond every year. It's looking really good and even the growing number of ducks approve!

I am sure a visit to The Bell afterwards is very much deserved!

It's nice to know that we have such a good community spirit in our lovely village.

An appreciative resident.

Willersey WI



Invites all senior over 60 residents in the Village

to

A Traditional Christmas Lunch

on

Saturday 7th December 2019 in the Village Hall

at

12.30 for 1.00pm

Please detach and return this slip to the Village Shop by 22nd November 2019 (or copy it)

Name/s _____

would like to accept the invitation for _____ **place(s)**

Any special dietary needs _____

If you require a lift please contact Penny Burch on 853837

ST. PETER'S CHURCH November 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 November 2019

Date	Sidesman	Reader	Refreshments
November 3rd 4th Sunday Before Advent	Rob Heming Morning Prayer	Pat Heming	Ken & Sandra Spensley
November 10th Remembrance Sunday	David Kelley 10.30 a.m. Remembrance Joint Service	David Kelley	Liz Webb & Linda Frost
November 17th 2nd Sunday Before Advent	Bel & Bill Jabelman Family Service	F.A.S.T. 11:00am	Members of Village Organisations
November 24th Last Sunday Before Advent	Penny Burch HC ML	John Busbridge	Sylvia Schambri & Peter Burch
December 1st Advent Sunday	Morning Prayer Also 4 p.m. Carol Service at Methodist Church		

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.

We have some child and adult friendly booklets in our church prayer corner, please take one home with you if you wish when you visit.

Regards The Prayer Team

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for NOVEMBER 2019

Please come and join us.

All services are at 10.30 am with coffee afterwards.

3rd November Christine Armstrong
 10th November Remembrance at St Peter's with Allen Cooper
 17th November Revd. Israel Salvanaygam Sacrament
 24th November Revd. N Coke-Woods

There is a Church Meeting on October 22nd at 2.30 pm if you would like to come along. You would be very welcome.

Date	St Peter's Lessons
November 3rd	Daniel 7 v 1-3, 15-18 and Ephesians 1 v 11-end
November 10th	Job 19 v23-27a and 2 Thessalonians 2 v1-5, 13-end
November 17th	Family Service
November 24th	Jeremiah 23 v1-6 and Colossians 1 v 11-20

Week Ending

November 2nd or 19th

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St Peter's Church Cleaning

Rachael and Poppy Barker

Sandy Barnes and Elizabeth Milne-James

St Peter's Brass Cleaning

Mal Jelfs and Jackie Jordan

Jennie and Peter Bond

Thank you again to all the volunteers who help to keep our Church so clean throughout the year. Please choose either week to do your cleaning. The cleaning cupboard in the vestry.

A vestry key is in the Bell Inn or from Gillian Beale (01386 852958.)

Our Autumn clean went well. There were a dozen of us busy sweeping, gusting and polishing. We then enjoyed soup, bread & cheese and some lovely biscuits. A Big Thank You to those who helped. We look forward to seeing you in the Springtime.

North Cotswold University of the Third Age Open Meeting

Thursday Nov 14th Open Meeting in Willersey Village Hall.

2:00pm start. Finish usually 4:00pm. Donation of £2 per person.

Recycling – Kate Booth from the Environment Agency

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