

## PUBLIC NOTICES APRIL 2020

### MONDAYS BINS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates are Mondays 6th & 20th April 2020

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

<https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/media/owgps5mn/monday-1b.pdf>.

### WILLERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Office is usually 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). There is currently no phone or office because of the Virus. But please email

[willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com)

### WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL (Hall refurbishment Easter 2020 for 6 months.)

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

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

The MOBILE POST OFFICE Willersey 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.**

### NEAREST LIBRARY

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

There is also a library on the Leamington Road in Broadway

### COTSWOLD VOLUNTEERS NORTH

Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments should ring the CVN Help Centre: 01608 651415. This telephone is manned from 09:30-15:30 Monday to Friday. At other times there is an Answerphone.

### 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 route R4 01386 48655

Johnsons 01564 797000 for route 1

Pulhams Coaches 01451 820369 for route 606

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at [www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/](http://www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/) and on the

Willersey website at [www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus](http://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](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk) **Emergency 999.**

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## PASTORAL LETTER – APRIL 2020

**‘God is our refuge and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.  
So we will not fear when earthquakes come  
and the mountains crumble into the sea.  
Let the oceans roar and foam.**

**Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!  
The God of Heaven’s Armies is here among us;  
God...is our fortress.’**

*Words from Psalm 46 (New Living Translation)*

The person who wrote Psalm 46, so many thousands of years ago, was living in, and knew, difficult times – times that were frightening, times when everything that was known, familiar and stable appeared to be falling apart around him. The world, as he knew it, was changing, almost beyond recognition. Now, Coronavirus, a word that few of us had even heard of until a few weeks ago, is having a similar effect on our lives, our families and friends, our society, the UK and, indeed, much of the planet. These are unsettling and unnerving times.

In his unsettling and unnerving times, the writer of Psalm 46 was able to say confidently, ‘So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea’. How, and why, was he able to say that with such surety? The answer is at the start and end of the words that I quoted above, ‘God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. The God of Heaven’s Armies is here among us; God...is our fortress.’ God *is* among us and is a safe place, a place of refuge, no matter what is going on around us.

I am very sorry to tell you that we have had to **suspend all public Worship services at Saint Peter’s**, on the instructions of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, until further notice. This will be the situation in all Church of England parishes. Be assured that the Church of England, nationally and locally, is most definitely not “shutting up shop”. Our Parish Church of Saint Peter will be open daily to offer a space of peace, reflection and sanctuary. We are exploring a whole range of ways to pray and worship, using online resources, and we will publish these in next month’s Village News.

Ever since I came to these wonderful parishes and communities, almost three years ago now, I have made the point passionately that, regardless of whether or not you come to church, and whatever you believe, struggle to believe or don't believe, I, and the church community, are here for you. I want, especially, to reiterate that now. If there is *anything* – practical or pastoral – that we can do to support you in the difficult days, weeks and months ahead, please be in touch. You can phone me on (01386) 834946 or email me at [revscottwatts@yahoo.com](mailto:revscottwatts@yahoo.com)

This copy of the *Village News* focuses on the Coronavirus. I know that many people will be feeling fearful and isolated and I am pleased that this issue of the *News* includes information on the Support Group that our parish organisations and other volunteers have set up to provide essential support for anyone in need of help during this emergency. Having got to know, and come to love, these communities, I know that everyone will do whatever they can to help all those who are affected by Coronavirus.

On 12<sup>th</sup> April, one way or another, Christians across the world will celebrate Easter, Christ's glorious and life-changing resurrection from the dead. From the bleakness of the cross come salvation, hope and life-eternal to all who believe. Even on the darkest of days, the resurrection of Jesus is a reminder that hope, love and light will *always* conquer hopelessness, hate and the darkness of the present moment.

With love,  
Scott  
**Rev Scott Watts, Team Rector**

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## From Gloucestershire County Council

### Does your neighbour need your help?

**Its is important that we do all we can to help those in our communities that are likely to become more isolated as measures are put in place to delay the spread of Covid-19. There are some simple but effective things we can all do to help:** Making sure they have enough food and other general supplies to cover a few days - **there is no need to panic buy though**

- Walking their dog, picking up a prescription, putting out their bins or taking in a parcel
- Phoning, Skyping or Facetime them so they can see a friendly face, helping to reduce their isolation
- Sharing child care or other caring responsibilities
- Checking if any of their planned appointments have been cancelled before they travel
- Making sure they have some simple recipes to hand, if they are not the normal chef or have done some batch cooking for the freezer

There is already a strong response from our communities that should be celebrated. To help promote good practise happening in the county, we would ask you to share what you're doing via social media, using the hashtag [#gloscommunity on Twitter](https://twitter.com/gloscommunity).

**Please [visit our webpage for more information](#) and to find resources that you can use in your local community.**

It's important that we all continue to follow the national advice and guidance which can be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

## Nature Box



### A Brush with Nature

One evening whilst walking home through the village I turned a corner and came face to face with a fox. It is hard to say which of us was more surprised. Despite our closeness neither of us moved for what seemed like an age, before the handsome young fox lost interest, turned and sauntered off, only stopping briefly to take one last seemingly bemused look at me.

Many of us, probably all of us if we think about it, can conjure up a similar memory - *a meaningful brush with nature* - be it mammal, bird or perhaps a particularly striking insect. Even the most mundane creatures can suddenly look amazing when seen close up.

Wildlife loss affecting bees - vital crop pollinators - has been much in the news, and clearly something that we should be really concerned about. But maintaining opportunities for everyday encounters with all our wildlife, however fleeting, matters too. In our increasingly busy and materially driven lives such moments are perhaps even more important than ever.

Without wildlife, landscape is merely background (\*) .

*And whilst most of us aren't looking 'our' swallows, that have had to battle through particularly severe Saharan sandstorms in returning to Willersey this year, will, fingers crossed, be arriving in early April.*

(\*) Karen Lloyd 'The Blackbird Diaries'

If you'd like to contribute to Nature Box or report interesting sightings please speak to or email Bob Topp at [willerseynaturebox@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynaturebox@gmail.com)

## Willersey Covid-19 Support Group

If you are housebound, in isolation and require assistance during this difficult time, please call our Call Centre number below, where your call will be directed to a local volunteer in the Parish.

**Call Centre telephone number: 0330 1070 300**  
(calls are charged at a local rate).

This number is for non-medical assistance only.  
For medical assistance, still call 111 or for emergencies 999.

Our team of volunteers can help you, in the first instance, by collecting shopping and prescriptions.  
Other services will be offered as we develop our response and network of volunteers.

Please also contact us via email if you have concerns about any neighbours who may require assistance. Email: [willerseycovid19@gmail.com](mailto:willerseycovid19@gmail.com)

For as long this situation lasts, we will keep you updated via the village notice boards, flyers and our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/Willersey/](http://www.facebook.com/Willersey/)

If you wish to help with volunteering or have any questions please email: [willerseycovid19@gmail.com](mailto:willerseycovid19@gmail.com)

**From**  
**Willersey Covid-19 Support Group's Steering Group**

Anthony Lishman (Chairman), Robert McNeil Wilson, Neville Jelfs,  
Justine Steventon, Quentin Thomas, Kevin Wainwright, Wendy  
Riley, Briony Lusted and Kristina Drury.

Please see below for more background information and future updates.  
<http://www.willersey.org/corona.htm>

## Parish Support Update

Dear Friends,

**COVID-19 Support Group:** As you can see from the notice above on page 3, parish organisations and enthusiastic volunteers have formed a group to provide essential, practical support to parishioners of Willersey with Saintbury who are isolated, incapacitated or in need of help for the duration of this virus outbreak. Our Call Centre number is 0330 1070 300 / Email: willerseycovid19@gmail.com

**The types of support you may need if you are self-isolating or ill might include:**

- Collecting shopping, supplies, prescriptions
- Putting out / returning bins
- Dog walking
- Sourcing specialist advice  
– or just getting a phone call or a visit for a friendly chat, whilst maintaining social distancing, if you feel isolated or want the reassurance of having established contact before you actually have any other need.

**Neighbours' support:** Within our friendly parish, it is **even better if neighbour can support neighbour** in those same ways, because you're closer at hand and will be helping to spread the load. So, please reach out to your neighbours, if you can, remembering to take care to avoid spreading infection and maintaining social distancing.

**Essential suppliers and deliveries:** There is no national shortage of food and other essentials, nor is there likely to be. To arrange essential deliveries of supplies, shopping and prescriptions to your home and for information on products on sale in the parish we have provided some information on suitable local suppliers and outlets in this issue of the Village News.

**Tradesmen:** As ever, this Village News includes advertisements for our local tradesmen, if you have any plumbing, electrical or structural problems.

**Information** on self-isolation and avoiding contracting COVID-19 from Gloucestershire County Council follows this letter. But it is important keep up to date with information as it develops, as published in newspapers and on the radio and television. Our Support Group will be making use of the Willersey Facebook page to keep you up to date: [www.facebook.com/Willersey/](http://www.facebook.com/Willersey/) If and as needed, we will publish and deliver more information sheets and flyers to every home.

St Peter's Church is **CANCELLED**

'Desert Island Discs'

Now we are truly all on our own 'desert islands' we can still play  
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Maybe you can contact a WI committee member and name your favourite piece of music saying why it is special to you.

We will then include some memories in our WI May Report.  
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WI Crockery Hire is not available until the Village Hall reopens

## Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



In the light of Government guidance for the Covid -19 pandemic to avoid non-essential social contact the **Cotswold Wardens Walks programme has been cancelled** from Thursday 19th March until further notice. Please check the website for updates but subject to changing advice please try one of our many **self-guided walks** that can be found at

<https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/walking/self-guided-walks/>

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. For more information see [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

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## St Peter's Church Cleaning Rota

Although Church Services have been suspended, the Church is still open daily so the rota will continue

### Week Ending

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### St Peter's Church Cleaning

Rachael and Poppy Barker

Gillian Beale

### St Peter's Brass Cleaning

Mal Jelfs/Jackie Jordan

Jennie and Peter Bond

Please choose which week you prefer to do your cleaning.

A vestry key allowing access to the cleaning cupboard can be obtained from The Bell Inn or from Mrs Gillian Beale 01386 852958.



## Willersey WI March Report

A windy wet evening and what could be better than a lovely warm welcome at the Wayside Farm Shop. Tom and Timea offered delicious hot coffee and tea to warm us all up before launching into Jerusalem. Tom's wife Beckie thought it was a good idea to buy him a sausage making machine for a present, and with the surname Cumberland, what could be better, and they have never looked back. This was the start of a new adventure. Tom gave an informative and lively demonstration of the art of sausage making. However he's not all heart, as he was not about to share his secret ingredients with us; but nevertheless, they certainly produced lovely sausages as proved by the clean plates following our supper of sausage and mash. Tom and Beckie continue to expand their farm shop with some very tasty in house ciders, chutneys, jams and marmalade. Locally grown fruit and vegetables are on offer seven days a week, and all served by the friendliest team.

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Our plan for meetings for the next few months, while the Village Hall is being refurbished, is for us to meet at St Peter's Church. However given the situation with coronavirus we will not be meeting in the near future and we will keep you informed by email or telephone.

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FOOTNOTE - We are cancelling the April Meeting

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If anyone is self isolating and in need of support, collecting medication or requires a shopper, pick up the phone and call one of the committee.

Telephone numbers are on your membership card.

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The Campden Group Meeting this year, in Mickleton, is cancelled. Mal welcomed all members and guests and Jerusalem was sung with gusto.

## Monday 13th April APRIL MEETING

**The suspension of Church Services:** As our Rector makes clear in his letter to you, Saint Peter's and the rest of the Church of England is not 'shutting up shop' and we will be developing new, remote approaches to prayer and Worship. You are welcome to call on me and Revd. Scott and our contact information is in here, after Revd. Scott's letter, as always.

**Saint Peter's Church will be open every day.** So, you will still be able to go and enjoy the peace and beauty of your beautiful Parish Church and go in to pray with the direct line to the Lord that we can always find there.

**Sunday bell-ringing** is suspended, including Thursday evening practice

**Supermarkets:** The nation's formidable selection of Supermarkets are keeping us supplied. Please spare a thought for their staff. These people are working hard for us on the front-line of keeping our nation going. Perhaps take the time, whilst you're shopping, to ask them and staff in local shops how they're doing – we need to help them to keep up their morale and let them know we support them as they labour for us.

If you are fit enough to get out of your home, don't make yourself a prisoner; get out and about, whilst maintaining that important, safe, social distance of at least two metres from everyone else – and keep fit, get some fresh air and get some company. There are still plenty of smiling, friendly faces and good humour to be found on the streets of Willersey.

We do not know how long the virus outbreak and this extraordinary way of life will last. But the clocks have gone forward, the days are drawing out, the lambs are gambolling in our beautiful fields, the daffodils are out and spring is here – and you're amongst friends in Willersey.

Keep praying, keep pulling together and keep smiling.

With love

Rob

Robert McNeil Wilson, Churchwarden

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## COVID-19 Update from Gloucestershire County Council 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Updated guidance called '[Staying at Home](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance)' is now available online at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance).

The main messages are:

- if you live alone and you have symptoms of coronavirus illness (COVID-19), however mild, stay at home for **7 days** from when your symptoms started.
- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household members must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill
- it is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period.
- if you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.
- if you cannot move vulnerable people out of your home, stay away from them as much as possible.
- if you have coronavirus symptoms:
  - do **not** go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital
  - you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home
  - testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home
- plan ahead and ask others for help to ensure that you can successfully stay at home and consider what can be done for vulnerable people in the household
- ask your employer, friends and family to help you to get the things you need to stay at home
- wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water, or use hand sanitiser
- if you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the [NHS 111 online](#) coronavirus service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

## *Broadway Embroidery Group*

Our March meeting 'An introduction to Sashiko Embroidery' was most interesting and informative. A huge *Thank You* must go to Julie who lead the session. We were given a short history of this form of embroidery. Julie produced several samples to ass around and whet the appetite.

We all chose a prepared piece to work on and then for the remainder of the morning it was over to us. Julie hovered to give advice and help if needed. Sandy's daughter Laura had kindly lent Julie pieces of another form of Japanese embroidery 'Boro' which was fascinating to see. Thank You Laura. Again, thank you to Julie for all the background knowledge you had researched for the group.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic our April and May meetings have been cancelled. I guess it's a chance to unearth those forgotten half-finished pieces!! I may achieve some completed pies of work!!

### **FREE**

### **Confidential Advisory Service**

*available to older people to assist in  
accessing the following services:*

- **Benefits** such as Attendance Allowance
- **Support services** such as carers, cleaners & gardeners
- **Equipment** such as walking aids
- **Blue Badge** applications
- **Adult Social Care**
- **Referrals to Social Care**
- **Advice on general well being**

*For free support, advice & information please contact:*

**Louise Kington, Campden & Cotswold Edge Advisory Service  
on 07703 566772 or email [louisecotswoldedge@gmail.com](mailto:louisecotswoldedge@gmail.com)**

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# Happy Days



## June Scarecrow Trail

This year's trail ties in nicely with Willersey Open Gardens and St Peter's Patronal Festival - so there will be lots going on to encourage folk to wander round the scarecrow trail.

Now is a timely opportunity to again thank and say well done to all who joined in last year - with well over thirty entries. If you missed out last year please join in for this non-competitive bit of Willersey nonsense which is enjoyed by so many, with scarecrows displayed for the week beginning Monday 22nd June

'HAPPY DAYS' is this year's theme

Everyone will have their own ideas but perhaps something like:-

- what we'd really prefer to be doing rather than...
- what makes other folk enjoy a happy day?
- what might an outrageous happy day activity be?
- what might just a bit of 'quiet me time' look like?
- what might be our 'guilty' secret pleasure?
- or something else entirely

Precise details on entry forms and maps etc in the May edition.



Let's again put a smile on Willersey faces.



Please note that this may all sadly change.

### ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES & DELIVERIES

#### Prescription Service – delivery to Willersey

From Broadway's Barn Close Surgery's Pharmacy  
 An established service exists, with prescriptions delivered to Willersey Stores every Friday, which kindly holds them for delivery. Social distance arrangements will be in place if you are able to call at Willersey Stores.  
 Parishioners who are incapacitated or self-isolating can contact the Community Support Group and ask for prescriptions to be delivered.  
 Any self-isolating or incapacitated parishioner needing to have their prescription delivered more urgently can phone the Barn Close pharmacy and say "I wish my prescription to be collected by ... a neighbour, by name" or "... the Willersey Support Group" and arrange the collection with their neighbour or, if necessary, by contacting the Willersey Support Group  
 Support Group Call Centre number is 0330 1070 300 / Email: [willerseycovid19@gmail.com](mailto:willerseycovid19@gmail.com)

#### Willersey Stores

Continues to open Monday to Saturday 07:30 to midday  
 Newspapers will be made available outside to ensure social distancing, with payment and change made via a tin on an external table.  
 Other products/groceries etc can be purchased from outside, again with distancing maintained.

#### The Bell Inn, Willersey

The Bell has introduced a daily 'take-away' and **home delivery services** of food. Also, groceries, including fresh bread, milk, eggs & bacon etc can be purchased and delivered. See the advert in this edition for details of the meals and prices available and contact details.

#### Wayside Farm Shop, Wickhamford

Place orders by phone for groceries. **Delivery to your home, next day or within 48 hours.**

Produce is sourced locally, including fruit and vegetables, freshly-baked bread, homemade pies, quiches, jams, marmalade, chutney, pickles, cakes and scones. Also, licensed to sell beer, wines and cider  
 If there is sufficient interest the Wayside Farm Shop will be introducing a mobile shop to visit the village full of groceries and homemade meals to buy at the van.  
 Call 01386 830546

#### The Merry Mouse Van

5pm to 7pm every Thursday, outside the Bell Inn Featuring pies from the Cotswold Pudding and Pie Co. And a mobile deli selling fine British Produce

#### Cotteswold Dairy

Milk, bread, butter & spreads, cheese, yoghurts, eggs  
 NB due to escalating demand, the Dairy may not be able to start delivering to new customers until on or after 6 April.

Currently, **expanding their delivery team rapidly.** Call 01242 672426

## Saint Peter's Church Tower and Other Work

Saint Peter's Parochial Church Council has appointed Q&M Ltd of Gloucester to undertake the re-cladding of Saint Peter's Church tower roof. The works will start in early July and be completed by the end of August 2020. They will involve scaffolding all the way round and to the top of the tower. We intend to make use of this to get other work done, like spot replacement of the limited number of tiles that are missing in the roofs of the Nave and North and South Transepts.

Chris Ingles will be repairing a section of dry-stone wall that has collapsed on the south side of Saint Peter's and using this as an opportunity to train new wall builders to keep that ancient skill alive in the Cotswolds.

It's time to start Saint Peter's Churchyard Mowing Rota again. If you would like to volunteer to get out and help out in the most beautiful of locations, please contact Judith McNeil Wilson on 852785 or by email: [judith.mcneill-wilson@outlook.com](mailto:judith.mcneill-wilson@outlook.com)

Robert McNeil Wilson  
Churchwarden, Saint Peter's, Willersey with Saintbury

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### **THE BELL INN - TAKEAWAY & DELIVERY MENU**

PLEASE CALL 01386 858405

SECURE PAYMENTS TAKEN VIA TELEPHONE ON ORDERING

Fresh Cod, Chips & Mushy Peas £10.95 Scampi £9.95 – *Fish delivered fresh, daily*  
Chargrilled Mature Beef, Mature Cheese, Bacon, Tomato, Mayonnaise & Salad £13.95  
Sausage & Chips Or Mash & Onion Gravy £9.95 Sweet Potato & Beetroot Burger GF/V  
£ 11.95

Steak & Ale Pie £13.95 Chicken Goujons £9.95

Also, fresh white/brown bloomer bread, milk, eggs & bacon

## **WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB**

On 4th March Paul Evans paid his third visit to the club and entertained us with his Humorous poems and Readings. His first poem "Remember When" brought back many memories and smiles. He also read extracts from "Cider with Rosie" and some of Pam Ayers poems. Altogether he brought a smile to our faces on a very gloomy day.

On 13th March we very reluctantly made the decision to cancel our meetings until further notice due to the increasing threat from the Coronavirus. Members will be advised when we are able to start again and a notice will be put in the Magazine.

If you would like more information please ring Jean Baines on 852616 or Marie Dow. 859258

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**In 2020 there will be eleven Willersey Newsletters. The only double issue will be December 2020/January 2021.**

### **THE MAY 2020 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS**

Copy for the next news must be received by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events. Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of the next day, the 18<sup>th</sup>. Drop them into Willersey Stores, phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628, or email them to [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm)

Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed. Please email them to [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto: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 on [www.willersey.org](http://www.willersey.org)**



## 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



## PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURE

We apologise for any inconvenience but the office is now closed and its phone number is disconnected until the village hall refurbishment is completed.

Parish Council services however are continuing and if you need to contact the Clerk,  
please email: Kevin O'Donoghue  
[willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com)

## *Willersey Footlights*

Some of you will be aware that it was *Footlights*' intention on the VE bank holiday (May 8<sup>th</sup>) to hold an outdoor celebratory performance at the Bell Inn. In the light of current circumstances regarding the Covid19 virus sadly it has been decided to cancel the event.

**Age UK surgeries** at the Signpost Broadway offices are currently suspended. Any other activities in the office like Citizens Advice Bureau are also cancelled

## **Willersey Village Hall.**

The Village Hall will close for refurbishments on Good Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Work will start on the hall on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> and last approximately six months with the hall hopefully re-opened in late October or early November. The contractors are due to complete their work in late September after which the Village Hall committee have to fit curtains, blinds, carpets, and the new Audio Visual system plus take delivery of the new stacking stage system. We will of course then have to move all the furniture and fittings which are being moved out into storage back into the hall.

During the refurbishments, the hall car park will closed and be fenced off for security and Health and Safety reasons, signage will be erected at the end of the road warning people of the no turning problem. The pathway down Blind Lane will remain open at all times and the Defibrillator will be temporary housed on the Security fencing and remain accessible at all times in the usual way.

Those organisations and individuals who have equipment in the hall please ensure that they are removed prior to the above date as their safe keeping cannot be guaranteed. Finally, a thank you from the Village Hall committee for supporting this refurbishment and hopefully our Hall will continue to be at the centre of our community activities for generations to come. Should you have any questions or queries regarding any of the above or the work being proposed please email, [willerseyhall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseyhall@btinternet.com) and someone will contact you.

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## North Cotswold University of the Third Age

Unfortunately due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus and following the latest government advice we have been advised to suspend all activities and groups until further notice.

We hope to be able to resume in September.

Group leaders will keep you informed.

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

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**St Peter's Church Electoral Roll 2020.**

At this time of the year we are preparing for the church's Annual Church Meeting. This year it will be held on Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 19.00 in the church. If you are not already on the electoral roll and would like to be so, please contact me asap for the form. Penny Burch Tel-: 853837.

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**METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES for April 2020**  
**A SHORT LETTER FROM THE METHODISTS**

Well, what a mess! We're all going to suffer, but let's think positive shall we? We are thinking of a Coffee Moring in May at our house so you can see the garden, and raise a bit of money to pay the bills at Church. If we make a huge amount then we'll give what we can afford to the Kori Charity, which we started talking about last Autumn.

We thought this was a reasonable start to the year and a possible one! **Our Church will be closed** – as the majority of churches will be – so we thought we might have a candle glowing in one of our windows. This will let people know that we haven't forgotten them. Obviously this will be a 'battery one'.

The gardens are looking very spring like and if you'd like to call and have a wander around you'll be very welcome. Just ring and come around the back. Might be a good idea to ring first so you know we're in and we will know you're coming. Also we'll have to inform Max the dog so he can book you in! We can't have any Tom, Dick, or Harry calling!

Just a last word for Peter and Amanda Taylor. We all appreciate their presence in the village, and it's only too late when we realise what we've had with them both running the business in the heart of our community. Please pray for Peter.