

## PUBLIC NOTICES JUNE 2020

### MONDAYS BINS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are Mondays 1<sup>st</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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

[https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC\\_Calendars/Mon\\_2.pdf](https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC_Calendars/Mon_2.pdf)

### PARISH COUNCIL

The Office is currently closed. Please e-mail [willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com)

### WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

Currently closed. Hall refurbishment and Coronavirus outbreak.

### METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE – Currently closed

Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

### The MOBILE POST OFFICE

Willersey on Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45 to 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 Co-Op or the Mobile Post Office.**

### NEAREST LIBRARY

All public libraries are currently closed. Would be in Broadway when re-opens.

### 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 – June 2020**

**'I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.'**

Those words, written by Richard Gillard, from the song, 'Brother, sister, let me serve you', have a special significance for me.

It seems hard to believe (or perhaps, for you, it doesn't!) that it's three years in June since Ros and I moved from Cambridgeshire to this glorious part of the world where we are so privileged to live. As some of you will know, prior to my appointment as Team Vicar in the Vale and Cotswold Team, with responsibility for the parishes of Aston-sub-Edge, Dorsington, Honeybourne, Pebworth, Weston-sub-Edge and Willersey with Saintbury, I spent many years serving as a healthcare chaplain, first in a hospice and then, latterly, in a district general hospital.

At the hospital, I was blessed to serve alongside lay and ordained chaplains, some paid, many volunteers. Often, those who enquired about joining the team would ask, "What's it like to be a chaplain here?" and "What will I be expected to do?" I often answered those questions by sharing the words from Richard Gillard's song. On many occasions, I had little to offer patients, their relatives and my colleagues other than my presence. Presence, though, can be everything. It was our privilege beyond words to weep with those who wept, to laugh with those who laughed and to be present for as long as people wanted us, sharing joys and sorrows through the journey of life.

Three years in ministry here have taught me that Gillard's inspired words apply equally in the parish setting. The gift of our presence, even when we struggle to find the 'right' words, or to know what to do, can't be overstated. Even when, like at the present time, we can't physically be present with others because of COVID-19, a phone call, email or Skype/Zoom call can be a blessing and, sometimes, a lifeline.

As I reflect on my previous and current roles, I'm reminded of, and continue to be shaped by, this story that Jesus told in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25,

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was

naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

Thank you for your love and encouragement, for all that you do and for all that you are. And thank you for all that we’ve shared together so far. I pray that our willingness to refresh, welcome, clothe, visit, weep, laugh and be present with those in any kind of need, will continue to be our hallmarks – hallmarks that reveal ever more clearly the height, depth, length and breadth of God’s love for each of us.

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

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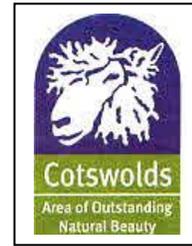
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### **PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURE**

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

## **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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*Western sub Edge Cinema*  
*Sadly cancelled until further notice*

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**Diana Kelly** and all the family would like to thank all those who sent cards and attended Gene’s Funeral. He had a wonderful send off and would have loved every minute of it and to see so many people there. He loved you all.

Thank you.

## 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).

For medical assistance please still call 111 or for emergencies 999.

### Support Group Services:

**1. Shopping – food and provisions**

**2. Delivering Prescriptions**

**3. Welfare Calls:** If you are fearing fearful, have concerns or feeling lonely at this time of isolation, contact us and we'll get one of our friendly, supportive volunteers call on you.

**4. Newspapers:** If you would like to order a Saturday and/or Sunday newspaper each week, phone 852563 and we will deliver.

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

### Essential Supplies and Deliveries

**Nisa, Broadway:** provides a delivery service to Willersey every day except Sundays, for orders placed before midday. Volunteers can help but it is straightforward; just phone Nisa, make your order, pay by Credit or Debit Card and Nisa will deliver to your door. You can order any item available in the store at that time. **Phone: 01386 859 218**

**Co-Op, Broadway:** takes orders between 10am and 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Place your order with the Co-Op and arrange delivery by contacting the Willersey Support Group Call Centre 0330 1070 300  
**Phone the Co-Op on: 01386 842 870**

**Willersey Stores 01386 853 489** Continues to open Monday to Saturday 07:30 to midday. Newspapers are made available outside to ensure social distancing, with payment and change made via a tin. Other products/groceries etc can be purchased from outside, again with distancing maintained.

**The Bell Inn, Willersey 01386 858 405** Take away food menu.

**Wayside Farm Shop, Wickhamford Call 01386 830 546**

## Willersey Horticultural Society

Invites you to enter

### **THE WILLERSEY PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2020**

Entries will be featured online and/or on display, as part of the Patronal Festival celebrations on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

This competition is for photographs which capture the spirit and essence of this extraordinary time and help record life in this period of Willersey's history.

The competition will be judged in two age groups in each of three themed classes:

Age Groups: A. **Under 16** and B. **Over 16/Adult**  
Class Themes: **1. 'Life Goes On'**  
**2. Pets and Animals**  
**3. VE Day Celebrations**

Entries will be judged on:

- i) Artistic merit and/or humour;
- ii) Originality and interest
- iii) Evocation of these times

Please submit your photographs, by email, to:  
[rmw@unisonprojects.co.uk](mailto:rmw@unisonprojects.co.uk)

Indicate: Your name, the Class Theme and Age Group. For entrants in Age Group 'A. Under 16', please indicate photographer's age.

**CLOSING DATE – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

### **From the Editors**

Times are difficult and it is inevitable that we have to report the latest guidance and advice from the various support bodies that are doing their utmost to ensure we are well informed. However, it does tend to cast a shadow over the content of the magazine so where we can we have varied the content a little to perhaps make that light at the end of the tunnel seem a little nearer. Midst all the sadness there will be some wonderful stories to tell, so we look forward to you telling us about them.

## The New Inn

THE NEW INN

DONNINGTON ALES

Having both worked in pubs and hotels throughout our lives we met whilst working at The Kings Arms in Stow on the Wold. With a

change of ownership we both took on new ventures, Jules running her own cleaning company and Felicity managing a rural village pub. Over the years we have always discussed taking on a business of our own, so when we heard that Donnington were looking for new tenants for The New Inn we jumped at the opportunity. We both have links to the local area with Jules growing up in Snowhill and Felicity's grandfather farming at Laverton. Although the current situation is not ideal for taking on a new business we are making the most of being closed by decorating throughout, putting our own stamp on the building whilst being considerate of the history and character of The New Inn. We are very much looking forward to meeting all the locals as soon as restrictions allow. In the meantime we are offering a takeaway service Wednesday to Saturday evenings and Sunday Roast Lunches from the first week of June.

Hope that's all ok. Anything else you need please let us know.  
Felicity 07799475910 and Jules 07748186276

## Passwords

Typically you get asked to provide at least an eight character password by online websites. Each character can be a lower case letter, an upper case letter, a number or say three special characters eg £, % and \* . This gives 65 characters. Now the first letter in your Password can be any of these, the second any of these etc. The total number of possible passwords would be 65 multiplied by itself eight times or 318,644,812,890,625. This is an astonishingly large number. The number of seconds in a year is exactly 31,556,926. If you could type one possible password each second continuously it would take you over 10 million years to type them all.

When choosing passwords try and avoid just English dictionary words. There are about 500,000 of them. Fiddle with them. Add some numbers. Move all the letters on or back in the alphabet. Use just the initial letters of a phrase eg SW&t7d. - Snow White and the seven dwarfs.. Clearly there are more phrases than words so harder to guess. There are many routes to secure passwords.

## Churchwarden's Update

**Saint Peter's Patronal Festival:** We regret there will be no fete and street market, as originally planned due to the continued need for social distancing. However, there will be displays of flowers in the church on the weekend of the festival, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June.

**Saint Peter's Church Tower Roof:** We are scheduled to sign the contract with Q&M Ltd of Gloucester to undertake the recladding of Saint Peter's Church tower roof on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The work will start in early July and be completed by the end of August 2020. This essential work was first raised in the five-yearly architect's inspection. This work is urgent because the poor condition of the cladding is resulting in water ingress. If not rectified, this would result in deterioration to the overall structure of the tower and parts of the church.

As part of these works, we will be replacing the access hatch from the bell-chamber to the top of the tower. The current hatch is a heavy, wooden door, covered in lead, which has to be pushed up and lifted to one side, above one's head, whilst standing on the top of a tall ladder within the bell chamber. This presents lifting and falling hazards. The new hatch will be aluminium framed, hinged and operated with gas spring assistance with a stay to prevent accidental closure.

Information and illustrations on this project will be on display in the church on the weekend of Saint Peter's Patronal Festival.

The work will start in early July and be completed by the end of August 2020. The works 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.

**Removal of shrubs against the west wall of the church** (facing Church Street): When bushes grow against a wall, as these bushes did, it results in water being retained in the stone of the wall and this causes weathering and deterioration. Also, despite relatively recent, extensive pruning they were starting to block light into the church via the west window again, due to their height.

Chris Ingles did an excellent job removing the bushes and we have prepared the ground, sowed it with grass seed, planted marigolds and two rose bushes against the wall which are all now in bloom. As well as protecting the church masonry, this already looks much more attractive and has revealed an ancient, blocked-up Norman doorway had hidden. remains visible.

Robert McNeil Wilson, Churchwarden



## Nature Box Extra

**Given the number of various village wildlife sightings reported over the past twelve months I thought it might be interesting to list some of these creatures.**

Frogs, tadpoles, newts, bats, grass snake, foxes, wood mice and hedgehogs. Butterflies so far include brimstone, peacock, comma, tortoiseshell, orange tip, holly blue and green veined white. Interesting insects such as large red damselflies, various solitary bees, bee-flies and migrating hummingbird hawk moths.

Lots of reports of birds that rarely leave the postcode - blackbirds, robins, song and mistle thrushes, mallard ducklings, dunnock, blue tits, great tits, long tailed tits, chaffinches, greenfinches, goldfinches, and 'red listed' house sparrows - which all seem to be doing reasonably well here. Green and greater spotted woodpeckers also look to be thriving; and regular raptor sightings of buzzards, kestrels, sparrowhawks, kites and the occasional peregrine. So plenty to celebrate.

There have also been reports of some slightly more unusual birds. Barn owl, tawny owl and little owl; skylarks, bullfinch, goldcrest, nut hatch, heron, mandarin duck, tree creeper; and migrant chiff chaffs, blackcaps, white throats, wheatears, swallows and house martins - although sadly far less than past summers with these two African migrants. And yes, 'our' summer swifts are back in the village.

**Finally, my thanks in no particular order to: Adene, Ceretha, Shirley & Mike, John, Jean, Lena, Sarah, Chrissie, Pete, Robert & Helen, Ken, David, Richard, Christine, Sandy, Sue, Mal, Sandra, Liz, Flick, Glennys, Stuart & Joyce, Chris & Lynne, Robin, Kevin, Anne & Colin, Emma & Steve, Helen, Debra, Judith, and Paul.** Apologies for any names that might have slipped my memory.

If you can add to this list in the coming weeks as the summer unfolds please speak to or email Bob Topp at [willerseynaturebox@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynaturebox@gmail.com)

## AN UPDATE FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

I've just realized it's time for the Magazine info to be in! The trouble is that we're 'on holiday' – well that's what it feels like! However, our Circuit goes on and many of us are joining the Birmingham Circuit Church on a Sunday morning at 10.30 to enjoy singing along together. You have to 'tune in' to the service on your tablet or lap top. We do love our singing! And it's good to think of us all doing the same thing at the same time.

Richard saw a pair of swallows last week and that really means that summer is a-coming in. Following on from that ... Marie Dow is home from her attack of the virus. She's recuperating down south with her son and daughter in law. She needs a long convalescence but she's very positive and sends her love to everyone.

The Thursday night clap in Collin Close has developed into a sing song with a not so small orchestra – we now have 4 instruments and more would be welcome. We're all social distancing of course! Beccy is musical director and we are improving and she would, I'm sure, arrange an audition! Social distancing of course!!

Do keep cheerful – we love our village, we hope 'newcomers' are feeling more 'at home' and are enjoying the friendliness!

We'll be in touch next month.

*Penny Ingles 853306*

**Village Hall** As you have probably all seen, the refurbishment programme has now got underway after a three week delay due to the Covid-19 virus situation.

The Hall was immediately closed once the Government announced the lockdown in late March and we were contacted by Barnwood Construction informing us of a delay to the refurbishment programme which was due to begin on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The new start date was May 4<sup>th</sup> which meant the hall was cleared of all the furniture & fittings. With the social distancing measures strictly in place the moving of items like the piano became a little difficult to overcome, so we must thank Nigel Foxall who kindly volunteered his sons to move the big stuff into the storage unit in the hall car park. Volunteers then worked in pairs to move the chairs and tables into two nearby garages which have been kindly loaned by residents.

The keys were eventually handed over to the builders on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Early work began with the removal of the stage, old sheds and the cedar boarding. Work has now started on the new storage area extension at the rear corner of the hall and the roof will start shortly. The refurbishments are due to be complete by mid-October with the installation of the Audio Visual System, curtains, blinds & carpets. Fire audits and other minor works being done by other companies in the following few weeks.

The Hall committee has a provisional plan to re-open the hall in mid-November. **5**

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Please be advised of the following **temporary road closure:**

B4632 Lower Farm To Willersey (Stratford Road going out of Willersey.) This Road will be closed from the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020, to allow contractors, working on behalf of Thames Water, to carry out the installation of a replacement main within the carriageway. Regards, Bill Bellerby, Road Space Co-ordinator, GCC Street Works Team Telephone: 08000 514514

**Age UK Gloucestershire** has during Covid19 adapted our support and we want to let local communities know that we are here to help. We have a variety of resources.

- a. We have an information and advice line where anyone (older people and their families) with an issue can call and get free advice – 01452 422660
- b. We have set up a Freephone line if any older person is feeling lonely and wants a chat with one of our staff or volunteers – 0800 298 0579
- c. We are also running an online social group which older people can join, get and share info and ideas on staying occupied, there are quizzes and discussion groups.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gloucestershirespringboard>

d. We are promoting a campaign to Greet Your Street at 11am to get neighbours socializing on their doorsteps; we have posters that we can send out for households to show they are involved.

e. There is also a lot of advice and information on our website:

[www.ageukgloucestershire.org.uk](http://www.ageukgloucestershire.org.uk)

We also have postcards that summarise this which can be handed out – if we sent you some would anyone be able to get them to your community?

**Ramona Amuza, Homeshare Gloucestershire Manager**

Mob: 07760 419 260 Working days: Monday – Friday Tel: 01452 422660

## Answers to May Questions

*Why is circular the best shape for a manhole cover?*

When putting it back it can't fall through. Our 20p, 50p and £1 coins also have the same property of being of constant diameter because of their curved sides. (Hence they work in slot machines.)

*Two people A and B at a rectangular table. Behind them is a large enough pile of identical cigars. A puts a cigar on the table. B then puts a cigar on the table. A then puts another cigar on the table. Then B and so on. All cigars must touch the table. Who puts the last one on?*

If A puts their first cigar exactly in the middle of the table standing up then wherever and how B puts a cigar, as the table is symmetrical A will always be able to mirror it. Thus A will put the last cigar on the table.

Other possible table shapes with suitable symmetry are square, diamond, regular hexagon and circular. (Triangle and regular pentagon will not do.)

*Can you think of two numbers which do not contain a zero but when multiplied together make 1,000,000,000 ?*

10 multiplied by itself nine times is 1,000,000,000. The two factors of ten are 2 and 5. 2 multiplied by itself 9 times is 512. 5 multiplied by itself 9 times is 1953125. Neither of these numbers contain a zero. Multiply them together and the result is 1,000,000,000 .

*You have a glass of milk and a larger jug of water. You take out a spoonful of milk from the glass and put it in the jug. Stir well. You then take a spoonful of the mixture and put it back in the glass. Is there now more water in the milk or milk in the water?*

It's the same. Both liquid levels in each vessel are the same as before the transfers.

*What are the next 5 letters in the sequence O T T F F S S .....?*

One Two Three Four five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve



# Scarecrow Trail Deferred



*Given the continued uncertainty as we all try to edge towards some form of normality it seems on balance best to defer plans for the scarecrow trail.*

*This little bit of Willersey community fun will now be rescheduled for the August Bank Holiday period - when perhaps we'll all feel a little more confident about everything - and with revised details to be published in a later newsletter.*

*The distraction of socially distanced scarecrows will be upon us in no time at all as the summer quietly unfolds.*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER SUDUKO

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*Solution in July issue*



## WI - May Report

The WI began in the UK in 1914. The ladies encouraged each other to grow vegetables and preserve food to feed the nation before they embarked on a campaign to fight for equal pay and decent housing.

*As Bill Smith said, 'You in the WI have made a difference'. I think he meant interfered.*

But we in Willersey have our own more recent memories and achievements

\* I remember being a WI orphan. My mother's life was WI: she started the Todington WI in 1948 and was President for 20 years. As soon as I was old enough my mum joined me up. Then I moved to Willersey. I took over as President in 1974, for 2 years, until Jo was born. I then continued as the president again after a gap and remained in post for a further 10 years. - Adine

\* I always remember to pack my 'marigolds' and a tea towel when I attend any WI events. Washing up is my speciality! - Heather

\* I remember all those fund raising activities for good causes, both at home and abroad, bringing us all together in the process - Gi

\* I remember the trip to Hampton Ferry. What a night, with huge delicious puddings - Angie

*Glennys was in her element on this outing, keen to take the ferry and relive her younger days swimming in the Avon.*

\* I remember being invited to share my floristry skills with the Broadway WI, having run my own successful business in Broadway. I was clearly flattered. They all seemed very attentive but when I glanced up a small number were definitely taking an afternoon nap - Sandra

\* I remember my first encounter, in the mid fifties, at a Campden WI jumble sale. What bargains you could get for a threepenny bit. I purchased two handmade glass decanters painted with pink roses, for sixpence. Eleven years later I sold them for £18 to buy a mini skirt from Georgie Best's boutique in Manchester - Maggie

**Willersey Snooker Club**  
**Important Notice to Members**

In line with the Village Hall Committee the Snooker Club Committee closed the Snooker Room to all Members as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. This was to ensure social distancing regulations could be followed.

The Committee has become aware that a member(s) blatantly ignored the instruction to keep out and continued to use the room and its facilities during the lock-down playing either very early in the morning or late at night in an attempt to go unnoticed. This was irresponsible and selfish behaviour as it not only broke the Government's guidelines but put at risk anyone else entering the room for cleaning or maintenance purposes. The Committee wish to remind Members that the Club operates with strict Rules and Membership of the Club is totally at the discretion of the Committee. Should the identity or identities of the Member(s) who defied the notice of closure become known their Membership will be terminated immediately.

***Willersey Snooker Club Chairman and Committee***

***SUPPORT OUR LOCAL!***  
**THE BELL INN - TAKEAWAY & DELIVERY MENU**

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***NEW! EVERY WEDNESDAY IS CURRY NIGHT - £10.95***  
***NEW! - BBQ Spare Ribs Served with House Chips & Chef's  
Coleslaw £10.95***

***Honey Roast Ham, 2 Eggs & House Chips £10.95***

Fresh Cod, Chips & Mushy Peas £10.95

Deep-Fried Scampi, Garden Peas & House Chips £9.95

Fisherman's Sharing Platter for Two – Cod, Scampi, Calamari, Whitebait,  
House Chips & Garlic Bread [V] £19.95

***Fish delivered fresh, daily***

Chargrilled Mature Beef Burger, Mature Cheese, Bacon, Tomato,  
Mayonnaise, Salad & House Chips £13.95

Chicken Goujons £9.95 Mediterranean Vegetable Tart & 2 Cheese Jacket  
Potato [V] £10.95

***Please check our Facebook as menu is updated every week!***

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

- \* I remember moving to Willersey in 1968 and straightaway joining the WI. Judy Munt and I made cakes for the teas to be served under the Jubilee tree at the Village Fete. A lovely hot summer's day with cucumber sandwiches at the ready. Nobody commented on them curling at the edges - Pam
- \* I remember members' treading the boards for the 'Footlights'. We had Alice in Wonderland, Morris Dancers, Bathing Bells, Multiple Marilyn Monroes; but the singing from the ladies in WW11 uniform was a sensation. - Mildred
- \* I remember my first encounter with the WI was in Tunbridge Wells. I joined because it was the only organisation where I wasn't expected to stack the chairs - Penny
- \* I remember how many lovely new friends I've made since joining the WI - Sue
- \* I remember Jean Smith giving the vote of thanks to a rather long-winded speaker. We were all keen to get on with our refreshments. But we would have missed a treat. In Jean's five minutes she encapsulated and eclipsed the talk with her typical humour and had us all in stitches.
- \* I remember running the plant stall, my usual role. Interestingly, I had a very enthusiastic customer in John Sparrow. He, Toby, Henry and Charlie returned three times buying up endless plants for Claire's garden. Although I'm not sure how impressed she was. - Sandra
- \* I remember riding on Adine's pony and trap from Willersey to Childswickham dressed in Edwardian costume, carrying the baton as part of the 2014 WI centenary celebrations. We were quite a tourist sight in Broadway high street posing as part of the quaint local scene - Alison.
- \* I remember a friend in Northampton suggesting we join the WI in the 90s, My reaction was, 'But that's for old middle class ladies'. How wrong could I be. I've been to some great talks and made valued friends across the country. - Mary
- \* I remember the outing to The Fleece. A perfect summer's evening sitting at long wooden tables in the barn, quaffing cider and stamping along to the beat of the Bretforton Morris Men. Happy Days! - Mal

## SUNDAY SERVICE



### Saint Peter's, Willersey with Saintbury

Worship via Skype or Zoom with  
Revd Scott and/or Kevin.

**Every Sunday in June at 10.30 a.m.**

Further details on web <http://www.willersey.org/stpeter.htm>  
Link and service sheet from <http://grumball.com>

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**Saint Peter's Church continues to be open, every day.** Please go in to pray, be in the presence of God or just enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our beautiful church which has been there for our parishioners for centuries, especially in the most challenging times. Thank you to our team on the unlocking & locking roster: Gillian, Jennie, Elizabeth, Tom and Liz.

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

### THE JULY 2020 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 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)***

## Nature Box - The Field



The Willersey field I have in mind is at first glance unremarkable: a rectangle of a few acres of rough grass, bordered by gardens on two sides, edged on another by a tangle of blackthorn, hawthorn and elder; the field used for silage, to fatten sheep and now cows, delivering cowpat smoothies for invertebrates and birds.

Despite this unpromising first appearance, it is a really valuable wildlife habitat that also benefits from a flowing watercourse. Visiting winter redwings followed by fieldfares feed on the hedgerow berries and field invertebrates; with resident thrushes and blackbirds similarly benefiting. Starlings particularly enjoy the field grasshopper summer bonanza, sometimes with one bird perched overhead as scout to look out for predators.

The field provides opportunity for hunting kestrels seeking out the tell tale ultra-violet urine trails of voles and mice; and buzzards too, that despite their four foot wing span have, somewhat surprisingly, worms as a significant part of their diet. Kites can occasionally be seen over the field, especially when it is freshly cut, as they look to seek out any grass cutting casualties.

The hedgerow attracts farmland butterflies - speckled wood and gate keeper; and overflowed by pipistrelle bats. But the richest habitat in the field boundary is the oak tree, its girth suggesting that it predates the 1815 Battle of Waterloo; with the average oak supporting 200 plus species of insects, birds and rodents.

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

## More Serious Covid-19 Symptoms - the Link with Vitamin D Deficiency

A survey, published in April, of 49 patients with mild symptoms of Covid-19 found that only two had low levels of Vitamin D. However, of 104 patients with critical or severe symptoms, 97% had low levels of Vitamin D. The more severe and life-threatening the symptoms, the more likely a patient was to be not just low but deficient in Vitamin D.

There is strong evidence that sufficient Vitamin D protects against viruses, especially respiratory ones, including the common cold. It has long been suspected that most people's low Vitamin D levels in late winter partly explain the seasonal peaking of flu epidemics, and rising Vitamin D levels in spring partly explain their sudden ending.

Vitamin D is made by ultraviolet light falling on the skin, so many people in northern climates have a deficiency by the end of winter. Eating fish and eggs helps but it is hard to get enough of it in the diet.

People who are more likely to be vitamin D deficient than the average are as follows: dark-skinned people (pigment blocks sunlight); obese people (the vitamin gets sequestered in fat cells); type-2 diabetics (vitamin D improves the body's sensitivity to insulin); the elderly (they tend to avoid the sun and eat more frugally); and city dwellers (they see less sunlight). All of these groups appear to be more likely to be hospitalised and more at risk of severe consequences of Covid-19.

Surprisingly, despite guidelines from Public Health England, NHS GPs do not routinely check vitamin D levels or advise taking supplements. However, in a letter to the British Medical Journal, a long list of doctors wrote: "Vitamin D biology is a well-researched field, dating back 100 years. Doses, and risks, within clinical parameters, are established and well quantified. Governmental intake guidance exists. Vitamin D deficiency is a medically accepted condition, requiring treatment."

So, it is a good idea for us to take vitamin D supplements, particularly at this time - and cod liver oil capsules contain Vitamin D. Also, we should watch our weight - and get out for some exercise and sunshine.

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### North Cotswold University of the Third Age

Because of the outbreak of Coronavirus we are suspending 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>



What numbers should replace the question marks?

7	14	9
10	30	3
12	48	16
5	25	10
1	?	?

The names of the seven colours of the rainbow do not contain the letter "h". Give a common sequence of 100 words which do not contain the letter "a".

If 1.5 hens lay 1.5 eggs in 1.5 days, how many eggs do 6 hens lay in 6 days?

You can make one cigarette from 9 cigarette butts. How many can you make from 81?

You plant a tree seed in the ground. It could be say an acorn or chestnut. In 15 years the tree has grown quite high. You take a saw and cut it down. It's quite heavy so it lands on the ground with a loud crash. Where does the weight of the tree come from?

Taken from a philosophy exam: Is this a question?  
What was judged to be the best answer?

Are there any other examples where two numbers multiplied together are the same as when they are added together?  
Examples are  $2+2 = 2 \times 2 = 4$ ,  $0+0 = 0 \times 0 = 0$ , and  $3+1.5 = 3 \times 1.5 = 4.5$ .  
The two numbers do not have to be the same.

*Answers in the July issue.*

### *Broadway Embroidery 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 pieces of work!!