

## PUBLIC NOTICES JULY 2020

### **MONDAYS BINS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.**

The next dates for all bins are **Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> July 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 the Co-Op Post Office or the Mobile Post Office.**

### **NEAREST LIBRARY**

All public libraries are currently closed. Will 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 841849	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 <a href="http://www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/">www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/</a> and on the Willersey website at <a href="http://www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus">www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus</a>	

### **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 – July 2020**

It is, perhaps, a sign of the times that when a small parcel arrived unexpectedly at the Vicarage recently, it was the cause of much excitement. Once I had convinced Ros that I hadn't been making clandestine book purchases (this has been known to happen!), I opened the parcel to discover this:



It was a timely reminder, and a blessing, and came from a friend whom I first met in 1987, when I worked for Lloyds Bank. Angela is a talented crafter, stitcher and sewer. The piece above is cross-stitched and its message is simple and yet profound. It now sits close to my desk, so that I can see it when I'm working.

I wonder if, through these extraordinary times of lockdown, there have been times when you have felt like giving up? If you haven't, thank God for your faith and your resilience. If you have felt like giving up, you are definitely not alone, so be kind to yourself.

Even people of faith are not immune from fatigue, sickness, fear, worry, anxiety, depression, Covid-19 or any of the other things than can seem to crowd in on us. But, what they do have, and what they can know with absolutely certainty, is that whatever they go through, God is always with them and walks with them through it all.

At the end of St Matthew's Gospel, when the risen Jesus sent out his disciples to proclaim the wonderful, liberating, life-changing, good news of his Kingdom, he promised them,

**"I am with you always,  
to the end of the age."**

He makes the same promise to you and to me. As my friend's gift reminds us, 'Never Give Up'. Jesus, the Saviour of the world and our Saviour, too, is always with us.

With love,

Scott  
Team Vicar

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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)

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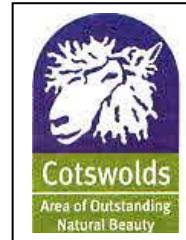
*Western sub Edge Cinema  
Sadly cancelled until further notice*

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#### *We were asked the question....*

*Who was the artist of the painting used for the June News front cover? Thomas Cole an English born (1801) American artist founder of the Hudson River School of Painting, died in New York in 1847.*

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#### **Cotswold Voluntary Wardens**

Although there are currently no guided walks taking place a programme is being prepared which we hope to deliver from August. Depending on how things progress these will be published on <https://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/walking/>

Walks will have limited numbers and a booking system will be in operation, so check the website for details.

In the meantime, 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/>

The walk leaders are very much looking forward to showing you the beautiful Cotswold countryside when it is safe to do so.

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#### Mary Smith

Our thoughts go to Mary's family at this sad time. How much our Village dynamo will be missed, not just at the Wednesday Club and the WI but the community at large. She always had time to stop and listen and more importantly make things happen and share her knowledge. Her lightness of touch, encouragement of others to be involved and organisational skills were legendary.

Afternoon teas fortnightly for the Wednesday Club; the Christmas Seniors' Lunch; running the produce stall for the Horticultural Show; organising fund raising sessions for charities through the WI and contributing to fun events to keep us all amused.

Her modesty and determination never to give in. What a girl! Thank you, Mary.

## 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 charged at a local rate).

For medical assistance 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: [willersey covid19@gmail.com](mailto:willersey covid19@gmail.com)

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**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.

**Ramona Amuza, Homeshare Gloucestershire Manager**

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

### **Editorial Note**

With the improving situation regarding the covid19 virus we have consciously reduced the amount of detail regarding the above support groups. However, if you do have a need for support do not hesitate to contact either of the above services.

## Bonfires

Bonfires are always an issue during the summer months and the **Parish Council** are requesting the cooperation of all residents to consider their neighbours.

Particularly in the present crisis, many are using their gardens during the day and into the evening and bonfires during daylight hours can cause great annoyance.

The police can enforce laws regarding public nuisance so the Council wishes to avoid such situations arising and the disharmony in the village that would follow.

## Public Footpath – Fish Hotel

Many of you will have heard that the public footpath that runs through the Fish Hotel was to be closed from 17<sup>th</sup> June to enable filming of an event and would be reopened on 31<sup>st</sup> August. We can confirm that this proposal has now been cancelled and the footpath will remain open. You can ignore any reports to the contrary that you may have seen in the local press.

## **Lavender Personal Assistance and Support for the Elderly**

Personal care	Well-being checks	Companionship
Meal preparation	Help to access the local community	
Shopping	Cleaning	Attending appointments
Emergency support at night		Collecting medications
Liaising with healthcare professionals		

**Weekly or daily spaces available**

**For further details contact Julie Mansell**

**Tel: 07917 138774 Email: juliebetting29@gmail.com**

## **SUPPORT YOUR LOCALS!**

### **THE NEW INN**

Open for Takeaways

#### Various Salads

Pizzas – choice of 9 from £8 to £12

Mains Chicken Burger £8.00 Halloumi Burger £8.00

Beef Burger with cheddar cheese & smoked bacon £8.00

Burgers served in toasted bun with lettuce, sliced tomato, onion & pickled gherkin

Fried Chicken - homemade crispy chicken fillets £3 each

Extras: Chips £2.00 Homemade Coleslaw £1.50 Lemon & Coriander Slaw £1.50

Sunday Lunch Roast Broadway Beef, Yorkshire pudding, etc £12.00

Vegetable Wellington -spinach, mushroom & butternut squash filled puff pastry, with vegetarian gravy £10.00 and Roast Supreme of Chicken stuffing £11.00

Sunday Desserts - £4.00: Lemon Cheesecake, Eton Mess or Tiramisu

***Full information on <https://www.newinnwillersey.co.uk/>***

01386 853226 or email [newinnwillersey@gmail.com](mailto:newinnwillersey@gmail.com) to order and book collection slot.

Order by 3pm, collect 5-8pm Wed. to Sat. and by 8pm Friday for Sunday Lunch to collect between 12-2pm. Collect from the pub car park following signage and social distancing

## **Willersey Horticultural Society Photographic Competition 2020**

We are pleased to announce that **Peter Kavanagh** was overall winner with his entry to the 'Pets & Animals' section, featuring a dog who appeared to be suffering from 'Lockdown Blues'. Peter also came second in the 'Life Goes On' section.

This competition was for photographs which captured the spirit and essence of this extraordinary time and help record life in at this time.

### **Results by section:**

Pets and Animals:	1 <sup>st</sup> : Peter Kavanagh	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Debra Bradley
VE Day Celebrations:	1 <sup>st</sup> : Jo Faulkner	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Rob McNeil-Wilson
'Life Goes On':	1 <sup>st</sup> : (anon.)	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Peter Kavanagh

These pictures are featured online on [www.willersey.org](http://www.willersey.org) and have been put on display in Saint Peter's Church as part of the Patronal Festival celebrations on Saturday and Sunday 27/28 June and for July.

Thank you to all those who entered the competition.

*Bill Payne, Chairman, Willersey Horticultural Society*

## **SUPPORT YOUR LOCALS!**

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

PLEASE ORDER BY 5PM, DAILY, ON: 01386 858405  
SECURE PAYMENTS TAKEN VIA TELEPHONE ON ORDERING

TakeAways Wednesday to Saturday

***EVERY WEDNESDAY IS CURRY NIGHT - £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 Goujons & House Chips £9.95 Fish & Scampi Combo with House Chips & Mushy Peas £10.95

Fresh Poached Salmon with Jersey New Potatoes, Hollandaise & Salad £11.50

*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*

*BBQ Spare Ribs service with House Chips & Chef's Coleslaw £10.95*

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

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

## **North Cotswold University of the Third Age**

Because of the outbreak of Corona virus 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>

### **May Quiz Questions**

Sorry to keep you in suspense for an extra month.

For those who have been waiting here is the answer to question 5.

Take the third digit and cube it.

Only 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 have three digit values at 125, 216, 343, 512 and 729.

For these numbers digits 1 and 2 reversed and squared give 441, 144, 1849, 225 and 729. Hence 729 is the answer.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER SUDOKU

*Solution in August issue*

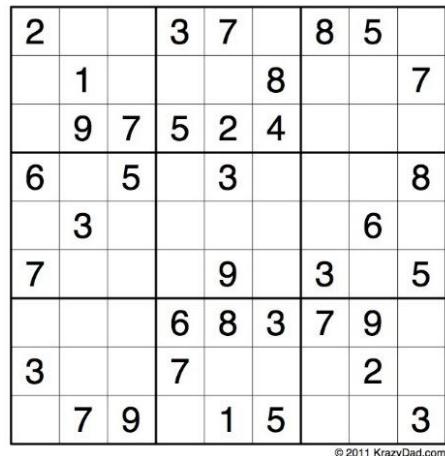
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5	1	7	3	2	8	9	6	4
6	4	3	9	5	7	8	2	1
7	5	8	4	6	9	3	1	2
9	3	6	8	1	2	4	5	7
4	2	1	7	3	5	6	9	8
2	8	5	6	9	4	1	7	3
3	7	9	2	8	1	5	4	6
1	6	4	5	7	3	2	8	9

*Solution of June Sudoku*

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**You read it here first!!**

On June 18th Daily Mail readers were greeted with the front-page news that there was a link between vitamin D deficiency and the more serious Covid-19 Symptoms. Three weeks earlier in our June magazine we published a detailed article saying exactly the same thing submitted by our Churchwarden. Can we claim that as a 'scoop'? Well done Rob!



## WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH - July 2020

For those who are not sure, we're at the top of the village on the corner! The Church is open Fridays and Sundays – if you need a quiet time, we can accommodate that too.

I see around faces that I'm beginning to know, but not their names! We have a lot of new friendly people about. Please come up to our Church on a Friday morning for coffee (and probably a biscuit) and have a 'getting to know you' time! Fridays are our mornings for joining together (when possible).

We're hoping that on the first Wednesday in August we shall have a Croquet afternoon. We start at 2.30 and carry on until we're finished! We can have as many as 6 people on the Court. Supporters are welcome as long as they're not unruly; and we don't allow singing on the terraces as it puts the players off! So, the First Wednesday in the month in the afternoon, we shall start our Croquet Season. It's been delayed since May for obvious reasons. We use the lawn at the back of our Church and usually stop for tea and cake. All equipment is provided. There is a small charge.

It is good that the end is in sight for the lockdown. We saw, for the first time, special butterflies, and birds who aren't seen very often. If you need to know what it (the creature you're looking at) is – ask Bob Topp (Collin Close) – he'll tell you! Richard saw a Muntjac half-way up the hill this week. It was a very young tiny animal; no more than 30 cms tall. It looked unreal being so tiny.

The village is always busy with new ideas. I'm looking forward this week to the Coffee Morning for the Food Bank in Evesham. Evesham is the centre of a 'poor area' and the food bank is always calling for more food. Isn't it amazing in the year 2020 there are some parts of the country that are as poor as they have ever been?

I'll leave you with that thought.

**Penny 853306**

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## Road Closure - 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

## Dog Poo !!

Yes, again. How many times each year are we asked to bring this issue to the fore .....

Willersey loves its' dogs and the issue is not with them it is with their owners – well only some of them, no doubt a minority. They know what they should do but do not do it. Name and shame say some, we don't really want to go there, nor do we want to see people fined but we do want our paths and greens to be safe and clean.

Another thought – in the Lehigh Valley Parkland Apartment complex in Pennsylvania all dog's DNA is registered so that miscreants can be traced.

## Broadway Embroidery Group

Because of the coronavirus pandemic our 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!!

## Answers to June Questions

What numbers should replace the question marks?

7	14 (7x 2)	9 (7+2)
10	30 (10x3)	13 (10+3)
12	48 (12x4)	16 (12+4)
5	25 (5x5)	10 (5+5)
1	6 (1x6)	7(1+6)

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". One, two, three, four etc Fails at one hundred and one

If 1.5 hens lay 1.5 eggs in 1.5 days, how many eggs do 6 hens lay in 6 days?  
**1 hen lays 1 egg in 1.5 days. 6 hens in  $6 \div 1.5 = 4$  days lay 24 eggs.**

You can make one cigarette from 9 cigarette butts. How many can you make from 81? 9 initially, smoke them smoke one more so its 10!

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?

**Burn the cut tree. The combustion gases and smoke go into the air. The weight of the tree comes from the air by photosynthesis.**

Taken from a philosophy exam: Is this a question?

What was judged to be the best answer?

**If this is a question, then this is an answer. (Short and sweet).**

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.

**Yes. Eg  $5+5/4 = 5 \times 5/4 = 6 \frac{1}{4}$**

In general, think of any number x say and also add one to it to get x+1, then x+1 and  $(x+1)/x$  will always work. Let say x = 100, then x+1=101. The two numbers will be 101/100 and 101. Added or multiplied the result will be 102 1/100. There are as many solutions as numbers!



## 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.***



### JULY VILLAGE WI TREASURE HUNT

*The clues will be sent out electronically for you to print off.  
We will hand deliver to those of you who are not connected to email.*

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### OTHER NEWS

'Pop Up' Coffee Stops have been a good way to keep in touch and in the process we have raised a massive £315 for Caring Hands. A big thanks to all, but especially Gi, Mal, Mary G and Maggie for hosting.

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The winners of the Roving Raffle are:

Ben Jordan - Sipsmith's Gin

Hazel Bartlett - Tin of Biscuits

Gay Smith - Greeting Cards

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Mary Smith is in our thoughts.



## The Outing

Everyone knows this: The Jubilee Tree is the heart of the village and where all group journeys out of Willersey seemingly must begin.

On this particular sunny June evening waiting for the charabanc we were all full of expectation: a gallery visit, and supper out. What a treat. But not all visits go to plan in spite of Madam President's careful organisation. Indeed, she's somewhat stern and a tad frightening if the truth be told.

The ladies milled around and the Hon. Sec., complete with clipboard and lists, was all of a flutter as usual, attempting to check the numbers. We had four ladies missing: '**the back row girls**'. So called because they always sat in the back row, falling into fits of giggles whenever they misheard something. On one occasion Mrs H had to give them such a stern warning and even threatened to split them up. Of course, they giggled even more uncontrollably bringing that meeting into total chaos.

Then the honourable treasurer with her large bag of receipts, cash and cheque book to hand, remembered that these regular miscreants were going to make their own way. So we all relaxed, climbed aboard and jostled for a window seat before we set off. We drove up Fish Hill and along the five mile drive, overlooking hedgerows and rolling hills taking us out towards Stow-on-the-Wold. Ladies were chattering about their latest successful jar of chutney, the smell of their prize roses and the cakes they were going to enter for the Horticultural Show. But then a sudden panic from Mrs J P: "We're missing Jean." There was a deep collective sigh: Jean frequently went missing. In fact, we had left her behind on a previous garden visit and had to return, only to find her happily chatting to a group of Japanese tourists completely oblivious to the anxiety she'd caused. After a brief phone call from the only lady with one of those new mobile 'thingies' we established she'd forgotten all about the outing anyway, so panic over.

There was a shriek from the front of the bus and Mrs S C called out, 'It's the next turning on the right.' The coach driver eyed the very narrow farm track somewhat suspiciously. The vehicle brushed the long grass and elegant cow parsley as we trundle along, finally coming to a stop by a series of barns. "This can't be right."

Then artist Irene stepped out of one of the barns to welcome us to 'The Yellow Hat Tribe Gallery'. The paintings inside were strikingly vibrant, and only matched by Irene's chatter and buzz. Mrs. P noticed that every painting somehow included a yellow hat. Then Mrs L wanted to know why one picture depicted a man sitting in a bath with a grandfather clock. The mystery was resolved when Mrs A T noticed the title of the picture: 'Bath Time'. Ah, all very clever, but we do lead a somewhat sheltered life in Willersey.

Trust Mrs J J to notice the ostrich eggs. There were masses of them. She was keen to know how many Victoria sponges one of these would make. At that point we had a cheery call from inside one of the other barns and Mr. Yellow Hat popped out to tell us that one ostrich egg equals 2 dozen chicken eggs. Mrs S C cheerily informed us that even her husband with his huge appetite couldn't eat an omelette that size.

Mr Yellow Hat took us behind the barn and there were indeed ostriches, with heads towering over the fence, with such beautiful plumage and apparent serenity. Only Mrs C T could risk leaning in to get a 'selfie.' Not a good idea. The large bird dropped what it was holding in its beak to snatch the phone. Much woe ensued, and Mrs C T continued shaking until we reached the pub where a recuperative beverage was needed before calm was restored.

Once at the pub and in order to catch our attention Mrs A K produced the most piercing whistle, leaving the surprised locals muttering a few choice expletives. Clearly the Rising Sun clientele were not quite ready for the onslaught of the Willersey WI. Unfortunately, the pub had no apple juice for Mrs R, who always appreciated a sensible beverage. However, one helpful soul suggested that cider was made from apples, so really there was no great difference. When Mrs R lifted her pint of rough scrumpy to her lips we knew we were in for trouble. Mrs Vicarage, in her established role as musical director, started us off singing Jerusalem. The next moment two of the guests in the bar joined us, tears in their eyes. They were visitors from New Zealand celebrating their wedding anniversary, and Jerusalem had been sung at their wedding twenty-five years ago. It was heartening to think that a little bit of alcoholic cheer could so sweeten our singing.

Then it was time for the meal to be served, which regrettably became a bit of a free-for-all with the harassed waitresses attempting to place dishes in front of anyone who shouted, "That's mine." Mrs O'D was left with a plate of faggots that she defiantly hadn't ordered, but being the polite lady that she is, quietly tucked in. Pudding proved even more of a problem: dishes arrived and some of the girls decided that the 'mousse au chocolate' was not what they'd ordered; they had distinctly requested chocolate mousse! You couldn't write it. The waitresses had had enough, and they left the puddings on the table and headed in the direction of the kitchen for a lie down in a darkened room.

Finally, the Willersey Jubilee Tree welcomed us all back as we stumbled and giggled our way merrily down Main Street.

#### **And some of this is true.**

*(Some of the names have been altered to protect the innocent.)*

## The Oldest Man in the World

The number of centenarians in the UK has increased from an estimated 107 in 1911 to 13,170 in 2018. There are increasing chances of anyone living to a 100 every year as nutrition and healthcare improve.

Bob Weighton had been confirmed as the oldest man in the world [https://gerontology.wikia.org/wiki/Bob\\_Weighton](https://gerontology.wikia.org/wiki/Bob_Weighton) and we had the pleasure of knowing him when he lived in Hampshire.

He was born on March 29<sup>th</sup> 1908, in Kingston-Upon-Hull, Yorkshire and was one of seven children. He has lived in Taiwan, Canada and the USA before returning to the UK. He then lived in assisted accommodation in Alton, Hampshire. He was a keen environmentalist and Methodist lay preacher.

When we lived in Hampshire, I was supplying him with scrap wood which he used to make a range of items. I took this picture of Bob when he was at a mere 101 with a model windmill in 2009. He made several of these which he sold for charity. They were beautifully engineered. The sails went round and the bearing was made from the outside of a ball point pen.



Whenever you went to visit him, he would always invite you in and have a chat. I hope he survived the current social distancing well and sadly his 112<sup>th</sup> birthday this year had to be celebrated with social distancing in evidence. He had asked that the Queen should not send him any more birthday cards as he had several already!

B. & W. J.

(Sadly Bob died peacefully in his sleep on May 28<sup>th</sup> )

## 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.

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

Copy for the next news must be received by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 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)

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*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 - A Love Affair

Like most love affairs it happened by chance.



The house we had built came with a number of defects - the builder eventually running off to France to escape his debts. But by a happy accident one flaw provided perfect accommodation under the eves for swifts, and we were duly adopted. Serendipity.

So for twenty-five years swifts became an integral part of our lives: awaiting their arrival in early May, dragging the summer behind them; listening to their comings and goings; and rescuing a few of the fledglings who became grounded in the garden or trapped in the loft when ready to fly. How lucky were we? So the thought that they might now become but a memory in our summer landscape just feels unthinkable. So, a special thank you to those neighbours who are providing essential nesting sites (\*) for these iconic birds who only spend a quarter of their lives with us.

Although adult swifts can currently be enjoyed as they circle the village in their screaming parties, young swifts yet to fledge and hidden away from view, will in some cases have to lose weight as their bodyweight-to-wing ratio is critical; as well as completing wingtip press-ups to be ready for their first flight. When they launch out of the nest they will likely head straight to sub-Saharan Africa - ahead of their parents - unguided and continuously flying for the next two or three years. Nature - you couldn't make it up.

(\*) At least six swift nesting sites have been identified in the village. *Village sightings log update: house martins - Sue & Paul, Robin, Bill & Annie; that sizeable grass snake again - Poppy, Derek; peregrine - Stefan; nesting swallows - Tini, Lena, Adine; sparrowhawk - Bill, Nev; and bullfinch - Gi.*

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)

# Willersey 40 years Ago

(Taken from the July 1980 Church and Village News.  
The Newsletter was produced on a typewriter so for all of  
the contents the **only font was courier**. Reproduction was  
using stencils on a Gestetner machine. )

The Rector was Walter Johnson. His Pastoral News quotes a young person's letter where she says "with a possible impending world disaster this earth could be destroyed. If it was, how would I know I have been alive mentally, physically and spiritually? She is desperate to find a meaning to life.

The Wednesday Club was going strong with a visit to Ragley Hall in June.

Richard Ingles was Chairman of the Parish Council. A fox had killed three of the Aylesbury ducks on the pond leaving just one. Replacements were coming once they had hatched. The fine for parking on the village Greens was increased to £50. The rate of building in Jordans Close and Willow Road was limited to 20 dwellings per year. Elm saplings on Willersey Hill, which had escaped the Dutch elm disease would have any scrub cut around them to encourage their growth.

The Mothers' Union, the Mother & Toddler Group and the Women's Institute were all going strongly. Willersey also had Brownies, Snooker Club, Cricket Club and a Slimming Group which had been going for ten months. Church Street had its Stores with a Post Office. Willersey Stores was also in Main Street.



They call it lateral thinking!!

1. When can you add 'two' to 'eleven' and get 'one' as the correct answer?
2. What five letter word does every oxford graduate pronounce wrong?
3. Two mothers and two daughters were fishing. They managed to catch one big fish, one small fish, and one fat fish. Since only three fish were caught how is it possible that they each took home a fish?
4. How can you physically stand behind your father while he is standing behind you?
5. Benjamin and Jack were in a 100 metre race. When Benjamin crossed the finish line, Jack was only at the 90 metre mark. Benjamin suggested they run another race. This time, Benjamin would start 10 metres behind the starting line. All other things being equal, will Jack win, lose, or will it be a tie in the second race?
6. How can you throw a ball as hard as you can, and make it stop and return to you, without hitting anything and with nothing attached to it?
7. A cowboy rode into town on Friday, spent one night there, and left on Friday. How do you account for this?