

## PUBLIC NOTICES AUGUST 2020

### MONDAYS BINS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are **Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Please put all 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 email [info@hedgehogbus.org](mailto:info@hedgehogbus.org)

N. N. Cresswell 01386 48655 for route R4

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.**

## **PASTORAL LETTER – AUGUST 2020**

On the Sunday that our church buildings were able to be used again for public worship, the gospel reading was one of my all-time favourites. At the end of St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 11, Jesus says,

**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (NIV)**

I was struck by the three opening words, ‘*Come to me...*’ What does this incredible invitation from God's own, and only, Son mean for us?

First, Jesus says, “*Come to me*” because of your past. We all have a past – things we're proud of and things we're appalled by. Christ, and Christ alone, is able to make all things new. And here's the wonderful thing – it's never too late to come to him. When he was dying on the cross, Christ spoke to a criminal who was hanged beside him and this is how that exchange – one of the most profound and beautiful exchanges recorded anywhere in the Bible – goes: The criminal asks Jesus, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And the instant reply from Jesus was this, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” His forgiveness is just as readily offered today to all who seek it.

Next, Jesus says, “*Come to me*” because you need me in the here and now. Come with your heavy burdens, your weariness. There's no need to pretend. Jesus offers to all who turn to him a different way and, yes, a better way to live. He offers not merely an existence but life – and not just life but life in all its fulness.

And finally, Jesus says, “*Come to me*” because you need me for eternity. “I am the way”, in a world of so many dangerous pathways. “I am the truth”, in a world of so many lies. “I am the life” in a world of so much death and darkness. And, he says, “No one comes to the Father, except through me.”

The truth is that in Jesus Christ, and in him alone, is found our forgiveness and restoration from the past; our surety as we walk through this earthly life; and our hope – hope that lasts not just through this year, this pandemic, not even just through this life – but hope through, and for, all eternity.

Christ's invitation, 'Come to me', is made personally to each one of us. How will you respond?

With love,

Scott  
**Rev Scott Watts**  
**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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### **Willersey Village Hall.**

Progress on the Hall refurbishments are well on schedule with work due to be completed in mid-October and the Hall hopefully re-opened in mid-November. As many of you have seen work on the roof and the exterior cladding is nearing completion and the rewiring of the electrics is now well underway inside. You may have also noted the large amount of insulation blocks which have been used on the hall roof and side walls, this now ensures we meet with thermal insulation standards and in turn should lead to reduced fuel bills. The refurbishments have not been without its problems, with the discovery of asbestos hidden behind the kitchen sink units being the most costly to deal with, however thanks to the savings we have made in other areas our finances remain well within budget. We hope that government Covid guidance will allow us to have a reopening day in November and things may slowly get back to normal after that. In the meantime if you are thinking of using the hall when it reopens email [willerseyhall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseyhall@btinternet.com) and our lettings secretary will advise you of how you can book the hall.

**Treasurer Required.** Our Treasurer Lucy is sadly having to step down due to family commitments so we would like to appeal for a replacement to take over the accounts and join our hall committee. If you feel you would like to help out and join our very friendly committee please contact [nevillejelfs@gmail.com](mailto:nevillejelfs@gmail.com) or telephone 01385 858351 evenings.

### **Cinema Nights.**

The Village Hall is having a new Audio Visual system installed as part of the refurbishments and the Hall Committee would like to start a monthly Cinema Night to raise funds for the hall. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to learn how to use the equipment with a view to acting as 'projectionists' on these evenings. If you can help please contact [nevillejelfs@gmail.com](mailto:nevillejelfs@gmail.com) or telephone 01386 858351 evenings.

## 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: [willerseycovid19@gmail.com](mailto:willerseycovid19@gmail.com)

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**Age UK Gloucestershire** has during Covid19 adapted its 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 these services.

## **Are Your Electoral Registration Details Up-to-Date?**

Local residents are being warned not to lose their voice on decisions that affect them by making sure their electoral registration details are up to date. With Police and Crime Commissioner, County Council and some Parish Council elections taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, this is an important opportunity for residents to make sure they can take part.

The annual canvass ensures that the Council can keep the electoral register up to date, identifying any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

Sarah Dalby, Electoral Services Manager at Cotswold District Council, said: "We'll be sending out communications to all households in the district in the coming weeks. This will begin with emails to residents and letters will be delivered beginning in early August. It's vital for residents to make sure their details are accurate, and to ensure they respond where they need to. We want to make sure that every eligible resident in the District has the right to vote.

"If you're not currently registered, your name will not appear in the messages we send. If you want to register, the easiest way is online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote), or we'll send you information explaining how to do this in the post."

"This year's canvass, which we have to carry out by law, is taking place during a challenging public health situation. We are working to ensure that we take account of public health guidelines, including the continued importance of social distancing."

Research by the Electoral Commission indicates that recent home movers are far less likely to be registered than those who have lived at the same address for a long time. Across Great Britain, 92% of people who have been at their property for more than sixteen years will be registered, compared to 36% of people who have lived at an address for less than one year.

Melanie Davidson, Head of Support and Improvement at the Electoral Commission, said: "It's really important that everyone who is entitled to vote is able to do so. Making sure you provide the necessary information to your local authority when it is needed will ensure the process runs smoothly. This is particularly helpful in the current public health situation, as it will help avoid the need for home visits from canvassers.

"There's lots of helpful information about registering to vote on our website: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter>."

Any residents who have any questions can contact the local registration team at 01285 623002 or email [elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cotswold.gov.uk) Find out more about the annual canvass here: <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/annual-canvas/>

## **SUPPORT YOUR LOCALS!**

### **THE NEW INN**

Traditional Donnington Ales, Bar Meals, Beer Garden and Car Park. Free WiFi  
Because of Corona Virus please see our new website for currently revised opening hours and corona rules. Thank you.

Closed Mondays. Open Tues to Thurs 12-3 & 5-11. Food 12—2, 6-9  
Fri & Sat 11-11 Food 12-2:30, 6-9, Sun 11-6 Food 12-3  
Games Room / Skittle Alley / Snooker Table / TV/ Function Room  
Both children and dogs are welcome!

Tel: 01386 853226. **Email address:- [newinnwillersey@gmail.com](mailto:newinnwillersey@gmail.com)**  
Jules, Felicity & the team look forward to welcoming you.

### **THE BELL INN**

Enjoy the friendly ambience of our bar or on sunny days, you can enjoy your lunch, dinner or just a drink in our large garden.  
Our restaurant has an excellent reputation for home produced foods, traditional cask ales and fine wines. Dog friendly. Car Park. Garden.  
A warm welcome awaits you from Sue, Louise and their friendly team.  
Tel: 01386 858405. **Email address:- [thebellatwillersey@hotmail.com](mailto:thebellatwillersey@hotmail.com)**  
Opening hours Mon-Fri 11am - 3pm & 5pm - 11pm  
Sat 11am - 3pm & 5pm - 11pm Sun All day

## ***The Reluctant Birthday Wishes***

*Not another birthday poem whose is it this time?  
I can't put two words together let alone a rhyme  
Him, oh yes, it's his and it's that time of year  
It gets lost in festivity and all that good cheer*

*How old? .... never, but perhaps it does ring a bell  
Had an easy life though, been looked after well  
He's got a good wife for sure, or so they all say  
Feeds him lots o' pills, keeps them illnesses at bay*

*Used to be in Worcestershire, that's all in the past  
In a new something house now, all arts and crafts  
He'll tell you about Ashbee, Griggs and the Harts  
And where in Campden they washed their carts*

*Still the same old fella when all's said and done  
But thank the Lord he's unique, there is only one  
I suppose we must raise our glasses give him a cheer  
'Cause If we don't, I reckon, we best not be here*

*Anonymous*

### **Should I wear a face covering in a church building?**

Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and will be mandatory in shops and in supermarkets from 24 July 2020. People are also encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a place of worship. We strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Romans	Jesus	faith
loves	help	believed
pain	invaded	centurion
healed	friends	authority
asked	understand	house
leaders	amazed	deserves
people	servant	Capernaum
anyone	tricky	Israel

### *Solution in September issue*

### **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>

## WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH – August 2020

More and more people seem to be appearing on our village radar who are newcomers. Both Churches would welcome your visiting them!

We would also welcome you to our Croquet Group which meets once a month – usually from May until October – this year we start on August 5<sup>th</sup>, because of the Corona Virus. We meet once a month. We charge £3 each to help cover the costs of tea/cake/biscuits, mowing and green fees, etc; everyone is welcome. 2.30 pm in the garden at the back of the Methodist Church. Do, please, come and give croquet a try. We were given the equipment and started with the help of the Cheltenham Croquet (HQ for Croquet nationally!) We are all amateurs and play for the fun of it.

The Methodist Church is open every Sunday morning at 10.30am for a service and on Fridays for our Sit/Knit/Sew/Coffee/Chat on a Friday morning. Everyone is welcome – you don't have to have a ticket, nor 'sign in'!

It was good to see so many people around for Mary Smith's 'Goodbye'. She will be sadly missed. If anyone would like us to remember a person who has passed on then please let us know. A prayer costs nothing!

We are still not yet back to normal at Church, the Methodist District doesn't open until August, although we are joining together on a Sunday for a short service now. It really helps us to get together. Pity we can't sing yet! Not till the powers that be say 'Yes'. There are lots of events going on over August we hope you enjoy them all!

Penny 853306



# The Ironing & Laundry Service

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(References Available)

Phone Beverley Daffurn **01386 831824**



Dear Fellow Villagers,

Caring Hands is a church based organisation in Evesham, operating out of The Vale Christian Centre. They're short of some produce for their FoodBank, as the numbers of those in need increases. This is an invitation to help if you wanted to and are able. They are short of canned meat, the sort of item which is close to a meal in itself. In addition they require bathroom cleaner and air freshener. Currently they're well off for; baked beans, soup, rice and pasta. Should you provide these items they will, of course, still be gratefully received. It may be useful if our great COVID 19 volunteers, if they were free, could help with collection. Or you can deliver full bags direct to my home, please no loose cans. Please link with neighbours, a street or friends in your village group to fill a bag. I will transfer to Caring Hands. If you want to help please give what you're able when you're able, if I passed on some supplies once a fortnight or so it would be a great help, Thank you. I fear this is an ongoing crisis.

Ken, call 858637

## *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 July Questions **They call it lateral thinking!!**

1. When can you add 'two' to 'eleven' and get 'one' as the correct answer?  
*At 11 o'clock on a 12 hour clock*

2. What five letter word does every Oxford graduate pronounce wrong?  
*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?

*There are only 3 people - Grandmother, her Daughter and Grand daughter  
(Hence 2 mothers)*

4. How can you physically stand behind your father while he is standing behind you? *By standing back to back*

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?

*Jack will still lose (they will be level at 90 metres and as Benjamin is the quicker runner he will still win)*

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?  
*By throwing it directly upwards*

7. A cowboy rode into town on Friday, spent one night there, and left on Friday. How do you account for this?  
*His horse is called Friday*



# August Bank Holiday Scarecrow Trail



For those of us who would like a bit of a distraction from the ongoing worries we are all having to negotiate, this might just be a better time to throw some of our creative energies into some **SOCIALLY DISTANCED SCARECROWS.**

Our theme of **HAPPY DAYS** is a little ironic perhaps, but let's stick with it and it may even encourage a few 'left field'/ quirky scarecrows!

So here are a few ideas but if something entirely different driven by recent events appeals, then go for it.

- What we'd really *prefer* to be doing for a Happy Day?
- 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*' Happy Day secret pleasure?

Voting forms and all the razzmatazz that normally accompanies this event is probably a step too far this year.

But, if you'd like to take part in this Willersey 'just for fun' Scarecrow Trail to help brighten our daily village exercise, simply display your scarecrow for the week

*beginning on Monday 24th August,*

with scarecrows being taken down after the Monday Bank Holiday.

Bob Topp



## Willersey WI Speakers: 'The Local Talent'

It is 154 days since our last full meeting at the Wayside on March 9th 2020, but what some memories we have of our illustrious Village Speakers over the last six years. *Sandra Vale* repeated her coup of a couple of years previously, by challenging the ladies to create a floral arrangement in an unusual container.

*Terry Waldron*, goldsmith, shared some stunning pieces of jewellery bringing gasps of amazement and delight to the room.

*Margaret Clayton's* talk about her career in the Civil Service and some of the insight into well know cabinet members. We couldn't possibly comment; sworn to secrecy!

*Bill Payne* sharing his life experiences travelling the globe in search of delicious herbs for the British market. In typical Bill style he educated and amused us with his stories.

*Jenni Bond*, our local historian, talked about the buildings and the residents of bygone years. She set up an amazing collection of photos and memorabilia. We recorded an extra 13 guests that evening, all spellbound by her stories and anecdotes.

*Rachel Clark* lived and worked in France, bringing the French language to life. After a little glass of French wine we harmonised in style singing Gaelic songs.

*Tom Jelfs*, 'Footlight Effects', Tom created an amazing animated Christmas film for a Winter Wonderland event, sharing it with us as part of his talk on movie effects. What a talent and skill.

*Moira Huntley*, Royal Academy artist, such a talented lady with an amazing back story. The first woman president of the Pastel Society. She brought along many pieces of art work and it was like our own private gallery viewing.

*Gill O'Donaghue* arriving at the Moulin Rouge as a naive 16 year old girl, learning complicated routines all balanced on high heels with layers of sequins and net.

*Phil & Xuemi*. Xuemi's beauty is eclipsed by her amazing cuisine. Phil of course presented it with a great artistic flourish, translating for Xuemi the ingredients she used. Many available from her supplier, but not in the Co-op!

*Martin Blakeman's* talk, 'A Craftsman's View, was a great draw for men who had worked at Gordon Russell's. He really brought the workshop to life with his pictures and anecdotes.

*Lena Stranks*, 'Stand Up' was her headline. What an amazing and brave challenge she took on. Not speaking to the WI, but doing stand up comedy. Respect Lena! We started at the Wayside and finished with Tom Cumberland and his delicious sausages and supper.

**What a talented village and we still have more to come!**

**AUGUST GATHERING & ROVING RAFFLE**

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August 3rd, Sawpit Green, weather permitting. Bring your own chairs, nibbles and drinks and of course some cash to splash.

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**'Be in it to win it raffle'**

**Donations**

A hamper - Sue & Louise at The Bell

A bottle of Beaufort Gin - Leo Crabtree

A bouquet of flowers - Laura Crabtree

Fused glass artefact - Wendy Stafford

*£1 a ticket with names on an envelope with money to Gi at number 30 Collin Close or Lizzie Robinson, Bedale, Main Street*

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**OTHER NEWS**

Ann Tomblin won the Treasure Hunt competition with full marks

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

**R4 Bus to and from Evesham**

**A new timetable is currently in operation – see the driver for details. Buses are not coming to pick up in Willersey unless you phone Cresswells on 01386 48655. The buses are also not running on Saturdays now. I feel that we may lose this bus altogether if it is not used. J.R.**

**Mobile & WiFi coverage Survey**

Many thanks to those who participated in the survey and returned their forms. We received 53 replies and in brief 52% regarded mobile coverage as totally unacceptable and 24 % as good, whereas only 6% were this dissatisfied with Broadband with 50% rating it as good or better.

The data is still being analysed by postcode and supplier, and it will be forwarded to Gina Blomefield, our Cotswold DC ward councillor who asked for the information and is pressing for improvements.

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St Peter's bells were rung for the first time on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 since the Coronavirus crisis began. Because of social distancing we could only [ring three bells](#). The hand bells were also rung to greet the congregation.

**THE SEPTEMBER 2020 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS**

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



People expect Sudoku puzzles to have a unique solution. There are various tools for checking, but this one is simple

<https://www.sudoku-solutions.com/>

The number of valid Sudoku solution grids for the standard 9×9 grid was calculated by Felgenhauer and Jarvis in 2005 to be 6,670,903,752,021,072,936,960 . (This number is equal to  $9! \times 722 \times 27 \times 27,704,267,971$ ,  $9! = 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2$  )

Another way of putting this is that a blank Sudoku grid has this number of solutions. Clearly a Sudoku with only one number missing would have a unique solution. As more numbers are taken away the Sudoku could have more than one solution.

Our June Sudoku has been shown to have three solutions which we print below. Thank you to J & S.M. for putting us right.

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4	6	1	7	3	5	8	9	2
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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

## Nature Box - Super Predators

A sunny summer's day is a dragonfly day.

Dragonflies are super aerial ambush predators: catching other flying insects in their feet, biting off their wings and then devouring the rest - and often all in flight. Nature, red in tooth and claw.



*Illustrator - Ella Wightman*

And all of this is achieved through a combination of truly amazing eyesight and flying ability, with some species able to fly at up to 30mph. They can control each of their four wings independently, enabling them to hover, fly sideways and even fly backwards.

Such drama is unfolding on our village pond right now with both dragonflies and their smaller relatives damselflies - damsels generally being smaller and wings closed lengthwise along their bodies when at rest, whereas dragonflies having wings outspread.

The nature of dragonflies in their larval form, when they are known as nymphs, and maybe living for up to three years or more at the bottom of the pond, is no less predatory - often feeding on tadpoles which they suck dry. They shed their own skins many times as they grow, before finally climbing up plant stems to emerge from their larval exoskeleton and flying off for just a few weeks on the wing to continue their astonishing life cycle.

Yes, right here, under our very noses, life in and above our village pond can be every bit as dramatic as the African savannah.

*And whilst most of us aren't looking, at some unseen signal, our swifts will be quietly slipping away for another nine months.*

*Recent village sightings include: Jay - Penny; Muntjac fawn - Richard; Roe deer - Beccie; Little Owl - Clive; Goldfinches - Lynne; more fledged Swallows - Flic; Pied Wagtail (whose call says, "Chis-ick") - Tom.*

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 VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall Committee are holding a :-  
“ Fun Photographic Competition” for  
Pictures of “Willersey and Parish” taken in 2020.  
All winning photographs will be enlarged and displayed in the  
“New Hall” on a permanent basis.  
Send your digital entries in landscape format to :-  
[willerseyhall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseyhall@btinternet.com)  
Closing date 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.  
(Maximum three per person)  
So go out and explore Willersey - and all it has to offer.  
“Good luck and happy snapping”

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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.

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**Solution to  
July Sudoku**

## SUNDAY SERVICES



### **Saint Peter’s Willersey with Saintbury**

Worship via Skype or Zoom with  
Revd Scott and/or Kevin. The latest  
details will be on [grumball.com](http://grumball.com)

Please see further details on the web

See <http://www.willersey.org/stpeter.htm> with a  
link and service sheet from <http://grumball.com>

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### **Services in Saint Peter’s Church for August**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Morning Prayer at 10am  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August. 9am Holy Communion at 9am  
Sundays 16<sup>th</sup> , 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August Morning Prayer at 10am  
Holy Communion every Wednesday at 11am  
Evening Prayer every Tuesday at 4:30pm in August

*We hope to be able to announce the restarting of our monthly  
Family Services in September.*

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**Thomas Hallett and Rebecca Blackburn were married  
in St Peter’s on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.**



**WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Sunday Services 10.30 am.**  
**Fridays are Community Days 10.30 am**