

PUBLIC NOTICES OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY BINS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are **Mondays 5th & 19th October 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

PARISH COUNCIL

The Office is currently closed. Please e-mail 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 alternate Fridays 10:00 to 14:30. **Not with Lloyds? – use the Co-Op Post Office or the Mobile Post Office in Willersey.**

NEAREST LIBRARY

The nearest library is in Broadway. Open Mon & Wed, 10am - 2pm. 01905 822722

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 www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/ and on the Willersey website at www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus

Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111 or 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999

Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 834444

Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800

Police – Telephone 101 www.gloucestershire.police.uk **Emergency 999.**

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PASTORAL LETTER – OCTOBER 2020

‘For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword,

it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.’

Hebrews, chapter 4, verse 12 (NIV)

During October, many churches up and down the land, both those meeting in-church and online, will mark Bible Sunday. This is a day set aside in the Church’s year to *celebrate* the continuing impact that the Bible, God’s word, has on individuals, churches, communities and, indeed the whole of God’s creation.

Many are quick to write-off the Bible, labelling it outdated and irrelevant. The truth is, though, that the Bible still touches, transforms and shapes lives for good. It is part of a body of evidence that reveals so much about the nature of God and of his kingdom. In particular, it offers proof beyond doubt that God longs to communicate with each of us.

Whilst I’m glad that the Church sets aside one Sunday each year to recognise the continuing impact and relevance of the Bible, for me every Sunday is ‘Bible Sunday’. Every day is ‘Bible Day’! The Bible is my constant companion in life. If you wonder why, the answer is, in part, connected to the verses above, from the New Testament Book of Hebrews. Here we are reminded that God’s word isn’t something lifeless or passive. It’s not just another book on the bookcase. Rather, it is *living* and *active*. It teaches, trains, rebukes, challenges, encourages, enlivens and inspires us. Above all else, though, it communicates to me, in my innermost being, the timeless story of God’s love for his people – a love that saw God come into the world and redeem the world in his Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

When Her Majesty the Queen was crowned in Westminster Abbey on 2nd June 1953, the then Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, presented Her Majesty with Bible, saying,

'Our gracious Queen:
to keep your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of
God as the Rule for the whole life and government of Christian
Princes, we present you with this Book,
the most valuable thing that this world affords.

If you don't already do so, I'd like to challenge you to join me in reading the Bible. If you haven't got a Bible at home but want to take up my challenge, many translations – from traditional to modern – are available free of charge online. Start with something manageable, such as one of the psalms (try 23, 91 or 139) or, St Mark's Gospel. If, when you've read it, you want to talk about what you've read, please be in-touch.

The Bible is rightly regarded by many as 'the most valuable thing that this world affords'. In reading it, we embark on the adventure and journey of a lifetime.

With love, Scott
Rev Scott Watts
Team Vicar

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Honeybourne, Evesham, WR11 7PP Tel: 01386 834946
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Tel: 01386 852785 & mobile 07979590826
Email: rmw@unisonprojects.co.uk

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

Harvest Festival has come and gone for us in the Chapel. We didn't do decorations this year. We brought what we had that would be useful for those with very little. It's all gone to the Evesham Methodists who distribute it around the town. We couldn't sing Harvest Hymns so we thought of others – not ourselves. Evesham Methodist Church care for the homeless and patrol the streets of Evesham during the night. I must say I admire them for doing it!

Last week, in September, we had a guest preacher. His name is the Revd Martin Turner and he offered to come to us to 'have a look at that lovely little church at the top of the village.' How nice to be thought of in that way! He comes through quite regularly on his way to see his daughter and family in Quinton; so he wondered if he could call on us.

We had a lovely service together, and isn't it nice that someone actually noticed our building. So many people nowadays just 'rush through'. We are still having the occasional service leader, but quite often we are taking the service ourselves and enjoying discussion rather than sermon.

We are getting used to zoom meetings with Circuits adjacent to us. Richard's getting quite nifty on the computer! Just as well because I'm not so up together any more. We are looking forward, as I'm sure most people are, to getting back to normal! And, of course, like all Methodist congregations we miss the hymn singing! However we read them together and probably take more notice of the words! We so often concentrate on the familiar music rather than on the words.

As a group we are helping each other get through these days of no togetherness. The one thing about a village is that we see people around on regular occasions and, even if it's just a wave, it's communication.

WILLERSEY WEDNESDAY CLUB

Owing to the present ongoing problem with Covid 19 the club will not be starting again in September. If the situation improves it may be possible to restart in 2021, but we will urgently need a new Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. We will keep you advised of the situation over the next few months

Great British September Litter Pick October 3rd

The Parish council will be participating in the Great British September Clean by organizing a litter picking morning.

Litter pickers and sacks will be provided to all volunteers from 09.30 on Saturday October 3rd at the village hall.

The filled sacks will be collected later by Cotswold District Council.

WILLERSEY DUCKS

Our duckpond is a significant part of the Village. Currently it has mallards on it. We have also in the past had coots, moorhens and even a brief visit from a heron. We would like to thank Liz Ward for making sure that the ducks are properly fed and putting up a notice to say that bread is not good for them.

The Ironing & Laundry Service

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Willersey Covid-19 Community Support Group

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

**Call Community Support Group either:
Anthony Lishman on 07595 348506 or
Robert McNeil-Wilson on 07979 590826**

leaving a message, if necessary, including
your name, address and phone number
and we will respond rapidly.

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.

Please also contact us, confidentially, if you have concerns about any neighbours who may require assistance. Phone one of the two numbers, above, or email: willersecovid19@gmail.com

*Weston Sub Edge Rural Cinema
Sadly, closed until further notice*

The Cotswold AONB board is now calling itself the **Cotswolds National Landscape**. It has a newly designed website using the same old address www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk which has a great deal of interesting and useful information.

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Willersey Village Hall. Refurbishments.

We are pleased to report that the Building Contractors have now completed the refurbishments works three weeks ahead of schedule and within budget. The Village Hall Committee now have the task of carrying out the fitting of Curtains, Carpets, Blinds, Fire equipment servicing, portable appliance testing, the implementation of fire procedures as well as carrying out a Covid 19 assessment before we can think of re-opening the hall. We will also be carrying out the tidying up of the outside areas which got neglected during the building works. At the time of writing this report it is difficult to give an estimate of when the Hall will officially re-open for general hire as our initial estimate of mid-November will be subject to Covid restrictions and we will only re-open when we are confident it is safe to do so.

We do however hope to find a date as soon as possible when we can open the doors for everyone to come and have a look around inside once we have completed the jobs above, so watch this space.

Treasurer Required.

For the last couple of months we have put out a plea for someone to come forward to take on the job of Village Hall Treasurer. So if you may have thought about volunteering please come forward and have a chat as no formal accountants experience is necessary just an organised mind and a couple of hours a month. Our current Treasurer Lucy who is stepping down due to family commitments but has promised to work alongside someone until they are confident to take over fully. Lucy is also staying on the committee so help and guidance will never be far away. If you feel you would like to help out and join our very friendly committee please contact nevillejelfs@gmail.com or telephone 01385 858351 evenings.

Following the announcement of new ‘rule of six’ restrictions to help limit the spread of coronavirus, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who chairs the Church of England’s recovery group, said: “I welcome confirmation from the Prime Minister that places of worship can still hold more than six people in total, despite the new restrictions on gatherings, and the reassurance that public worship can continue. We will continue to work with the Government on specific areas relating to our churches and church-based activities.”

October

Mornings are decidedly chilly
And mists hang low in the valleys
October is perhaps the most vibrant month of the year
Stunning autumnal colours on trees
Spanning a spectrum from gold through to bronze.
Leaves from such trees as ash, beech
Willow and sycamore enhance the world
With their rich colouring
Birds banquet on fruit, nuts and berries
Which are now plentiful in the countryside
And swallows fly away to warmer destinations.

Creatures which hibernate
.. the squirrel and hedgehog for example
Find safe locations
Where they spend the cold Winter months
Dining spasmodically on items
Retrieved from their food store.
Pheasants strut majestically across the moorland
... the birds appearing to exhibit
Guardian like mannerisms.

Red and white polka dot toadstools
Growing in the forest glade are celebratory sculpture
With their special colours
And intricate design details ...
... grey fungus attached to tree stumps
Appearing slightly drab and forlorn by comparison.

NEWS ABOUT THE RE-OPENING OF THE SNOOKER ROOM

The Snooker Room is scheduled to be re-opened at the same time as the official launch of the refurbished Village Hall.

It has been agreed with the Village Hall Committee that all parts of the Hall will re-open at the same time.

Once the total refurbishment is complete, and before the official opening, the Snooker Table will have received a full, professional recondition. Please watch for announcements regarding the date of the re-opening of the Village Hall.



Happy Day
Scarecrow Thank You



Despite pestilence and storms over twenty delightfully creative scarecrows were assembled across the village to brighten our days - although one or two did need rescuing and repairing after some of the worst of the unseasonable weather. So thank you to all those involved for helping to maintain this lovely Willersey tradition in what is proving to be a tricky year. If you missed seeing them most are recorded on the Willersey website: www.willersey.org/scarecrows2020.htm

Nature Box - Garden Ponds



The best time to create a small garden pond is right now - or you might change your mind.

Building a pond is not difficult and there is plenty of useful advice around; and the return a pond brings in terms of wildlife is amazing - the creatures just come. Water boatmen will soon be 'rowing' across your pond, pond skaters and maybe even whirligigs, moving like bumper cars but never colliding; with these creatures defying logic with their surface tension trickery.

Frogs may soon discover your pond with frog spawn to follow in early February if you're lucky. Although our own healthy collection of newts seemingly polished off all of last spring's tadpoles. Still, they have to eat and newts are pretty cool too.

Dragonflies and damselflies are the other great attraction. Large red damsels often appear first and the yellow and green southern hawker - the most common large dragonfly here - often come close to check you out. Both are great colonisers of small garden ponds. Watching them lay eggs in early summer is a treat; and their offspring can be spotted climbing up stemmed pond plants, having spent several years beneath the surface as nymphs. Best to avoid adding fish if you want to attract diversity.

And the fun doesn't stop there: with hedgehogs, wood mice and other small rodents also visiting to enjoying a night time drink.

Village pond insect sightings: a Banded Demoiselle, Broad-bodied Chasers, an Emperor dragonfly, Red Damsels; and lots of tiny froglets spotted in early June. Hooray! Just as well, given froglets will be on the menu of many other creatures.

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

Broadway Embroidery Group

We hope to restart on Thursday 1st October. Our new venue is to be the Parlour Room at the Lifford Hall in Broadway. It is a light, airy room with space for tables to be socially distanced. These will be sanitized before and after our use. The hall provides a limited number of parking spaces at the rear of the building.

Our first meeting will be a "sit and Sew". Everyone appears to have been busy during lockdown and beyond with craft activities. Please bring along something you would like the other members to see, however small.

Place: Parlour Room, Lifford Hall. 10am to 12 noon Note: 2 hours
Please bring your own refreshments.

Hopefully we can resume normal activities. This is however subject to Government guidelines and to any changes which may be made.

Enquiries to Gillian 01386 852958 or Penny 01386 853306

A New Roof for Saint Peter's Church Tower

The removal of all the scaffolding on Saint Peter's Church tower indicates that the recladding work on the tower roof has been completed. This work was most urgent because the poor condition of the cladding was resulting in water ingress. If not rectified, this would have resulted in deterioration to the overall structure of the tower and other parts of the church.

When the old lead was removed it revealed that the water ingress had caused timbers to rot at all four corners of the tower. These have all been replaced. The contractor, Q&M Ltd of Gloucester has delivered an excellent standard of work, much improved on the previous cladding. This included recladding all of the roof and relining the gargoyles that drain the water from the tower roof and lean out from each of the tower's four corners. We also took the opportunity to improve the security arrangements of the tower roof significantly.

The project was delivered on time and within budget, at a cost of £30,000. We were blessed in being able to secure over £24,000 of this through six successful grant applications. However, this does leave Saint Peter's needing to find over £5,000 to cover the outstanding cost.

The previous roof had lasted for over a hundred years, so, it would be reasonable to expect the superior cladding installed under this historic Willersey project to continue to protect our most historic and beautiful Parish Church for at least another century.

Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HAL

A big thank you to all who took part in the
“ **Fun Photographic Competition**”
for pictures of :-
Willersey and Parish.

We had over forty entries, with some stunning pictures. An independent judge will carefully choose five pictures to be mounted in the Village Hall on a permanent basis.

The successful entrants will be named in November`s edition of the Church and Village News.

Thank you
Village Hall Committee

THE NOVEMBER 2020 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Saturday 17th October unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events. Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of the next day, the 18th Drop your items into Willersey Stores, phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628 , or email them to willerseynews@gmail.com, Thank you.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet no later than one week after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed. Please email them to willerseynews@gmail.com or leave them at the Village Stores

For later updates to any Church and Village News do look on our Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or on www.willersey.org



Kiftsgate Outing

Ann Chambers from Kiftsgate Court Gardens spoke to us at our January meeting about the diverse garden that she and her family have been managing for 100 years. We were delighted to see her on Gardeners' World on BBC 1 and some of our members were encouraged to visit as soon as they opened up, but this didn't stop us making another return visit. Every season brings another treasured floral delight. We were not disappointed.

We rolled up our sleeves once again to support The Macmillan Cancer Charity. The New Inn provided the coffee and our girls baked some buns to sell. With the change in Government advice concerning Covid and groups meeting together this was a more limited affair than usual. But have no fear, *'we'll be back'* fighting to sell all of the goodies we've made knitted and extracted from you to sell at a later date.

Ann Embury entertained us to a coffee and cakes morning in her delightful garden. Lizzie was hampered by a broken wrist so while her coffee wasn't served she amazingly raised £50. Maggie ran a Cotswold Flight night with just a nod to the coffee. These events added another £275 to the Macmillan Charity. The coffee morning at The New Inn adding another £755 so our total for Macmillan this year is **£1080** and they will receive another **£90** from the gift aid. Thank you to Ann and Shirley for organising the cake sale, Adine and Gill the raffle and of course Felicity and Jules for the coffee.

A huge thank you to members and village folk who have supported our fund raising efforts again this September. We will brave the autumn and winter with our usual stoicism and continue to meet in groups of six while we can..

October Meeting

Monday 12th October

St Peter's Church

We had planned a meeting, but we will keep you informed via our Willersey WI Newsletter about this or any other forthcoming events. It is looking unlikely we will meet in a large group for the time being. If anyone who is not a member but wishes to have any details of our activities please contact Maggie 858635 or Mal 858351.

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 by the end of the year.

Group leaders will keep you informed.

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

Lavender Personal Assistance & 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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thursday September 17th

A huge thank you to anyone who bought a cup of coffee, a cake, or risked their life savings on the raffle. It was a good day to catch up and chat; and especially important to think of the friends and neighbours who have needed the support of The Macmillan Cancer Team.

Willersey raised £883 during the morning

Words

*Words make our language, hence we communicate
They can describe our past, present or future fate*

*We don't always say what we mean, or mean what we
say
But then, of course, that is when tolerance comes into
play*

*We all live in a world that we know is not at it's best
So, let us all be tolerant of others and there I will rest.*

Anonymous

SUPPORT YOUR LOCALS!

Please note that currently all pubs have to close by 10pm.

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.

<https://www.newinnwillersey.co.uk/>

It may still be August but if it's wet and miserable outside the fire will be lit inside...

Mon 5-10 Food 6-8 Tues to Fri 12-3 & 5-11. Food 12—2, 6-9

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

Jules, Felicity & the team look forward to welcoming you.

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Our restaurant has an excellent reputation for home produced foods, traditional cask ales and fine wines. Dog friendly.

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Tel: 01386 858405. Email address:-

thebellatwillersey@hotmail.com

<https://www.thebellwillersey.com/>

Opening hours Mon to Fri 11am - 3pm & 5pm -11pm

Sat 11am - 3pm & 5pm - 11pm Sun All day



Thank you to our advertisers who are supporting the Willersey News and to **Pat Heming** who deserves a big 'Thank You' for an excellent job done looking after the advertisements over many years.

In future please contact Alan Gittings (01 386 858601 agittings@talk21.com) who has taken over this role.

St Peter's Family Service

It was good to have our Family Service back, taken by Mark. It is funny not being able to sing especially the rousing Harvest Hymns. We had a good congregation including four children. Our gifts of Harvest were taken to the altar steps and blessed by Mark. These gifts are to be taken to the Caring Hands organisation in Evesham.

Thank you to Adine for reading of the parable of The Mustard seed to illustrate the Harvest story. Mark spoke of the difficulties of living a good & helpful life and striving to be good Christians.

We ended the Service with "The Peace", a socially distanced version.

Our next Family Service is on October 18th at our Church. All being well, we hope to see there. Stay Safe.

ST PETER'S SUNDAY SERVICES

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.

Saint Peter's Church Services in October

Please note, mid-week morning Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer (BCP)) Services continue, every Wednesday at 11:00 in Saint Peter's Church.

In October, there will only be only one BCP Service of Evening Prayer on the first Tuesday of the month; Tuesday, 6 October.

Day	Saint Peter's Church Services	Zoom Services
Sunday 4th October Trinity 17	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)	9.30 am: Family Service 6.30 pm: Evensong
Tuesday 6th October	4.30 pm Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)	
Sunday 11th October Trinity 18	9.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)	9.30 am Family Service 6.30 pm Bedtime Church
Sunday 18th October Trinity 19	11.00 am Family Service	9.30 am Family Service
Sunday 25th October Bible Sunday	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)	9.30 am Family Service 6.30 pm Bedtime Church



Saint Peter's Willersey with Saintbury

Worship via Skype or Zoom with
Revd Scott and/or Kevin. The latest
details will be on
www.grumball.com

Please see further details on the web

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

Church Cleaning

Week ending

October 3 rd	}	Sandy Barnes and Elizabeth Milne-James
October 10 th		
October 17 th	}	Lisa and Flick Marcham
October 24 th		

Cleaning equipment can be found in the tall cupboard in the Vestry. The vacuum cleaner is by the cupboard next to the sink in the south transept. Keys can be collected from "The Bell" or from Gillian Beale 01386 852958.

Brass Cleaning

October 3 rd	}	Mal Jelfs and Jackie Jordan
October 10 th		
October 17 th	}	Jennie and Peter Bond
October 24 th		

If you find any cleaning materials are running short please let me know. Again a thank you to everyone who helps with keeping our Church looking clean and cared for.

WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Services at 10.30 am.
Fridays are Community Days at 10.30 am