

**MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.**

The next dates for all bins are **Monday 4th, & Monday 18th October 2021**  
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)  
**Please note that the situation on these can change at any time if say the weather is bad. Just leave your bins out for later collection.**

**PARISH COUNCIL** The office is on the corner of the Village Hall open every Monday from 10.00am to noon. Outside these hours contact the clerk on 01386 853635 or email [willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com)

**WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL** To hire the hall please telephone Annie & Bill Payne 01386 858368, or email [willerseyhall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseyhall@btinternet.com) . or see [www.willersey.org/villagehall.htm](http://www.willersey.org/villagehall.htm)

**METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE**

Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

**The MOBILE POST OFFICE**

Willersey on **Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45 to 14:45.** For Lloyds customers, their Mobile Bank visits Broadway alternate Wednesdays 10:00 to 14:30. Not with Lloyds? – use the Co-Op Post Office in Broadway 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 to Evesham	01386 48655 for route R4
Johnsons to Stratford-upon-Avon	01564 797000 for route 1
Pulhams Coaches to Cheltenham	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.**

Recently in church we were reflecting on verses from St Mark’s Gospel that contain two towering and vital questions – questions that span the breadth of time and that are as relevant today as they were when Christ first asked them. You can read the verses that we were exploring together in chapter 8, verses 27-30. Let me tell you about the two questions, though...

As he walks with the disciples towards the villages of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asks them, “Who do people say that I am?” It’s an innocent enough question. It requires no great thought and certainly no personal commitment. All the disciples have to do is tell Jesus what they’ve heard *others* say. I suspect the disciples had heard many views expressed about who people thought Jesus was but here’s what they were prepared to share with him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” Note the variety of answers.

In truth, not much has changed. In a survey conducted jointly by the *Church of England, Evangelical Alliance* and the Christian charity, *Hope Together*, adult respondents described Jesus thus:

God in human form – 21%;  
A normal human – 17%;  
A prophet – 29%;  
A fictional or mythical character – 22%;  
Don’t know – 9%;  
Other – 2%;

There is much work for the Church to do, not least of all because Christ’s first question, “Who do people say that I am?”, was really only a precursor to the *real* question – the question that Christ asked then and that he still asks today,

**“But who do you say that I am?”**

Suddenly, the question feels far less innocent than the generic, ‘Who do *people* say that I am?’ This question absolutely does require personal thought or commitment. What is your response to Christ’s question, “But who do *you* say that I am?” God in human form? Just another

human being? A prophet? A mythical or fictional character? Something else? Or, are you able to reply as St Peter did, “You are the Messiah!”? Your answer, of course, is between you and God. But, if you’re not clear about who Christ is in your life, and would like to explore that further, please let me know.

With love, **Scott**, Team Vicar

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### Willersey Fete. WI cake stall.

Thank you to everyone who helped or generously donated cakes for our cake stall. We raised just over £300.00!

The Guess The Weight Competition was won by Chris, who was the closest to the correct weight of 1.081kg.

### **Saint Peter’s Fun Dog Show Results 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021.**

Class	Dog	Owner
Most Appealing Eyes	Chester	Fiona
Best Looking Dog	Flint	Fay
Best Rescue Dog	Debbie	MJ
Best Young Dog (2yrs or under)	Betsy	Lila
Best Veteran (7yrs or older)	Indie	Chloe, Olly & Jack
Best Working Dog	Ronnie	Rich
Best Family Pet	Harvey	Noel & Ava
Dog Judge Would I Most Like to Take Home	Blue	Helen
Best Dog that Hadn’t Won A Rosette Today	Tessie	Hannah
<b>BEST IN SHOW</b>	<b>FLINT</b>	<b>Fay</b>

## **WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH**

### **News for October**

October and Autumn is with us. Looks as tho’ we’ll have to be careful with our fuel etc. They (the ‘media’ etc) all think we’re in for a hard time. All the more reason to care for each other then!

We have now got our new Minister installed. Chris and his wife have moved into Evesham manse and we also have ... wait for it! A young, female Pastoral Care Worker! She’s from Eastern Europe, is very pleasant and keen and her English is excellent. So with these two on our side we should be very happy. We’ve started on the year’s plan and are looking forward to new ideas.

If you have any worries about the heating etc in your home then please contact Signpost in Broadway and they’ll advise how to get in touch with Age UK or look them up and contact them directly. They are very helpful and can help with house problems, legal problems – all sorts of things so don’t hesitate. Be ready to advise them that you are Gloucestershire here! NOT WORCS!

Our Friday morning ‘get together’ is very active and will continue throughout the winter. We hope you’ll come and join in – even if you don’t knit or sew etc. You’ll be very welcome – just bring a duster and a long handled broom! We have a load of finished items ready to go off and hope they’ll be gone soon.

Bookings for our Community Hall – small but beautifully formed – are ready to be booked through Richard Ingles 853306.

The Croquet will keep going as long as the weather holds.

Keep warm everyone!

*Penny Ingles 853306*

## Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



The guided walks programme has restarted and Cotswold Wardens are once again leading the public on walks in a safe and careful way. Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). Please check walk details carefully including whether booking is necessary.

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

**Tuesday, 5th October, 2021 – Start: 10:00 am**

Difficulty: Moderate Duration: 3 hours Distance: 8.5 miles

Start point: Park in Naunton village near The Black Horse pub GL54 3AD

Very easy walking with wide open views and some new horse training facilities. Bring a drink/snack. Lunch and refreshments available in pub afterwards

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS – may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work

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## Bridge Lessons for Beginners

Willersey Village Hall Starting January 2022

Hosted by Mike Robinson, affiliated teacher with The English Bridge Union Teachers Association (EBUTA)

These Sessions are open to Ladies, Gents or Couples of all ages, who would like to learn to play this fascinating game.

Thursday evenings from 7-9pm.

Please indicate your interest by email to [mikerob5650@gmail.com](mailto:mikerob5650@gmail.com) or Tel: 01386 852675 Mike Robinson Mob: 07957 847870

**NB. Formal attire not required**

### Help !

Please can anyone spare an hour on Saturday 9th October at 2pm. The Community Garden at the village hall needs some October love. We have some seeds to plant, bulbs to put in, if you have any

spare that would be great 🌷 . I'm afraid to say we need to weed

the garden, cut back and generally tidy up 🧹 needs must.

Big ask; the hedge needs some attention. Can anyone help with taking away the cuttings? This would be a tremendous help, we can cope with small cuttings but not larger ones.

Many thanks to Bob Topp, for the lovely bird boxes he informs us that they are complete with flat screens and hot tubs, lucky birds! Many thanks to everyone, hope the Garden and Book Exchange are being enjoyed.

## Letter Quiz

Fill in the missing words, e.g. 57 H V = 57 Heinz Varieties

- 1) 1917 RR \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) 8848 H of ME in M \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) 76 T led the BP \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) 240 OP in a P \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) 40 D in L \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) 1999 MU did the T \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) 6 S on a G \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) 15 RB on a ST \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) 1854 B of B \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) 10,000 TGOD of Y he had \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) 1760 Y in a M \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) 1963 AC \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) 2024 NLP \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) 4 K in a P of C \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) 200 P for PG in M \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) 24 L in the GA \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) 168 S on a S of D \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) 5 L in a L \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) 12 L of H \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) 5 R on the OF \_\_\_\_\_

See page 17 for answers

## **Willersey Footlights Drama Group**

are now shaking off the dust of the past problematic months and gearing up with future events in mind

We know we have many new residents in the village and some of you may wish to share your talents and skills with us

So, with this in mind, we invite you to come along to our newly polished village hall on Monday, the 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm to exchange ideas and meet the existing team

You will be **Very Welcome!**

If you need to know more about us do look online on the Village Facebook site or just key in Willersey footlights.

Any queries just contact:

Mary Gittings email [marys.badger@btinternet.com](mailto:marys.badger@btinternet.com)

**Tel: 858601**

**mob: 07711936976**

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Letter Quiz Answers (Questions on page 4)

- 1) 1917 RR RUSSIAN REVOLUTION
- 2) 8848 H of ME in M HEIGHT of MOUNT EVEREST in METRES
- 3) 76 T led the BP TROMBONES led the BIG PARADE
- 4) 240 OP in a P OLD PENNIES in a POUND
- 5) 40 D in L DAYS in LENT
- 6) 1999 MU did the T MAN UTD did the TREBLE
- 7) 6 S on a G STRINGS on a GUITAR
- 8) 15 RB on a ST RED BALLS on a SNOOKER TABLE
- 9) 1854 B of B BATTLE of BALACLAVA
- 10) 10,000 TGOD of Y he had THE GRAND OLD DUKE of YORK
- 11) 1760 Y in a M YARDS in a Mile
- 12) 1963 AC ALCATRAZ CLOSES
- 13) 2024 NLP NEXT LEAP YEAR
- 14) 4 K in a P of C KINGS in a PACK of CARDS
- 15) 200 P for PG in M POUNDS-PASSING GO-MONOPOLY
- 16) 24 L in the GA LETTERS in the GREEK ALPHABET
- 17) 168 S on a S of D SPOTS on a SET of DOMINOES
- 18) 5 L in a L LINES in a LIMERICK
- 19) 12 L of H LABOURS of HERCULES
- 20) 5 R on the OF RINGS on the OLYMPIC FLAG

Mike Robinson

## **SIGNPOST BROADWAY**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW HOW TO USE A DEFIBRILLATOR MACHINE AND PERFORM CPR?**

Training will take place at the **Signpost Broadway office**

4, Russell Square, Broadway on:

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.pm.**

The Trainer is Mr. Robin Farnworth: West Midlands Ambulance Service Community First Responder, Vale of Evesham Community First Responders.

The course lasts between one and two hours.

Attendance is free but donations are welcome.

**MASKS TO BE WORN.**

To reserve a place please call **Signpost on:**

**01386 859029 or email: [info@signpost.info](mailto:info@signpost.info).**

Reg. Charity No. 1082114

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# **WANTED**

## **Willersey Horticultural Show**

### **Enthusiasts**

The Horticultural Show has been a village tradition for many years and we are keen to keep it alive. If you are a grower of vegetables or flowers, a baker or jam maker, a photographer or would just like to see the tradition continued please join us for a chat.



All ideas on the way we move forward are welcome and we are especially keen to encourage good organisers to the team. Lack of gardening experience not an issue - someone will always advise.

***We will meet in the Jubilee Room on Friday 8th  
October 7.00pm***

Maggie Topp

### **“Welcome to Willersey” Booklet**

The “Welcome to Willersey” booklet has been updated and reprinted. If you know of anyone or you who are new to the village and have not received a copy please get in touch.

Email [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com) or telephone 858628 or 858601. This free booklet contains local area information and contact details of organisations in the Village.

### **Willersey Book Exchange**



**Did you know we have one? Well yes we have! It is situated near the Village Hall and next to the new village garden. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for funding the restoration and positioning of the telephone box. The book exchange is now ready for use. The idea is.....’Bring a book and take a book!’.**  
**The Village Hall Committee, who are now responsible for the box, hope that you will all enjoy both the book exchange and the garden....a perfect place to meet friends and neighbours ,chat and relax.**  
**For further information or to report any problems please ring Ann Embury 859309 or any member of the Village Hall committee.**

Barn Close surgery is moving to New Barn Close Surgery, Station Road, Broadway on Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Plant a tree from now on to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Village Hall Committee AGM on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

# The Embroidery Group

After such a long time without meetings it was good to get together and catch up with members news. We brought our own sewing projects to continue at the meeting. The display table was full of interesting and varied craft work.

**Next Meeting** Introduction to Kantha work with Sadie Yeoman.

Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30pm Honeybourne Village Hall.

Any enquiries please ring Penny Ingles on 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale on 01386 852958. New members welcome – Come and see what we do.

Cotswold Friends urgently need more Booking Desk Volunteers to man their busy Community Transport Service Desk in Moreton-in-Marsh. The Transport Service supports over 1,500 local members, helping people get to medical, social and practical appointments. Volunteers in this vital role need a reasonable understanding of IT as they take member bookings and organise journeys and are an essential part of this important service. Please call the Volunteer Manager for more information on this interesting and rewarding role. Tel: 01608 697007

**Fiona Pettitt**  
**Communications Officer** Tel: 01608 692186 Working hours: Monday 8am to 4pm, Thurs 8:30 to 11:00 am  
[www.cotswoldfriends.org](http://www.cotswoldfriends.org)



## The WI is BACK

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September saw the doors of the Village Hall open to welcome back members and guests to listen to a talk by our Treasurer, Heather Rothwell on her role as a Magistrate.

Tables and chairs were set out and soon the hall was buzzing as members and guests greeted each other.

Mal (President) welcomed everyone back; Heather (Treasurer) gave a financial report; Mary (Secretary) informed us of upcoming GFWI Events and Workshops; Maggie gave a round up of all we had been doing over lockdown to stay connected.

Heather's talk was interesting, informative and entertaining. Explaining all aspects of the role from the intensive interview and training process over many months to the type of cases she deals with. Previous employment with the CPS and the Charity Guide Dogs for the Blind gave her knowledge and understanding when applying for the role and when dealing with cases. The role has on-going training, a lot of legal reading and it is voluntary. Gloucestershire is recruiting for magistrates you need to be between 18 and 70 to apply!

Following Heather's talk we enjoyed refreshments and a chat before heading home. So nice to be back.

WI Day was 16<sup>th</sup> September. The WI is 106 years old so to celebrate under the theme of Friendship, a coffee morning was held at our secretary's home, where we enjoyed a morning of chat, coffee and cake in true WI style!

Our **next meeting** will be on **11th October 7.15pm** at the village hall when the speaker will be Katherine Jackson with *Witching Stories*.

Do come along and join us. We are a very friendly, welcoming group. For further information contact Mal 858351 or Lizzie 853443.

## Hallowe'en



### Recent Village Sightings



Plenty of late summer wildlife sightings reported but top of the list must be - roll of drums, please - news of barn owl breeding success right on the village edge with possibly two juveniles successfully fledged. Listen out for their haunting screech as the nights close in. So, little owls, tawny owls and barn owls all still sharing our local patch. Owls-about that then!

Also news of really large flocks of thistle feeding goldfinches catching the autumn light; more striking elephant hawk moth caterpillars and late summer red admirals and small tortoiseshell butterflies reported; one young vulnerable hedgehog rescued and a number of adults seen too; second broods of swallows locally and migrating house martins passing through having bred elsewhere; more 'flying teaspoons' - visiting strings of long tailed tits; and after a quiet few weeks robins again singing to reclaim territories.

Particular thanks for recent wildlife news from Katie, Richard, Shirley & Mike, Pete, Sandy, Adine, Pete B, Robert, and Gillian,

Sometimes sightings are best captured in the individual's own voice as in this case by Glennys.

*"I couldn't believe my eyes. I know sparrowhawks typically hunt by hedge hopping and taking birds by surprise but this was different. A dunnock had taken refuge in a small dense bush only to be hotly pursued by the somewhat dishevelled hawk, which on landing persistently circled the bush almost dance like trying to flush out its next meal. But unsuccessfully on this occasion."*

If you would like to report local sightings to Nature Box OR *perhaps capture in your own 50/60 words a memorable wild life moment, either a recent or a long term memory*, please email Bob Topp at [bob.topp@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.topp@btinternet.com)

*Parker Pumpkin is a studious fellow  
Who's studied the craft  
Of broomstick construction on Google.*

*Parker produces plentiful broomsticks  
for the witches who reside in the nearby forests.  
Bundles of carefully selected peasticks  
are secured in position  
around carved broomstick handles  
using fine wires and magical diction.  
Some of the broomsticks are fairly ordinary  
whilst others are equipped with  
motorised units  
enabling them to soar supersonically skywards.*

*A sorcerer must test fly a broomstick  
before agreeing to purchase one  
A comfortable astride riding position  
being absolutely essential  
as an extended trip on such a structure  
could take a toll on a witch's torso.*

*Parker supplies witches' broomsticks.  
He doesn't provide witches' cats.  
A witch must acquire her own black feline  
to accompany her on a broomstick.  
A cat with a tranquil personality  
not suffering from vertigo would be perfect.  
An aversion to long black dresses  
and tall, pointed hats  
would disqualify a cat instantly  
from being a passenger on a broomstick.*

Ruth Dawson

## 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](mailto:willerseynaturebox@gmail.com)

We are particularly grateful, to Carol, our impartial, external judge for the Dog Show and to Adine for all her hard work in making it such a storming success, standing bravely all afternoon on an ankle that had been operated on only days earlier. Thank you to everyone who turned out determined to enjoy the fun, support such good causes and spend some time together.

At 8:05am on the day after, Lead Organiser, Jess Ingles, called together as many Fete Committee members and volunteers as she could muster for a Lessons Learnt session. So, we're looking forward positively to doing it all again – only even better - on **August Bank Holiday Monday, 2022.**

### **THE NOVEMBER 2021 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS**

Copy for the next news must be received by Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>. Email them to [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com) or phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628, 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)*

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**[Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page](#) or on [www.willersey.org](http://www.willersey.org)**



## A Great Willersey Summer Fete

Saint Peter's Summer Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday exceeded our most optimistic aspirations, raising over £2,000 for Saint Peter's Church Roof Appeal. This great success extended to the two worthy charities in attendance and our village organisations. **Riding for the Disabled** and **Guide Dogs for the Blind** raised over £250 and £350 respectively and the **Women's Institute's** stalls raised an amazing £990. The Church Roof appeal was boosted by the WI donating £100, the Village Hall Committee's '**Splat the Rat**' donating their proceeds to it and the **Horticultural Society** splitting all of their proceeds of £120 equally between the Church Roof Appeal and the Methodist Church. This generosity will put us well on the way to being able to embark on the much-needed repairs to the roof of our beautiful, ancient church.

Whilst fund-raising was a goal, the main aim for the day was to bring parishioners together and draw in and welcome others from outside to enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship in our lovely village. That was fully realised. The rain held off. Willersey has never been busier and the crowds came, determined to have a great time. People made their way up Church Street to queue patiently for the wonderful 'Teas in the Church' and 50 children took part in 'Messy Church' craft activities. The Punch & Judy man had the children participating fully, jumping up and down and shouting at Mr Punch's wicked antics. The Fun Dog Show attracted over 3 times as many canine competitors as any previous year.

The success of the event was dependent on many essential contributions. Unprecedented generosity by our sponsors contributed hugely and gave us a phenomenal array of wonderful prizes for the Grand Raffle. Gillian and her hard-working team delivered a brilliant service with the church teas. As always, we were all grateful for Nigel running the great, traditional skittles attraction, in aid of the Church Roof Appeal this year, and organising the agricultural exhibits and to Peter for making his garage available for the all the classic vehicles and displaying his own impressive collection. Thank you to the smiling, hard-working volunteers who served so diligently on our stalls and attractions and to Disco Dave our dynamic and entertaining Master of Ceremonies.



### **Nature Box - Migration**

The swifts that graced our summer skies over the village set off on their migration back to Africa some weeks ago, with house martins, shown above, and swallows now following on.

The same goes for other migrants - like chiffchaff, whitethroat and blackcap. It does seem strange to remember that these seasonal village highlights spend the majority of their lives elsewhere.

But the picture is becoming more complicated. Although blackcaps are migratory birds some now choose to winter here, and even a few swallows and chiffchaffs are sometimes tempted to stay in the UK if there's an insect food source such as that provided by sewage farms. Yes, a glamorous des res for some.

Migration of course fluctuates from year to year. The painted lady butterfly sometimes appears in summer in huge numbers, and the hummingbird hawk moth - just two of the exotics that can arrive from southern Europe and can take us by surprise.

And now northern European winter migrants will soon be arriving - with fieldfare and redwing most evident - with less spotted species such as woodcock and the diminutive goldcrest whose high pitched call can be beyond the hearing of older folk.

Britain really is right at the crossroads for migration. But given that on average only a third of some summer migrants that visit our shores to breed make it back the following year it is not hard to see how birds such as the house martin that once bred in significant numbers in the village are now perhaps just hanging on in Badsey Lane. We need to be grateful for those who are making them welcome and with the hope that suitable nearby ponds or muddy garden puddles will be available to aid nesting.

## Saint Peter's Church Services in October

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer ML</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion TL</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>All Age, Family Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer ML</b>

ML – Modern Language      TL – Traditional Language

Mid-week Holy Communion:      11am every Wednesday.

### All Age Worship, Harvest Festival

What a happy affair our Harvest Festival Service was. There was a good congregation and it was lovely to see five children in the congregation. Thank you to Bel for reading the parable of the sewer and leaving time for us to produce the various pictures to tie in with the story. Thank you also to Ivy, Elsa, Gillian, Poppy, Jess and Harry. It all worked very well. Within the Service Carolyn and her grandchildren read the poem with the Baker going through the journey from corn to bread that we can eat. Mark's talk brought in the parable and how we are like the seeds that fall on stony ground And good fertile soil and how we sometimes don't live our lives according to the story. We had a lovely coffee break so thank you to all the cake makers.

Our next Service will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am in St Peters so come and join us and if you feel you could do a reading or a prayer please let us know. It is good to have members of the congregation involved.

*Jennie Bond*

### **August Bank Holiday Fete, Teas at St Peter's Church**

A huge *Thank You* to everyone who made cakes for the teas at St Peters on August 30<sup>th</sup>. It was an incredibly busy afternoon which meant the helpers worked very hard, serving, washing up and clearing away from tables. Thank you again; you know who you are! Donations from the refreshments amounted to almost £500 – a wonderful contribution to the roof fund.

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## Saint Peter's Church is 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.

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

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## **St Peter's Church Cleaning**

### **Church Cleaning**

#### **Week ending**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Julia and Colin Burrows

October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Lisa and Flick Marcham

### **Brass Cleaning**

#### **Week ending**

October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Ann Tomblin and Janet Parker

Thanks to everyone who help to keep our Church clean and welcoming to visitors. Please if possible leave cleaning until after the Wednesday service.

Keys for the cleaning materials can be obtained from The Bell Inn or Gillian Beale at Florizel, Lower Green . 01386 852958.

Refreshments on October 17<sup>th</sup>, All Age Service  
Carolynne Adam with Esmé and Ivy.

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