

## PUBLIC NOTICES NOVEMBER 2021

### MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are **Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November 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 please 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**

Telephone: 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 FRIENDS**

Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments should ring the Cotswold Friends Help Centre: transport section 01608 651115. 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.**

## **PASTORAL LETTER – NOVEMBER 2021**

**‘Indeed, the word of God is living and active...  
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.’**  
(Hebrews, chapter 4, verse 12)

The words above, written by the author of Hebrews, remind us that the Bible isn’t just another book. The Bible is ‘living’ – living in the sense that still today it speaks into the present age and into all that is going on around us and within us – and ‘active’ in that God’s word continues to touch, shape and utterly transform people’s lives, regardless of national borders, cultural identity, age, gender or any other factor.

As we arrive at this season of Remembrance and, especially, as we come to the sacred time on Remembrance Sunday when remember the men and women dear to our communities and whose lives were given and taken in war, the Bible speaks again. In St John’s Gospel we are reminded by Jesus that, ‘Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.’ You will find those words inscribed on war memorials up and down our land. They are reminder that those who laid down their lives for our peace, our freedom and in defence our way of life, were following the example of the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ, who lay down his life for us.

Reflecting on the relevance of the Bible in and to his life, Tom Wright, New Testament scholar, senior research fellow at Wycliffe Hall in the University of Oxford, and former Bishop of Durham, wrote, ‘The Bible is the book of my life. It’s the book I live with, the book I live by, the book I want to die by.’ What a wonderful and profound testimony!

God’s word is truth in a world of lies and completely trustworthy amid so many disappointments. More than that, his statement above reminds us that the Bible is:

- *a book of the past*, in that the Bible tells something of *our* stories. It helps us to acknowledge that we have a past and need the forgiveness and salvation that comes only in and through Jesus Christ;

- *a book of the present*, as it speaks, prophetically and powerfully, into the world around us. It is, or should be, our route map through life;
- *a book of the future*, as it reminds us that Christ will one day come again, ushering in the new heaven and the new earth, that place where, as St John reminds us in the Book of Revelation, 'Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.' It's a wonderful vision of the completeness of God's redemption and healing.

I encourage you to read the Bible. Still today it speaks into our lives. I pray that the Bible would be for each of us 'the book of our life.'

With love,  
Scott

**Rev Scott Watts      Team Vicar**

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## Carols under the Jubilee Tree



### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December

The long tradition will be reinstated this year. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided by the *Footlights Drama Group* and members will be tin shaking to benefit *Action for Children*.

Do come along and join us on Christmas Eve at 6.30p.m.

## WILLERSEY METHODISTS – THE CHURCH AT THE TOP OF THE VILLAGE!

**News for the November magazine** – which makes us realize that it's Remembrance Sunday this month. And there is a lot to remember for all of us this year! ..... All the COVID patients (and alongside them their loved ones), all the carers and hospital staff, some of whom live in the village. We have to remember sometimes don't we, that we don't live in a bubble within our houses and villages. We live in a world for which we're all responsible.

(A reminder) did you see the David Attenborough/Prince William programme on the world we live in. If you have time to catch up I suggest you do. It's a long one (over an hour) but points out our dependence on each other.

Our Church has had a few visitors this month which makes life interesting. Some just short visiting, some who will be regular, like Chris, our new Minister (a very bouncy man, glad to be alive!) and also a good match (but probably much younger), Kiki a pretty girl from middle Europe. I have to say that because I cannot remember which '..via' she comes from! But her English is excellent. We've also had a couple of passing visitors and all this gives us a lift after a very difficult year.

We hope there will be a good congregation for Remembrance Sunday at St Peter's on 14<sup>th</sup> and that people will remember all for whom this last year has been difficult. I'm sure a lot of us have had that feeling of being 'cut off' – even if we do have family only a few miles away

Croquet is expected to go on this week and, hopefully, in a couple of weeks time. If in doubt give us a ring 853306 to see if it's on.

We shall start clearing our garden soon. If you too are looking at a lot of possible revivals for next year – plants that will 'come again' when the weather warms – then put them in pots, water them and leave them quietly to go to sleep until next year. Let's look forward to that!

*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/>

### Naunton to Guiting Power and back – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Moderate 2.5hr 6ml

A walk from the horsey village of Naunton. Bring a snack/drink. Lunch available after at the Black Horse for those who wish.

*Start:* 10.00 am Park in Naunton near to the Black Horse pub, GL54 3AD. OS Map ref: SP 116 234.

### The Cotswold Way on Cleeve Hill – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Moderate 3hr 6ml

A pleasant invigorating walk around the edge of Cleeve Common, taking in part of the existing and superceded Cotswold Way. Lunch & drinks should be available afterwards at the Golf Club.

*Start:* 10.00 am Quarry car park just beyond Cleeve Golf Club, off the B4632.

OS Map ref: SO 989 271.

### Stanton – a late autumn walk – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Moderate 3hr 6ml

An exploration of the lovely countryside and villages of Stanton and Stanway before ascending the scarp via Lidcombe Wood. We should be rewarded with far reaching views – weather permitting. Bring a snack/drink.

*Start:* 10.00 am Stanton village car park. OS Map ref: SP 067 344.

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.

## Bridge Lessons for Beginners



In Willersey Village Hall Starting in 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.

To be held on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm.

Covid precautions will be in place if required.

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

**Formal attire not required!**

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## From the Parish Council.....

### Village Store

A planning application has been submitted for change of use of the Village Store from commercial to residential. The Parish Council would like to see the shop continue under new ownership and will be objecting. If any resident also wishes to object or comment then they should contact Cotswold District Council, planning application reference 21/02163/FUL either on their website or by letter.

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## Pre – Xmas Fun Car Quiz

The Blanks in the story below represent either a make or model of car

(Note that the spaces denoted do not represent the number of letters and some of the answers are phonetically based)

It was a ..... day as the playboy with an international reputation drove along the ..... between Cheltenham and Oxford. He was heading for London with his ..... For the .....’s reception and concert. As he held her hand he felt the ..... engagement ring he had given her.

He recalled some of his conquests that had made him a ..... in his own lifetime. He had been ..... compromising position in Jamaica’s ..... Bay with the wife of an American politician. The Republican ..... from ..... in Texas had surprised him with an “..... partner” but had gone for his .....45 when he had found our hero trying to get his wife into the ..... position.

As he drove towards the Concert Hall he knew his ..... attitude towards life was over. With this girl, life would be different. No longer would he play the wild ..... and make a ..... all the girls he met.

He left her at the stage doors. “ I am so worried about this performance “ she said, I played so badly at the rehearsal this afternoon”. “Don’t worry“ he replied “ ..... be all right on the night. “.....and park the car and don’t forget to pay the ..... at the car booth” she said.

It was a glittering occasion with a celebrity audience. He had already spotted ..... Alexandra and her daughter ..... His fiancée gave a faultless performance of Bach’s Violin ..... in D .....

In her flat later, getting supper ready, our hero sensed there was something wrong. As she took a cherry pie from the ....., the feeling of moving through life together with one seemed to have gone.

“It’s no good darling” she cried, “I could never marry you, our whole relationship is a ..... “. “You are too small for me, in fact you are practically a .....

He walked around the room in a daze, collecting his copy of James Clavell’s ..... Sadly he kissed her goodbye, stepped down into the street and slowly walked towards the distant .....

Please email your answers to [mikerob5650@gmail.com](mailto:mikerob5650@gmail.com). A fine bottle of wine awaits the winner. Answers in the Dec./Jan. News.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thursday September 23rd

**A huge thank you to anyone who bought a cup of coffee, a cake, a plant, a scarf or bought raffle tickets. The raffle prizes were donated by Taylor’s Garage, The Bell, The New Inn, Collin’s the Butchers, Cotswold Building Supplies and Castle Nursery along with many individuals who so generously gave to the raffle, Tombola or made a cash donation.**

**Our generous villagers baked cakes for the cake stall and refreshments to make the day such a success. 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 an outstanding sum of £1595 this includes the gift aid addition.**

## Sudoku

Solution from page 14

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

.... Brahms's *Eine Deutsches Requiem* ....

Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society presents Johannes Brahms's *Ein Deutsches Requiem* in Concert on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm** in Holy Trinity Church, Old Town, Stratford as part of Stratford Music Festival.

Stratford-upon-Avon has been delighted not only to be back singing again after its last possible concert in March 2020, but also to welcome its new Music Director, Oliver Neal Parker, who will conduct the Choir, The Regency Sinfonia, Douglas Keilitz piano, professional soloists Hannah Davey soprano and Julian Debreuil baritone. The Choral Society was first formed in 1836 and has the accolade of being one of the only two oldest choral societies in the country.

Tickets for Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society's concert on 20th November 2021 £15 (**adults**) or £8 (**students**) **available** from Choir members, [www.stratfordchoral.org.uk](http://www.stratfordchoral.org.uk), Stratford Music Festival <https://www.stratfordplay.co.uk/stratford-music-festival-2020> or on the door on the night **if seats available. Up to two children under 16 are admitted free if accompanied by a paying adult.**

**Further Press Information:** Carol Jackson on 01386 841440.

[www.stratfordchoral.org.uk](http://www.stratfordchoral.org.uk). Registered Charity No.502020

**Cotswold Friends**

Please note that Cotswold Volunteers North is now branded as **Cotswold Friends** they can help with Community Transport to medical, social and practical appointments (*see Public Notices p.20*).

Their other services are Befriending, Carer Support, Hospital Support, Independence Support, Community Activities and Intergenerational Projects. Can we help? Call 01608 651415 9.30am to 3.30pm weekdays. Could you volunteer? Call 01608 697007.

The new surgery opened on October 4<sup>th</sup> and an integral part of the facility is the 'Cotswold Suite' which will provide additional private services.

The practitioners were all asked to provide a short piece about themselves which is reproduced below and will appear in the November magazine. They were also asked to supply a bit of health education appropriate to their services, these will also be separately published in the magazine.

**Podiatry - Helen Keep** Podiatry: I gained my Podiatry Degree from Cardiff University in 1996 and then worked for the NHS specialising in diabetic footcare and wound healing. I set up my private practice in 2008 when I moved to Broadway. I now provide treatment to patients of all ages including nailcare and painful corns as well as biomechanical analysis and orthotics. Please contact me to book an appointment 01386 854708 / [appletreeclinic@outlook.co](mailto:appletreeclinic@outlook.co)

**Osteopathy -Introducing Philip Sutton** BSc (hons) Osteopathy and **Sarah Statham** M.Ost who have between them over 16 years of experience working in private health care treating musculoskeletal injuries. Osteopathy may help you with:

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Muscle and Joint Pain       | Hip, Knee and Ankle Pain         |
| Back Pain and Sciatica      | Some types of headaches          |
| Neck, Shoulder and Arm Pain | Sports Injuries                  |
| Repetitive Strain Injuries  | Pain Management and Injury Rehab |

**Physiotherapy - Hi, I'm Michael (Gyles)** I'm a Chartered Physiotherapist with over 20 years' experience in helping people reduce pain and improve their flexibility and strength.

I can help you:

- Overcome personal, sports or occupational injuries
- Minimise the risk of further damage
- Recover from surgery

- Reduce joint or back pain
- Improve your wellbeing

If you're in pain, frustrated or fed up with feeling older than you are, please get in touch on 07837428380

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### St Peter's Church Autumn Clean

Well at last we could carry out one of the big cleans in the church, although we are grateful for the Church cleaners on the rota, the two big cleans keep on top of spiders under the pews. It is also good to come together working as a happy band and also on the plus side the church smells lovely and fresh. So, Gillan and Jennie would like to say THANK YOU to Adine, Christine, Linda, Sandra, Ken, Pete and Carolyn for giving up their Saturday morning.

I forgot to add that you all had a bowl of home-made soup, bread, cheese and apples for a well deserved lunch after the big cleans. So, think about it and come along – watch out for the Spring Clean date in your magazine.

If anyone else would like to be part of these Spring or Autumn cleans or the fortnightly church and brass cleaning rota we would be grateful for your help. Please contact Gillian 852958.



### 'THE SPROUTS ARE ON'

Halloween came early to the village hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. The tables were set with conkers and pumpkins - crocheted (of course) by Heather. The hall was full and many guests attended to hear the Witching Stories presented by Katherine Jackson.

We heard about 'witchcraft' throughout the ages and the persecution of both men and women who practised it. It was considered heresy resulting in grim death. The origins, myths and facts were highlighted and Katherine spoke specifically of the happenings in the Cotswolds. It was an absorbing and fascinating subject enjoyed by all. The next event is the AGM and Quiz on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

The **Seniors' Lunch** is taking place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** commencing at 12.30 for 1pm. This is open to all residents of Willersey aged 65 and over, it is a very popular event and the numbers are limited - so get your place booked asap. The **closing date is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. If you wish to participate you will need to fill in the form below and place it in the Parish Council letterbox at the village hall. Alternatively you can email us at [wiwillersey@gmail.com](mailto:wiwillersey@gmail.com) - the email **must** contain the same information as the form.

#### SENIORS' LUNCH SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

**Name(s):**

**Address:**

**Tel No:**

**Dietary Requirements**



## Sightings

Sometimes wildlife sightings are best captured in an individual's own voice as in these three accounts. Thank you to Alice, Jenny and Pete.

"I went into the workshop and there was a sparrowhawk just perched on the beam. 'What are you doing in here?' He didn't get anything because obviously I shooed him out very rapidly." Alice writing about nurturing her nesting swallows.

"We decided not to mow part of the lawn for a few weeks to see what insects were attracted. The parading grass hopper was a welcome surprise. I bent down for a closer look when the wasp appeared as if from nowhere - they do that don't they? - locked onto the grasshopper and took it away. It made me wonder what else was going on unseen by most of us in our gardens."

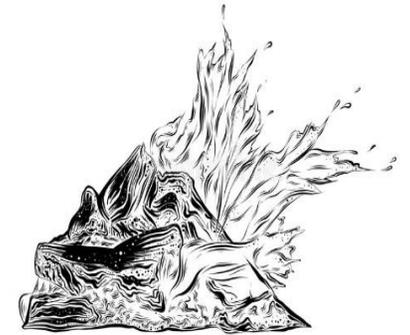
"I'm fortunate to be able to walk around the village daily. My morning route takes me along the disused railway track and back up the public footpath to Collin Close. On the footpath is an old oak tree and most mornings I see a little owl sitting on a branch staring back at me. Little owl has been given the nickname Sid. He's shy and if you stare too long or try to take a photo he'll fly away. See if you too can spot him"

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)

## November

*The first days of November are truly hectic as a bonfire must be built for the fifth of the month. During the collection of wooden debris an impressive amount of physical strength is used ... back bending, biceps flexing, thigh muscle testing.*

*All manner of wooden waste is assembled, tree branches, twigs, rotten rafters from a cottage being refurbished. Splintered skirting boards, which once protected whisker twitching timid mice in their stone wall cavity nest, are bonfire material.*



*Herculean heroes energetically hurl on the wooden heap a pair of weather beaten sun loungers. The beds will no longer be hosting polka dot bikini clad ladies during July and August when topping up a suntan is the priority. And the wicker garden gate, where neighbours would meet to discuss romantic adventures or the latest football results, is also jettisoned to the bonfire*

*Clarissa reaches for her cookery book  
from the library shelf  
in order to research a recipe  
for parkin, flapjack fillings,  
for jacket potatoes,  
and toffee apples on lollipop sticks....  
"Ah yes, cider and elderflower cordial  
must be retrieved from the cellar" says she.*

*A few days hence forward  
and there'll be the sound  
of crackling, burning wood  
echoing through the evening  
atmosphere.  
there'll be artistic fireworks to  
admire  
and a galaxy of golden stars  
trailed from rockets  
shooting across navy blue skies.* Ruth Dawson



**THE DECEMBER 2021 & JANUARY 2022**  
**CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS**

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

**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)**

## **Elections to the General Synod of the Church of England**

Some of you will know that elections have been taking place for the General Synod of the Church of England, often referred to as the 'Church's Parliament'. The Diocese of Gloucester's results have now been published and I'm delighted to tell you that the Rev Canon Katrina Scott, our Area Dean, Rev Canon Dana Delap, my fellow Team Vicar in the Vale & Cotswold Edge Team, and Rev Henry Curran, the new Priest-in-Charge of St David's, Moreton-in-Marsh, have been elected to serve in the House of Clergy to represent our Diocese. Even closer to home, the Churchwarden of St Peter's Willersey with Saintbury, Robert McNeill-Wilson, has been elected to serve in the House of Laity. Congratulations, Rob! We will be praying for you as you take on this important role. Well done to all our successful candidates.

Rev Scott Watts

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## **Willersey Village Sunday and Remembrance Sunday**



Come and remember our Fallen with our Service of Remembrance at Saint Peter's at 10:30 on Sunday, 14 November. This year will see the introduction of an improved service, following on from the positive developments for last year's centenary re-dedication of our Memorial.

The annual celebration of our wonderful village and its organisations will be in Saint Peter's Church at 11:00 on 21 November 2021. This year it will be a service of Songs of Prayers with hymns chosen by parish organisations. Don't miss this great village event!

## Lest we forget

A phrase commonly used in remembrance services. It was first used in 1897 in a poem by Kipling in reference to soldiers at war. *'In Flanders' fields the poppies blow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place: and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amid the guns below.'*

This is the first verse of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. It soon came to symbolise the sacrifice of all who died in World War One.

## Children's prayers – some worth hearing again

Dear God,

Thank you for the baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.

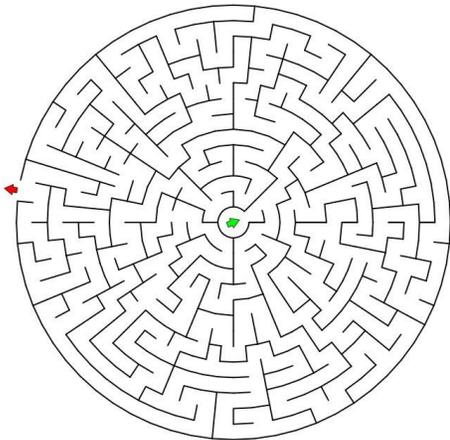
You always get the stars in the right place

Please make me like Daddy when I grow up but not with hair all over.

Are you a ninja? Is that why I can't see you?

Are you really invisible or is that just a trick?

## November Maze



We so enjoyed the fireworks display, can we do it again at New Year?



## Nighty-night



For many creatures it's the time to be thinking about hunkering down. They may not have a heavy duty duvet but will seek out suitable surroundings to see out the winter.

As we know some butterflies hibernate as adults in hedgerows and sheds ready for an early start next spring - including small tortoiseshell, comma, peacock and the lemon yellow brimstone. Hedgehogs hibernate of course, with their heart beat dropping from 200 to 20 beats a minute. Bats similarly slow their body systems to save energy, with their heart rate dropping from an amazing 1,000 beats a minutes in flight to just 20 when hibernating. Like hedgehogs they will occasionally re-appear during winter months to forage if it is mild. Ladybirds tuck themselves away in groups, often in strange places, entering a similar state of hibernation.

Although many types of male bees and wasps will not survive the winter the already mated virgin queens will spend this time in places such as disused mouse holes waiting for spring. Frogs, toads, newts and snakes will also seek out frost free places, often choosing deep piles of leaf litter, under logs, amongst stones or in our compost heaps.

Our local birds may not hibernate but will manage their behaviour to survive the colder months - often reducing their activity and some such as wrens gathering in large numbers in bird boxes to escape the worst of the winter cold or shiver to generate warmth and cuddle in a line like long-tailed tits.

Amazingly swallows were once thought to hibernate at the bottom of ponds and swifts were thought by some to remain torpid in crevices through the winter, until research showed that migration not hibernation is their strategy for surviving the colder months.

*Bob Topp*

So, we are back to our full schedule of meetings, now that the refurbishment of Willersey Village Hall has been completed and re-opened and, COVID regulations in the main, have been relaxed. However, we do like to adhere to the sensibility of social distancing and masks where possible and ask everyone to respect the personal space of others both in and out of our group.

For those of you who don't know what the Willersey Wednesday Club is all about, it's really for the over 50s; we meet every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm prompt, at the village hall. We have a variety of fun activities including speakers and demonstrations and it's really an opportunity to get out of the house for an hour or so, socialise with others in the village, enjoy a chat, a cup of tea, home-made sandwiches and cakes.

Our last meeting was on Wednesday October 27th and it offered a demonstration of bell-ringing by the Willersey Hand Bell and Tower Bell Ringer. Future events include a quirky session of bingo; 'The World of Willersey' and then; The Willersey School Choir. The New Year starts off with our Christmas lunch and then we'll be having another Quiz meeting - it's proven to be very popular with our members in the past.

New members are always welcome, by contacting the Club Secretary, Mrs Jan Vine (email [janandco@hotmail.com](mailto:janandco@hotmail.com) or by phone: 07595 461080) or through any of our current membership, who will be happy to help you.

Come along and see what we are all about - there's no commitment - if you like what you see, then join us

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## Touch Tennis in 2022

Next year the hall is booked for the first and third Monday of every month from January to November. Newcomers welcome but please call Ken on 858637 to register interest please don't just turn up. Great fun and we're getting better! The two remaining dates this year are in November, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 10 – 11 and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 10 – 11.30.

## Embroidery Group

At our October meeting we welcomed back Sadie from Cornerhouse Crafts. Her Satnav caused a slight hiccup as it did not recognise the new Village Hall in Honeybourne.

Fortunately, Sadie discovered the venue with little trouble arriving on time.

Our topic was an 'Introduction to Kantha work'. Sadie gave us a brief history of Kantha. It originated in Bengal, Northeast India, taking its' name from the ancient Sanskrit word meaning rags. This type of stitch work was born out of necessity when old saris were no longer able to be used. They were recycled into bedding with a simple running stitch repeated over and over joining the strips of fabric together. It was then our turn to choose a pattern to sew. Simple geometric shapes, elephant, fish, and chicken templates were on offer. Using threads of our own we worked even rows of running stitches to create our design.

We were invited to refreshments courtesy of the Honeybourne Community Coffee morning, happening alongside our meeting.

Delicious cakes and coffee were enjoyed by all. Sadie as usual brought along a selection of fabric and threads to tempt us. Some members were quick to succumb to temptation!

Next month our meeting continues at Honeybourne Village Hall, commencing 9.30 a.m. the topic 'Rose with her Christmas challenge'. Usual sewing equipment needed. We shall be relocating to Willersey Village Hall in the New Year.

Anyone new to the village who would like to know more about our group please phone either:

*Penny Ingles*            01386 853306

*Gillian Beale*            01386 852958

## KNITTED GARMENTS FLY AWAY

During the pandemic around 180 blankets, toys, hats, gloves, twiddle muffs etc have been created by our group of dedicated knitters, who meet on a Friday morning to natter as well as knit (I'm surprised anyone passing hasn't heard the voices outside the Methodist church). These items are now flying off to the distribution warehouse where they'll be sorted etc and then sent off to various places from prembaby wards in England to all over the world where-ever there is a need.

Thank you and well done to all those who have contributed in any way.

*If you would like to join us just give Penny a ring on 01386 853306, you can then join us on a Friday morning at 10.30am to work for the next lot!*

# Sudoku

Solution on page 21

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## General Synod Election

Dear Friends, I have been elected to represent the Diocese of Gloucester in the General Synod in the Church of England's recent elections. This a five-year term in the nation's church legislative body which passes Church Law and also Canon Law which determines doctrine and form of worship, approves the liturgy and makes other rules and regulations. It also considers other matters of religious or public interest.

That last aspect is a potential source of problems and I made it clear to electors that I would speak out against the Church's leadership tendency to jump on political bandwagons and press for more focus on the 'core business' of God's Mission, making the Church of England confident, relevant and accessible and restoring a strong and vital Christian faith in our country.

*Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden*

### 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** at 4, Russell Square, Broadway (next to Broadway Parish Council office)

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.

Start time is **7.00pm.**

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).

## Saint Peter's Church Services in November

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer ML</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Remembrance Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21st</b>	<b>11:00m</b>	<b>All Age, Family Service</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th</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

For our October “All Age Worship” Service we turned to God the Gardener. It is amazing how many plants appear throughout the Bible. In the Service several of these were placed on a tray for the congregation to see how many they could name.

Father Kevin took our Service this month and we sang our hymns courtesy of his iPad. The reading was taken from John Chapter 15. It related the story of the vine and the bramble. This was a good illustration for gardens as it spoke of pruning out dead wood so perhaps we should prune out some things within our own lives, leaving more time to think about living a quieter, more thoughtful life.

Thank you to Ivy who read a poem taking us through the months of the year and what happens during those months, and thanks to Granny Carol and Ivy for helping serve our refreshments with a little help from Adine.

Our next Service is on November 21<sup>st</sup> 11 o'clock at St Peters. It is Village Sunday. Come and join us to give thanks for the privilege of living in our lovely Village.

*Jenny Bond*

## 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.*

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

### **Church Cleaning**

#### **Week ending**

November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

Lisa and Flick Marcham

November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Sandy Barnes and Elizabeth  
Milnes-James

#### **Brass Cleaning**

November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

Jennie and Peter bond

November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

Mal Jelfs and Jackie

Jordan

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

Thank you everyone

#### **Refreshments**

November 7<sup>th</sup>

Rob McNeil-Wilson

November 14<sup>th</sup>

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November 21<sup>st</sup>

Members of the PCC

November 28<sup>th</sup>

Pat and Robert Hemming