

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are **Monday 7th & 21st March 2022**
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
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

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL To hire the hall please telephone Annie & Bill Payne 01386 858368, or email willerseyhall@btinternet.com . or see www.willersey.org/villagehall.htm

METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE

Telephone: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

The MOBILE POST OFFICE

Visits 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.

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Open Mon & Wed, 9:30am – 4:30pm. Saturday 9:30 – 1pm 01905 822722

COTSWOLD FRIENDS

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TRAVEL SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| National Bus Traveline | 0871 2002233 |
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Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 834444
Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800
Police – Telephone 101 www.gloucestershire.police.uk

Even if you haven't yet got the date of Ash Wednesday in your mind, you may already be contemplating the day that precedes it, Shrove Tuesday, also known these days as 'Pancake Day', and how you'll be serving up your pancakes!

Ash Wednesday (it's on 2 March) signals the beginning of the season of Lent in the Christian Church. This is a time when many Christians make space in their lives to remember and reflect on what God's Son, Jesus Christ, did – *for you, for me and for the whole of God's creation* – when he walked the way of the cross. For Jesus, it was a literal journey that would lead to his death as a common criminal, as the lowest of the low, on the cross at Calvary. Christ's death, and his mighty resurrection three days later, was the ultimate demonstration of God's love for each one of us, that He would give up His one and only Son, His beloved, to free us from every sin that has ever been committed and that will ever be committed. As Jesus reminds us in chapter 3 of St John's Gospel,

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” (NRSV)

For people then and for people now, it was and is a life-changing event in human history. In a moment, the way to God, in whose image each one of us is made, was wide open. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can have *hope* amongst so much hopelessness. That's why, each year, Christians all over the world want to remember and to say thank you to the God of hope and love.

There'll be a service on Ash Wednesday at St Peter's Church, Willersey, at 7.30 pm. You'd be very welcome to join us if you'd like to make a commitment to setting aside some time during Lent to reflect on God's love for *you*.

I want to leave you with these words, which are used in Church as a blessing during the season of Lent. May they bless you as you read them and as you walk with Christ the way of his cross.

‘Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him.
Amen.’ (© The Archbishops' Council, 2000)

With love,
Scott

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The clocks always go forward at 1.00am on the final Sunday
of March which this year is Sunday 27th March.



Willersey Tree Planting



Stirred on by the national initiative to plant more trees to help with climate change and wildlife biodiversity, the Parish Council has recently sourced and started to plant a number of trees around the village. Thanks to energetic members of the Parish Council and a band of enthusiastic volunteers thirty sizeable bare root saplings including oak, birch, walnut and fruit trees have been planted in the church yard the Recreation ground and the parish owned field behind the village pond.

THE METHODISTS ARE STILL WITH YOU!

Aren't you the lucky ones!!?

This is the March News Letter and I'm writing it on the day of the expected storm! We'll see what happens. Let's hope it's not as bad as forecast. Spring seems to be coming quite early and it's to be hoped that the damage to trees which have started to 'bud' up won't be too bad.

I have been informed that the summer plans for the village are already beginning! Jolly good! We shall have our Village 'Show' at the end of August as I understand it. So start thinking about what you could 'Show'. You could even put a 'group' exhibition in – what do you think?

Firstly however we have to think on Pancake Day and what we're giving up for Lent. I'll put forward the idea of not listening or reading or even thinking about the news nationally. Don't worry about it! It's just not worth it. The whole world seems in turmoil; It wants me in charge!!!

The new hall is being appreciated and the little garden is also going to look good when 'in bloom'. There are lots of places to 'sit-a-while' when it's a bit warmer. Our village groups, including the WI and the many U3A groups, have started up again and I'm sure everyone is more cheerful now than we have been for ages.

I've asked a friend who is still working with Signpost in Broadway to write us a piece on the NEW UPDATED SIGNPOST. Now there's masses more advice and information which is on hand for our community. Please read on

'Signpost is now open every Thursday from 10 until 1pm offering the help and information, photocopying and listening ear that has been its role since 1999! Our CPR and resuscitation courses are extremely popular and bookings for May onwards are now being taken.

Relate have returned on a Tuesday (by appointment) and we are pleased now to be hosting the local Police for a drop-in for advice and help once a week. Very soon a Community Worker will be in the office half a day a week to help co-ordinate all the village activities.'

From both of us Sue Jones (Russell Square) and Penny Ingles 853306

Body Language Answers.

Please see page 4 for the quiz.

The answers to the questions can all be found in the human body.

- a) A kind of shellfish Mussel (Muscle)
- b) A salt water fish Sole
- c) Found in marble Veins
- d) A young farm animal Calf
- e) Children in school Pupils
- f) You put this on a box Lid
- g) Combs have these Teeth
- h) Trees in a desert Palm
- i) Supports for furniture Legs
- j) Lots of personal pronouns Eyes (i's)
- k) Flowers to see through Iris
- l) British wild animal Hare (Hair)
- m) Plumber deals with these Valves
- n) Flowers to kiss with Tu-lips
- o) Hills have these Brows
- p) Employees Hands
- q) River crossing Bridge
- r) Imperial measurement Foot
- s) Essential in military band Drums
- t) A place of worship Temple
- u) Hedgerow berries Hips (Rose-hips)
- v) Extravagance Waist (Waste)
- w) Ancient container Chest
- x) Long distance travel luggage Trunk

The quiz is on page 4.

North Cotswolds u3a

At our Open Meeting on February 10th, Richard Churchley gave us a fascinating talk on 'Merrie England's Folklore Calendar'. We were reminded of all sorts of customs which we used to observe as young children, many of which sadly, have disappeared.

I now know why my father was invited to 'first foot' to many different houses on New Year's Eve taking a piece of coal for each house! The talk was illustrated with song accompanied by Richard on the accordion with the audience joining in many of the choruses.

This month's Open Meeting is on Thursday 10th March at 2pm in Willersey Village Hall when Dr Kate Bellamy will look at how human memory works and the discovery that understanding false memory has helped scientists untangle the mysteries of true memory.

You do not need to belong to the u3a to attend our monthly Open Meetings and would be made most welcome. There is a charge of £2 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits

Membership of the North Cotswolds u3a is open to anyone who is no longer in full-time employment; so why not join us ? The ambition of the u3a movement is that members should LEARN, LAUGH and LIVE in a congenial, stimulating environment.

We have groups covering a wide range of activities from Food to French conversation, from Singing to Skittles. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

To find out more contact our Membership Secretary, John Bissett, on 01386 859319 for an information pack and membership form.

Body Language

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- e) Children in school _____
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- g) Combs have these _____
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- w) Ancient container _____
- x) Long distance travel luggage _____

Please see page 22 for the answers



Willersey's Celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee Sunday, 5th June 2022

The 2022 Platinum Jubilee Committee calls on you to book Sunday 5th June to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's long reign and many years of devoted service to our country and the Commonwealth.

Events being planned for the day include:

Church **service of thanksgiving and commemoration** in the morning;

Photograph of parishioners gathered in the Churchyard, to be taken from Saint Peter's Church Tower;

Saintbury Hill Race;

Children's Sports on the Recreation Ground in the early afternoon; and

Picnic and entertainment outside on the Village Hall car park and Village Garden, starting mid-afternoon.

More details next month!

THE APRIL 2022 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Thursday 17th March 2022 unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest, thanks or notice of forthcoming events.

Newsletter creation will start early the next day, the 18th.

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

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

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 on the website, including whether booking is necessary.**

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

Guiting Power to Naunton, Aylesworth, Westfield Shooting Ground Tuesday 1st March – Moderate 3hr 6.5ml

A moderate walk incorporating parts of the Windrush, Wardens and Diamond Ways. Bring drink/snack.

Start: 9.30am Guiting Power village car park (honesty box) plus roadside parking GL54 5TX.
OS Map ref: SP 095 247.

A Circuit of Meon Hill – Tuesday 22nd March – Moderate 3.5hr 7ml

An interesting walk circumnavigating Meon Hill with tales of murder and devilry. We will also enjoy tantalizing glimpses of two arts and craft gardens. It could be muddy! Bring drink/snack.

Start: 10.00am Hidcote Manor car park (with kind permission of National Trust).
OS Map ref: SP 176 430.

Winchcombe to Belas Knap – Wednesday 23rd March – Moderate 3hr 6ml

Easy paths and lanes meander past Sudeley Castle and along the valley of Beesmoor Brook, then up into woods and combes with spectacular views until we reach Belas Knap. The return to Winchcombe is gentle downhill. Bring coffee/snack. Cafes & pubs are available in the town following the walk.

Start: 10.00am Winchcombe, Back Lane car park (£1 all day). OS Map ref: SP 024 283.

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.



Willersey Footlights Society

Plans are now underfoot for a new production to take place in November 2022. With a sideways glance at Covid and our take on it, mixed in with a little romance, the usual song and dance numbers, the show is now coming together.

We have happily welcomed a lot of new faces that have joined Footlights. A lot of the old faces are still there, looking a bit older now, Cathy is back as producer, Cissy and Ada are back, making their inspired appearance and doing something interesting with miles of fabric and yards of strong elastic. Tom Jelfs' IT skills are bringing a new look to the show and putting a theatrical twist on things.

Yes you've guessed it – it's all going to be its usual irreverent comic based nonsense!

The Company are now putting together ideas and thinking about planning rehearsals. As it stands, we plan to start fully committed rehearsals in September,

We shall keep you informed re our progress and in the autumn tickets for the new show will be available
If anyone is out there with a yen to tread the boards then we are still looking for help on stage or behind the scenes
So do get in touch as you would be most welcome.

Contact Mary. Secretary

Marys.badger@btinternet.com

Tel: 07711936976

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All Age Worship
St Peter's 20th February

What a good service this was. The theme being “What is God calling you to do? Reverend Scott took the service and the hymns some of which were new to us echoed the theme of this service. Thank you to Bill for reading the lesson and to a Adine, Justine and Judith for taking the prayers. Thank you also to Rachel for doing the poem scrolls.

Scott's talk followed the theme asking us to think what it was that God was calling us to do? The poem “Footprints in the Sand” was read and there were copies for the congregation to take and read quietly at home. It is such a moving poem and gives you reassurance that God is there for you.

Congratulations to Ben and Jess on the birth of their baby - a little brother 4 Harry and also to Matt and Amy getting married in six weeks time. Caroline and Adine served our coffee, tea and biscuits and there was a lot of chat afterwards.

Our next service is on March 20th at 11:00 o'clock and we will celebrate Mothers Day a little early.

Sort out your dusters and polish. It's Spring Cleaning time in Church. 10:00 o'clock on Saturday the 2nd of April then enjoy a bowl of soup afterwards.

Jennie Bond 20th February

Willersey Garage has a book stall which accepts donated books which are sold for charity. More books are always welcome. So far the Air Ambulance has received about £300.

6 Great Spotted Woodpeckers, 9 Wrens, 11 Blackcaps, 2 Stock doves, 1 green woodpecker, 1 buzzard, 6 Brambling, 1 Redwing, 1 Fieldfare, and ... 13 pheasants – no doubt avoiding the local shoot. Making in total 31 different species putting in an appearance in our gardens.

Despite some of these seemingly high numbers, as many of us know, our birds along with much of our wildlife is in serious trouble. Anything we can do to celebrate and nurture the local wildlife that we currently enjoy must be a good thing for all of us to be doing – however small our contribution.

Bob Topp – January 2022

Village Garden and Book Exchange

Spring is in the air, time to think about the Village Garden at the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who has been visiting the garden throughout the winter. It's lovely to turn up and see planting, thank you. The bulbs are coming through- so much promise.

Please can we have a working party- weather permitting! On Wednesday 16th March around 11ish. This will be to cut back,

weed, tidy up  Please bring your own tools etc.

It would be good to have some kind of water feature for the wildlife if anyone has any ideas we would be glad to hear them.

The Book Exchange is proving to be a great success, books in and out often, it's well used. What is needed is more Children's books please.

As always open to suggestions, to improve things, please let us know if you have any ideas.

Many thanks to everyone who helps, supports and uses this project.



Willersey's Big Garden Bird Watch



Firstly, a big thank you to the **56** people who gave up an hour of a recent weekend to take part in the first Willersey Big Garden Bird Watch - an opportunity to compare our village bird sightings with the national RSPB survey involving over a million people taking place at the same time. Next year it is intended to make it easier for anyone who wishes to join in.

This of course is only a 'field study' snap shot, but nevertheless a fun way of taking an interest in one aspect of the wildlife in our own gardens. Although the RSPB are still number crunching their results, it is looking almost certain that **HOUSE SPARROW** will again be the species most often recorded nationally.

Willersey's Birds In Numbers

- A total of **1104** birds were seen.
- Greatest number (roll of drums, please).....
Goldfinch 148 (13.4%).
- Followed by Blackbird 134 (12.1%) and Blue Tit 120 (10.9%).
- In the Willersey survey House Sparrow were down in 4th place with 102 birds seen (9.2%).
- Interestingly, 54% reported seeing a goldfinch.

There were of course other birds not included in the survey which showed up - with these being perhaps the most noteworthy:-



Welcome to February 2022



February 14th, St Valentine's Day, and where else would you spend it? A posy of carnations, chocolates on the table, a glass of red; it has to be Willersey Village Hall for an evening of chatter with friends in the WI and guests.

Richard opened his talk 'The Search Operation' about Fred and Rosemary West saying what a devoted couple they had been, the closest link to love in his talk. There followed the dark reality of the murders they had committed against young girls and women. Facing the stark facts of these crimes, Richard talked about the lengths that our police force will go to uncovering crimes, taking years, huge amounts of man power, organisational skills and plenty of diplomacy. You can't help but have respect for the police force when faced with such crimes.

We welcomed Hilary as our new secretary, and already she looks very much at home. Heather, our treasurer, has sent £250 to Stroud Women's Refuge from funds raised last year. Mal in her usual upbeat style offered members a chance to support the domestic arrangements of the WI meetings. There were offers of raffle prizes, table flowers and birthday flowers. But where are our lovely hostesses? Come on girls Tesco (and other stores) do some great bakes and no Calendar Girl gear necessary.

Jackie continues to be our link with The Cobalt Unit in Cheltenham, collecting our donations and returning with lovely cards to sell to support this worthwhile charity. She has planned a talk and coffee morning on Saturday 12th March with a 10.00am start and costing £3 a head.

Our March Meeting is 'The Lighthouse Project'. Contributions towards the food bank would be most welcome.

March Meeting 2022

Monday 14th Willersey Village Hall 7.15

Speaker - Diane Bennet

'Caring Hands'

The Lighthouse Project

*We would welcome any non perishable items to donate
to this vital charity*

Contact number Mal 858351

COBALT COFFEE & CROISSANTS COFFEE MORNING



On Saturday March 12th the WI and friends will be holding a Coffee Morning but this will be a little different to the usual Coffee Morning. Coffee and Croissants will be served at 10am, with a short presentation from the Cobalt team Cheltenham. This will be followed by the usual coffee morning, to include, 50/50 raffle (one prize only- the winner will receive half of the amount taken).

Cobalt cards, Cakes Cobalt BLUE stall - anything blue.

Small prize for the “**Best in Blue**” - wear anything blue!

£3.00 entry 10am to include Coffee and Croissants, presentation.

£1.00 entry 11am to include Coffee and biscuits.

Money raised will be given to Cobalt to support the latest technology diagnosing CANCER and DEMENTIA. There is a Leading edge PET/CT scanner planned for Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Please support this event, for further information please contact,

Jackie Jordan. 852678

What is a human being? Objectively nothing of consequence: particles of dust in an infinite arena present for an instant in eternity. Clumps of atoms in a universe with more galaxies than people. Yet a human being is necessary for the question itself to exist. The presence of a question in the universe - any question - is the most wonderful thing. Questions require minds and minds bring meaning. What is meaning? I don't know except that the universe and every pointless speck inside it means something to me. I am astonished by the existence of a single atom and find my civilization to be an outrageous imprint on reality. I turned to understand it. Nobody does but it makes me smile.

We have no right to expect answers. We have no right to even ask but ask and wonder we do. I have chosen to write in the language of science because there is no better demonstration of our magnificent ascent than knowledge generated by science. Two million years ago we were apemen. Now we are spacemen. This has happened, as far as we know nowhere else. That is worth celebrating.

There's only one corner of the universe where we know for sure that the laws of nature have conspired to produce a species capable of transcending the physical bounds of a single life and developing a library of knowledge beyond the capacity of a million individual brains which contains a precise description of our location in space and time. We know our place and that makes us valuable and at least in our local cosmic neighbourhood unique.

We don't know how far we would have to travel to find another such island of understanding but is surely a long long way. This makes the human race worth celebrating, Our library worth nurturing and our existence worth protecting.

SPRING FLING COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 26th March

Village Hall 10.00 to 12noon

including an introduction to the

Willersey Horticultural Show 2022



At the coffee morning there will of course be tea, coffee, cakes, a raffle and a chance for a good natter, plus exciting stalls as listed below.

But this is also an opportunity to see a preview of the **Horticultural Show** schedule so that entrants can plan their planting and growing timetable for the August Bank Holiday Monday Show.

*New this year and just for fun is the
Great Potato Challenge:*

£3 buys you a potato sack and 2 seed potatoes with an adult and junior prize on offer when the judging takes place at 4.00pm on SUNDAY 28th AUGUST, the day before the Horticultural Show.

No great gardening knowledge required.

You just decide on your growing medium and watering regime

to scoop one of the prizes.

There will be more details available at the coffee morning.

*Stalls include **A Cake Sale, the WI Emporium, a Plant***

***Stall** from the award winning Bond family and gardening gifts on sale from local artists*

***Art Pad and from Copper Hearts** 16*



Nature Box - Sex and Sensibility



Having a long life is not a great achievement in the bird world if you haven't reproduced. So as many of our garden birds will not see a second spring, finding a suitable partner right now is key.

The quality of singing, appearance, claiming and guarding a territory are all noted strategies for maximising success. Some birds as we know - robins and blackbirds for example - go for several broods; others like the tit family have one large brood. So with the survival rate for many newly fledged broods often being less than 50%, nature, as we see, frequently has a clever plan.

Ah, but having found a mate how to ensure fidelity? Mmm.

Dunnocks, known locally as hedge bettys, are pretty promiscuous - that is both sexes. Males will follow around the chosen female(s) really closely to ensure exclusive rights; although females are very prone to wander too. It is estimated that at least 40% of blue tit nests have at least one egg fertilised by another male. Swallows are similarly a tad wayward. So the urge for males to pass on their genes is powerful; and for females to identify the finest male genes around and try to ensure that they produce the best offspring. Male wrens have another strategy: very often partnering two females simultaneously, but failing to provide any support whatsoever after building the nests! Although not all bird species are so unsupportive. Right now we can see 'courtship feeding', where the bond is reinforced by the male bringing his wing fluttering partner food. In the case of the blue tit she has to prepare for the challenging process of single-handedly building the nest, producing and laying between 8 & 10 eggs, incubating them, and then with her mate needing to find up to 1000 caterpillars a day before the young become independent and fledge.

Phew! **Bob Topp**

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Willesey Parish Council

Recreation Ground

The Parish Council have obtained grants from the National Lottery, Cotswold District Council and a sum from the Willow Green development to finance improvements to the play equipment. The units to be installed have been chosen in consultation with the Friends of Willersey School and will consist of a unit for toddlers, a small roundabout and another unit for older children. Installation will start w.c. March 6th and should take a week.

The PC hopes this will make the area an even more attractive and useful facility for parents with young children.

Treebilee

The essential pollarding of the willow trees has been completed and following feedback from the consultation with residents only 9 trees were removed to open up the area. Planting of replacement hardwood varieties has taken place and more trees have been planted in the Cemetery and elsewhere in the village.

Footpath Repair

The much used footpath between the recreation ground & The Quinary is in a poor condition and the PC have persuaded Gloucestershire County Council to undertake repairs.

Dog Poo

Thank you to all responsible owners who care for their dogs.

When dog poo is left on the greens or pavements it reflects a lack of respect for fellow residents which may also manifest itself in other anti social activities, so please forward any details or photographs of dogs or owners breaking the law to the Parish Council. Anonymity is guaranteed and prosecutions will follow.



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Contact Claire - 01386 718067 - 07905934685

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Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

The group met as usual at the beginning of the month. Rose brought along a small project for members to do and the variety of sewing projects on the display table were much admired. Next month Ross Watts will be with us to show us how to do braided ribbon brooches.

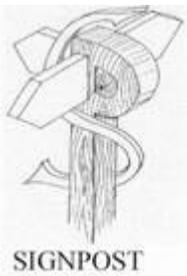
Next meeting: Thursday 3rd March 9.30 – 12.30am

Honeybourne Village Hall Any enquiries please ring:

Penny Ingles 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale 01386 852958

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SIGNPOST BROADWAY

Due to popular demand Signpost Broadway are going to continue to hold regular Defibrillator and CPR training courses.

The courses will be run by Robin Farnworth, Vale of Evesham Community Responder and will last about two hours.

These will take place at the Signpost offices, 4, Russell Square, Broadway WR12 7AP behind the Broadway Co-op and next door to the Broadway Parish Council office on:

Wednesday, 16th March at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 27th April at 2 p.m.

Attendance is free but donations are welcome. Please bring a face mask.

To reserve a place please provide your name and telephone contact details either by emailing: info@signpost.info or leave a voicemail on: **01386 859029**

Helen Rushmore Signpost Broadway

On March 2nd, we will be holding our 'long-awaited' quiz - something that's always enjoyed by our many members. If you would like to find out more about the Willersey Wednesday Club, it is for over 55s only, held every other Wednesday afternoon in the Village Hall commencing at 2.30pm. Please feel

free to come along and find out what we are all about. We always follow COVID regulations as laid

down by the Government. If you are experiencing any COVID symptoms, please self-isolate and stay at home to minimise the risk in spreading infection.

Vaccination Drop-In Sessions

This link is provided by the NHS and gives a list of Vaccination Drop-In sessions at numerous locations throughout the county. Please use the link to find the nearest location to you and the vaccinations on offer and who can attend etc.

The list is continually being updated by the NHS as and when new sessions have been organised so please check on a daily basis if you are trying to find one near to you at a time to suit you. <https://covid19.glos.nhs.uk/vaccinations/#link-dropin>

Thank You and Please Stay Safe

I would like to take the opportunity of thanking the voters of Willersey and Campden & Vale ward for entrusting me with your vote and electing me to serve as your elected Cotswold District councillor. It will be an honour to represent EVERYONE in the ward.

As I pledged during the election campaign, I'll be doing whatever I can to speak out on behalf of the younger and older members of our communities and, although, at present the council is run by the LibDems, I will also be doing my best to ensure they are held to account for their mismanagement of our council finances.

I've now attended my first site visit since being elected - which was in Willersey to look at drainage and flooding issues - and my first full council meeting in Cirencester.

As I work in Willersey, I would be happy to visit you and discuss any concerns you may have.

Please contact me:

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Yours sincerely,

Tom Stowe

Cotswold District Cllr for Campden & Vale"

Saint Peter's Church Services in March 2022

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| Wednesday Ash Wednesday | 2nd | 7.30 pm | Benefice Service |
| Sunday Lent 1 | 6th | 10.00 am | Morning Prayer ML |
| Sunday Lent 2 | 13th | 9:00 am | Holy Communion TL |
| Sunday | 20th | 11.00 am | All Age Service |
| Sunday Mothering Sunday | 27th | 10.00 am | Morning Prayer ML |

ML – Modern Language TL – Traditional Language

Mid-week Holy Communion: 11am every Wednesday.

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 with a **link and service sheet**.*

St Peter's Church Cleaning and Refreshments

Church Cleaning

Week ending

March

5th & 12th

Sandy Barnes and

Elizabeth Milne-James

19th & 26th

Annie Payne and Sue Clark

Brass Cleaning

March

5th & 12th

19th & 26th

Gillian Beale

Adine Keatley and Shirley Holmes

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

Thank you helpers. Please let me know if there is a shortage of cleaning materials.

Refreshments in Church

March

6th at 10 a.m.

Judith and Rob McNeil-Wilson

13th at 9 a.m.

Sally and Malcolm Maclean

20th at 11 a.m.

Betty Roberts and Jennie Bond

27th at 10 a.m.

Pat and Robert Heming

Cotswolds 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.24*).

9.30am to 3.30pm weekdays. Could you volunteer?

Call 01608 697007