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PUBLIC NOTICES OCTOBER 2022

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are **3rd, 17th & 31st October 2022.**
Please put all bins and bags out by 7.00am. 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 bad weather. Just leave your bins out for collection later. (Food waste every week.)

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

Please telephone: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

The MOBILE POST OFFICE

Visits Willersey on **Friday at The Bell Inn 12:45 to 14:45.**

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PASTORAL LETTER – OCTOBER 2022

The Queen - Emulate

Without the night we won't appreciate the coming of the light at dawn. Time moves like a river. The seasons keep on turning.

The death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was not unexpected; we all knew she was not immortal and yet, somehow it caught us unawares. What themes have emerged in the hours of television and radio programmes and miles of newspaper columns about her life?

Service; as a young woman during her 21st birthday address she declared,

“I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.”

Her's was a life marked by service. Just two days before her death she oversaw the transfer of power from one Prime Minister to another. What a wonderful final photograph of the frail but beaming Queen.

Listening to interviews I was struck by the number of stories told where she reached out to others. Her thoughtfulness, kindness and compassion shone through. She didn't let the countless meetings pass without engaging positively, where she could, with those she met – a smile, her full attention, the kind words and sometimes a thoughtful gesture. She didn't passively let the news flow over her; she took the time to think what she could do to help those who were part of the stories, deliberately reaching out where she could. Some were invited to tea, others were offered sanctuary and rest at Balmoral or another of the royal houses.

She took her role seriously but she didn't take herself seriously. Her cameos with James Bond at the Olympics drew gasps from the crowd whilst her conversation with Paddington at the Jubilee drew laughter and respect.

Earlier this year she said,

“Throughout my life the message and teachings of Christ have been my guide and in them I hope.”

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Clearly the Queen's faith informed who she was and how she chose to live her life. Her 21st birthday address continued,
“*But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join it with me ... God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it.*”

She knew that it was only with the support of others she could fulfil her duty. She knew that we are at our best when we work together. As followers of the same Lord, the same Jesus Christ we are called to do the same things in our own lives Monday through Sunday. When we serve others, we serve God for we are all made in his image and we are all his children.

The light of dawn breaks the night. Without autumn and winter there would be no spring and summer.

Be shaped for good by those you admire.
Grow in the likeness of Christ and build his Kingdom

Every blessing
Revd Craig

Team Rector – based in Chipping Campden

Tel: 01386 841927

Churchwarden Robert McNeil-Wilson,

The Granary, Main Street, Willersey Tel: 01386 852785
mobile 07979590826 Email: rmw@unisonprojects.co.uk

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**Small cross found near the front of The Bell.
Phone 852986 for enquiries.**

Francis Fairclough

WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH

There was a children's TV programme which announced 'All Change!' And in the last 2 weeks everything seems to have changed! I hope you've enjoyed watching it all!

Our small congregation has enjoyed watching the changes – but sad at the Queen's departure; however she has worked hard and long and is now, at last at rest! I shall find the National Anthem difficult to remember that it's now a King, not a Queen. I've been singing (from Brownies) since being 7 years old and I still remember my Brownie/Guide Promise and Young Leader promises. How strange! So we now have a King Charles. Let us 'Go forth and Tell' that we have so much to be thankful for.

This is a new season, and a new regime. King Charles will be a good King. I'll tell you a secret – Richard has been walling with him as well as hedge cutting and other countryside skills. He's a good Hedger but a lousy wallet!! There, the secret's out!

The summer has been very kind from a harvest point of view even if the yields are down due to the lack of rain. We are so fortunate that we don't, as yet, suffer from too many extremes as other countries where floods and droughts have devastated communities. Global Warming is real!

Thank you to all who made our village fete a success, (where did all the people come from?) and on the village note can I ask what is going on the pond? Such a source of speculation! (Ferris Wheel/Willersey Pier?) Hold this space

We hope some of you may come and join us in our Sunday morning discussions, thoughts and prayers. It is an open house procedure starting at 10.30 am. We have a printed suggested order of service and everyone can join in. Enjoy the autumn colours!

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Are you Carer Aware?

Gloucestershire Carers Hub are commissioned by Gloucestershire Council along with the NHS to provide a free of charge service to support informal, unpaid Carers across Gloucestershire (People looking after a loved one/family member/friend or neighbour). As part of our service we offer Advice, Information, Guidance and Support. If you are a carer, you can join the Carers Hub by calling **0300 111 9000**.

Gloucestershire Carers Hub is helping Carers to self-identify and recognise where they can find support. There are **6.5 million carers in the UK** and more than **63,000 in Gloucestershire**. With **1 in 10 people having caring responsibilities**, it's likely that everyone knows someone who is an informal, unpaid carer, but may not be aware of it.

Carers can wear one of our Carer Aware badges to help other people identify carers.

Registered Carers can also request a Carer Aware Discount Card to allow them to access discounts. The card offers a discrete way for carers to identify themselves to registered discount providers or to access other concessions.

Businesses and employers who are Carer Aware can recognise Carers, support them within their organisations and signpost them to Gloucestershire Carers Hub. If you would like to find out more about the free Carer Aware Training or our toolkit for employers email us careraware@peopleplus.co.uk or call **0300 111 9000**.

If you are a business owner you could help carers by providing discounted access to your services We would be happy to list your business on our pages once you have signed up to offer a discount. Email us at careraware@peopleplus.co.uk or call **0300 111 9000**. For more information visit our website at <https://gloucestershirecarershub.co.uk/>

Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

The September group meeting was our visit to Hidcote Gardens. The Kaffe Fosssett exhibition was fascinating and vibrant colour combinations proved a real talking point.

A coffee break was enjoyed in the restaurant and there was time for a leisurely walk in the gardens

The weather was perfect for our picnic break, when 'Rustic Roosters' were passed around for all to see. The Rooster project had been our August sewing task. What a variety of coloured threads and stitches used.

Next Meeting: Thursday October 6th

Venue : Honeybourne Village Hall Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Project : "Snowflakes and Snowmen"

For more information contact Penny Ingles 01386 853306 or Gillian Beale 01386 852958

The September All Age Worship Service was dedicated to the Queen with a splash of the Harvest Festival. Mark Taylor took our service. The theme of his talk was the seasons of our lives and how they change as we move on.

The Service started with a prayer for the Queen. All the hymns were favourites of the Queen along with the readings. One was from Rob Heming and another from Justine and thanks to them. Our salute to the Harvest Festival was the poem "Autumn" by Keats and thanks to Ken for reading it. The hymn was "We plough the fields and scatter" after the reading of Autumn. We sat and listened to some reflective music written by Vaughan Williams - The Lark Ascending. A lovely piece of music.

Bel and Bill welcomed us all to the service with the service sheets. Carolynne did some craft work with children making pictures of the Queen along with a message. Thank you for this part of the service. Mark read the last reading from Saint John and then we sat for a minute in tribute before standing to sing "God save the King". This was a new experience for us.

Finally, also many thanks for the Harvest gifts brought to the church. The October service is on the 16th October at 11:00 o'clock.

It will be lovely to see you there.

Autumn in the Village Garden

Autumn seems to have come round very quickly this year, everyone says time flies when you get older! Our chances to spruce up the Garden have been interrupted of late, mainly by the weather once by the rain and once by the incredible heat.

That being said The Garden is looking good at the moment, surprising what a drop of water and drop in temperature can do, and a little help from the soil from the Potato Challenge. Thank you Bob and Maggie.

When I do go into The Garden when I can make time I'm always amazed by its diversity, we have a little Robin that comes to say hello - I know he's hoping for worms, either way it's always nice to see him. There have been lots of frogs and insects, Squirrels, I'm sure we have lots more visitors to The Garden when we're not looking. It's nice to see the apples growing, the berries on the trees, the hedgerow is full of blackberries and most of the plants are abundant with flowers, I've never seen so many Love In The Mist - all self seeded.

It would be great if we could have a working party to cut back some plant's, do some weeding, a general tidy up before Winter. Please come and join in on Saturday 15th Oct, around 2pm - tools and enthusiasm would be a great help.

It was lovely to find a tribute to the Queen left in The Garden and a Birthday card left for a Granny. *Jackie*

Willersey Village Hall AGM

Tuesday October 11th at 8pm

In the Village Hall Jubilee Room

(Committee meeting 7pm)

So that's a wrap on Willersey Fete 2022. We hope that everyone who came had a fantastic time, and will return next year. The Fete went brilliantly - many, many thanks to everyone for making it so good. Thank you in particular to all of our fantastic volunteers and raffle prize donors. We raised £3600 in total - £1100 on the raffle, £700 from the teas in St Peter's Church, and £800 on the Dog Show - the rest was stalls, parking, bouncy slide (kindly sponsored by SAL Electrical Ltd so that we got all of the £300 proceeds) and additional generous donations from stallholders. The Fete was held to raise money for the continuing work on the church roof and other repairs but there has been a shared view that we should make donations to a charity namely £150 to Support Dogs, which provides assistance dogs to people with autism, epilepsy and disabilities, and £150 to Caring Hands in the Vale.

Jess Ingles

The Horticultural Show – held in the Village Hall after a two year break - attracted a healthy entry across all the various categories with a very high standard achieved. We had a clear winner this year in the tussle for the overall Show Champion who was awarded the Eric Beadle Trophy. In third place was Peter Bond on 39 points, in second place was Mike Barnes on 44 points and on a highly impressive 62 points was Jane Ewers.....many congratulations to Jane. We also held in the Jubilee Room an exhibition of Art and Photography from Moira Huntly, the late Howard Tomblin, Pete Kavanagh, Andrea Bridgeman and Terence Richardson which was very well received by the many visitors. Many thanks to Pete for co-ordinating and arranging this.

Overall it was a brilliant day and we raised over £400 which we are putting into our funds to support green space and environmental projects around Willersey in conjunction with the Parish Council. Plus we will also be making a donation to the Village School in support of their "Forest School" Project.

Many thanks to the Organising Committee, the Stewards, the Judges and most of all to all of the Entrants whom without their efforts we simply would not have a Show.

Mark Bridgeman

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Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



Details of the walks available are described on the website (below). **Please check walk details carefully on the website, including whether booking is necessary. Additional walks may be published on the website.**

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

Batsford Circular via Sezincote and Moreton Tuesday 4th October – Moderate 3.5hr 7.5ml

A gentle walk to the fabulous Sezincote Manor with its 'onion dome'. A visit to Moreton in Marsh on market day for a coffee and a quick look or make your way back to Batsford.

A warden will be in the car park from 9.30 am.

Start: 10:00 Park in the lower car park at Batsford Arboretum. OS Map ref: SP 183 334.

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.

Note that Chipping Campden Town Walks end at the end of September until the Spring

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

THE NOVEMBER 2022 VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Monday 17th October 2022 unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest, thanks or notice of forthcoming events. Newsletter compilation will start early the next day.

Email them to willerseynews@gmail.com or phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628, Thank you.

The Church and Village News is published on the Internet. It is at www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm



Willersey Footlights Society

Just keeping everyone up to date.

Previous plans were for a show to be on stage by November but time is moving on and we now plan

to carry it forward to 2023. The new dates to be Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th March 2023. This gives us more time to develop our themes and provide an evening to remember

So, put it in your new diary. The usual stars with new additions will be there providing, song and dance, sketches plus the usual banter. The screen in your own home has nothing to compare with the menu we will put before you.

Great work by the Footlights team who raised £921.80 at the Annual Village Fete with their bric-a-brac stall which will be invaluable in providing for the above event. *Mary Gittings*

Willersey WI Senior Citizens 'Christmas Party' Sat Dec 3rd at 3pm.

Please note the Christmas Dinner will be replaced by

1920's Afternoon Tea to celebrate WI Centenary

Names required by the 31st October. Fill in form below and place in Parish Post Box at the Village Hall

Angela Beale

NAMES.

Dietary requirements.

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The Just for Fun Potato Challenge The results are in!

The weigh in was a sun-blessed merry occasion with Bill Payne freshly returned from his 'Celebrity Love Island' appearance overseeing the knock-about proceedings.

Before the big reveal, a big thank and well done to everyone who took part, especially all of the juniors: **Toby, Henry, Charlie, Josh, Alfie, Oscar, Leo, Brody, Maddie and Caleb.**

Caleb won the junior section with 69 potatoes in his grow bag.

The adult section was headed by **Clive Lockyer** with a weight of 10lbs 2oz. Please note we are still resisting adopting the metric system here in Willersey!

The much coveted 'wooden spoon' was scooped up by **Julie Cox.**

A special thank you to **Michelle and Lauren** who expertly recorded the scores and provided some scrumptious refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who got involved.

The event raised **£88.30** towards the building of the village school's **Forest School shelter.**

Bob Topp

Not too much wine was brewed from this batch but taking advice he settled on the Siegerrebe grape to begin with and alongside Gemma they have developed and grown their business their business to produce two white wines, a sparkling and two types of brandy. They are proud of their two prestigious awards: one for the sparkling wine and one for the brandy. Following a lesson in how to taste, the level of chatter increased and even hardened red wine drinkers took a sip. The brandy however defeated one or two, but it definitely helped to speed up the clearing away after the meeting; and certainly buoyed us up as we ventured out into the dark night to make our way cheerfully home.

Maggie T

A Grateful Message

The Parish expresses its gratitude to Saint Peter's Church Bellringers for their conspicuous and valued service throughout the Period of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

This has included numerous peals and periods of ringing and all the work involved in muffling of the bells, their unmuffling in recognition of the Accession of King Charles III and re-muffling for the continued mourning of our Queen's passing.

It has been an historic opportunity to hear fully muffled bells for the first time in 70 years. As our Tower Captain, Robert Chadburn wrote, "*The effect, which you will have heard already, sounds very much as if the tenor bell is tolling distinctly and separately amongst the other bells, and so is not so different in its effect from a single tolling bell. Not only do I think this fully muffled ringing is more moving and atmospheric than a single tolling bell, it enables all the bellringers of St Peter's to participate in this unique life event, and it means a lot to many of them.*"

Numerous parishioners have expressed their awe at the sound and the excellence of the ringing, throughout.

With gratitude to the Tower Captain and ringers for playing such a significant part in the Parish's full and meaningful participation in the nation's mourning for our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II.

Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden



Welcome to October 2022

Mal, our President, began with a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II.

'Let's have a moment of silence together to remember a very special lady, Queen Elizabeth II. She made such a difference to how women were accepted, with her mechanical prowess and driving in the Women's Army during the second world war; her commitment to the Girl Guides and of course to the WI of which she was a lifelong member at Sandringham.

So can we bow our heads and remember her long life devoted to us and to think of her family.

Jerusalem

Three cheers for King Charles III.

Hilary highlighted the up and coming WI talks and workshops for members to sign up to. This was followed by Cathy's plan to make bags for the NHS for families who need to collect their loved ones possessions at the end of life. A list was taken of willing volunteers to cut, stitch, sew and iron; of course with the obligatory coffee break, so coffee makers definitely required. This will take place on Saturday 8th October starting at 10.00am. If anyone has any metre lengths of fabric they can donate this would be most welcome.

Our speakers for the evening arrived cheerfully clinking bottles and glasses ready for our talk about the conception of The Little Oak Vineyard. Steve started with a mix of five vines and a field on the Shipston Road in Chipping Campden that hadn't been cultivated for years.



Nature Box - Tawny Owls

October onwards is a good time to hear tawny owls across the village as they are looking to pair up and defend their territory before breeding commences in March. One made a starring appearance several years ago on a night trail camera - set up hoping to capture footage of hedgehogs - but instead the tawny conveniently landed to pluck out a juice worm from the lawn.

Quite often a tawny owl has been described in children's books as calling 'twit-twoo'. But in fact those two sounds are being made by two different birds - a female and a male calling to each other. In the real world the female call is more like the sound 'Ke-wick'; with the male replying 'Hoo-hoo-oooo'. For some of us it is still just warm enough to have a window ajar in the evening or through the night to enjoy these nightly village exchanges.

Tawny owls are really woodland birds, with barn owls generally choosing to live closer to us humans. Little owls, barn owls and tawny owls usually choose to keep away from each other. Different habitat and food sources encouraging this behaviour pattern -described in the birding world as niche separation. Not a bad strategy as tawnies are not only pretty adept at snatching roosting smaller birds like starlings, but also the young of smaller owl species during the hours of darkness. Although tawnies are most active at night, harsh weather can occasionally **7**

see them visible during daylight hours. The 'Beast from the East' winter when severe weather lasted a long time witnessed a variety of owls being seen in and around the village during the day, as wet, windy or prolonged snowy weather severely hampers their ability to hunt.

Tawnies are particularly adept at building a mental picture of their territory, often following a regular route across their patch each night, so it is worth listening out for a nightly serenade. *BT*

Defibrillator Training

The Parish Council has organized a session to be held in the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday October 24th. This will be provided by Community Heartbeat Trust who monitor our defibrillators.

In order for the event to be properly organized it will be helpful to know the numbers involved, so please could you email willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com or put a note in the PC letter box if you wish to attend.

Live music and dancing in support of local charity Camden Home Nursing

Saturday the 26th of November 2022 7:00 pm to 12:00 am
Willersey Village Hall WR12 7PJ
Special performances by
Main Street Band Ruby Lamont Libby Ackerman
followed by music and dancing.
Tickets £25 including light fish and chip supper and welcome drink,
vegan and vegetarian options available Open Bar
Tickets from
<https://www.campdenhomenursing.org/event/live-music-and-dancing/>
(Scroll down to find our event)

Forest School shelter opening event

Wednesday 19th October

The Friends of Willersey School are so grateful for the support of the village community towards making the Forest school a great natural learning environment for the children, including the proceeds from the upcoming Wednesday clubs Race Night on the 15th October. The shelter is going up and we would like to invite you all to its official opening on Wednesday 19th October 5-6.30pm. There will be hot drinks available. We are thankful too for those who have donated money for the fruit and vegetables outside school which have been grown at the forest school. We hope that next year we can produce even more.



October Meeting 2022
Monday 10th at 7.15
Open Meeting

My Time in Afghanistan
speaker
Jamie Clark
Contact number Mal 858351

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Their time was a fully-committed and generous loan; Scott told us that he is confident that the Lord will provide and we will prevail. We should work to fulfil that, bring seeds he has planted to fruition and continue to build our Church and its Mission.

After the service, we presented Ros with a bouquet of flowers and Scott with an engraved fountain pen, which he promised will remind him of our parish and parishioners every time he uses it. Then we released them with our best wishes, our gratitude and our love and prayers.

And with that, the churchwardens of six parishes assembled with their rods of office to accompany Rector Scott Watts out of Saint Peter's for the last time.

Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden

The Mobile Post Office is outside the Bell every Friday from 12.45 to 14.45 You can do everything there – Vehicle Licences , pensions, cash in and out and much more The staff are very helpful. Parking easy with no restrictions.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 1st October
The Village Hall 10.00 - 12noon



The MARKET

Raffle - Cakes - Fancy Goods - Tombola - Human Fruit Machine - Treasure Hunt

Donations gratefully received either on the day or to a WI member

Every penny raised means Macmillan can help more people with cancer; and to live life as fully as they can.

PLEASE GIVE Generously
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Recent Village Sightings



Sightings news from Glenys, Helen W, Bill, Pete K, Gillian, David, Hazel, Colin & Ann, Robert, Jill & Dave, Mike, Mal and Sandy.

Starlings have been seen massing over the village with up to 200 sighted together. As the numbers build **through** the autumn we may just be treated to some memorable murmuration displays.

Throughout September migrating swallows and house martins hawking over the village have been recorded by quite a few people. Hedgehogs are still active with one particular sizeable individual regularly seen on a nightly patrol passing between gardens. Although most nesting has finished, wood pigeons continue to breed throughout the year with recently received photographs of rapidly growing wood pigeon squabs demonstrating the point.

Next month's Nature Box will feature the sparrowhawk - that blink and you'll miss it bird. However, one particular sparrowhawk has been seen eyeing up an owner's fenced chickens, hunting down a dunnock, before finally catching a pigeon that crashed into a window whilst being pursued - a possible hunting tactic?

Although Willersey is still fortunate to enjoy a diverse range of wildlife, perhaps the key difference to years gone by

is that in many cases the numbers have decreased markedly. But it's heartening to hear of some more unusual spots of late. A family of spotted flycatchers with the young seen building up their reserves before migration; Brown Argus butterflies; a hawfinch; a number of elephant hawk moth caterpillars and water vole sightings in a village water course. Hummingbird hawk moths have also been very evident - with nationally reported numbers up three times.

If you would like to report local sightings to Nature Box please email Bob Topp at bob.topp@btinternet.com



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The Parish Bids Farewell to the Reverend Scott Watts

Parishioners filled Saint Peter's Church to bid Reverend Scott Watts farewell at his final service of Holy Communion on Sunday, 31 July. Scott started the service with the consistent welcome he has offered congregants throughout his time in our parish; "Come as you are. In whatever condition you come to church, God will welcome you."

In his sermon, Scott returned to the texts given to him to speak to during his assessment centre for the position of Rector in February 2017. Covering themes that have been central throughout his ministry to us, he referred to the call, in Saint Matthew's Gospel, for us to be 'salt' in all the places we find ourselves in order "to be a divine seasoning to everyone and every situation that we encounter in our communities, bringing out their full potential, just as salt does in food".

Another central tenet of Scott's preaching has been that the Gospel is right for every season; as an evangelical priest, he has proved that there are more than enough timeless lessons in the scriptures for whatever season and state in which we find ourselves and the world.

As soon as Scott's installation had been completed, five years ago, he had tolled the church's treble bell, the number of chimes traditionally signifying the number of years he would be likely to remain in the parish. Scott rang that bell ten times. However, he has not short-changed us. Although he has been with us for only five years, it feels like much longer; a tribute to all he has done for us, our Parish and Church in that relatively brief time. Perhaps those ten tolls were in recognition that we would have five years' service from two people, with all the support we have enjoyed from Scott's beloved wife, Ros.

Scott has been active in our community and committed considerable support and enthusiasm to Willersey's Church of England school. His preaching is evidence that you don't need to do politics or climb on fashionable bandwagons, that expounding on the Gospel is more than adequately enlightening. However, it is his pastoral support to so many who have needed it for which he is likely to be most loved and remembered.

Scott's early ministry included many years as a chaplain in the hospice environment, a hard calling. It is to a similar calling to which he and Ros have returned to their home area of East Anglia. When news of their eventual departure was released, numerous people sought me out, saying things like "Hey, what's going on? You've got to stop him!" My consistent answer has been that we must respect his calling, whilst thanking God for his time with us. "The Lord giveth and Lord taketh away."

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mentions in some papers, like the Guardian, which made specific reference to the flypast over the Village Fete in the Gloucestershire village of Willersey.

The recent articles in our Village News about the four Lancaster crew-members amongst our Fallen will have brought home their sacrifices to parishioners. It was a most moving and respected occasion for those present, with the flypast seemingly bringing those young men back home to Willersey in those wondrous moments. We will remember them:

Edward Folkes
Anthony Kyall

Henry Maudslay
Edgar Proctor

Robert McNeil-Wilson, Churchwarden

VOLUNTEER NOW!

The Village Fete is dependent on the participation and contributions of volunteers. If you are interested in doing your bit for Willersey and spare some time to do a spell during next year's Fete or to help in preparing for it please email Jess at: willerseyfete@gmail.com

It's worthwhile, fun and rewarding!

AN OPEN INVITATION:

(To find out more about Willersey Village life)

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22nd

at Willersey Village Hall 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Come and find out more about **what goes on in our Village, it's clubs, societies and organisations.** It's your chance to get involved and possibly help out.

Free Entry, tea, coffee and biscuits
Raffle in aid of Village Hall Funds.

Displays and advice about joining the many organisations who use our Village Hall or meet locally.

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Saint Peter's Fun Dog Show

We had a fabulous afternoon as part of Saint Peter's Willersey Village Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday, with the Dog Show bigger than ever.

2021's Show had established a new record of 45 dogs in one class. This year's Show smashed that record with 66 dogs in the largest class which was Class 2, the Best-Looking Dog. This was great fun and everyone agreed it was a huge achievement to get 66 dogs in a small arena with no trouble, whatsoever! We promise that we will have a large arena next year and may split classes between dogs and bitches to keep numbers more manageable.

The judges, Adine Keatley of K9 Capers, Kerry Goring from K9Hydrofit and Rachael McCooney of Cotswold Animal Therapy did a fantastic job and kept their cool, as did our fantastic helpers Carol, Jack and Rob.

Entrants were very grateful for the lovely rosettes donated by Adine and prizes donated by our generous sponsors: The Grooming Garden, Cotswold Animal Therapy, Elizabeth Ward, Cotswold Raw Dog Food, Oscar Pet Foods, K9 Hydrofit, La Petite Paws Patisserie and Pet Necessities Pet Shop.

Our class winners were:

1 Fancy Dress	Ruby (with Roy).
2 Best-Looking Dog	Rizzo (with Carol).
3 Best Rescue Dog	Kenny (with Pam)
4 Best Pedigree Dog	Sky (with Annie)
5 Best Young Dog	Dougie (with Robert)
6 Best Veteran	Indie (with Jack)
7 Waggiest Tail	Reggie (with Sarah)
8 Most Appealing Eyes	Puddle (with Lucy)
9 Dog the Judge would most like to take home	Talulah (with Hannah)
10 Dog that hasn't won a rosette	Gustav (with Lily)
Best in Show	Sky (with Annie)

The Fun Dog Show raised £808, all of which went to charity, including a donation of £150 to Support Dogs which trains and provides 'assistance dogs' for people with autism, epilepsy or disability.

Thank you very much to all those participants, canine and human, who helped to make this such a great and delightful event.

Judith McNeil-Wilson

Fresh from ringing in the tower, the second act was Saint Peter's Handbell Ringers. Finally, before the Grand Raffle Draw, Magic Russ captivated a host of children with his fun and conjuring. It was apparent that his show was enjoyed at least as much by the grown-ups as the youngsters. The only problem was that he received such a warm, Willersey welcome and enthusiastic acclamation that we couldn't get him off; he was enjoying himself too much!

There was plenty of fun and activity for children with two inflatable attractions, this year, with the return of the 'Bouncy Slide' and the addition of the 'Bouncy Fun Run', hosted by the hard-working Friends of Willersey School. Meanwhile, in Saint Peter's, where fifty children had participated in the free craft session of the 'Messy Church' in 2021, this year there were well over seventy participants. While the children enjoyed their crafts on the theme of Her Majesty's Jubilee and her role as Head of the Church of England, mums, dads and grandparents could join the people who flocked to Saint Peter's to enjoy the 'Teas in the Church'.

Peter, Les, George and Nigel prepared and presented an even more impressive display of vintage and veteran cars and tractors and the Fete attracted the exhibition of a remarkable '1920's Riley Brooklands Prototype' racing car.

There were nearly forty stalls, with fund-raisers for Willersey's W.I. and 'Footlights' and numerous charity stalls, including Evesham's Caring Hands foodbank, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Avon Cat Rescue, the National Childbirth Trust, Cotswold Riding for the Disabled and the Samaritans. The Sri Lankan cuisine stall proved an incredibly popular addition.

Once again, the Grand Raffle presented an irresistible array of prizes, many of which were activity-based or hospitality-oriented. Consistent with the aviation theme overall, a star prize was a 'Tow to 2,000'; a flight in a glider donated by Bidford Gliding and Flying Club

Early in the evening, on Fete Day, in an amazing act of courtesy, the Lancaster's co-pilot phoned me to make sure that our parish was satisfied with the aeroplane's appearance on the day. He had been at the controls for our fly-past and I complimented him on a stirring display by what is, effectively, the flagship of the Royal Air Force and on how immaculate the wonderful, veteran bomber had looked.

With the efforts, on the day, of two skilled videographers and a photographer, we intend to compile a worthy record of this historic, Willersey event; an event which attracted national press coverage, with the photograph of Lancaster flying past Glastonbury Tower appearing with cont.

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Village Fete, 2022

The aim of Saint Peter's Fete is to put on a fun, Bank Holiday event for the village, provide an opportunity for fellowship within the parish, welcome visitors to it and to create an opportunity for charities and village organisations to raise funds.

This year's packed schedule featured the Saint Peter's Fun Dog Show, which has gone from strength to strength during its eleven-year history, with 2022's being far bigger and more popular than ever. It also included the most welcome return of the Willersey Amateur Horticultural Society's crafts and produce show.

As well as being an amazing honour and attraction for Willersey's Fete, this year's flypast by the RAF Lancaster was an opportunity to remember the sacrifice of the four young, bomber crew members from Willersey whose names are recorded on our War Memorial.

In mid-August, Flt. Lt. Rich Hartley of the RAF had phoned to finalise the details for the long-awaited Lancaster flypast. We had agreed that the Lancaster's display would be centred upon the Fete's central hub, on Main Street, opposite the duckpond, by the Bell Inn. A fortnight later, the sound of four Merlin engines heralded the bomber's arrival, ten minutes early. It flew in from the east, as planned, over Saint Peter's tower, along the line of Church Street and over the Bell, before swinging away to come round for another two exciting, low-level passes.

This iconic plane was bound to draw considerably more people than even 2021's impressive turnout. Even with the disciplined and efficient organisation of the parking on the Rec' by the smart cadets of Warwick School's Combined Cadet force, one traffic tailback reached all the way back to Saintbury.

Before the Fete's start, the six bells of Saint Peter's pealed beautifully for forty minutes, summoning parishioners to come and join the fun. Revd. Canon Craig Bishop, of St James Chipping Campden, opened the Fete at 1:30pm and the entertainment on the greens near the Bell Inn which would run for the whole of the Fete, commenced. First on were the Chipping Campden Band of Morris Men who danced two impressive sets, before and after the Lancaster's appearance. This quintessentially English pursuit reminded us that our wartime bomber crews had been fighting to preserve our very way of life, as well as our liberty and our nation's sovereignty. Throughout the afternoon the age-old tradition of skittles was played out on the green, alongside the entertainment. Cont.



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Saint Peter's Church Services, October 2022

Service of Evening Prayer at Saint Peter's on Tuesday 4, October at 4:30pm.

2 October Trinity 16	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
9 October Trinity 17	9.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
16 October Trinity 18	11.00 am All Age Service "Colours of the Rainbow"
23 October Bible Sunday	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
30 October All Saints' Day	11:00 am Benefice Service At Saint Peter's, Pebworth

Mid-week Holy Communion (BCP): At Saint Peter's, every Wednesday at 11:00 am.

Sunday, Evensong: at Saint Andrew's, Aston sub Edge on Sunday's 9

Flower Arranging Group at Saint Peter's

The Flower arrangements planned for Harvest Festival took on a significant difference following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. It didn't feel right to go ahead with our original ideas after hearing the sad news.

Colours and flowers known to be favourites of the Queen were used in our floral arrangements with fruit and vegetables taking on a less significant role.

Following favourable comments from members of the

congregation on Sunday 18th September we feel we got the balance right.

Our next significant floral arrangements will be for Remembrance Sunday.

If there is anyone who would like to join the church flower arranging team, we are having a meeting in the church on Monday 7th November at 5 pm – do come along.

St Peter's October Church Cleaning and Refreshments Brass Cleaning

October Mal Jelfs and Jackie Jordan

If at all possible, please try to clean the brass during the middle of the month.

Church Cleaning for October W/E Sunday

Oct 8th) Justine Steventon and Grace
Oct 15th)

Oct. 29th)
Oct. 29th) Lisa and Flick Marcham

Please collect keys from either 'The Bell Inn' or Gillian Beale, Florizel, Lower Green.

The key to the vestry for the cleaning materials can either be collected from "The Bell Inn" or from Gillian Beale, Florizel, Lower Green 01386 852958.

Thank you everyone for your help

Refreshments for our October Church services

Sunday 2 nd October	Gillian Beale
Sunday 9 th October	Deborah and Mark Taylor
Sunday 16 th October	Adine Keatley and Liz Webb
Sunday 29 th October	Pat and Robert Hemming