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PUBLIC NOTICES November 2022

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are 14th & 28th November 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 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.

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PASTORAL LETTER – NOVEMBER 2022

Remembrance

A few weeks ago I visited Exeter and I went out of my way to find a rusty plaque affixed to a brick wall on a nondescript road: a pilgrimage of sorts.

“I don’t like text in art, but walking along this road holding the hand of the girl I loved was the happiest I’ve ever been.”

I first spotted this sign some 30 years ago. Remembering it brings me joy. Something extraordinary happened in the midst of the ordinary, something so extraordinary, so noteworthy that a person went to the effort of making a permanent marker of this special event. A passer-by won’t have noticed, maybe the girl involved didn’t notice. Memory is a funny thing: it is intensely personal but it can also be collective.

One of the sadnesses of covid is that, when congregations were limited and wakes were banned, the sharing of memories was missed. It’s important to remember together. Some of our memories are in fact the memories of others that have been implanted in us. It doesn’t matter the deceased can be celebrated and appreciated nevertheless. New people can be drawn into the stories, into the life lived. When I worked in Eastern Europe I encountered the practice of holding feasts on the anniversary of death of an individual – a big gathering on the first anniversary, the fifth and ten anniversaries and so on. Stories were told again, their character traits and positive attributes encouraged people afresh.

What is it that we choose to remember? Remembering with others enlightening – do we remember the same things? Do we tend to remember the good or the bad?

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November is a month of remembrance both individual and collective. We remember those whom we have loved at the beginning of the month at the festival of All Souls. At the Armistice and Remembrance Sunday we collectively remember although, of course, for those who have lost loved ones in conflict this collective remembering has a sharper more painful focus.

What will it be like to see the silence and then the march past the Cenotaph without the Queen. She wasn't there last year due to ill health but somehow her presence as a monarch that had lived through the horrors of the war provided a special historical connection.

The number of World War II veterans continues to diminish but sadly there are veterans of other, more recent conflicts. Remembrance is entrusted to the living. With war on-going in the Ukraine what do we remember, what do we hold onto, what have we learnt?

Every blessing
Revd Craig

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

Willersey Snooker Club AGM 2022

Willersey Snooker Club's Annual General Meeting will take place in the Snooker Room of the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 5th December. All members are welcome, along with any guests interested in future membership. The meeting will follow the traditional format to include the election of Club Officers and Committee. **2**

WILLERSEY METHODIST COMMUNITY

What lovely weather – sun and bright leaves! In spite of the political upheaval and world problems we can still enjoy our English Country Garden – complete with an ornamental duck house!
Our Sunday Morning gatherings are becoming quite lively. We no longer have a 'service'; we have a suggested theme from the Methodist Church and we discuss from that. We really enjoy it. If you would like to come you'd be very welcome. Coffee is served at the conclusion of the discussion!

The gathering at the hall this last month was a really happy event with our 'real, live' fruit machine. Good fun and a lot of money raised. Going on from which please do remember that we have access to a place where we can take our own knitted blankets, and now, used duvets and other items for the refugees in Ukraine. Already we've taken two loads of suitable clothes and duvets. Thank you to the donors. If you would like to drop these things into our Community Room on a Friday morning they would be appreciated.
We're still playing Croquet in the garden behind our church – and will do while the weather holds. So if you fancy a round it's 2.30 pm until around 4pm on alternate Tuesdays.

We've seen flocks of birds flying south in the last month or so – I wonder if you've seen them too. What a noise they make! I can't tell what 'brand' they are but I know Bob could, so ask him.
Can I just mention now that if you have financial problems or other issues - you can get help. I've just been listening to Radio 4 (12.15am every day) (they have a lot of info and it's up to date). There is other help available and they keep saying 'ask', so do. We have Signpost in Broadway and there's Citizens Advice in Evesham. Don't put up with discomfort if you can plug into one of these! (This is advice from Aunty Pen!)

Remembrance Sunday will be in this month – so 'think on it' as they say. There are lots of places where conditions aren't as good as here! We have a lot to say thank you for.

Penny Ingles 853306

Multi Topic Quiz – Part 4 Answers

Palindromes

1. A method of detecting distant objects! **Radar**
2. Relating to or belonging to a city! **Civic**
3. A Norwegian pop band! **Aha**
4. A small boat! **Kayak**
5. Worshipped or revered as a god! **Deified**

Film Quotes

1. “And oh, Auntie Em, there’s no place like home.” **Judy Garland-The Wizard of Oz.**
2. “Here’s Johnny!” **Jack Nicholson in The Shining.**
3. “I do wish we could chat longer, but... I’m having an old friend for dinner. Bye.” **Anthony Hopkins in The Silence of the Lambs.**
4. “I hope I can make it across the border. I hope to see my friend and shake his hand.” **Morgan Freeman in The Shawshank Redemption.**
5. “Saturday night was for wives, but Friday at the Copa was always for the girlfriends.” **Ray Liotta in Goodfellas.**

General Knowledge

1. When did Scotland first gain its independence? **1328**
2. When was the Liverpool to Manchester passenger railway first opened? **15th September 1830**
3. We are all familiar with CAT scans. What do the letters stand for? **Computed Axial Tomography**
4. When was the famous 1d Black stamp first issued? **6th May 1840**
5. Where did the original “London Bridge” end up? **Lake Havasu City in Arizona.**

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Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

Christmas started in earnest at our October meeting. Snowmen and snowflakes in a variety of formats were being produced for the Christmas Tree Festival. .

Next month:

Rose’s Christmas Challenge (scissors and sewing kit needed.)

Meeting on: Thursday November 3rd

Honeybourne Village Hall

9.30 a.m. to 12.30p.m.

Information from Penny Ingles 01386 853306 or
Gillian Beale 01386 852958

THE DECEMBER/JANUARY 2022/23 VILLAGE NEWS

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

Newsletter completion 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 now published on the Internet. It is at. www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Friends of Willersey School would like to say a big “thank you” to everyone that attended our shelter open evening. Thank you to the Horticultural Society for their very generous donation. We look forward to our next event - the wreath workshop on 2nd of December.

Thank you for the whole village’s continued support.

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So what does it mean if we see sparrowhawks hunting in our area (which, of course, we do)? It means that these glorious birds can find a living here. And that means there must be a healthy population of its prey species – the thrushes, the finches, the doves - living here to sustain them. So we should celebrate our sparrowhawks, as they tell us that all is well with our bird populations in general.

And what of my poor thrush? About half an hour after the event a male song thrush started singing - loud and long, for sustained periods over the next several days. He was announcing that, suddenly and unexpectedly, he needed a new mate. Sad, yes, but I am very confident that he found one.

Correction to ‘Village Fete’ Article in October News.

The article implied incorrectly that the 4 names on the Memorial were all associated with Lancaster bombers and to our knowledge only 2 were (Henry Maudsley and Edgar Proctor).

We received the following from Diana Fisher:

One of those four is my uncle, Edward Louis Folkes, whose parents ran the New Inn during the war and whose sister Eileen Fewlass owned a cottage in Willersey until her death four years ago. My sisters and I continue to own the cottage, Littlecot, on Broadway Road.

I need to clarify that Edward was never in the RAF nor connected with Lancasters. He was in the Royal Navy and was working on a hospital ship HMS Maine, in Alexandria, Egypt, when he became ill and died in December 1941.

Our apologies to Diana and her sisters.

Could anyone help us with further details on the fourth name on the memorial – Anthony Kyall who was a Flight Lieutenant in the RAF and died in action in 1941 and was buried in the Netherlands.

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Nature Box Sparrowhawk
Nature Box guest contributor –
Robert Chadburn

It's quiet in our garden, as I sit soaking up its soothing greenness and sunshine. Then suddenly, instantly, there it is in the rose bush next to me, eyes and beak as sharp as razors, clutching the beautiful song thrush that was, a millisecond ago, contemplating the ground for a worm or snail. A moment later both sparrowhawk and thrush were gone, leaving an empty space and an eerie silence. I wasn't even sure it had happened.

I was awestruck, but also I felt saddened and indignant all at the same time. A song thrush is one of my favourite birds, why couldn't the hawk have picked on something else, or been in someone else's garden? It is easy to think of the sparrowhawk as the villain.

Surely song thrushes would be better off without sparrowhawks? Self-evidently yes in individual cases but perhaps not collectively. Predation is one of nature's ways of maintaining a fitter population of its prey – it's called a 'selection pressure' in the jargon. Here is the logic. The only way that song thrush populations persist in the presence of sparrowhawks is to produce more offspring than would otherwise be necessary (think also of our Mallard ducklings on Willersey pond). But even with enough birds to go round, each individual thrush will naturally do its level best to avoid becoming dinner. So, the thrushes that are caught by hawks will tend to be the slowest, sickest, or even the dumbest birds on the block.

Who is left to carry on the song thrush line? - well it's the fastest, fittest and brightest, and so the thrush population as a whole becomes faster, fitter, and brighter. What if thrushes decline, will the hawks hunt them to extinction? This is very unlikely for several reasons. Despite its amazing skill, it is very hard for a sparrowhawk to catch a thrush. They score a lot of misses for every hit. So even if song thrush was the only food on the menu, the hawks would surely die of starvation long before the last birds could be caught. Alternatively the hawks would move to pastures new, again relieving the pressure on our local birds. But, more importantly, sparrowhawks are not that fussy! They'll take any bird up to a certain size limit that they can get. For example, if thrushes are scarce but goldfinches are not, then the thrushes are much more likely to be left alone. **16**

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.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>

Tuesday, 8th November, 2022 – Start: 10:00 am

No Booking Required

Difficulty: Moderate Duration: 3 hours Distance: 6 miles

Start point: Hidcote Manor (with kind permission of National Trust). NT members free.

Starting at Hidcote Manor (NT), we walk part-way round Meon Hill and then ascend up to the top (with agreement of private landowner) where we explore the evidence of Iron Age habitation. After descending, we return skirting Mickleton and Kiftgate Court Gardens.

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.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday October 1st 2022

A huge thank you to anyone who bought a cup of coffee, a cake, or risked their life savings on any of the raffles.

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

£1400

All Age Worship

Our service on October 16th was “The Colours of the Rainbow” - changing scenes of our lives. We sang the hymns unaccompanied mostly in key and of course we started with “Who put the colours in the rainbow”

Carolynne read a poem called “Children” by Kahlil Gibran. “Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of life’s longing for itself”. This was early years and so followed “Be thou my guardian”. Next our thoughts turned to marriage and sharing with “For the beauty of the earth”.

Thank you to Mark for carrying on the theme with his talk. The reading was the marriage at Canaan and as we had Rachel and Marty in Church with us it was all very appropriate with it being the third reading of their banns. We wish them good fortune and happiness in their forthcoming marriage.

Our next hymn was “Be still for the presence of the Lord.” Other hymns were “Immortal invisible” and for our senior years “Through all the changing scenes of life.” A snapshot of our lives in hymns. The service ended with the poem “If” by Roger Kipling. So all in all it was a snapshot through our lives. Thank you to all who helped with the service. Bel and Bill with a greeting as you came into the church, Rob for the Bible reading, Liz and Adine for our cups of coffee or tea and to Mark for leading us through the service.

The November All Age Worship will be Village Sunday and we would like you to come to celebrate our community life. Another date for your diary is December the 18th when the Christmas tree festival will be displayed on Saturday the 17th of December from 2:30 onwards. Come and have a cup of tea and see our lovely Church decorated for Christmas.
See you then



November Meeting 2022

**Monday 14th November Willersey Village
Hall**

'Signer for the BBC'

Anthony Mitchell Green

Guests welcome

We welcome non perishable foods at our next meeting to support the
Lighthouse Project at Caring Hands

Contact number Mal 858351

Willersey Village Xmas Fayre

**Saturday November 12th
10:00 to Midday Village Hall**

**Buy your Christmas Presents from
many Craft & Gift Stalls.
Also Cakes, Tombola, Raffle and Refreshments.**

A morning of Chat and Christmas Spirit.



Welcome to November 2022

Jam and Jerusalem is only part of it.

We've been stitching and nattering at Cathy's workshop session supporting the NHS making bags for returning possessions to bereaved families. Sewing machines steamed and hissed, scissors sliced and tape measures were flicked as the bags took shape, before labels were attached to each bag. We had great support in the kitchen and coffee was served with tasty cakes along with Cathy's delicious soup for lunch.

The Village Garden was next on the agenda with many of our ladies all keen to dig and create a relaxing space for all to sit in. Jackie is the driving force who quietly does most of the hard work between our gatherings and then delivers one of her master bakes as a reward.

This was followed by the crew representing the WI at the 'Village Life Open Morning' sharing our enthusiasm for our organisation. We did take a break from proceedings for Pamela Baldwin, our longest serving member, to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new bench on the lower green to celebrate the Centenary of Willersey WI.

The October meeting welcomed Jamie Clark who was raised in the Village by Mum Sue and Dad Paul, who endured seeing their son going off to fight for a cause he believed in. Jamie is one of our heroes who fought in Afghanistan. He talked about his arduous training and the dangerous manoeuvres undertaken by him and his squad. He spoke with honesty and humour, not glorifying the experience, but allowing us to see a little part of what life was like. Struggling with the heat while carrying huge backpacks, sleeping in makeshift tents and eating dried rations while being aware of the danger surrounding them.

We salute you Jamie; your talk was very humbling. Thank you.

Maggie T

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Childswickham Quilters

We will be holding a
Coffee Morning and display of Charity Quilts
on Wednesday November 9th 10.30 to 12.00
at Childswickham Memorial Hall
Atkinson Road , Childswickham , Broadway.

Entrance is £2.00 to include Tea or Coffee
Other refreshments also available
Quilting Supplies and Gifts
Collection of Shoe Boxes
Raffle



Recent Village Sightings

In late autumn many of our garden birds seem to disappear, foraging for food elsewhere and keeping a lower profile whilst moulting and growing new feathers. But come the colder weather they will be reappearing looking for energy boosting food from garden feeders.

However, there have been a number of reports of mixed parties of blue tits, great tits and long tailed tits travelling in convoy, which provides greater safety from predators. Interestingly, unlike most other garden birds, long tailed tits stay together as a family group after fledging, adding to the number that we can see whizzing through our gardens.

Several correspondence have mentioned the need for us to keep bird feeders clean to help stop infections. Green finches and chaffinches have been particularly hard hit. A weak solution of 1 part bleach to 9 parts of water and then thoroughly rinse and air dry is one easy and inexpensive option where we can help protect bird numbers.

There have been a number of recent reports across the village of dead and diseased wood pigeons. Advice suggests that an infection that appears to be specific to pigeons is most likely to be the cause and that we should avoid picking up any birds in this condition. Pigeon numbers are very likely to bounce back as they breed throughout the year. The reported barn owl fatality is unlikely to be connected to this outbreak. Particular thanks to Peter Kimberley, Mike Holmes, Peter & Les at the garage, Charlotte, Rachael and Pete Kavanagh for their reporting. *If you would like to report local sightings to Nature Box please email Bob Topp at*

bob.topp@btinternet.com



VILLAGE HALL.

On Saturday October 22nd the Village Hall Committee hosted an Open Day at the Village Hall to invite residents to come along and find out about what goes on in our Village.

We had 15 organisations, groups, clubs and societies showing and demonstrating the wide range of activities which happen in Willersey. All reported an excellent response to the morning with many offers of help to ensure the health of the organisations present.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who came along to make the event a huge success.

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Saint Peter's Church Services, November 2022

Special services this month include Remembrance Sunday, on the second Sunday when we remember our sacred Fallen.

The following Sunday it will be time for the ever-popular Village Service, when we celebrate all our wonderful village organisations and the blessings of living in Willersey and Saintbury.

November 6th 3rd Sunday before Advent	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern Language)
November 13th Remembrance Sunday	10.30 am Remembrance Service
November 20th Christ the King	11.00 am All Age Service Village Sunday
November 27th Advent Sunday	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern Language)

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 14 & 21 August at 6:30pm.

Your Church: open for you every day

St Peter's Church Cleaning and Refreshments

Brass Cleaning

November Pat and Sally Heming

If at all possible, please do brass cleaning in the middle of the month

Church Cleaning

Week ending

November 5th) Ann Embury and Gillian Beale

November 12th)

November 19th) Julia and Colin Burrows

November 26th)

Refreshments for November Church services

November 6th Sandra and Ken Spensley

November 13th Remembrance Sunday (No Refreshments)

November 20th Village Sunday - Village Organisations

November 27th Carolynne Adam

A key to the vestry for the cleaning materials can be collected from the "Bell Inn" or from Gillian Beale, Florizel, Lower Green on 01386 852958. More cleaning materials next to sink. If cleaning materials are getting short, please let me know so I can replenish.

Thank you to all the volunteers who kindly give up their time to keep our Church looking well cared for throughout the year.

Flower Arranging Group at St Peter's Church

There will be a meeting of this group on Monday November 7th at 5pm in the Church. If there is anyone interested in joining the group and would like to know more, please do come along and you will be most welcome.

Christmas flower arranging will be on the agenda plus plans for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Organisations in the Village will be receiving invitations to participate in the Tree Festival very soon. We do hope to have a good number of decorated trees.