

## PASTORAL LETTER – FEBRUARY 2023

### **Full Stops and Clean Pages**

At the end of year service for the leavers at Mickleton Primary School one of the staff read the poem, Full stop by Mark Bird. It begins,

*Last six hours of primary school*

*Goodbye is getting near*

*The sums and sentences all done*

*The full stop day is here.*

The poem continues counting down the hours until the last ever second of primary school,

*Last ever second of primary school*

*The full stop rings in our ears*

*But a thousand chapters left to write ...*

The juxtaposition between the end and the beginning is beautifully expressed and succinctly captured what so many of the young people were feeling that day. Of course it's not just children moving between school years or schools that experience this simultaneous finishing and beginning. At certain times in our lives the movement between chapters can be painfully or deliciously obvious.

In a less noticeable way a fresh new page is offered to us each day. A clean white page in which if we choose we can begin again and yet often the troubles, trials and tribulations of the past sometimes mark the new page we are offered.

St Paul writing to the church in Philippi (chapter 3 verses 7 to 16) talks about '*forgetting what lies behind and straining*

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*forward to what lies ahead. I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call to God in Christ Jesus' (v13/14). Paul invites us to let go of the things that impede us and know the freedom and wholeness of a life with Jesus.*

At the start of the new academic year, and as the parish enters a period of vacancy following Revd Scott's move back to Cambridge, it's a good thing for us to reflect on. What things do we carry that we could let go of? Are the shoulds, oughts and musts that rule our lives all necessary? Too often we carry the values and expectations of others. These values and expectations do not make us happy, they do not allow us or others to flourish – where have they come from? Jesus offers us, *life in all its fullness* (John 10:10). We are offered a clean page, a new chapter, a fresh start, a new beginning.

What would you like to record on today's clean page?  
What could you do today that allows you to flourish?

May this month be full of joyful opportunities and encouragements.

Every blessing  
Revd Craig

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North Cotswolds and Cirencester charity, Cotswold Friends, urgently need more volunteers to help older and vulnerable people in the local area to live independently by providing help with community activities, carer support, volunteer driving, befriending, and marketing. We are launching a '100 Volunteers' campaign to increase volunteer numbers and asking people 'Are you free in 2023?' and 'could you help – or do you know someone who could?'

We need support volunteers for all 10 of the monthly Lunch Clubs that we run in Aldsworth, Andoversford, Bourton, Broad Campden, Kington, Longborough, Mickleton, Moreton and Willersey. Cotswold Friends needs a support volunteer for each club to help them run for 3 - 4 hours, once a month. The role would include welcoming guests, keeping lists of attendances, helping clients socialise, etc. Could you help?

We also have other Community Activity volunteer opportunities including office support, support for our new Pop Up Charity Shop coming soon and for our new Connecting Community IT project. Do any of these interest you?

Volunteer Befrienders, to pay weekly visits to people who are stuck at home are also needed in the local area by individuals that would love company and conversation. Cotswold Friends currently need volunteers for waiting clients in Stow, Bourton, Chipping Campden and Moreton.

We also need volunteers to support our marketing with newsletter and leaflet distribution, volunteer recruitment and events. To see a full list of all our current volunteering opportunities, see Cotswold Friends' NEW Volunteers Needed! monthly bulletin on our website at [www.cotswoldfriends.org](http://www.cotswoldfriends.org).

Tel: 01608 697007 or email [volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org](mailto:volunteering@cotswoldfriends.org). 3

## Multi Topic Quiz – Part 5

### Food & Drink

1. What is the name of the pan in which one makes Paella?
2. In Arabic culture, how do you show that the meal was delicious?
3. Which vegetable is in the dish “Egg Florentine”?
4. From which cactus is tequila made?
5. In which country did the cocktail “Mojito” originate?

### General Knowledge

1. What would be 12 in London, 10 in New York and 40 in Rome?
2. Where in the U.S. did the Wright Brothers make the first controlled flight?
3. Which of the five senses develops first?
4. Which organ of the body is affected by Bright’s Disease?
5. Which warrior lived the longest; Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan or Attila the Hun?

### Geography

1. Where was the first subway built?
2. Which country had a secret police force known as “Tonton Macoute”?
3. Which is the furthest North; Alicante, Majorca or Ibiza?
4. What was the capital of Australia before Canberra?
5. Which country is the largest producer of Olive Oil?

**Answers on page 19**

*Quiz from Michael Robinson*

### THE MARCH 2023 VILLAGE NEWS

**Copy for the next news must be received by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest, thanks or notice of forthcoming events.**

Email them to [willerseynews@gmail.com](mailto:willerseynews@gmail.com) or phone Alan on 858601 or Bill on 858628, Thank you. Newsletter completion will start early on the 18<sup>th</sup> the next day.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet. It is at. [www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm](http://www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm)

The website at [www.willersey.org](http://www.willersey.org) is a central point of information about all aspects of life in Willersey. **4.**



## Recent Village Sightings

**Winter migrant fieldfare and redwing have been with us for several months now and reported by a number of people; although they are always on the move across the country seeking out fresh supplies of berried trees and shrubs. It is often at this time of the year when food supplies have been exhausted - especially if there is a really cold snap - that small numbers will venture into our gardens. Blackcaps, with their distinctive black or brown cap, having journeyed here from mainland Europe have also been noticed.**

**More unusual spots of stonechats and mistle thrush, barn owl, kingfisher, snipe, pied wagtail, pintail and bull finch all noted recently in and around the village; but not forgetting lots of reported seasonal robins, who rarely leave the post code. Raptors too: with kestrel, buzzard, kite, the occasional merlin and a sparrowhawk's presence colourfully recounted by Glennys: "There's been a murder in my garden"**

**Thank you to all of the many respondents who share their news throughout the year which is much appreciated, and that helps to celebrate wildlife in the locality. Recent reports from Annie, Pete, Robert S, Sandy, Lena, Robert & Helen, Tini, Mike & Shirley, Clive, Rachael, Beccie, Sarah, Rob, Natacha & Garry.**

### February's Bird Song

Quite often we can hear a particular bird long before we've spotted it. Robins with their cheerful varied mix of long and short notes are one of the few birds that sing almost throughout the whole year - both males and females - seeking mates and reinforcing bonds just now as well as guarding their own territory. Fortunately robins are easy to spot with their military red breast and matchstick legs which helps when linking the bird with the song. Once the link is made we notice them and hear their joyful sound everywhere.

If you would like to report local sightings to Nature Box please email Bob Topp at [bob.topp@btinternet.com](mailto:bob.topp@btinternet.com)



**February Meeting 2023**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Willersey Village Hall**

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*Travels with Jaguar Land Rover*  
*Speaker - Disco Dave*

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*Open Evening - Guests invited*

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Contributions of items for 'Caring Hands' welcome on the evening

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**Solution on page 20**

May I, as an appreciative Willersey resident say what a great job the parish council volunteers have done with the planting of all the donated trees around the village. There are approximately at least fifty of them And the maintenance of them in the recreation field and the churchyard thank you it does not go unnoticed by most of us

On the subject of the recreation field, dog poo is still being found there! Watch your dogs! Clean up or stay out!!



## February 2023

Over many years the WI has served a Christmas lunch to the seniors of Willersey, but this year was a break with tradition and guests were invited to an afternoon tea celebrating 100 years of Willersey WI. Waitresses dressed in 20s style serving tasty morsels organised by Angie and her team of helpers. Music and entertainment from the Blockley Blokes and a glass of bubbly set the scene for the start of the festivities.

Snow in the following week certainly continued the festive feel but alas it meant a halt to our planned Christmas celebratory meal. The one advantage is we still have it to look forward to at the end of January. So glad rags on and we're up for a party. This 100 year celebration stretching into 2023 and we're enjoying every moment.

The January meeting welcomed members back with a bit of business and a chance for a chat. Hilary highlighted the up and coming events organised by the GFWI, followed by a vote on the WI resolutions for 2023. Members are invited to propose issues to raise at a national level to help implement change within our culture. We were presented with four resolutions to consider. It is fair to say there was a lot of discussion, mostly polite, between the members. Each resolution was worthy of our support but being the democratic group that we are it was agreed that we would support the **'clean river for people and wildlife'**, to go forward to the National Assembly.

During 2022 we raised money for a number of local causes. Jackie along with her hard work and enthusiasm selling cards, secured in excess of £400 for the Cobalt Cancer Charity in Cheltenham; while £400 of the money raised at the Village Christmas fair will go to Osborne House to provide respite care for children with additional needs. Following the workshop in October nearly 100 property bags have been assembled for the End Of Life Team via the Gloucester Hospital Trust.

The evening was rounded off with some silly quizzing, sadly highlighting our lack of knowledge of city locations in the UK, but followed by delicious bites.

Maggie T

Elizabeth, Gillian and Jennie would like to give a big *Thank You* to everyone that took part in the Christmas celebrations at Saint Peter's Church. The flowers and trees were very much appreciated by afternoon tea visitors and congregations during the season.

We had 20 trees decorated by individuals and village organisations. They included

Table tennis	Wednesday club
Women's Institute	The New Inn
Village School	The Bell Inn
Snooker Club	The Village Hall
Curling	Footlights
Touch Tennis	Penny Burch
The Garage	Horticultural Show
Village News	Friends of the School
The Methodists	Carolynne Adam
Gentle Exercise	Embroidery Group

So you can see that this really was the celebration for Christmas by all these businesses, organisations and the village. Well done to everyone.

**All Age Worship.** As it is the start of a new year we thought about hope. We certainly all need it at the moment. Mark Taylor took our service and started with a prayer with hope in mind. The lesson was read by Ian Duffin and Ken collected our written hopes in a basket. A prayer was said over these messages of hope. We had 23 members joining us with three children and I think this does give us hope. Bel and Bill greeted us with a book and service sheets as always. Thank you to them and to round this service off, tea coffee and cake were served by Paula, Ian and Adine.

Thanks to them. Our next All Age Service is in on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

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**Children's Corner**  
**Wordsearch and Clues for February 2023**

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, 40 days after Christmas. Jesus is described in the Bible as the Light of the World, and so early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas. The story can be found in Luke 2:22-40, where Simeon makes his great declaration of faith and recognition of Jesus. Simeon's 'Nunc Dimittis', is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer.



Forty	Days	Baby	Boy	Public
Appearance	Mary	Jewish	Mothers	Temple
Jesus	Purified	Present	Lord	Festival
Presentation	Light	World	Candlemas	Simeon
Nunc	Dimittis	Office	Evening	Prayer
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Solution on page 20

**Willersey Big Garden Birdwatch 2023**

**The Central pages which are printed sideways are not a misprint!**

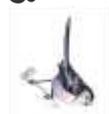
**Please feel free to tear them out and take part in our birdwatch for 2023.**

If you don't want to pull your newsletter apart there is a copy on <http://www.willersey.org/birds.htm> for you to download and print.

You can also find ready printed copies at  
 19 Collin Close, 2 Nash Road, 13 Badsey Lane and on the  
 Village Hall noticeboard.



For each of us, one thing is true: Had any one variable been ever so subtly different — had your parents mated on a different day or at a different altitude, had the early universe cooled a fraction of a second faster after the Big Bang, you would not exist as the particular constellation of atoms configuring the particular consciousness that makes you, you. Because chance plays such dice with the universe, and because the die dictates that the vast majority of energy and matter never had the luck of cohering into this doomed delirium of aliveness, it is, in some profound and practical sense, a staggering privilege to die — one that betokens the privilege of having lived. To lament death then, is to lament our luck, for any negation of the possibility of death is a negation of the improbable miracle of life, a wish for there to be nothing to do the dying — nothing to have partaken of the beautiful, bittersweet temporality of aliveness. *Richard Dawkins*



**Willersey's Big Garden Bird Watch 2023**  
**Friday 27th, Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January**

**Would you like to take part?**

- Simply count the birds you see in your garden during any **one hour**. Please only include those birds that land, not those flying over.
- Count the highest number of each bird species that you see **at any one time**, otherwise you could count the same bird twice.
- Please record whatever you saw – even if nothing at all.
- I will then collate the results and share with everyone.

<b><u>Birds in the survey</u></b>	<b><u>Number seen at any one time in the hour</u></b>
Blackbird	
Blue tit	
Chaffinch	
Coal tit	
Collared dove	
Duncock	
Goldfinch	
Great tit	
Greenfinch	
House sparrow	
Long-tailed tit	
Magpie	
Robin	
Starling	
Wood pigeon	
<b>Please list any other birds below</b>	

**Name**..... **Address**.....  
 Please return survey sheets to either 19 Collin Close, 2 Nash Road, 13 Badsey Lane or the village hall noticeboard by 5th/6th February. Thank you for joining in. Bob Topp.



### Nature Box - Ducks and Drakes



Our village pond is an attraction enjoyed by many of us. Although a wide variety of life inhabits the pond it is almost certainly the behaviour of the mallard ducks that most often catches the eye, particularly their energetic courtship and mating or dramatic whiffing to lose speed before landing on dappled water.

The drakes are looking pretty dapper just now that they are ready for breeding with bright green head feathers and distinctive white ring round the neck before the chestnut breast. Females being mainly brown in appearance are by comparison somewhat dowdy, but this is essential: the female does all of the 'heavy lifting' with incubation and is somewhat exposed on the ground and therefore safer from predation by being less conspicuous.

The ducks and drakes form new pairings each year. Nesting commences from March onwards and taking place well away from the pond, with incubation only beginning once the last egg has been laid so that they all hatch at about the same time. If you are lucky you'll witness the female walking the ducklings back to the pond on an often long and hazardous journey soon after they have hatched. Although predated by herons, grass snakes, foxes, black-backed gulls amongst many dangers, the large clutches of up to a dozen ducklings ensure some will almost certainly survive.

Later in the summer our mallards will be less visible as they hide away to moult, temporarily losing all their flight feathers so are unable to fly for about a month. Because they are vulnerable too during this period males lose their bright coloured feathers first. As a result males and females can look very similar in the early autumn until the drakes more colourful plumage develops.

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### Social Bridge for all levels.

In Willersey Village Hall on alternate Wednesday afternoons and every Thursday evening starting in January 2023.

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

These "Easy Duplicate Bridge" sessions are open to all, from beginners to intermediate players who would like to learn or improve their bridge at a gentle pace.

Please indicate your interest by email to [mike\\_rob5650@gmail.com](mailto:mike_rob5650@gmail.com)  
or Tel: 01386 852675 Mob: 07957 847870  
NB. Formal attire not required.

## Saint Peter's Church Services, February 2023

<b>5<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	9.00 am Holy Communion (Traditional language)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	11.00 am All Age Worship
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Benefice Service 7:30pm at Honeybourne
<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Lent 1</b>	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)

### **Mid-week Holy Communion (BCP):**

At Saint Peter's, every Wednesday at 11:00 am

**Your Church is open for you every day**

### **The Appointment of a replacement for Rev Scott Watts**

Rev Canon Craig Bishop writes:

We have been steadily working with Archdeacon Phil on the replacement for Revd Scott Watts, the team vicar based in Honeybourne. The Archdeacon has been impressed by the work we have done and the creative thinking we had undertaken to ensure the new Team Vicar would have time and space to engage with people outside of the current church congregations. There has already been an agreement in principle that the Team Vicar will be full-time and we await a meeting at the end of the month which make recommendations and hopefully begin the recruitment process.

Please hold these conversations and the wider Vale and Cotswold Edge Team in your prayers.

## St Peter's Church Cleaning and Refreshments

### **Brass Cleaning**

February Ann Tomblin and Janet Parker

### **Church Cleaning**

Week ending

February 4<sup>th</sup>) Rachael and Poppy Barker

11<sup>th</sup>)

18<sup>th</sup>) Justine Steventon and Grace

25<sup>th</sup>)

### **Refreshments for Church services**

February 5<sup>th</sup> Carolynne Adam

12<sup>th</sup> Karen and Mike

19<sup>th</sup> Sandra and Ken Spensley

26<sup>th</sup> Rachael Barker

Thank you to all the helpers. There is always room for extra helpers. If you could spare an hour or two to come along to Church to dust, polish and sweep please get in touch. With more people on the rota, your time would only be twice in a year. Nothing too onerous. I would love to hear from you.

*Gillian Beale 852958*

The Mobile Post Office is outside the Bell Inn every Friday from 12:45 to 14:45. You can do everything there –Vehicle Licenses, Pensions, Cheques in, Stamps, Cash in and out, and much more. The staff are very helpful.

Parking outside is very easy and has no restrictions

Many thanks to the Christmas Brownie Fairy for the delicious package found on our doorstep. Such a surprise and they were greatly enjoyed!

The Burch household.



Now that we are all back from our Christmas break and already we are closing-in on February, we'd like to share some of the news about what we are doing at Willersey Wednesday Club. We'd like you all to know that it's become an even more vibrant group and with the addition of several new members, is on a path of evolving into a very active and meaningful organisation.

At the end of last year, we, the members raised some £1500.00 for a charitable donation to Willersey Forest School and we have plans to raise more funds during this calendar year.

Our meetings have been particularly popular because we have introduced quite a wide mix of subjects, performances and presentations - along with fun quizzes and activities. Feedback from the group has been very positive and we want to build on this enthusiasm, invite more local members - be it from Willersey or any of the surrounding villages and - expand our profile. If you are over 50 and enjoy meeting others for a social gathering, a cuppa and a piece of cake, or you just want to get out of the house for an hour - then come and take a look at who we are and what we do. There's no obligation to join, it's entirely up to you.

Some of our future meetings will include; a music quiz; a presentation by Broadway Museum; Easter Bonnet making; Coronation celebrations; the GWSR - a presentation; and a whole lot more.

We meet every other Wednesday afternoon at Willersey Village Hall for a 'prompt' 2.30pm start. Why not come and take a look?

**Terence Richardson**

## **Multi Topic Quiz Page 4 – Part 5 - Answers**

### **Food & Drink**

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| 1. Paella Pan | 2. Belch        |
| 3. Spinach    | 4. Agave Cactus |
| 5. Cuba       |                 |

### **General Knowledge**

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| 1. Dress Size                           | 2. Kitty Hawk, North Carolina |
| 3. Smell                                | 4. Kidneys                    |
| 5. Genghis-65, Attila-47, Alexander-32. |                               |

### **Geography**

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| 1. London  | 2. Haiti     |
| 3. Majorca | 4. Melbourne |
| 5. Spain   |              |

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### **Dog Bin Improvements**

The Parish Council, supported by our District Councillor Gina Blomefield, have arranged with Cotswold District Council for 2 new litter bins to be installed. One will be in Blind Lane and the other at the entrance to Willow Green. The dog bin in Campden Lane and the bin in Collin Close will be emptied twice a week.

Please could dog walkers note that Cotswold DC have confirmed that they welcome the use of Litter Bins for the disposal of dog poo bags.

These bins are often emptied by the same work crew and vehicle, and it is perfectly acceptable to use the litter bins for this purpose. Dog bins are now being replaced by litter bins at many places in the District because the litter bins are larger.

# Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

We welcomed Sadie Yeomans to our December meeting. We had the choice of a festive design based on a Partridge in a Pear Tree or a dog cat design.

This to be sewn in red work which is basically a backstitch. This is traditionally worked with red thread but other coloured threads can also be used with blue being very popular. Best wishes for a Happy Christmas were exchanged and a meeting in January was agreed.

Our first meeting of 2023 was a catch up of unfinished projects. (I have too many to count.) It was interesting to see a varied display of past sewing projects brought in by members.

Embroidered snowmen and snowflakes were returned to their rightful owners after having been on display at the Christmas tree festival in Saint Peter's Church.

During the morning Jane Bayes showed us the project for next month and the materials needed.

Our next meeting is on **Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup>** in Honeybourne Village Hall from 9:30 to 12:30 PM.

**Project:** Canvas work "Skylines and buildings based on the work of Paul Klee". Refreshments available. For more information please contact Gilliam on 01386852958

## Puzzle Solutions



Word search is on page 10

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6	1	2	7	4	5	9	8	3

Sudoku is on page 6

For the first time, residents in Cotswold and other Districts will need to show **photographic ID** to vote in person at this year's local elections which are being held on **4<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID. Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth drivers licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass.

Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo and the name on the ID should be the same name as appears on the Electoral Register.

Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online at [voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/](http://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk/) or by completing a paper form which is available from the Council.

More information is available on the Cotswold District Council website, including details of how to apply for the free ID. Anyone not able to visit the council website, or apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online, is being encouraged to contact the Council by calling 01285 623002 or emailing [elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cotswold.gov.uk).

The changes do not affect postal votes but do affect proxy voters who will be required to show their own valid ID when voting on behalf of someone else. Anyone who wants to vote in the local elections this May, must be registered to vote. If you aren't already registered it only takes five minutes to register online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote).

Voters wishing to apply to Cotswold DC for a free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station, is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.



WILTHERSEY FOOTLIGHTS



*Things have happened:*

*The annual Christmas Eve Carol Singing around the Jubilee tree was a great success with a very good turnout in full voice willing to delve into their pockets and donate to our chosen charity 'Action for Children'. In all £391.79 was collected and thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council who funded the costs for the Band and mulled wine, and the ever-willing ladies who provided the mince pies, we were able to donate £400 to 'Action for Children'. Particular thanks to Neville, Phil, Mal and Nigel and the tin shakers and of course to all who attended to make it a success.*

*Things are happening:*

*Well. Covid did get in the way a bit, but we are now up and running towards another fabulous Footlights Show on Friday March 31st and Saturday April 1st entitled THE TV SHOW Tickets will go on sale on March 1st but you can pre book your tickets by contacting Alan Gittings by email on [agittings@talk21.com](mailto:agittings@talk21.com) or tel. 858601107734363670 to ensure you are not disappointed. Full Details will be in the March magazine as part of the advance publicity.*

## **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/>

### **Cleeve and Nottingham Hills – A trip to the Bahamas in the Jurassic**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Moderate 3hr 5.5ml**

The walk encompasses the western section of Cleeve Common, before completing a circuit of Nottingham Hill. En route, we will discover their geology and pre-history.

The route has a couple of moderate climbs and a few manageable stiles. Unless very wet, muddy sections are occasional. Refreshment break midway.

*Start:* 10.00am Quarry car park, Cleeve Common. Nearest postcode (Golf club) GL52 3PW off B4632. OS Map ref: SO 989 271.

### **An Ecclesiastical Meander from Abbey to Church**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Moderate 3hr 6ml**

Starting at the site of Winchcombe Abbey, we walk across the fields to the isolated gem of Charlton Abbots church, former outpost of the abbey. The return route down the Sudeley valley provides lovely views over the town. Bring snack/drink.

*Start:* 10.00am Back Lane car park, Winchcombe (£1 all day). OS Map ref: SP 024 285.

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

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

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## **PUBLIC NOTICES February 2023**

### **MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.**

The next dates for bins are 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Please put all bins and bags out by 7.00am.

The Waste Hotline is 01285 623123.

[https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC\\_Calendars/Mon\\_2.pdf](https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC_Calendars/Mon_2.pdf)

**Please note that the situation on these can change at any time if say the weather is bad. Just leave your bins out for 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](mailto:willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com)

**WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL** To hire the hall please telephone Annie & Bill Payne 01386 858368, or email [willerseyhall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseyhall@btinternet.com) or see <https://www.willerseyhall.co.uk/>

**METHODIST COMMUNITY ROOM HIRE** Tel: Penny Ingles 01386 853306.

The **MOBILE POST OFFICE**

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

For Lloyds customers only, their Mobile Bank visits Broadway alternate Wednesdays 10:00 to 12:00. There is a Post Office in Broadway Co-Op.

**BROADWAY SURGERY** is on Station Road WR12 7DE 01386 853651 and 01386 858136.

**NEAREST LIBRARY** The nearest library is in Broadway. Open Mon & Wed, 9:30am – 4:30pm. Saturday 9:30 – 1pm 01905 822722

**COTSWOLD FRIENDS** Anybody who wishes to have transport for hospital and medical appointments should ring the Cotswold Friends Help Centre: transport section 01608 651115. This telephone is manned from 09:30-15:30 Monday to Friday. At other times there is an Answerphone.

### **SERVICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

National Rail Enquiries 08457 48 49 50 or 03457 48 49 50

National Bus Traveline 0871 2002233

Hedgehog 01386 841849

N. N. Cresswell to Evesham 01386 48655 for route R4

Diamond Bus to Stratford-upon-Avon 01527 813120 for route 1

Pulhams Coaches to Cheltenham 01451 820369 for route 606

Bus timetables for Gloucestershire are at [www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/](http://www.easytraveling.org.uk/gcc/) and on the Willersey website at [www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus](http://www.willersey.org/transport.htm#bus)

### **Contact numbers for Breakdown of Services & Police**

Electric Power Faults - 0800 328 1111 or 105. Gas Emergency – 0800 111 999

Floodline – 0845 988 1188. Severn Trent. Sewage – 08007 83444

Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800

Police – Telephone 101 [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)