

## PASTORAL LETTER – MAY 2023

### Welcoming A New Order

The Coronation of King Charles gives us and the nation the opportunity to pause and think what type of nation are we and what type of nation do we want to be. The pageantry, laden with symbolism, draws on a rich history and invites us to ask what relevance does this ceremony have for today and the rest of the King's reign. It is inevitable that at such a time we will learn new things about our nation and about ourselves.

In the religious elements of the coronation and festivities we are reminded that King Charles is, as were all the Kings and Queens before him, a servant of the one true eternal King. We pray for him, the leaders of our nation, our parliament and for the leaders of the world that they would rule without fear or favour for the common good and work for peace and justice.

As King Charles subjects, as Christ's followers we are invited to live lives marked by service of one another and creation. On the Monday 8<sup>th</sup> following the coronation many communities are planning events as part of "*The Big Help Out*" – an initiative to encourage people to volunteer and join work being undertaken to support and improve their local areas. Some communities will be undertaking environmental projects this will doubtless include tree planting which will add to the over 1 million trees planted for the Platinum Jubilee of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2020. How does how we live point to the future we desire. What world do we want and what are we doing about it in the here and now?

*Wild Isles* the latest David Attenborough documentary on BBC shown earlier this spring was full of alarming statistics that demonstrated the careless neglect of our nature rich homelands over many decades. As a society we have not prioritised nature of the protection of the natural world.

*In the last 50 years, 38 million birds have vanished from UK skies, 97% of our wildflower meadows have been lost since the 1930s, a quarter of all our mammals are at risk of extinction and only 14% of UK rivers in England are in good ecological health. In all Britain has lost more biodiversity than any other G7 nation, and is in the bottom 10% of all countries worldwide.*

Can we change this? Are we waking up to the damage, degradation and pollution our mindless consumption is causing not just in the British Isles but to the global environment?

Just before Easter I took a short boat ride to Skomer, an island off the Pembrokeshire coast. It is home to the largest puffin colony in the south of our country and the largest nesting site in the world of the illusive nocturnal Manx shearwaters. Seabirds on this rocky outcrop are thriving because of the determined and co-ordinated efforts of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales who manage it and who use the money raised from visitors solely for conservation and research. This is a rare success story but it illustrates that when we want to we can do amazing things. We can when we want to. We can when we prioritise, when we forego personal gratification and profit for longer term goals. What world are we creating? What world do we want to create? What are we prepared to do about it? This is a good time to ask ourselves how could we volunteer and support our communities and/or church.

However, vigorously and joyfully we participate in and celebrate in King Charles' coronation we recognise that these things will pass away. In time another Monarch will be crowned. We look forward to that time when Jesus our heavenly King will begin his eternal reign of peace, justice and joy.

This month may we work for a better world,  
may we notice and appreciate the wonders of our Wild Isles home,  
may we celebrate the Heavenly King in our daily lives,  
Every blessing  
Revd Craig

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## **Dambusters Raid 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

### **Lancaster Commemorative Events**

On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**, Willersey will remember the Dambusters' audacious and heroic raid in 1943 on the great dams of Germany's industrial area in the Ruhr. Eight out of 617 Squadron's nineteen Lancaster bombers were lost that night, at a cost of 53 lives.

At 4pm, on that day, we will remember this sacrifice and the loss of the squadron's Second in Command, Willersey's Sqn Ldr Henry Maudslay, with a special, brief service of Evening Prayer in Saint Peter's Church and the laying of a wreath at our War Memorial.

Thereafter, at 7pm, there will be a special, social event in the Village Hall to remember all three, young, Willersey men who gave their lives, as Lancaster bomber crew. This will include tributes to Anthony Kyall, Henry Maudslay and Edgar Proctor, commentary from former RAF aircrew, film of the Lancaster at War and other features in what promises to be a fascinating, and memorable occasion.

Admission is free with donations being received, gratefully, towards the restoration of the Saintbury War Memorial which was destroyed by Hurricane Eunice, last year. Please see the advertisement in this issue for information on booking free tickets for the event.

### **Saint Peter's, Willersey**

## ***Dambusters 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Lancaster Crew Commemoration Tuesday, 16 May 2023***



### **Prayer and Wreath Laying**

In Remembrance of Sqn Ldr Henry Maudslay  
and the Dambusters Raid

**4pm, Saint Peter's Church and War Memorial**

All welcome

### **Commemorative Event for Our Lancaster Fallen**

**7pm Village Hall**

Admission Free

Please obtain your free tickets from  
H J Taylor's Garage, Main Street, Willersey

or

Robert McNeil-Wilson at the Granary, Main Street

Email [rmw@unisonprojects.co.uk](mailto:rmw@unisonprojects.co.uk)

Phone 01386 852785 or 07979 590826

## Multi Topic Quiz – Part 7

### TV/Film

1. Name the 2 actresses that Frank Sinatra married!
2. Which film producer, with a vegetable sounding surname was involved with the Bond Films?
3. What 1963 horror film took place in Bodega Bay?
4. Which 1970 film starred Richard Harris as Englishman John Morgan?
5. Who played “Hawkeye” & “Trapper John” in the film version of “Mash”?

### US Presidents

1. Who became president after the JFK assassination?
2. Which president married the actress Jane Wyman?
3. Who was the only president to resign from office?
4. Who was president throughout the 1st World War?
5. What do the 1st, 3rd, 16th & 26th presidents have in common?

### Name that Ship

1. What was Jacques Cousteau’s mobile oceanographic laboratory called?
2. What was the WW11 German Battleship named after a former Chancellor, called?
3. What was the world’s first nuclear powered submarine, the first to complete submerged transit of the North Atlantic?
4. Thor Heyerdahl’s raft named after an Inca Sun God, was?
5. What was Darwin’s survey ship in Galapagos called

**Please see page 18 for the answers**

## 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/>

### Bluebell walk around Alderton and Dumbleton - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Moderate 2.5hr 5ml

A beautiful walk around the hills of Alderton and Dumbleton. A walk essentially to see the magnificent display of bluebells in the woods around Dumbleton Hill. Lunch available after the walk in the Gardener’s Arms – if open! Please note 9.30 am start. Bring drink/snack.

*Start:* 9.30 Gardener’s Arms, Alderton, GL20 8NL. OS Map ref: SO 999 333.

### A Trio of Gorgeous Villages - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Easy 5hr 8.5ml

The walk passes through some of the loveliest villages in the Eastern Cotswolds. The manor houses and churches in each settlement has associations with historic figures and also modern entrepreneurs. The route is a figure of eight so a shorter 5 mile route is an option. Please bring a packed lunch.

*Start:* 10.00 Adlestrop village hall GL56 0YR. OS Map ref: SP 241 272.

### A Medieval Meander from Stow - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Moderate 4.5hr 8.5ml

Walking through the pretty villages of Broadwell, Donnington and the Swells we will reflect on their importance back in the medieval period. Please bring drinks/snack and packed lunch.

*Start:* 10:00 Old Stocks in the Market Square, Stow-on-the-Wold. OS Map ref: SP 192 258.

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### **Walking the Ways 3 (of 5) - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Moderate 4.5hr 8mi**

The third in a series of circular walks exploring the Warden's and Windrush Ways which follow different routes between Winchcombe and Bourton-on-the-Water. Please bring snack/drink and a packed lunch.

*Start:* 10.00 Guiting Power village hall, honesty box (£1) or park considerably in the village.  
GL54 5TX. OS Map ref: SP 094 246.

### **Chipping Campden Town Walk – Every Tuesday and Thursday starting from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May to the end of September – Easy 1.5hr**

We will walk along the High Street and provide a historical tour of the town. From the granting of Campden's Charter in the 1180s, the growth of the town and its magnificent buildings, to the arrival of the Arts and Crafts movement. Refreshments available in the town after the walk.

*Start:* 14:00 on Tuesdays and 10:00 on Thursdays. Meet at the Market Hall in the centre of town.  
OS Map ref: SP 151 392.

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.. 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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**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.

## **All Age Worship Service 16<sup>th</sup> of April**

What next? Something to think about.

This was the theme of our service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - thinking about the situation the disciples found themselves in after the crucifixion. They were waiting for news. Jesus was there to support his disciples though they didn't realise it at the time. So think about this.

As usual there are people who help with readings so thank you to Rob and Carolynne and to the team for taking the prayers. Thanks to Liz and helpers for refreshments and Bel and Bill who always with a smile to greet us. Lastly to Mark for turning our ideas into reality.

*Jennie B*

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**Friends of Willersey School** would like to thank everyone who has supported our last few events.

The bingo raised an amazing £700, which will go towards the cost of an enrichment week for the whole school.

The Easter egg hunt raised over £200 and the refreshments at the spring fling raised over £100. These funds will go towards new science equipment, for the whole school to use.

Thankyou very much again from the friends of Willersey school.

**Lauren Griffiths**



## Recent Village Sightings



They're on their way! More about returning Willersey swifts later on after some news of migrants that have already reached us.

But first thank you to Sue, Adine, Sandy, Pete, Laura, Robert & Helen, Sarah, Tom, Derek, Tini, Mal, Sandy, Flick, Pete B, Gillian & Trevor, Tony and Mike & Shirley for sharing their news.

Several reports of arriving chiffchaffs, with the disused railway track being one hot spot; and a few returning swallows too.

At the time of writing in mid April there have been a number of sightings of birds collecting nesting materials including kites and chimney nesting jackdaws. Blackbirds and robins have already produced their first young of the year; with blue tits, great tits and house sparrows using village nest boxes and soon to be busily feeding their newly hatched young before they fledge later in May.

Other spring wildlife reports have seen wriggling tadpoles recorded, those strikingly yellow brimstone butterflies on the wing, and even an amazingly perhaps misguided hummingbird hawkmoth, that usually migrate in summer months from mainland Europe, but putting in an early appearance one bright, sunny day.

*But what about those swifts that are indeed speedy, with the fastest recorded flight from south west Africa, a common stop over for birds migrating to UK villages like Willersey, covering the 3200 miles in just FIVE DAYS. However, average migration time is much slower - perhaps nearer to 200 miles a day, but still pretty impressive. So keep an eye out and savour their arrival this month as they'll only be here for just 11/12 weeks.*

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)

## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT THE METHODIST CHURCH?

We've had a breakdown in communication! The writer of the column has been Absent Without Leave!! Somehow 2 months have missed!! My sincere apologies.

What a lovely spring we've had! The blossom this year has been terrific and I hope everyone enjoyed it. Makes you feel glad to be alive! The greens are looking great and it looks as if there's going to be something going on there. We're all getting ready for summer. The Horticultural Show is having meetings too – so we have something to look forward to with the competitions.

When you look around the world at all the trouble we are fortunate! I know we've had problems about health but having been quite ill all I can say is how fortunate we are in the Broadway area with our doctors. They've been right there for Richard and I and I'm sure other people feel the same. Thank you to Broadway Surgery!

It seems to me that the world is getting more accessible and the more you see of it the more grateful you are for it. Families are able to take trips abroad and the world is getting a little smaller! Or is it? Do you watch David Attenborough? What an eye opener! Literally!

Because of our feelings of gratitude at our Church we thank God for all the comfort he gives us. It's been a hard winter for some people but there has also been a lot of free help around. If you need help locally Signpost is in Broadway – please drop in and ask. (Next door to the Parish Council Office.) It's fantastic how much help **there is** available.

We continue to collect clothing, baby knitteds, bedding, sleeping bags etc – all of which go to various needy groups at home and abroad. We feel for the fear that so many people are subject to and we pray that the world will become a better place.

To finish - Do you remember this phrase? 'If you have been - thank you for listening!' BBC Radio 4 a long time ago! Monday mornings! Goodwill to all. Penny (Ingles) 853306.

*PS We are finding that a lot of discussion takes place after our Church Service on a Sunday and 'Friday natter' – also at other times. If you would like to come along on a 'one off' basis and ask any questions for we 'older residents' please do come and join in the discussions. Today it was mobile phones and how to get your washing upstairs? Little things that mean a lot to those of us who don't have the oomph any more! Penny*



## Willersey Scarecrow Trail 2023



June 17th - 28th

Yes it's soon to be that time again. And like last year our Scarecrow Trail will coincide with the Patronal Festival weekend in late June. This year's theme is:

### 'TRAVEL & TRAVELLERS'

There are loads of ideas to choose here. Perhaps around the commute to work in different ways, or holidays and those who provide such services, explorers and travel down the ages perhaps, how we escape from our busy lives, or maybe even time travel?

Thirty-five scarecrows maintained this lovely tradition last year, with many joining in this Willersey nonsense for the first time. Brilliant!

Lots of these are recorded on the Willersey website: [willersey.org](http://willersey.org). So for those who may be new to the village and fancy joining in please check them out. It's definitely NOT a competition, there are no prizes, but an interest trail across the village for all of us to enjoy.

Come on in the water's fine; and what's the worst that could happen?

There will be a further update about the arrangements in the next edition. But now is a good time to mentally commit to taking part and mulling over the opportunities in this year's theme.

*Bob Topp*

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## Nature Box

### *Silent Assassin*

I'm trying to make myself invisible. Quietly waiting for something, but knowing that even if I am to be lucky it probably won't happen until the last rays of daylight have slipped away.

Then the barn owl appeared, shuffling somewhat ungainly from its daytime resting place. My luck was in and it hadn't detected my presence. After some brief preening it even chose to fly and perch just a few feet above my head, and then before defecating perilously close to me, flying on to another seemingly favourite perch, travelling in total silence on soft feathered wings. Did s/he still have a mate? Would there be successfully fledged young like last year? Truly magical - and all of this just a few minutes walk from our village, with barn owls witnessed over recent weeks by a number of Willersey residents.

Barn owls are brilliantly effective hunters of mice and voles, so that outside of the breeding season, when additional food is required, they may only need to hunt for a couple of hours a night, roosting for the remaining 22 hours. They will often choose to hunt into the wind as it aids their slow meticulous search for prey. Although perfectly designed for their way of hunting their feathers are not waterproof so they cannot hunt in the rain, and very windy weather hinders their acute hearing essential for seeking out their unsuspecting prey; and at such times of harsh weather they can occasionally be seen in daylight. Once a pair have found an area that suits they will almost certainly remain for all of their lives.

If you are really fortunate whilst making your way home one night down Willersey's darkened streets, perhaps from one of our hostleries, you may be lucky enough to be surprised by the spine chilling screech of a barn owl. Once heard never to be forgotten.

Bob Topp

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### Saint Peter's Church Services, May 2023

<b>Sunday 7 May</b>	10:00 am <b>Special Coronation Service</b>
<b>14 May 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	9.00 am <b>Holy Communion</b> (Book of Common Prayer)
<b>Tuesday 16 May</b>	4.00 pm <b>Evening Prayer &amp; Wreath Laying</b> in Remembrance of Sqn Ldr Henry Maudslay and the Dambusters Raid and Willersey's Lancaster Crew Fallen
<b>21 May Sunday after Ascension</b>	<b>All Age Worship</b>
<b>Sunday 28 May Whitsun/ Pentecost</b>	10.00 am <b>Morning Prayer</b> (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 7 & 21 May.

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

### Refreshments for the month of May

7<sup>th</sup> of May Gillian Beale and Rachel Barker  
 14<sup>th</sup> of May Linda and David Dunbar  
 21<sup>st</sup> of May Carolynne Adams  
 28<sup>th</sup> of May Karen and Mike

### Church cleaning

Week ending

5<sup>th</sup> of May and 13<sup>th</sup> of May Sandy Barnes and

Elizabeth Milne-James

21<sup>st</sup> of May and 28<sup>th</sup> of May Julia and Colin Barrows

### Brass cleaning

For the month of May

Brenda Taylor and Sue Burdett

If the date is not convenient please let me know -  
Gillian on 01386852958

If anyone reading this feels they could spare an hour  
or two for cleaning our Church occasionally your  
help would be gratefully received. Please contact  
Gillian as above.

**Oh Dear.....**



Sorry to say that a lot of the daffodils in  
bloom down Badsey Lane/Road,  
alongside the Rec, have been picked.

These bulbs were provided and planted on behalf of the  
Horticultural society for the benefit of the village.

**Ken S**



## Facts about King Charles

He was born at 9.14pm on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1948 at Buckingham Palace.

He has been heir-apparent to the throne since he was three years old.

He is the first monarch in British history to have earned a university degree.

He can speak Welsh.

He is a qualified pilot and diver.

He is a keen watercolour painter, a published author and played the cello at Cambridge.

As Prince of Wales, he founded about 20 charities which raise about £140 million each year for good causes.

Aged 73, King Charles III is the oldest monarch ever to be crowned in British history.

He became King on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, after the death of his mother, the Queen, in Balmoral. As King, he is also now head of the Commonwealth.

*Ken S*



## KING'S CORONATION

### WEEKEND

*We at the New Inn will be holding a Garden Party in our Paddock to Celebrate the Kings Coronation on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May.*

*We would love you all to join us.*

*Serving Traditional English Afternoon Teas, Pimm's Bar & Family Entertainment. Hoping to raise some funds for 'The Friends of the School'.*



## Willersey WI

### 'Hats and More' a talk from Milliner Lucy Walters

On 17<sup>th</sup> April, the Willersey WI welcomed Lucy Walters - a local award-winning bespoke milliner. Lucy talked to us about how she began her career, the fascinating intricacies of millinery and the imaginative way in which she approaches her designs and collections.

Ten years ago, whilst working in an unfamiliar town, Lucy was looking to fill her evenings and, on a whim, signed up to a taster millinery course via Groupon. Whilst Lucy enjoyed herself, she didn't feel compelled to change her career. However a few years later after she'd embarked on motherhood, Lucy began to feel as if she'd like to do something different, something creative - and so it began. Lucy's husband, a farmer, bought her a battered old portakbin and she set about making it beautiful and building a business.

Fast forward to the present day and it's hard to believe she hasn't been making hats all her life. Lucy exudes creativity. Lucy sees her hats as wearable works of art, and she believes she can create something for everyone. Even those who are convinced they don't suit hats. She brought a wide range of work with her for us to see, and they really are art. Magnificent wearable sculptures, modern-day crowns for everyone. Seemingly inviting you to stand tall, be proud and endlessly stylish.

Lucy's hats are eye-catching stand-out designs. They're highly original, intricate and fantastically structured. As well as bespoke hats and her collections, Lucy runs a hat hire service; a wonderfully sustainable way for everyone to have a chance to wear her work.

We're really grateful to Lucy for such a lovely and informative talk and for sharing her fantastic designs with us. Thank you so much Lucy.


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*Having trouble with your landline or internet access then you can try dialling 150 from a landline or 0800 800 150 from a mobile phone.*



## Willersey WI News

- We're sad to report that Mildred, a long time Willersey WI member has passed away. Our thoughts are with Mildred's family and friends
- In June instead of a Monday WI meeting there will be a visit to Hidcote Gardens on the 14th. If you're a National Trust member it's free, for non-members it's £16. Secure your place at the 8<sup>th</sup> May WI meeting. There's limited parking so they ask members to share lifts if they can
- The end-of-life property bags made by our WI members have been handed over to Royal Gloucester Hospital. We will be making more in the Autumn, this time for Leckhampton Hospice
- We are still collecting used stamps and cards to send to Cobalt Unit for recycling and selling. Bring along yours to the next WI meeting on May 8th
- A reminder that Caring-Hands food bank collection boxes will be out at every meeting so please feel welcome to donate anything you can



**Next WI Meeting May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Willersey Village Hall 7.15 p.m.**

**Jayne Caithness talks about Flower Arranging**

*Guests Invited - £4 on the door*

**Call Mal On T: 858351** **17**



## **CROQUET**

**BEGINS ON TUESDAY 2nd MAY @ 2.30 pm**

At the rear of the Methodist Church.

Anyone interested just come along. Balls, hoops and mallets are all provided, just bring some good weather and a happy smile!

Tea will be provided for those who are 'good' enough!

**Croquet will take place 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays in the month, weather permitting.** *Penny*

## **Multi Topic Quiz – Part 7 – Answers from page 5**

### **Answers TV/Film**

1. Ava Gardner & Mia Farrow
2. Albert R Broccoli (Cubby)
3. The Birds.
4. A Man Called Horse.
5. Donald Sutherland & Elliott Gould.

### **US Presidents**

1. Lyndon B Johnson
2. Ronald Reagan
3. Richard Nixon
4. Thomas Woodrow Wilson
5. Mount Rushmore

### **Name that Ship**

1. Calypso
2. Bismark
3. USS Nautilus
4. Kon Tiki
5. HMS Beagle

*Mike R*

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## Sir Norman Nobad ..... the Knight

Norman is a much loved gallant knight dashing about on his stallion 'Hi-ho Silver.'

He was looking for problematic matters so he could remedially attend to them.

Norman Nobad had trained at the impressive Camelot Academy in Walton on Teme.

He trained as a young Page and seven years as a Squire when but a teenager.

Norm was highly focused when competing in jousting tournaments having qualified as a knight.

He would sit at a big round table with others like him and draw diagrams on how to approach troublesome conflict.

Norman polished his armour to perfection daily.

Naturally he must look the part.

A bright red plume on his helmet.

He was intent on righting wrongs.

For instance a really big pelican couldn't decide how to cross the road.

A traffic warden equipped with an orange lollipop sign was preoccupied with school children who were crossing the highway on their way to school.

Norm, bless him saw the problem.

He leapt off his horse with alacrity in spite of being somewhat weighed down with metal.

Norman brandished his sword in the air and then used this weapon as a pointer to indicate the correct route for the bird.

The relieved, big beaked flamboyant bird didn't hesitate.

He set off down to the coastal edge to pack captured fish into his purposefully designed carrier.

Fish for later brunch munching with chips and mushy peas.

Ruth Dawson

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## THE JUNE 2023 VILLAGE NEWS

**Copy for the June news must be received by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 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](http://www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm)

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## Did you know?

Did you know that Willersey Village Hall has a wide range of activities?

These include

### Exercise

Exercise class  
Yoga  
Line dancing  
Boxing  
Ballet  
Table tennis  
Snooker

### Events

Horticultural Show  
Footlights  
Craft fairs  
Coffee mornings  
School Events  
Childrens parties  
Film Nights

### Social Groups

Wine tasting  
Singing  
Bridge  
Wednesday Club  
WI Meetings  
Broadway Probus

### University of the Third Age (U3A)

Musical appreciation  
Soft tennis  
Music  
Curling  
Open monthly meetings

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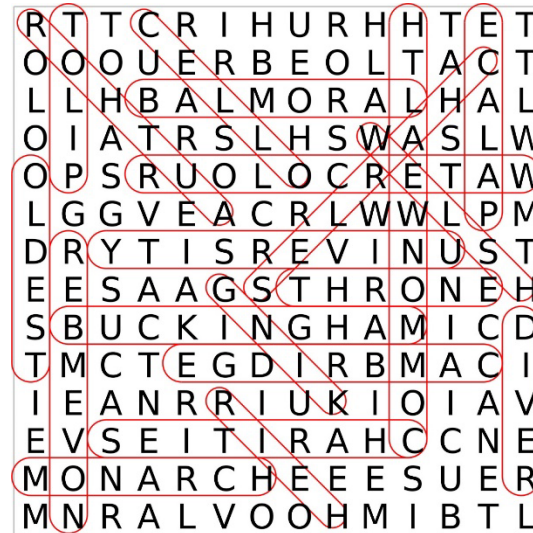
## Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

The April meeting was Julie's project on vintage seed packets. Most members had made a start on their design. Forget-me-not proved a popular choice.

Discussion as to what the designs would be developed into were varied. Some thought a cover for a notebook, a pattern on a bag or a design on a memory box.

Our May meeting is a visit to the Needle Museum in Redditch. We are making our own way to the museum and gathering together at 10:30am for refreshments followed by a tour of the museum.

Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May at Redditch needle museum 10:30 AM  
For inquiries about the group please feel free to ring Gillian on 01386852958.



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## “SPRING FLING” – 15<sup>th</sup> April

The “Spring Fling” was held on a sunny and relatively warm Saturday morning which helped draw the crowds to the Village Hall. A wide and varied number of Stalls and attractions were on display.

We had three local Art & Craft people showing their creative handiwork. Bob & Maggie Topp sold all the seed potatoes for the second running of the just for fun “Potato Challenge” plus also launching the 2023 Willersey Scarecrow Trail to be held from **17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June** with the theme “Travel & Travellers”. The WI held a “Bric-a-brac” and Cake sale. Rob McNeil-Wilson was promoting the 2023 Fun Dog Show to be held on **Monday 28 August** plus the commemoration of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dambusters Raid with events happening in the Village on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. Neville ran a Table Tennis Challenge in the Jubilee Room – which got quite competitive !! The Friends of Willersey School organized the tea, coffee and cake refreshments which went down very well and was appreciated by all. The Horticultural Society displayed the results of some of the Projects completed within the Village environment and had success in attracting a number of Volunteers to help out at the annual show to be held on **Monday 28 August** plus also highlighting the Art and Craft exhibition to be held at the same time. On top of that the Raffle raising funds for the Horticultural Show was a great success with a wide variety of prizes for the lucky ones.

The **2023 Horticultural Show Schedule and Entry Forms** are now available and copies can be collected from **Taylor's Garage, The Bell and St Peter's Church**. The classes include an art section for Children, amateur photography, the usual Vegetable, Flower and Cooking competitions including the much-anticipated Men's category show cake plus several new for this year including the heaviest potato, the ugliest vegetable, sloe gin and country wine. Go on, don't be shy, have a go this year and start creating your entries.



## Community activities for older and vulnerable people in the North Cotswolds

Community activities provided by charity, Cotswold Friends, are supporting older and vulnerable people to live a life less lonely in the North Cotswolds – with new activities, including Friendship Cafés and a new Community Garden, launching this year. Almost 400 clients of the charity already attend over 20 different activities, providing them with a chance to meet new people and have a chat, take part in crafts and projects, or just have a friendly cuppa and a bite to eat.

They include the charity's Men in Sheds and She Sheds projects in Chipping Campden, Moreton, Bourton and Northleach, where members are often found busily making planters, bird boxes, hedgehog houses, kindling and more. The 'shedders' always welcome new recruits to come along and share ideas and skills, or simply enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

Cotswold Friends also runs 10 different Lunch Clubs in locations around the North Cotswolds, giving those who may be older, lonely, or isolated the opportunity to get together with others for a hot meal and the chance to socialise. **This includes the Willersey Pub Lunch Club which meets at the Bell Inn on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Cost £10. To book contact 01608 692811 or email [activities@cotswoldfriends.org](mailto:activities@cotswoldfriends.org)**

Meanwhile a new Friendship Café in Stow-on-the-Wold, launched by the charity in March, aims to combat loneliness and isolation over a cuppa. The Stow Friendship Café takes place between 10.30am and 12pm on the first and third Tuesday each month at Brio Beechwood Park. A Friendship Café in Moreton will also be up and running with the charity soon.

[activities@cotswoldfriends.org](mailto:activities@cotswoldfriends.org) or visit [www.cotswoldfriends.org](http://www.cotswoldfriends.org).

# Support is here!

Grants available for organisations, schools and individuals

The Chipping Campden Community Trust is here for those in need, providing grants to individuals, organisations, families, and schools to support educational or community projects. We are here to help the young, elderly, disadvantaged and disabled.

Visit our website to check for grant suitability.  
[www.campdencommunitytrust.org](http://www.campdencommunitytrust.org)

The charity relies on donations and legacies. Please donate through our website or contact us.

## SUPPORTING:

- Mickleton
- Chipping Campden
- Broad Campden
- Weston-sub-Edge
- Aston-sub-Edge
- Willersey
- Ebrington
- Saintbury
- Charingworth
- The Hidcotes



## WILLERSEY FOOTLIGHTS The TV Show



Footlights' post covid return proved a great success. The influx of newcomers to the village was reflected in both the audience and the cast and together with the dedicated past members and supporters in all generated a tremendous atmosphere.

Two full houses enjoyed Footlights' take on TV past and present. The usual brand of humour and music was thoroughly enjoyed and hey we made a significant profit as well. This has enabled us to donate **£500** to both the selected charities **Campden Nurses** and the **RNLI**.

So many thanks to all who contributed in their different ways - the cast, the support staff, raffle donations and of course all of you who came and spent some money.

You missed it ? Now that is really tough, we are hoping to be back next spring so don't miss out next time.

## St Nicholas Saintbury

Event by Friends of Court Barn Museum  
Saturday May 20th

John Evetts will talk about his involvement with the Landmark Trust and his interest in the Cotswold Arts and Crafts. He will bring some of his collection to illustrate the talk.

Church open at 1.30 for tea and cake  
with talk at 3pm.

Cost £10pp to pay at the door.

Parking in nearby stable yard.

## Coronation Celebrations The Church Run



In addition to the events being organized by The Bell, The New Inn and other village organizations, the Parish Council will be organizing the **Church Run**. This will be a race from the Jubilee tree to Saintbury Church and back and is a Willersey tradition going back many years.

There will be different age categories and competitors should gather at the Jubilee tree at 10am on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. The King's Cup will be presented to the runner with the fastest time and medals to other participants



## Parish Councillor Vacancies

### Background

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and is financed by part of the council tax. It consists of 9 residents who either take decisions or must be consulted on most matters that affect the village. It is supported by a Clerk whose office is in the village hall.

Councillors are either elected or co-opted onto the council and the council now wishes to co-opt another member.

Duties will be to attend the monthly council meeting and help take decisions on a variety of issues including planning applications, highway matters and upkeep of the village including the village greens, cemetery and recreation ground .

Councillors should be team players and willing to participate via email, telephone and face to face on a regular basis.

The Council would especially welcome interest from residents of Willow Green or Folly View.

Full support will be available to bring new councillors up to speed.

### Invitation to apply

There are currently 2 vacancies on the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option.

This is a process by which the Council considers applications from interested persons and can then select someone to fill the seat.

Information about the varied work and role of a Councillor can be found online by searching for the 'Good Councillors Guide'

The Parish Council would like to invite applications from people interested in becoming a Councillor and helping to shape the village.

For further information or an informal discussion please contact:

Kevin O'Donoghue, Parish Clerk

Email: [willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com](mailto:willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com)

Tel: 01386 853635

Closing Date: June 20th

## PUBLIC NOTICES May 2023

### MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for bins are 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> May 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 a late collection. (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)