

## PASTORAL LETTER – JULY 2023

### Sunshine and Rain

It seems that periods without rain and extreme heat are becoming more common and lasting longer. A holly tree in the garden is shedding its leaves, as a response to a prolonged period without significant rain. We are increasingly planting more drought resistant plants. My dusk time ritual involves me carting watering cans around the garden. The plants in the pots are particularly susceptible to a lack of water, a missed day or two especially in the extreme heat of last summer can be fatal; the agapanthus cope well but some of the traditional flowers need a daily drink. Last summer's heat really effected some cherished shrubs; they and the lawn, a year later, are still recovering.

I now celebrate summer rain in a way I never did. I watch the clouds build. I listen eagerly for the distant rumble of thunder. I count out the seconds from a lightening flash. I enjoy being in the garden as the light falls without the need to rush about watering. I tap the water butts listening appreciatively to the different sound the higher water makes.

We live on an island shaped by precipitation; rain and mist, sleet, snow and fog, summer storms, autumn and winter gales, unexpected downpours shape human existence and our flora and fauna. The abundance of rain – like snow to the Inuit – forms part of the cultural identity and language (there are supposedly over 100 words to describe rain) and is something our growers and farmers have adapted to. Rain is a good thing – droughts and floods not so.

Every plant – including those we eat – every fruit tree, woodland giant, garden flower and hedgerow owe themselves to the showers and storms that feed our soil and waterways (let's not get started on the state of our rivers, waterways and coasts.) This is not to deny the bliss of a warm sunny day but perhaps we should also learn to celebrate and to honour rain - the source and essence of all the richness and beauty that surrounds us.

“The rain falls on the just and the unjust,” is a phrase that appears in the sermon of the mount as recorded in Matthew 5:45. As a child I considered rain and especially wet days in the summer as a curse something that kept my brothers and I indoors away from more interesting pursuits and larks. I failed to understand that in the agrarian society in which Jesus lived, rain was essential for the harvest and that it was understood to be a great blessing. God gives good gifts to everyone. Jesus' people are invited to replicate that generosity in their own lives.

This summer may you enjoy the gift of water,  
the blessing of rain and life it brings

Every blessing

*Craig*

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### Doubting Thomas

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July the church remembers St Thomas, also called Doubting Thomas, because he would not believe his fellow disciples news of the Resurrection. But doubt did not mean that Thomas did not love Jesus! Only a few weeks before Thomas had urged his fellow disciples to follow Jesus to see Lazarus in Bethany, despite danger from the Jews. “Let us also go so that we may die with him”(John 11.16). Instead, Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life. Thomas was sometimes very confused as to where Jesus was headed. But in John 14.5 Jesus untangled his confused commitment. Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts turned to honest faith, and have become a reassurance for thousands of people down the centuries.

## Visit to Hidcote Garden

We were treated to perfect weather for our visit to Hidcote Manor. The garden offers plenty of shade and the sun had encouraged the bees and damsel flies to display their colours and all accompanied by the chirrup of the bird song. Not to be outdone the Willersey gang dressed in floaty outfits oozing grace and charm. We certainly fitted the 'Arts and Craft' setting.

Michael Yardley found a perfect spot under the trees to share his knowledge of Lawrence Johnston, the owner and designer of the Hidcote Garden. As his biography unfolded we enjoyed watching four youngsters playing croquet, while over the lush yew hedge we could hear the excitement of a tennis game being played creating a lived in feel to the space.

Back to Lawrence. At the turn of the twentieth century Lawrence, with the backing of his American mother, he took over the Manor House Estate and 800 acres of land. His interest in gardening developed by studying 'The Art and Craft of Garden Making' by Thomas Mawson. It was the time of the Arts and Craft movement in the North Cotswolds. Ashbee was based in Chipping Campden, Gordon Russell in Broadway; and William Morris, who was a frequent visitor to the area, is thought to have played a part in Lawrence's designs. He used the natural lie of the land to create his spaces, making use of local materials for the paving and landscaping with each intimate garden taking on its own personality. In 1911 he received an Award of Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society for the Hidcote strain of the candelabra primrose.

During the first World War Lawrence suffered injuries to his lungs, and on returning to the front he received another injury to a leg before finally making it back home to continue his passion for gardening.

In 1920 the garden was largely complete. Lawrence's interests then moved to travelling the world in search of rare and unusual species to add to his collection for Hidcote and his garden in the South of France, Serre de la Madone. He opened the Hidcote garden a few times a year and gained a reputation amongst the gardening community and the 'Arts and Craft' movement whilst remaining a private person. After his mother's death he became friends with a Norah Lindsay, an established successful garden designer to 'the fast set'. Michael made no reference to her, maybe because there is so little information remaining about Lawrence and Norah. But what a story that would make!

Words by Maggie T

## Willersey WI News

Next Meeting is 'Make-Up Artistry' with Veronica Williams  
July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm Willersey Village Hall.

Guests welcome at £4 on the door. For more details

. As ever the Helping Hands food-bank box will be available for your donations. Anything you can spare most welcome.

## It Happened in July!

All the Questions are about historical events in July.

1. Which well known British pottery designer was born in Burslem in July 1730?
2. Which Commonwealth country has a national holiday on July 1st as it commemorates the confederation of a number of provinces in 1867?
3. Which organisation was founded by General William Booth in July 1865 in London?
4. In July 1976, Israeli commandos rescued 103 hostages from a plane at which airport in Africa?
5. Jackie Kennedy later Jackie Onassis was born in July 1929. What was her maiden name?
6. The Declaration of Independence is celebrated on 4th July. What was the year?
7. In July 1885 the first anti-rabies inoculation was administered, by whom?
8. Who disappeared in July 1937 whilst flying solo over the Pacific Ocean.?
9. July 14th a French national holiday, commemorates which event from 1789?
10. Which Dutch painter was born in Leiden in July 1606?
11. The Battle of Marston Moor took place in July 1644 during which war?
12. In July 1881, Charles J. Guiteau fatally shot which U.S. President?
13. Which British-Italian engineer obtained a patent for a radio in July 1897?
14. Who, in July 2002 became the first person to fly solo around the world non-stop in a balloon?
15. Which American novelist, whose debut novel was "The Sun Also Rises", died in July 1961?
16. Which steam locomotive set a world speed record of 125.88 mph in July 1938 in England?
17. The playwright Tom Stoppard was born in which country in July 1946?
18. Born in July 1943, Judith Durham achieved fame as the lead singer of which group?
19. James Backus who died in July 1989, was the famous voice of which near sighted cartoon character?
20. July 1802 was the opening of the United States Military Academy where?

Please see page 23 for the answers

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## Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



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

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

### A Tour of Bredon Hill - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Moderate 3.5hr 6ml

Explore the unimproved limestone grassland of Bredon Hill looking for wildflowers and hopefully some butterflies too. Bring suitable refreshments.

*Start:* 10.00 Overbury Church. Park considerately in the village. OS Map ref: SO 957 374.

### A Trio of Gorgeous Villages - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Moderate 5hr 8.5ml

The walk passes through some of the loveliest villages in the Eastern Cotswolds. Quiet lanes and field paths link the villages making a very pleasant route.

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

### Edge Hill and the Civil War Battlefield - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Moderate 3hrs 5ml. Booking Required

The walk crosses fields onto the Edge Hill escarpment. From here, we'll follow the footsteps of the Royalist Army when they were preparing for the first battle of the English Civil War in 1642. Return via Ratley. To book a place please call 03442 491895 or email [niventquery@capita.co.uk](mailto:niventquery@capita.co.uk)

*Start:* 10:00 Upton House (NT) visitor car park OX15 6HT. OS Map ref: SP 371 461.

### Revolution, Riots and RHS - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Moderate 4hr 7.5ml

A circular walk from Chipping Campden to Hidcote, with links to revolution, riots and the RHS. The inclines are gentle and walkers are rewarded, on clear days, with wonderful views.

*Start:* 10.00 Chipping Campden War Memorial GL55 6AT. OS Map ref: SP 151 390.

**Walk the Ways 4 (of 5) - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Moderate 5hr 9ml** Another in our series of circular walks exploring the Wardens' and

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Windrush Ways which run between Winchcombe and Bourton on the Water. Each is a complete walk so no need to walk all of them

Bring suitable refreshments.

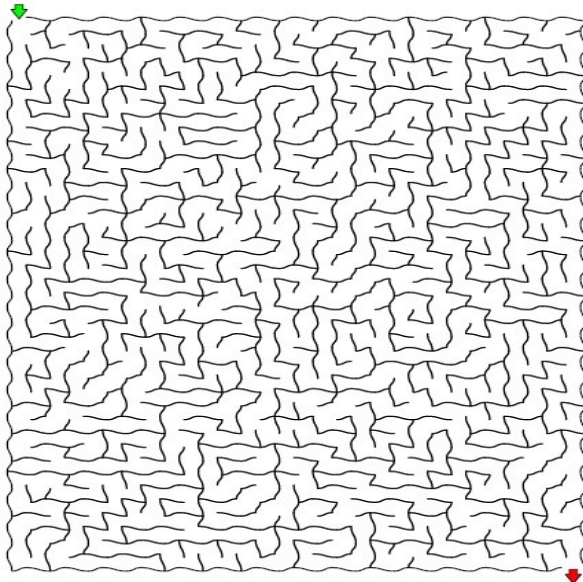
*Start:* 10.00 Naunton, outside Black Horse pub GL54 3AD. OS Map ref: SP 118 234.

**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.



**A(maze)ing**

## WILLERSEY TABLE TENNIS CLUB

### RECEIVES GRANT FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

Willersey Table Tennis Club were very grateful to recently benefit from a generous grant from the "Chipping Campden Community Trust" to allow the purchase of court dividers and scoreboards.

The Club have now become affiliated to Table Tennis England (the governing body for Table Tennis) and have also created a Website ([www.willersey.ttclubs.co.uk](http://www.willersey.ttclubs.co.uk)).

We play at the Village Hall every Wednesday evening on three tables from 7.00pm to 9.00pm and are open to everybody aged 18 years of age or older of all abilities.

If you would to pop along or just want to find out more please contact Mark on 07976-111906 or email [bridgeman757@btinternet.com](mailto:bridgeman757@btinternet.com)





## Recent Village Sightings

Some residents will remember a time when house martins completed their hazardous migration and nested in the village in large numbers. It's amazing that we still don't know exactly where they spend much of their lives in sub-Saharan Africa. But two pairs with that distinctive white patch have made it back, hopefully to breed courtesy of home owners where they are still made welcome.

This month's suggested bird sound to listen out for is the swift screaming parties as they circle around Main Street, especially in the evening. Thank you again to those who maintain the 6/7 regular Willersey nesting sites that are mainly under the slate roofs in the village on the high street, plus the specifically designed swift boxes erected at The Bell five years ago which were used by swifts for the first time last year.

Starlings seem to be doing pretty well, with quite a few reports of them with their ravenous newly fledged offspring visiting gardens. They're great mimics of other sounds, with that famous story of one mimicking a new fangled 'trim' phone - remember those? Fingers crossed for a special starling murmuration this winter.

Further sightings of a hunting barn owl, two white egrets and nesting kestrels close to the village. Reports too of a garden visiting escaped zebra finch, a couple of pied wagtails, that bird that seems to always be saying "Chiswick", and news of one hedgehog rescued' from the

family dog's 'embrace', and sadly news of another that had clearly been predated.

Those lucky enough to have a garden pond are seeing red damsel flies coupled up, with the male holding the female in a tight grip by the head, yes, that's right, as she lays eggs that will live in the water as larvae for several years before emerging as an adult damselfly.

Having so many pairs of eyes reporting on village wildlife sightings is so informative for all of us. So thank you for recent news from Brenda, Lynne, Trevor, Flic, Peter C, Sarah, Linda, Sandy, Cathy, John, David, Robert, Holly, Pete B, Pete K, and Mike & Shirley.

*Bob Topp*

## *Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group*

Members had worked hard on the vintage seed packet designs and there was a splendid and varied display for Julie to judge. Some designs had been used for a notebook cover, some incorporated on the front of a bag and some mounted in a picture frame. Hopefully we shall see some at the Craft Show on August Bank Holiday Monday in the village hall.

Next month our project is an embroidered bookmark.

Venue Honeybourne Village Hall

Date Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup>

Time 9:30 to 12:30 PM

Requirements: sewing kit; embroidery threads; cotton or felt fabric; lightweight vilene.

Please do not go out to buy any of the above as there is always a selection of fabric etc to share.

Any inquiries to Gillian 852958

## From The Parish Council

### Full Fibre Broadband

At a Parish Council meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, attended by some 50 residents, a representative of Full Fibre presented their plans for the installation of an alternative fast fibre service to Gigaclear in parts of the village.

The installation would be overhead involving new telegraph poles and cables and the areas affected will include Collin Lane, Field Lane, Jordans Close, Willow Rd & Hayes Close.

The unanimous view of the meeting was that this installation was inappropriate and extremely unwelcome unless it was made underground.

The representative undertook to convey this opinion and the views and questions arising at the meeting back to the company.

There was also an undertaking given to answer any additional questions and provide further information as requested by email.

It is unclear whether the scheme will proceed or if continued opposition will result in the scheme being abandoned.

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### Circus

The Parish Council have agreed to allow the recreation ground to be used for a visit by James Richards Circus at the beginning of September. Current plans are for the circus to arrive on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and for there to be a single performance on the early evening of Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>.

Further information will be provided nearer the time.

Tickets at:

<http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/jamesrichardscircus>



## Saint Peter's Church Services, July 2023

2 July	10:00 am Morning Prayer
9 July	9.00 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
16 July	11.00 am All Age Worship "One More Step!"
23 July	10.00 am Morning Prayer
30 July	10.00 am Benefice Service in Saint Peter's, Willersey

**NB: Summer EVENING PRAYER at Sain Peter's: 4:30 pm Tuesday, 4 July**

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

**Sunday, Evensong:** at Saint Andrew's, Aston sub Edge at 6:30pm on Sundays 9 & 16 July.

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

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## Church cleaning week ending

July the 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Justin Stevenson and Grace  
July the 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Rachel and Poppy Barker

## Brass cleaning for the month of July

Pat and Sally Heming

## Refreshments for the month of July

July 2<sup>nd</sup> Adine Keatley and Liz Webb  
July 9<sup>th</sup> Linda and David Dunbar  
July 16<sup>th</sup> Deborah and Mark Taylor  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> Karen and Mike  
July 30<sup>th</sup> Benefice Team  
Any difficulties with your date, please ring Gillian on  
01386b852958.

Thank you again to all the helpers giving up their time.

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## THE AUGUST 2023 VILLAGE NEWS

**Copy for the August news must be received by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 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](mailto: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)

## Nature Box - *BATTY ABOUT BATS*



Now let's be clear, not everyone is attracted to bats. But they have a fascinating story, and they represent 25% of all UK mammal. Right now at the end of the day is probably the best time to observe them around the village. Pipistrelle is probably the commonest bat to be seen here, weighing in at a whopping 5 grams, the weight of a twenty pence piece; and can eat up to 3,000 moths and other insects in a night- about a third of their body weight. During summer months they may travel 4/5 kilometres a night, with their heart rate whilst in flight above 1,000 beats a minute. All pretty amazing.

Bats of course send out waves of sound from their mouth or nose for communication, navigation and hunting. But it is high-tech aerial combat, as some moths can detect a bat's presence and fly away if there is a weak signal and they're not too close, or fly erratically if the bat is close, or even close its wings for a free-fall drop to the ground to escape. Some moths can even 'jam' the bats echolocation system to escape detection.

We have brown long-eared bats here too. These emit very quiet high frequency signals so need their large ears to detect feedback from possible prey. Such huge ears provide exceptionally sensitive hearing - it is said that they can even hear a ladybird walking on a leaf! And all this drama is taking place right now across the village in mid summer and mainly out of sight.

For several weeks in summer, female bats, already pregnant before going in to winter hibernation, with the egg already fertilised but with delayed implantation, gather together in a maternity roost to have their babies, with each bat usually having just one 'pup' towards the end of June. Bats have predators too: owls, sparrowhawks and perhaps somewhat surprisingly patrolling cats - they don't eat them but regrettably they do catch low flying species like the brown long-eared bat.

*Bob Topp*

## Going Wild in Willersey

With the environment at the forefront of many of our minds a group of volunteers, with the blessing of the Parish council, will be re-wilding a small corner of the rec. This area, on the southernmost corner will only be mown once at the end of the season



when wild flowers have produced their seeds. This approach of low intervention will, we hope, allow wild flowers and insects to thrive whilst preventing brambles from taking hold, hopefully creating a partial wilderness that is acceptable to everybody in the village. We'd love this to be a place where villagers can go and spot interesting flora and fauna that they are otherwise hard pressed to find on their doorstep. It will all take time but we are making a start. If you would like to get involved in this initiative please text Lena on 07711 101157 and she will add you to the WhatsApp group. *Lena Stranks*

## All Age Service 18<sup>th</sup> June

Carolynne took our service this month and helped us celebrate Father's Day. In her talk she spoke of Joseph Jesus' adopted father and how many of us thought about whether Jesus had any brothers or sisters which he did.

We were joined this Sunday by Clara our local youth worker who goes into the school to do the "Open the book lesson". She said one of the prayers alongside Gillian and Ken. Ask the service was for Father's Day a poem was read showing how we do take our dads for granted but also appreciate what they all do for us.

The hymns were appropriate with "Father I place into your hands" and "God is love, his the care". The hymns are chosen to fit with the theme. A lot of head scratching goes on sometimes. There also was a piece of reflexive music. Good to sit quietly with your thoughts for a moment. Ian read the lesson, the story of Jesus in his father's house and finally our coffee cakes and biscuits were served by Ian and Pauline. Thank you to all who helped with this service. We ended with Pat taking After 8 mints around for the fathers present to partake.

Next month the All Age Service is on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 o'clock. **15**

## Saint Peter's



### Highlights from the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

#### Looking back on 2022:

For our CofE School: **A good OFSTED result:** The APCM commended the School's Board of Governors, staff and children for the result of the OFSTED Inspection, just before Christmas 2022. The School retained its OFSTED status of 'Good'.

The Tower – our bellringers: **An impressive competition result:** Our ringers took part in the annual Four Shires Guild of Ringers' striking competition in Temple Guiting in October 2022 and achieved a commendable and impressive Second Place, overall.

The Church Ministry: **Diocese agreement to recruitment of Benefice priest replacement:** The Benefice and Team were given two options by the Diocesan Pastoral & Mission Group: either a part-time priest (for six parishes) or a full-time priest doing work on Mission in the industries or new housing across the whole team (including the Campden and Blockley benefices. The Benefice churchwardens agreed to pursue the second option of the full-time priest. This was accepted by the Diocese.

#### Other items:

**The Saintbury War Memorial:** was blown down and destroyed by Storm Eunice in February 2022. The PCC has launched a drive to raise the funds to repair this and secured the services of the masons of Gloucester Cathedral to undertake the work. This will ensure an excellent quality replacement and minimisation of costs. Although the total cost will still be £20,000.

**A new lay-reader:** The PCC approved Carolynn Adam for Lay Reader Ministry and she was licensed in our Cathedral of Saint Peter in Gloucester.

**A new PCC Member:** the PCC had voted, unanimously, to co-opt Ian Duffin onto the PCC as a councillor.

**Parish Council Cemetery:** Work continued towards making the transfer of land to the Parish Council for the much-needed Cemetery Extension:

**Priorities for 2023:** include recruiting and appointing a replacement priest, continuing to promote the presence and profile of Saint Peter's through our events and increasing Missional activity, with a particular emphasis on young people.



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## Our Village Garden

Saturday 22nd April, found a small but fantastic team in The Garden what's more it didn't rain - hooray! Along came Jen, Maggie, Rosemary, Roberta and myself. Thanks also to Bob and Pete for fetching and carrying. A special thank you to Steve for all his help in The Garden - so glad to have you on board. I'd better thank my Steve also for mowing, strimming and putting up with me banging on about The Garden!

To the rest of the gardening gang who sent apologies, thank you, I have my eyes on you for next time!

The Garden has been beautiful with blossom, tulips, plants are springing into life - except the ones we lost to frost but then you gardeners know about those!

We have decided to let the right hand side of the garden, where Bobs lovely insect hotel is become more wild for obvious reasons. The cow parsley has been stunning.

It's fantastic to see so many bees and other species, but I haven't seen our Robin that we've had since we first started - but you may know different?

Please feel free to carry on - especially planting surplus Plants, it always nice to turn up and see new plants have been put in.

So please watch this space for notification of more gardening dates - there's normally a slice of cake and a drink - what an incentive!

Many thanks,

Jackie.

PS As I was late putting a thank you in last months village news ( yes I missed the deadline) I just wanted to add a little bit - my thanks to Mal for all her help and for the geraniums she planted. Mal also watered the garden while we were away, she always comes up trumps, so a public thank you Mal.

While here if anyone would like to borrow our extra long hose pipe please ask, a small donation towards the Village Hall would be good, that is until we have a ban.

Many thanks , keep enjoying the garden

Jackie 01386852678

## HORTICULTURAL SHOW 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023 – NEW CLASSES

Schedule and Entry Forms available from Taylor's Garage, The Bell, St Peters Church and the Methodist Church. Some new classes

this year including the ugliest vegetable, the heaviest potato, sloe gin as well as the old favorites. Lots of opportunities for people to demonstrate their skills in cooking & baking, nurturing & growing, photography and also creative arts and crafts classes for children in different age groups. Plus this years Men's Cake recipe is "Coffee & Walnut".....what could possibly go wrong ???!

Go on, this year have a go. Start sowing the seeds and practicing your cooking skills. For ideas and examples for the Childrens Classes please check out the Events section on the Village Website ([www.willersey.org](http://www.willersey.org)).



### BIKERS' NITE

What a fabulous evening!  
I've posted a short report about the bike meet at Willersey on Wednesday evening

along with photos.

We raised £1,130.00 for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity (MAAC), which is fabulous!

Since 'BIKERS' NITE' first started in 2002 we have raised almost £125,000 for the MAAC.

Stephanie Shaw

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## THE METHODIST CHURCH News Letter for July

Well, we're really into summer now aren't we! From quite chilly to muggy and thundery! At least it is today (17<sup>th</sup> June). Please do come along on Friday mornings if you would like to sit and chat/knit/crochet or talk. You'd be really welcome!

The farms are having a difficult summer, hay making has been quick and over before you noticed it was there and when we drove back from Cheltenham yesterday, the fields are all parched and dry. You could look along all the fields from Bredon down to Cheltenham and along to Evesham and everywhere was brown/gold.

We had a 'by chance' caller earlier this month. He is a Hospital Pastor, and he came again a couple of weeks later and took a service for us. We enjoyed the difference! The singing was loud! It was accompanied by the 'tape' and the Pastor's daughter (she is Downes) with her small drum – which kept tapping in an irregular beat all through the singing! It was a real change for us – we're used to quiet 'talking' meetings now! It was lovely to have a change! John's wife came too – so we were a happy band! It's good to have an unexpected pleasure, isn't it?

The scarecrows are going up around the village and we hope it'll remain dry for a couple of days so that we can all appreciate them.

One of our grandsons is off to Australia for (I think!) 6 weeks to work at Newspaper offices!! That's what he'd like to do. At least it's their winter so it shouldn't be too hot. Our friends in New Zealand have had floods and all sorts – and we complain about our weather!

Croquet continues with an enthusiastic number of folks playing twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays at 2.30 pm – if you'd like to come please do! It's a relaxing but can be competitive, game in a lovely situation. If you get hot you can always go to the apple tree! Richard sends his thanks to Victor and Christine for taking on the groundsperson's job. Most appreciated!

Penny Ingles 853306

### K9 CAPERS



## St. Peter's Ever-Popular Fun Dog Show

Bank Holiday Monday 28 August 2023 2pm  
On Top Green, Willersey

### SCHEDULE

- CLASS 1: **BEST CONDITION**
- CLASS 2: **BEST LOOKING DOG**
- CLASS 3: **BEST RESCUE DOG**
- CLASS 4: **BEST PEDIGREE**
- CLASS 5: **BEST WORKING DOG (NO DISPLAY)**
- CLASS 6: **BEST FAMILY PET (with 2 family members)**
- CLASS 7: **WAGGIEST TAIL**
- CLASS 8: **MOST APPEALING EYES**
- CLASS 9: **DOG THE JUDGE WOULD MOST LIKE TO TAKE HOME**
- CLASS 10: **DOG THAT HASN'T WON A ROSETTE**

### TODAY

**Final Class: BEST IN SHOW – ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> WINNERS**

**Entry on the day: £2:00 per class  
3 classes for £5.00**

**TICKETS ON SALE FROM 1:30PM**

**All proceeds to 'Support Dogs – For Autism, For Epilepsy, For Disability'**

***We are grateful for all our generous sponsors – please contact Judith on 07887421327 if you can sponsor a class***

“Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.” – *Groucho Marx*

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**MILDRED POWELL**  
**Our lovely Mum**

Before putting fingers to the keyboard, we've just gone through all the wonderful cards and letters we received following Mums death. So now the tears have dried- we just wanted to thank you all for the beautiful cards, letters, plants, flowers, messages and love. We can't believe how many cards we received and what wonderful memories you all have of Mum, it's so nice when people take time to write such lovely things, there is mention of her beautiful smile, her Friendliness and her willingness to help anyone. We realise what a massive part she played in this wonderful village. Willersey had been part of her life for 65 years, we will all miss her.

Her Funeral- what can we say that hasn't already been said? It was so good to see you all, and didn't you all give her a rousing send off the singing of her chosen hymns was enough to blow the roof of the Church. Such a great uplifting Funeral, the sun shone and the Bells rang. What you probably didn't know was that we walked behind Mum up Church Street from The Bell all her Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren lined the path of the Church for her to pass, the muffled Bells helped her on her way, a beautiful memory, Mum would have been so proud.

We thank most sincerely The Bell ringers, giving of their time so gladly. To the flower ladies taking so much trouble over the beautiful flowers. To Rob and the Church for helping us get things just right. Our thanks also to Richard and The Methodist Church, lovely readings - thank you. Our sincere thanks to Sue, Lou and team at The Bell (our family home) how fitting they did the hosting which was spot on, and their kindness always to Mum (The Boss as they called her). We can't believe how kind everyone has been, it's always difficult to mention individuals but we must mention Judith, Mums lovely neighbour and friend, you will always be in our hearts as you were in Mums. We understand that there has been many a raised glass to Mildred, we will raise a glass to you all, we were so lucky to have had Mum for so long, we will miss her but as we say she had a long and happy life. Our thanks and love, Mildred's family.

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What's coming up at Willersey Wednesday Club this next month?

**Meeting date;**

**July 5th** The history of Willersey - pictorial presentation  
**July 26th** Coach Trip to the Black Country Museum. If you are interested in going, please contact us immediately - only a few seats left.

Then we take a short Summer break and restart our programme on Wednesday September 13th at 2.30pm at which we have a short AGM and this will be followed by a fun - plant identification quiz. Throughout the rest of the year we have a fully-booked schedule of all kinds of interesting topics to present - it's going to be a lot of fun!

Remember, everyone over 55 is welcome to come along and find out what we are all about. We meet every other Wednesday afternoon at the Willersey Village Hall. The meeting starts promptly at 2.30pm so we suggest you might plan to arrive by 2.20pm. After the presentation and meeting, we have a variety of teas/coffee, sandwiches, cakes and - a good chance to meet others in the community and just socialise. Anyone from the local villages to Willersey is welcome to come along and join us. See you there.

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## It Happened in July! Answers

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| 1. Josiah Wedgwood          | 2. Canada                |
| 3. The Salvation Army       | 4. Entebbe, Uganda       |
| 5. Jacqueline Lee Bouvier   | 6. 1776                  |
| 7. Louis Pasteur            | 8. Amelia Earhart        |
| 9. Storming of the Bastille | 10. Rembrandt van Rijn   |
| 11. English Civil War       | 12. James Garfield       |
| 13. Guglielmo Marconi       | 14. Steve Fossett        |
| 15. Ernest Hemingway        | 16. Mallard              |
| 17. Czechoslovakia          | 18. The Seekers          |
| 19. Mr. Magoo               | 20. West Point, New York |

## PUBLIC NOTICES July 2023

### MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for bins are 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> July 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

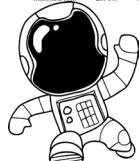
Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800

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

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## June Scarecrow Trail Thank You



**Thank you to the 25 households who took part in this year's just for fun trail with the theme of 'Travel & Travellers'**

Bob Topp