

## PASTORAL LETTER – OCTOBER 2023

### Bobbing in the garden

When it's dry I have taken to sitting in the garden first thing in the morning. We recently purchased an egg garden chair, the seat hangs from a frame and in it I bob, contented, as I read, contemplate the new day and pray. I am not good at sitting and just being but with the arrival of autumn I find myself more able to ignore the weeding and the dead-heading. I am enjoying listening to the bird song and watching them flit around me. The dappled light of the rising sun still brings some warmth. The trees and shrubs are subtly changing colour. These are simple pleasures which bring me much joy.

Psalm 23 – *The Lord is my shepherd* - begins with a description not just of God's care for us but also with a tranquil picture of creation – *green pastures* and *still waters*. It is a lovely psalm for this part of the country formed over the centuries by the interaction between farmers, their livestock and nature.

As I observe nature in my garden and round-about there is a touch of melancholy. The way we live is having a terrible impact on the rest of creation. We have neglected the natural world for too long: rivers and oceans are polluted, air quality is reduced, wildlife numbers plummet, species are made extinct, global temperatures soar. We have been sleep walking into an environmental catastrophe.

October is often the month of harvest festivals; a time when we give thanks for the blessings we receive. When we notice these blessings (that we too often take for granted) we can become thankful which in turn develops a sense of gratitude. Gratitude for a good meal in a restaurant leads to tip for the staff. Gratitude for a meal cooked by friends produces deeper relationships and reciprocated invitations. How do we show our gratitude for the beauty of creation that surrounds us? How do we show our gratitude to a God who loves us?

It's easy to notice what we haven't got rather than celebrating what we have. With God, the Good Shepherd we shall not want. God is **1**

generous, creation is abundant, we can be generous whatever our circumstances – generous acts need not be big or dramatic they can be small and simple. Thoughtful acts of kindness that not only impact others but enhance our daily lives and help re-focus our perspectives.

This month, in gratitude for the birds with which I share the garden, I'm doing three things.

1. Writing to my MP to ask that swift bricks are included in all new houses
2. Planting some meadow seed in the garden
3. Washing and filling the bird feeders (I will be washing and disinfecting them regularly in order to minimise the transfer of avian flu and other diseases).

What are you thankful for?

How can you show your gratitude?

In what ways can you be generous?

Every blessing

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### Willersey Village Hall

**AGM 10<sup>th</sup> October 8pm following 7pm  
committee meeting.**

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## Report September 2023

Writing for the Autumn months one's reminded how our August events were still rumbling on. The WI was still very active during the August Bank Holiday weekend. There was a WI cake stall; others were running a bric-a-brac stall for the Footlights; we had yet another WI member organising the Dog Show and finally we had numerous entrants taking part in The Annual Horticultural Show. It says for amateurs, but there was nothing amateurish about Sandy's dahlia or her planted boot. Penny's bakes and Mal's wine were award winning entries too. You then stepped through the doors to the art exhibition to find some amazingly talented artists and crafters: Sandra and Barbara's display of watercolours, Sandy's oil painting and intricate fabric work, Gi's fused glass, not to mention the incredible silhouette work of Elizabeth. How proud we are of all of them.

The September meeting opened with the usual chatter and catch up followed by the introduction of the many courses coming up at GFWI. Sue produced her wonderful photographs of our recent activities, this is a great record of our WI events and escapades.

As ever we were pleased to offer support in a variety of ways, the village's Macmillan Coffee Morning with a cake stall and a pre-loved stall along with many members baking cakes and tray bakes to sell to raise funds for the cancer charity.

The Willersey group once again ran a workshop making end of life bags for Leckhampton Hospice. Elizabeth coordinated 7 machinists, 3 doing hand sewing and all supported by 4 doing the pressing, while Cathy provided delicious bowls of soup.

This month's speaker was Dr. Katy Bellamy, a cognitive neuroscientist talking about The Joy of False Memory. Her lively humorous style and anecdotes gave us a simple look at how our memory might work with

accuracy being the exception. She talked about how our experiences and our early lives affect how we remember details and how the same event observed by a number of spectators would be reported differently, as this article probably proves. The complexity of how the brain pulls together words to form sentences was for some of us a comfort as we stumble to remember names and dates. We knew in advance she was researching her family history and managed to find another Dr. Kate Bellamy to meet her on the night. What are the chances? Now there's another talk waiting to burst out, discovering that the Bellamys arrived in this country in 1066.

Now we are into autumn the hips and blackberries abound and we wait to see what rich preserves our creative group produce from the hedgerows.

Maggie T.



**Monday 9th October 2023**

### **APPLE PRESSING**

***The Wayside Farm Shop, 7.00pm***

***A chance to press your own apples to be made into juice/cider***

***If you would like a supper of pulled pork rolls or a vegetarian option, please contact***

***Maggie 858635.***

***£5 for those wanting supper.***

***Please book in advance.***

***Otherwise just come along and enjoy Tom's talk.***

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**Contact number Mal 858351 for other queries 4**



# Pudfest

Saturday 14th October  
@ 7.00pm

## Willersey Village Hall

Come along to sample and enjoy a wide  
range of delicious puds

### Tickets £8.00

Tickets available from Gillian Beale 852958  
Rachael Barker 859483 or 07553500644  
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In aid of St Peters Church Willersey

## Guided Walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens



Details of the walks available are described on our website (see 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/>

**Adlestrop, Chastleton and Cornwell - Tuesday 3rd October – Moderate 3 hours 6 miles**  
A circular walk from Adlestrop, around to Chastleton then on to Cornwell and back via Daylesford. Bring suitable refreshments.

A lovely walk from Adlestrop where Edward Thomas was inspired to write his famous poem 'Adlestrop', where his train made an unscheduled stop and he wrote about what he saw and heard.

From there we walk to Chastleton, home of the National Trust property, Chastleton House. The Jacobean house was used as the Seymour's house in the television series of Wolf Hall. From here we walk on through the remains of Chastleton Barrow fort on to the village of Cornwell.

Cornwell Manor is a prestigious wedding venue. We head back to Adlestrop via Daylesford, home of Warren Hastings, the first Governor-General of India. Daylesford is now the home of Sir Anthony Bamford of JCB fame and the venue of Boris Johnson's late wedding reception.

**Start: 10.00 Adlestrop village hall GL56 0YR. OS Map ref: SP 242 272.**

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.

**It happened in October! All the questions are about historical events in October.**

1. What was notable about the movie "The Jazz Singer" which opened in October 1927?
2. Walter Hagen who died in October 1969 was famous for playing which sport?
3. The photo sharing app "Instagram" was founded in October of which year? a) 2008, b) 2010, c) 2012
4. Before reunification with West Germany in October 1990 what was East Germany known as?
5. Anwar Sadat, who was murdered by Islamic extremists in October 1981, was the president of which country?
6. Born in October 1931, Eileen Derbyshire played which character for 55 years in Britain's longest running soap opera?
7. Founded in October 1919, which is the oldest airline still operating under its original name? a) British Airways, b) Lufthansa, c) KLM
8. Whose engine won the "Rainhill Trials" in October 1829?
9. The oldest still functioning Astronomical clock was installed in October 1410 in which European city? a) Paris, b) Hamburg, c) Prague
10. In October 1925 who performed the first test of a working television system?
11. Who launched WikiLeaks in October 2006?
12. Gutzon Borglum began carving which giant iconic sculpture in October 1927?
13. Which war began in October 1853 when the Ottoman Empire declared war on the Russian Empire?
14. Which long distance train had its first run in October 1883?
15. Born in October 1890 which comedian & film star was famous for his greasepaint moustache while acting alongside his brothers?
16. In October 1854 a series of fires & explosions killed 54 people and injured 100's in which two north east towns?
17. Tom Petty who died in October 2017 formed which group in 1976?
18. In October 1930 which aircraft crashed in France on its maiden voyage to India?
19. Which march, protesting about unemployment and poverty, set off for London on 5th October 1936?
20. The first televised address from The Oval Office was made in October 1947 by which President? M.R.

**Please see page 23 for the answers**



**The Just For Fun Potato Challenge 2023**

**The results are in!**

**The weigh in was a sun-blessed merry occasion with young Toby Sparrow stepping up and acting as chief judge and overseeing the knock-about proceedings.**

Before the big reveal, a big thank and well done to everyone who took part in this just for fun event, especially all of the juniors: Maddie, Isla & Lily, Ella & Charlotte, Caleb, Toby, Henry, Charlie & Barnie.

**Toby, Henry, Charlie & Barnie won the junior section with 62 potatoes in their grow bag.**

**The adult section was headed by Richard Ingles with a weight of 7lbs 9oz, just a few ounces ahead of Penny & Peter Burch and Gary Taylor in 2nd and 3rd spots.**

**Please note that despite widespread protests we are still resisting adopting the metric system here in Willersey! The much coveted 'wooden spoon' for the lowest weigh was scooped up by David Dunbar.**

**A special thank you to Siriol, Steve and Maggie with their help with the count; and Michelle and Lauren who expertly recorded the scores and provided some scrumptious refreshments.**

**Well done to everyone who got involved and came to support this colourful 'grow-and-show' nonsense before the talent on display at the main Horticultural Event.**

**Bob Topp**



## Recent Village Sightings



Elsewhere in this publication there's a suggestion that all birds are equal. Well sometimes it's hard not to think that all birds are equal but that some are perhaps more equal than others.

Last month saw the incredibly unusual sight of a nightjar spending the whole day resting up on Cathy & Pat's garden bird bath. Now nightjar is not a name that trips off the tongue for most of us, but so unusual was this occurrence, that had word spread, keen birders travelling from far and wide would have been queuing all along Field Lane with traffic police required to control affairs.

The nightjar is another of the birds from central Africa that migrate here each year, but are rare night flying birds feeding chiefly on moths and usually spending their days carefully camouflaged on the ground. So to see one in broad daylight resting up during its 5,000 mile return migration is pretty astonishing.

In former times they were called 'goat suckers' under the mistaken belief that they suckled milk from goats, when in fact they would have been attracted to the insects nearby. A Willersey nightjar in broad daylight - as rare as hen's teeth.

Other reported recent village sightings from Helen W, Sarah, Don, Ian & Heather, Mike & Shirley, Ian D, Vic, Pete, Judy, Pete B, Julia, Sue & Lou and Adine included more sparrowhawk action; a fleeting appearance of a goldcrest or possibly a firecrest; strings of garden visiting fast flying long tailed tits; a hummingbird hawk-moth; a striking brown and orange coloured herald moth; garden visiting speckled wood and painted lady butterflies; a 200 plus murmuration of starlings; summer evening vocal tawny owls, a large gathering of departing swallows, foraging hedgehogs and busy hunting pipistrelle bats. Brilliant, and all on our local patch.

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)

## Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

Our meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> was the start of our Christmas project decorating luggage labels for the Christmas Tree Festival in December. Julie had already produced two luggage labels in the chosen colours using lace and buttons.

Pauline brought along two beautifully decorated labels in vintage style. We welcomed another lady to our group. We now have two Annas!

We have a slight change of plan for next month when Rose will be unveiling a Christmas Challenge a little earlier than originally planned as we are looking forward to a visit from Bridget Steele-Jessup, a textile artist who is bringing her map embroidery to show us. This will be in November.

Our next meeting is on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Venue Honeybourne Village Hall 9:30 to 12:30 PM  
Christmas challenge Any inquiries to Gillian 852958.

### **THE NOVEMBER 2023 VILLAGE NEWS**

**Copy for the November news must be received by Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 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 at.

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## Saint Peter's Church Services, October 2023

<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 17</b></p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>(Modern language)</b></p>
<p><b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 18</b></p>	<p><b>9.00 am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> <b>(Traditional Language)</b></p>
<p><b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 19</b></p>	<p><b>11.00 am</b> <b>All Age Worship</b></p>
<p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> <b>Trinity 20</b></p>	<p><b>10.00 am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>(Modern language)</b></p>
<p><b>29<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Bible Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> <b>Benefice Service of Holy Communion</b> <b>(Modern language) at Pebworth</b></p>
<p><b>5th November</b> <b>All Saints' Day</b></p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> <b>Morning Prayer</b> <b>(Modern language)</b></p>

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

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

Your Church is open for you every day. **11**

### Church cleaning week ending

October 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Milne-James and Sandy Barnes

October 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Annie Payne and Sue Clark

### Brass cleaning for the month of October

Carolynne Adam

### Refreshments for the month of October

October 1<sup>st</sup> Gillian Beale

October 8<sup>th</sup> Rob McNeil-Wilson

October 15<sup>th</sup> Rachael and Poppy Barker

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Adine and Liz Webb

October 29<sup>th</sup> Benefice Service at Pebworth

If anyone has difficulties with their date, please ring Gillian on 01386 852958.

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

### St Peter's All Age September Worship

Harvest festival is quite a celebration in village churches with St Peter's being no exception. So on Sunday we ploughed the fields and scattered amongst a few other hymns our festival gifts which are going to Caring Hands in Evesham. Ken will take these for us. Mark took our Service and Adine and Clara read our lessons. Prayers was said by Adine and Clara and they had been written by some children from Willersey School. Bel and Bill did a good job giving out paper apples and pencils on which the congregation were asked to write as many words from the letters of the word Harvest. We were hoping Share was amongst them as this was Mark's theme for his talk. We had good comments after the service so why don't you join us at our October All Age Worship at 11:00 o'clock on the 15<sup>th</sup> at Saint Peter's. Thank you for the harvest fayre that you bought that will be taken to Caring Hands.

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The Club has successfully been awarded a grant of £500 by **Gloucestershire County Council** through the “Build back better” initiative to allow the purchase of a League standard Table Tennis Table. The Club are very appreciative of the support given by our County Councillor – Lynden Stowe – for the successful outcome of the bid.

The Club continue to play every Wednesday evening in the Village Hall from 7.00pm through to 9.00pm on three tables and cater for people of all abilities for those aged 18 or over. If you would like to find out more please contact Mark Bridgeman (email [Bridgeman757@btinternet.com](mailto:Bridgeman757@btinternet.com) or mobile 07976-111906).

A few of the Club Members have now formed a Team and have entered the 2023/24 Stratford & District Table Tennis League which commences in September and runs through to April 2024. Watch this space for the results !!



### Nature Box THINGS IN COMMON

A corncrake, ring ouzel and goshawk all share one thing in common - I have only ever seen each of these rarities on one occasion. Although perhaps in part because they were equally unexpected and down chiefly to good fortune, each moment was magical and truly memorable.

But are such moments any more special than encounters with the ubiquitous robin, blackbird, house sparrow or dunnock that surround us pretty much every single day? Their prevalence owing much to their ability to live alongside us humans. The robin known for their friendliness and keeping keen-eyed close company whilst we dig; the blackbird's wonderfully varied fluting song, perhaps often passing unappreciated by many of us because of its regular presence; the preference of house sparrows for communal living; and the unremarkable appearance of the small brown and grey flecked dunnock - hedge betty as it's known locally - with its secret multi-partnered sexual life style. They too share things in common: all being here every day in our gardens or local patch with their own songs, stories and particular behaviours to enrich our daily lives and to be savoured.

#### This month's 'Just One Thing'

Where possible perhaps consider negotiate an access point between adjoining gardens. Hedgehogs need to roam quite long distances to find food, water, partners and suitable habitat to have their young and then hibernate through the winter. Hedgehogs are in big trouble, but providing wildlife corridors offers a real helping hand. Many Willersey residents have already done this and enjoy seeing hedgehogs using the joined up gardens.

Bob Topp

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### Possible Farmers Market for Willersey

I am currently putting together a proposal for the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, regarding a monthly Farmers market ( food only) being held in Willersey.

I am looking into many of the issues etc and would welcome thoughts and ideas.

I will be setting up a small working group - so if you are interested in joining - please do get in touch.

If my proposal was accepted it would start in Spring 2024.

Please do email your thoughts, any known local possible stall holders, and names for the working group.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jane Rintoul

[Rintouljane88@gmail.com](mailto:Rintouljane88@gmail.com)

### St. Peter's Fun Dog Show August Bank Holiday Monday

Thank you everyone for coming to the show and for everyone who helped us with this fund-raiser for Support Dogs - For Autism, for Epilepsy, for Disability.

Our friends from Cotswold Photographers set up a studio for the dogs and donated the photography session fees amounting to £100, Kerry from K9 Hydrofit had the brilliant idea of a Guess the Dog's Name scratch card competition with a doggy hamper as a prize, which raised £80 and sponsor fees, donated prizes and rosettes all augmented the entry fees raised of £334.

We are giving everything taken on the day to Support Dogs - For Autism, for Epilepsy, for Disability and were delighted to raise a total of **£498** - which we made up to £500 just to round it off! Have a look at their website to see just what an amazing difference their trained support dogs can make <https://www.supportdogs.org.uk>.

We had 146 entries in all - winners were Monty, Bonnie, Kennie, Jax, Flint, Archie, Izzy, Rolo, Billy, Albert and overall *Best in Show* went to Monty.

Thank you to our helpers - the judges Adine, Kerry and Carol, another Carol for taking the entries once again, Mark and Ian for excellent stewarding, Rob on the P.A., Bel for the gazebo and chairs, sponsors Abbey Green Vets, Cotswold Raw, K9 Hydrofit, The Bell Inn and Elizabeth Ward and Adine for rosettes to sixth place for all classes. We couldn't have done it without them.

Judith



## WILLERSEY FOOTLIGHTS



*The Footlights Bric-a-Brac stall under the Jubilee Tree on August Bank Holiday Monday is a must for 'Footlights' as it raises money to finance the staging of the next show.*

*It appears to be a must also for the public as it raised no less than £707.93. So, a big, big thank you to all who supported us (who also of course got some real bargains) and of course an equally sized thank you to those who donated items and those that ran the stall.*

*Footlights will be holding its AGM on Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall and as ever will welcome any newcomers who are interested in what we do and wish to be involved.*





### St. Peter's Fun Dog Show Willersey

On behalf of Support Dogs I am writing to thank you for your wonderful donation of £500.00. Your kindness and support for our charity is hugely appreciated.

By choosing to donate to Support Dogs, you are helping to improve the quality of life for children, adults and families living with physical disabilities, autism and epilepsy. Your donation will help people feel confident, safe and able to lead active and more independent lives.

All of our income comes from voluntary donations so without the kindness and generosity of supporters like you, we would simply not be able to continue our work.

We believe it is important that we keep you updated on the work of our charity that you have so kindly supported. To show you the impact your donation will make, we would be delighted to invite you to meet us, the people we support and importantly our dogs on either a virtual Zoom calls or at an in-person session at our centre in Sheffield. This is a fantastic way to hear more about our work, how we train our dogs and how your donation will be used. If you would like to come along to our next date please simply reply to this email.

Thank you again from all those whose lives are improving as a result of your wonderful support.

From everyone at Support Dogs

## 2023 HORTICULTURAL SHOW 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Residents and Visitors were treated to over 200 individual entries forming the 2023 Horticultural Show in the Main Hall with, in addition, over 60 Art & Craft exhibits in the adjoining Room.



The Judges travelled from far and wide and all commented on the professional displays and high quality of produce (flowers, fruit, vegetables, bakery, preserves), photography and artwork.

At 3.00pm, on the dot, the Top 5 scoring Entrants were announced in ascending order with the overall winner being **Jane Ewers** who maintains ownership of the **Eric Beadle** trophy for the second year running. Many congratulations to Jane who has set the bar very high.

Here are the points for the top five scoring entrants.

- 1st - Jane Ewers (58 points)
- 2nd - Mike Barnes (42 points)
- 3rd - Peter Bond (39 points)
- 4th - Susan Atkinson (29 points)
- 5th - Gi Kavanagh (16 points)

Very special thanks to Peter Kavanagh who organised the hugely impressive Art & Craft Exhibition which clearly demonstrated the talent we have within the Village and surrounding areas.

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Much appreciation also to the Stewards, Volunteers and Committee Members for their time and efforts but especially to all the Entrants as without you there would simply be no Show at all.

If you would like to join the Team who organise and run this much loved annual Village Event please contact **Mark Bridgeman** (email [Bridgeman757@btinternet.com](mailto:Bridgeman757@btinternet.com) or mobile 07976-111906). It really is not a big commitment.....just an hour a month for the planning activity and then the running of the Show on the Bank Holiday Weekend.....go on.....you'll enjoy it !

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### **Thank You**

Refreshments in St Peter's on August Bank Holiday Monday proved to be a successful afternoon.

Donations amounted to a wonderful total of **£479.00**.

Thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed tea and cake. Not wishing to miss anyone out a huge thank you to all who made cakes. It was a wonderful display for visitors to choose from. Also a heartfelt thank you to the friends who worked tirelessly serving teas, and cakes and then collecting and washing up endless cups, saucers and plates.

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### **Willersey Village Hall**

Temporary Cleaner Required, to cover for the period October 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> (7 weeks). Flexible hours to work around hall bookings. For more details and rates of pay, please email [willerseyhall@btinternet.com](mailto:willerseyhall@btinternet.com) **19**

## **WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH**

### **Thoughts for September**

By the time you read this our village fete will be over and all the prizes won! I hope some of you have been successful! When we started this event, some years ago now, we were hoping it would bring the village together as well as giving out prizes and raising money for the village. I think it has. Everyone is welcome to enter whatever they have and join in. I hope it's a successful day and that everyone gets what they deserve – or do I mean that?!!

The village size has grown a lot since the beginning of this event and the event itself started I suppose with a fete and fancy dress back in 1964. We had a parade down the main street. Lots of people will remember it. And probably the Church fete which ran every year in the Rectory Garden!

These events take a great deal of organising and meetings take place for a while before. It requires effort from lots of people but ..... it brings us all together and that's good isn't it? Since then the village has grown quite a bit – the sad thing is that the village shops have gone. Couldn't someone start a shop here? We need somewhere to mix, gossip and make friends. Don't we? We have a coffee morning on a Friday and you learn a lot there!!!

The holidays will be over now, exam results for schools will have been read and action taken. Good luck to those who are going to colleges or further training wherever that might be. However, it's good sometimes to remember that education carries on all your life. If you open your eyes and look around you'll see that we don't stop learning in July!!

One of my grandsons (who has always found school difficult) has found he loves tractors now; he got himself a job with a tractor company. He's even learning German and is impressed with German tractors (his great grandfather would be horrified!!) He is going to Germany In a few weeks' time to visit tractors and taking his girlfriend with him! Who would have thought it!

Life is full of a number of things (and opportunities) I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings!

Penny Ingles 853306

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## Cotswold Friends' digital inclusion project provides support for older and vulnerable residents

A project that aims to bridge the digital divide in the Cotswolds is making progress, thanks to the dedication of volunteers from charity Cotswold Friends and a crowdfunding campaign that received fantastic support from individuals, organisations, local businesses, Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire County Council. In a world where technology is constantly evolving, the need for digital inclusion is more important than ever before. Many everyday activities have shifted to online platforms.

For some, this has caused significant challenges in completing daily tasks, which many of us take for granted. These include shopping for groceries, paying bills, and even making doctor's appointments, which have all become heavily reliant on technology.

Cotswold Friends aims to train more Digital Champions and provide interactive training sessions for people looking to improve their digital literacy. Cotswold Friends' Volunteer Manager, Sheryl Murray, Telephone : 01608 697007 or email [sheryl@cotswoldfriends.org](mailto:sheryl@cotswoldfriends.org) .

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### **Two rare Roman cavalry swords have been discovered.**

Found at a metal detectorist rally in March, the swords, which also had remnants of their wooden scabbards, were found in the north of the Cotswolds. They are now in the Corinium Museum in Cirencester to be preserved. Museum Director Emma Stuart said: "These two swords are testimony to presence of Roman military in the north of the Cotswold District."

Professor Simon James from Leicester University said the weapons, which are believed to be middle imperial Roman swords and were found alongside a broken copper alloy bowl, are commonly referred to as "spatha" and were likely to be in use by the 160s, through the later Second Century and far into the Third Century AD. Their length also suggests they are cavalry weapons or weapons intended to be used on horseback. .

This truly remarkable archaeological find shows what an incredibly deep history this area has.

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Everyone over 55 is welcome to come along and find out what we are all about. We meet every other Wednesday afternoon at 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 close to Willersey is welcome to come along and join us. See you there.

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### **Christmas - Not long to go!**

We are hoping to have a Christmas Tree Festival again in St Peter's. Organisations in the village have supported this fairly new idea. enthusiastically and with original themes.

#### **LETS DO IT AGAIN**

Invitations to join in will soon be delivered with more information

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The floral arrangements for the Harvest Festival in St Peter's were some of the best. This year a theme of different harvests was portrayed - farming, orchard, allotment and wine harvest. Sunflowers dominated the garden theme and in the porch the hedgerow displayed an abundance of berries and nuts.

An addition this year were knitted fruit and vegetables from the newly formed St Peter's knitting group beautifully displayed on the font.

St Peter's flower arrangers will be displaying poppies in Church for Remembrance Sunday.

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### It happened in October! Answers

(The Quiz is on page 7.)

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| 1. First "Talking Movie".     | 11. Julian Assange            |
| 2. Golf                       | 12. Mount Rushmore            |
| 3. 2010                       | 13. Crimean War               |
| 4. German Democratic Republic | 14. Orient Express            |
| 5. Egypt                      | 15. Groucho Marx              |
| 6. Emily Bishop/Nugent        | 16. Newcastle/Gateshead       |
| 7. KLM                        | 17. Tom Petty & Heartbreakers |
| 8. Stephenson (Rocket)        | 18. R101                      |
| 9. Prague                     | 19. The Jarrow March          |
| 10. John Logie Baird          | 20. President Truman          |

### Willersey WI Senior Citizens Christmas Meal

#### Willersey Village Hall

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>. 12.30 for 1pm.

Names required by the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please fill in form below or write the same information on a slip of paper and place in the Parish Post Box at the Village Hall or deliver to 1, Timms Green. Angela Beale.

### Willersey WI Senior Citizens Christmas Meal

NAME(S)	DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
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### PUBLIC NOTICES October 2023

#### MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The dates for the bins are 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October 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.** There is a **Post Office in Broadway Co-Op**

For Lloyds customers only, their Mobile Bank visits Broadway alternate Wednesdays 10:00 to 12:00.

BROADWAY SURGERY is on Station Road WR12 7DE Telephone 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 ring the Cotswold Friends Help Centre: transport section 01608 651115. This telephone is manned from 09:30-15:30 Monday to Friday. .

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 – 0800 980 8800 British Telecom - 0330 1234 150  
 Police – Telephone 101 (999) [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)