PASTORAL LETTER – NOVEMBER 2023 What do we remember and why?

At a recent family gathering I was surprised and amused by how much our memories of events from the past varied. Some events were strongly remembered by some but forgotten by others. Some events were remembered by everyone but not only did the details vary; the stories were not consistent. We laughed over a story where I and a brother each remembered ourselves as the hero of the story – emphasising a different aspect which shifted the narrative. so our contribution was ultimately the most important. Of course, not all memories are trivial, stories of car crashes, crimes, other traumatic events as well as significant successes have the potential to impact lives well into the future and for more than one generation.

The experience of Israelis and Gazans in the recent horrific conflict is explained through two very different stories which will lead to two conflicting narratives long into the future. It's the same with the Ukraine and Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan and anywhere else where there is conflict or war; when stories, and memories are so different how do you begin to tread the path of peace?

Research tells us memory is surprisingly complex; that it both plastic and selective. Individuals and communities select what they choose to remember and what they select shapes their identity. The choice of dominant memories will influence and shape our lives. What memories do we hold onto and cultivate. and which memories do we let fall away?

In November we have a series of events that involve remembrance. All Saints, on the first, is time when we remember and give thanks for the lives of people of faith through the ages.

All Souls, on the second, is a time when we remember and give thanks for the lives of the people we know and love who have died. Sometimes talking to a family as we prepare for a funeral. I ask them to describe the character of the deceased; it's beautiful to hear people described as kind, generous, hospitable, creative or something else. At All Souls we think on these things and ask God to give us grace so that we might follow their good examples.

Remembrance Day, the eleventh, and Remembrance Sunday, this year the twelfth, are times for the community to remember the horrors of war and the sacrifices of those in the armed forces, uniformed organisations and particular those who have lost their lives in the service of this country and their families.

What are the stories we are telling ourselves? What are the memories we cultivate? Are they leading us on the path of peace? Are they enabling us to live fully? Are they helping us to help others? In the church we gather to remember the story of God which enfolds all our own personal stories, in which the history of all humanity is wrapped, it is story which has reassured and motivated people through the centuries, a story which continues to shape and transform lives – it a story of love revealed in the beauty, cruelty and barbarity of life and death.

This month may you been strengthened and encouraged by your memories,

may they lead you to life in all its' fullness. Every blessing Revd Craig

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Apple Bobbing, Pressing and Craft Cider It Must Be October 2023

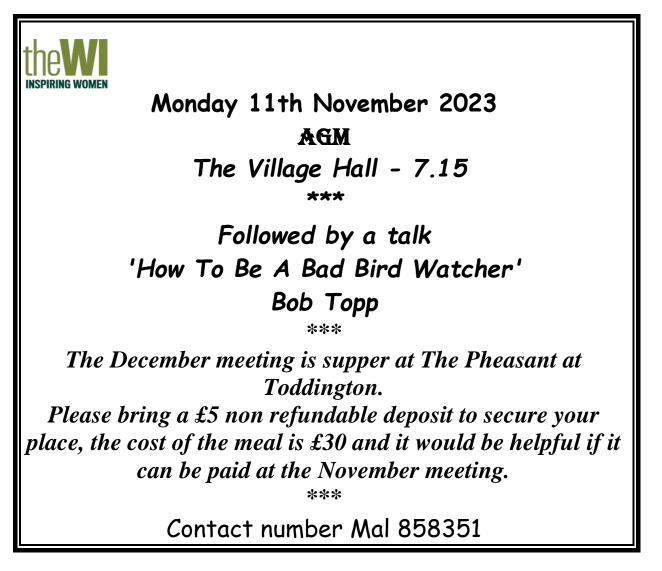
We arrive at the Wayside, the day has been delightfully warm, we reach the brow of the hill and we're greeted by Tom and Becky in this rural setting as the sun sets over the Bredon Hills. It augers well for our evening of 'Apple Pressing'.

A few arrive with apples for juicing, and they are loaded into the hopper, but before we start the demonstration Tom has other plans which we rather like - cider tasting. He has six of his Craft Ciders for us to sample. These ciders have colloquial names important to the Wayside. The apples used in the juicing process are all grown locally, so this is good news for us environmentalists, but it gets better when he explains the sustainability of orchards in the farming cycle. His talk is only interrupted when he and Becky serve delicious pulled pork rolls, before we finish our cider samples and approaching the cider press. We're all anticipation as the apple crusher fires up and stutters to a halt. Another attempt, clearly the preloved bit of kit needs some attention. Never-theless, we're able to see the pressing of the pulp produced earlier in the day as the lovely rich juice is squeezed into a large galvanised tub. A delightful evening seeing small local crafters at work.

Our own crafters have been busy too as the number of hospital bags being made by individuals increases ready tobe sent to Leckhampton Hospital. **3**

The Macmillan Coffee Morning was delighted to have the support of the WI. Their cake stall raised £151. 70 and the fancy goods £154.70. With the support of the school and Willersey Village friends the morning totalled £1650.

Maggie T



"What wild creature is more accessible to our eyes and ears, as close to us and everyone in the world, as universal as a bird." – Sir David Attenborough

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/guidedwalks/

Batsford circular via Sezincote and Moreton in Marsh -Tuesday 7th November Moderate 3hr 6.5ml

A circular walk from Batsford Arboretum to the famous Sezincote House then back to Batsford via Moreton in Marsh on market day.

An interesting walk from Batsford with some interesting facts about the manor house. On to Sezincote House with its very fascinating history and architecture. Then back via the historic town of Moreton in Marsh on market day. Walkers can leave the group here if they want as it's very easy to find your way back to Batsford. Lunch in the café at Batsford is good or pubs in Moreton. Bring a drink/snack.

Start: 10.00 Batsford Arboretum lower car park GL56 9QB. OS Map ref: SP 183 334.

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. **5**

It happened in November!

All the questions are about historical events in November.

- 1. Born in November 1861, James Naismith was a Canadian-American physician, but is remembered for inventing what?
- The Android mobile phone operating system was first revealed by Google in November of which year? a) 2005
 b) 2007 c) 2009
- 3. In Nov.1933 Fiorello H La Guardia was elected mayor of which US city?
- 4. Which former leader was sentenced to death in November 2006, for his role in the 1982 massacre of 148 Shi'a Muslims?
- 5. Which country launched its first interplanetary probe, the Mars Orbiter Mission in November 2013? a) Russia
 b) China c) India
- 6. Born in Nov.1892, who, along with his navigator Arthur Whitten Brown, was the first person to fly non-stop across the Atlantic Ocean?
- 7. Who was the actor who died in November 2012 best remembered for playing Lance Corporal Jones in "Dads Army"?
- In November of what year was the first Melbourne Cup horse race held in Melbourne, Australia? a) 1861 b) 1881 c) 1901
- 9. Which two outlaws were reportedly killed in San Vincente Canton, Bolivia in November 1908?
- 10. In November 1986, The Federated States of Micronesia gained independence from which country?
- 11. On the 4th November 1956, Soviet troops entered which country in order to quell a rebellion?
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- 12. Who found the entrance to Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings in November 1922?
- 13. Born in Nov.1954, Stuart Leslie Goddard is better known as which singer?
- 14. In November 1973 the Netherlands had a car free Sunday whereby the roads were only used by cyclists and roller skaters. Why?
- 15. The last large scale armed rebellion against authority in the UK was in November 1839 when 10000 armed Chartists marched upon which town in Monmouthshire?
- 16. Salvador Allende became the first Marxist president of any Latin American country through open elections in which country in November 1970?
- 17. In November 1921, the Japanese Prime Minister Hara Takashi was assassinated in which city?
- 18. Who was forced to retreat following defeat during the Second Battle of El Alamein in November 1942?
- 19. What was the name of the female American sharpshooter and exhibition shooter who died in November 1926?
- 20. In November1960, Penguin books were found not guilty of obscenity in a case about which book?

Please see page 23 for the answers

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Saturday September 30th 2023

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

It was a good day to catch up and chat; and especially important to think of the friends and neighbours who have needed the support of The Macmillan Cancer Team.

Willersey friends, organisations and neighbours who gave their energy and time to run the stalls and activities we salute your commitment and thank you whole heartedly once again for digging deep and being such a great team.

£1650

Raised on the day

The DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024 VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the December 2023 and January 2024 news must be received by Friday 17th November 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 at www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Recent Village Sightings



Late September and early October saw several reports of more red admiral butterflies, in one case between 20-30 specimens gathered together feeding on one small stretch of ivied hedgerow. Although just a few of these migrant butterflies may survive to over winter, to then appear in early spring, there is increasing evidence that some carry out a return migration south. As with many creatures it's a complex picture with climate changes.

Hedgehogs are still being reported too, busily building up reserves for hibernation. Spider sightings also, with male house spiders in particular seen more often indoors as they seek a female for mating before they themselves die.

No reports of redwing or fieldfare yet. Although they only tend to appear in our gardens later in the winter, they will soon be feeding on hedgerow berries and invertebrates in nearby fields. We often hear noisy 'cackling' groups of fieldfares before being spotted; with the red under wing patches on the slightly smaller redwings a giveaway for them. Good to hear too of a pair of green woodpeckers busily feeding in a garden; and also a peregrine falcon putting in a more unexpected Willersey garden visit.

But perhaps most surprising of all has been another otter sighting in the village on a night camera - the third such sighting in recent years. A heron had been the chief suspect for the loss of fish in the garden pond but the camera doesn't lie!

Thank you to Sandy, Mike & Shirley, Pete K, Linda & Jim, Siriol & Steve and Sue & Alan for recent reports.



This month's 'Just One Thing'

Lots of the things we might choose to do to give wildlife a helping hand cost almost nothing, like leaving ivy to provide berries for that last great natural feed for birds and insects much enjoyed by the huge numbers of red admirals this autumn. But if the budget will stretch, finding space for a small native berry bearing tree in your garden - a sorbus or amelanchier - are two great examples, will repay in time with lots of visiting birds.

If you would like to report local sightings to Nature Box please email Bob Topp at bob.topp@btinternet.com



The long wait was finally over as Rose revealed her Christmas challenge. It was an embroidered angel for the Christmas tree. Our first task was to cut out the shapes and then decide on a design to embroider. After embellishing our angel with various stitches and beads the shapes are stitched together, lightly padded and wings added.

Next meeting Thursday November 2nd at Honeybourne Village Hall

Time 9:30 to 12:30 PM

Bridget Steel-Jessop (a textile artist) will be visiting us with examples of her map embroidery.

There will be time to continue with the Angels and or Christmas luggage tags.

For any inquiries about the group please phone Gillian on 01386 852958.

New members are very welcome.





Saint Peter's Church Services, November 2023

5th November All Saints day	10:00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)
12 th November Remembrance Sunday	10.30 am Remembrance Service
19 th November 2 nd before Advent	11.00 am All AgeService
26 th November Next before Advent	10.00 am Morning Prayer (Modern language)

Mid-week Holy Communion (BCP): At Saint Peter's, every Wednesday at 11:00 am. Your Church is open for you every day.

Refreshment Rota at St Peters for November

November 5th Carolynne Adam and Gillian Beale November 12th Remembrance no refreshments November 19th St Peter's knitters November 26th Paula and Ian Duffin

Church Cleaning week ending

November 4th) Ann Embury and Gillian Beale
November 11th)
November 18th)Julia and Colin Burrows
November 25th)
Brass cleaning for the month of November
Adine Keatley and Shirley Holmes

If there are any problems with dates please ring Gillian on 013868 52958. Keys may be collected from The Bell Inn or Gillian Florizel, Lower Green. Thank you to all the helpers for giving up their time.

All Age Service

"Waiting" was our theme for October and we thought about things we wait for with the help of "What's in the Bag" which has not been used for a while. We had a kettle, Christmas stocking, seeds and conkers. Discussion then followed with ideas of what we do whilst waiting.

Mark took our service and at the start of the service the first hymn on the organ was a bit of a race so we then sang 'Morning has broken' unaccompanied. The rest of the hymns were at normal pace. Richard Stevens organist at St James's, Chipping Camden puts the hymns on the organ and it is difficult to judge the speed.

Thank you to Charlie and Poppy for reading our lessons. The prayers were taken by the All Age Worship team. Bel and Bill welcomed us and gave out in books and service sheets, thanks to them.

Next month is Village Sunday so it would be lovely to see you to celebrate our living in Willersey. Organisations have been invited to come and join in our service on November 19th at 11:00 o'clock in St Peters.

Why do we shake hands?

There are several theories as to why and how the custom of the handshake came about. A popular theory suggests that it started as a means to show that no harm

was intended by extending empty hands to show they weren't holding any weapons. Another theory states that the gesture is equivalent to an oath and their willingness to stay true to it

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WILLERSEY FOOTLIGHTS



The AGM of Footlights was held on the 20th October in the Village Hall with a good level of attendance that included newcomers.

The formal business covered the Chairman's and Treasurer's reports and appointment of Officers.

The Chairman was able to report a successful year that included the staging of the first show since covid. The Treasurer reported a healthy financial situation in readiness for the next show as well as the donation of £1400 to various charities during the year resulting from the Societies endeavours..

It was announced that the staging of the forthcoming show will be on March 22nd and 23rd next year based on the theme of 'Books'.

Open discussion took place on suggestions and ideas to fit the Footlights format which as usual would have a strong musical element.

New members are always welcome and contact can be made by email <u>willerseyfootlights@gmail.com</u> or with Secretary Neville on 01386 8583

Croquet in Willersey

Almost the end of our glorious summer of croquet behind the Methodist church courtesy of Richard Ingles. Fresh air,

beautiful views and a drop of exercise to boot. None of us are any good at the game(except Richard!) but the fun and laughter as we try our best with our Willersey friends is good enough for an enjoyable afternoon followed by a cup of tea. Our thanks to Christine and Victor for their grass cutting and pruning. Can't wait till next year. Ken

St Peter's Knit and Natter

Our knitting group is going from strength strength, so please consider joining our

friendly groups, we do knit but there is a lot of natter going on as well, and some eating of cake and drinking of tea. Currently we are working on making angels for our forthcoming Christmas tree festival, but it is fine if you want to bring your own project. We meet at St Peter's Church on alternate Tuesday's starting at 2.30pm. Our meetings in November will be on 7th and 21st November. If you need any more details ring Carolynne Adam 859364





Nature Box - Migration





Summer migrants are gone, with many such as swifts, swallows, house martins, chiffchaffs, whitethroats and many other species opting for warmer weather and already flying around the Mediterranean, central or even southern Africa. But it's not all bad news: winter migrants are in-coming.

It's a bumper year for berries and hips in our gardens and hedgerows, great news for arriving winter thrushes - redwing and fieldfare - as well as our own blackbirds and thrushes in particular. There will be other winter migrants too, making their way from mainland Europe including blackcaps - males with a black cap and females a brown cap - that will certainly turn up on many of our gardens and noted for their feisty behaviour at our bird feeders.

Migration as we know is a hazardous process and folklore has many strange tales. Many woodcock and goldcrest migrate across the north sea to the UK in late autumn with them adding to other species to be seen in the fields around the village. Interestingly some early ornithologists didn't believe that the diminutive goldcrest could manage the journey unaided and for some time held the belief that they travelled on the backs of the strong flying woodcock that arrive simultaneously on the east coast. As a result goldcrests were known by some as woodcock pilots.

Recent weeks will have seen our 'post code' birds – robins, tits, blackbirds, sparrows and thrushes, to name but a few, busily feeding up and storing fat reserves in readiness to see out the winter. Goldfinches are doing well locally, particularly benefiting from sunflower hearts - a touch expensive but guaranteed to bring this dazzling bright red faced bird to your feeder. *Bob Topp*

Childswickham Quilters

Coffee Morning and Display of Quilts

Wednesday November 8th

10.30 am to 12.30 pm

At Childswickham Memorial Hall Atkinson Street ,Childswickham

Collection of Shoe Boxes and Lynas Quilts

Cake Stall and Tombola

Quilting Fabrics



Save the date!

Friends of Willersey School are hosting a Christmas bingo on the 9th of December, in the village hall.

6.30pm door open 7pm eyes down.

All welcome, there will be food and refreshments on sale.

Any enquires please email <u>willerseyfos@gmail.com</u>

FRIENDS OF WILLERSEY SCHOOL



FRIDAY THE 1ST OF DECEMBER, 7PM

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS £35 PER PERSON

SEASONAL FOLIAGE/ MATERIALS PROVIDED (PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN SCISSORS AND RUBBER OR GARDENING GLOVES)

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR VIA PAYPAL WILLERSEYFOS@GMAIL.COM BY FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER.

Pudfest

A successful evening for everyone although I guess belts may have needed to be loosened just a little

afterwards!

On arríval a cryptic pudding quiz was available to ponder over and dispute answers with other guests.

Pate and nibbles started the evening off but what everyone was really waiting for was sampling the large number of puddings sitting temptingly on the table. And what a variety of hot and cold desserts to choose from. All were topped off with homemade custard, delicious Gorse Hill Abbey Farm ice cream or double cream, whichever was your preference.

Thank you to all who donated such wonderful and varied desserts.



Thank you to those giving raffle prizes and to Elizabeth, Sandy and Sandra for the very pretty table flowers.

This was very much a team effort. Over £400 was raised to help towards the roof fund at St Peters Church. More importantly it was a lovely soc

Misquotes – A Matter of Fact. The phrase 'turning a blind eye' is often attributed to Horatio Nelson but what he actually said was: "You know, Foley, I have only one eye - and I have a right to be blind sometimes... I really do not see the signal." So, whilst he did kind of 'turn a blind eye' the usage was put into print by the British novelist Francis Lathom in Men and Manners, 1800 a year earlier than the Battle of Copenhagen.

St Peter's Churchyard Mowing

We are looking for volunteers to join a rota for the Churchyard mowing. Mowers and fuel are provided and it takes 2 people about an hour. Normally needs mowing about once a fortnight from April until October (weather dependent). The more volunteers we have the better! Please message <u>lisamarcham22@gmail.com</u> if you think you might be able to help. Many thanks

APOLOGY

Due to a malfunction in the printing process some of you will have received a copy of the October magazine that had 4 repeated pages and hence 4 pages omitted. Vale Press have yet to declare what went wrong and we have no idea how many copies it affected. The omitted pages covered:

The Quiz Questions

Just for Fun Potato Challenge Results

Horticultural Show Report (part)

A Thank You Input from Support Dogs

If you wish to catch up on those items, please let us know and we will provide you with a correct copy, alternatively it is available on the Village web site. Go to:

www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews and then click on October 2923 News

On behalf of Vale Press we apologise.

Ed.

WILLERSEY METHODIST CHURCH Thoughts for November

My goodness how cold it has become. Just two weeks ago we were in Surrey with friends enjoying the warmth of the sunshine; watching children playing and having picnics; stroking the donkeys! Now we're in warm jumpers!

Last month we joined with St Peter's family service – which we enjoyed. Thank you to them for inviting us. We hope to arrange a date for the congregation to join with us on a Sunday. We're different but our aims are the same!

I'm sure both congregations are worried and upset about the happenings in the Middle East. We wonder what we can do?! There seems – nothing! But our hearts go out to the families and their loved ones. We pray that it will all soon be over.

I wonder if you've noticed how the colours of the trees are changing and there is now the smell of wood smoke over the village. I must admit that I enjoy the changes in the seasons. The trouble is that this time we haven't had a warning to get our warm clothes out, and mine were still in the 'winter' box!

We had a trip to Birmingham during this last month to hear the Symphony Orchestra play. It was lovely to hear 'live' music and we feel very privileged to be able to. I understand from my family that music is not so prevalent in schools today which is a great shame. We so enjoyed our children taking part when they were old enough to do so! Now they take their own children - now ranging from 16 – late 30s!!! Some, of course, too busy, too this, too that!! It's the same the whole world over!

Last week we sent 8 duvets and 4 knitted blankets to go with other items to Ukraine. These items were sent through the Bourton on the Water Round Table group. They went with a large generator that the group had managed to purchase! (\pounds 8,000 I think they said it cost – but I might be wrong – it could have been more!)

It's time to sort out the garden and get the lawn cut for, probably the last time. Hope you can find a dry day to do it!

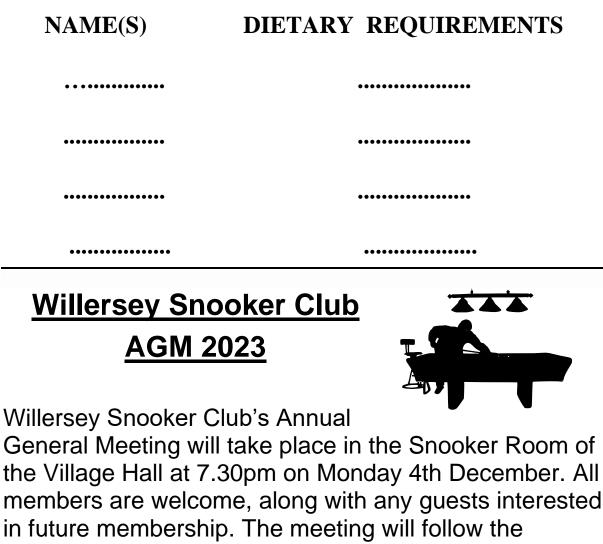
Take care, keep warm and thank you for reading this *Penny (Ingles)*

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Willersey WI Senior Citizens Christmas Meal



traditional format to include the election of Club Officers and Committee. m

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

WIIIIersey C of E 1st School

Willersey School open morning will be on

Tuesday 14th November

9.30am-11am.

We are a small school with big aspirations for all our children, we would love to meet you and show you around our vibrant happy school.

It Happened in November!

Answers

1	The sport of Basketball	2. 2007	
2.	New York	4. Saddam Hussein	
5.	India	6. John Alcock	
7.	Clive Dunn	8. 1861	
9.	Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid		
		10. U.S.A.	
11.	Hungary	12. Howard Carter	
13.	Adam Ant	14. The 1973 Oil Crisis	
15.	Newport	16. Chile	
17.	Tokyo	18. Erwin Rommel	
19.	Annie Oakley	20. Lady Chatterley's Lover	

VILLAGE HALL TREASURER WANTED.

Hello good people of Willersey, our Treasurer Tracey is returning to full time employment in the new year so we are appealing for someone to take her place. Tracey will give full training to the new treasurer and remain on hand to ensure a smooth handover over the first few months, we operate a spreadsheet system and internet banking. If you would like to become part of very friendly Village Hall Committee and take on this vital role please email <u>nevillejelfs@gmail.com</u>. Our Hall committee is made up of representatives of all Village Organisations so it's a wonderful opportunity to meet people and get involved.

Neville Jelfs Chairman

PUBLIC NOTICES December 2023

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The dates for the bins are 14th and 28th **November 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

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.)

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