

PASTORAL LETTER – April 2024

What do we trust?

When do you become experienced? When are you competent? It's been said that experience is the learning that comes from avoiding repeating earlier mistakes and errors; certainly, with hill walking I can recall a whole series of mishaps that have over time equipped me to be comfortable in the hills.

On one occasion many years ago, in my early twenties, I was walking in cloud with a friend in the Lake District. On the top of Great Gable, we took a compass bearing: no path went in quite the right direction so foolishly putting the compass away we decided to follow the broadest track on that side of the mountain. When we finally fell below the cloud base, some hours later, we realised to our horror we'd been walking in the wrong direction.

Now when I take a compass bearing, I trust it absolutely and I keep the compass in my hand so I can refer to it repeatedly. Using bearings to a rock or some other landscape feature to guide me to the edge of what is visible. Repeating this ritual multiple-times I have successfully navigated over miles of cloud obscured ground. In winter when snow can disguise and disorientate, I have on occasion counted steps so the distance covered can be measured. There is a huge sense of satisfaction having safely climbed peaks and covered ground in this way.

The apostles acquired knowledge and experience through spending time with Jesus and there were certainly times when they got lost, confused and nothing made sense. Our readings after Easter reveal them struggling to make sense of things in the light of the resurrection. Jesus was alive but he was not as present as they would have wanted, they had lots of unanswered questions. Clinging onto fragments of teaching, truth and their own experiences they slowly, patiently, determinedly rebuilt their

understanding of who Jesus was and what Easter meant for them and all the world.

In the hills I put my trust in compasses and maps. What did the disciples put their trust in? What sustained them in their confusion when they had questions and doubts? It seems being together was important, as was asking questions of one another but surely it was their encounters with Jesus that formed the bedrock of everything they did thereafter. When I have questions about faith, I sometimes take myself back to the witness of these first believers. They met the risen Christ, they saw good news of the resurrection with their own eyes, they understood the good news of new life for us all, they were transformed by the good news of God's extravagant and unending love. These truths sustained and motivated them, a small band of uneducated Galileans carried the good news of Jesus with them wherever they went. It led some of them to walk the path of martyrdom – they could never have walked that path if they knew the resurrection to be a lie.

What can we do today, this month to know Jesus and the hope we have in him better?

We are an Easter people and alleluia is our song!

This month may you know the joy of Easter and that you are loved by God

Every blessing , Revd Craig

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WI MARCH MEETING

We began our March meeting as Chair Mal welcomed guests and handed out birthday flowers to quite a few members. We also held a moment of silent respect in memory of a former member, Anne Carnie, who passed away recently.

Then Sue Clark introduced our speaker, Tanya Campbell, who came with a friend's Guide Dog, Lucy, (as her own dog was in season) to talk to us about her experience of volunteering for Guide Dogs. Now there are quite a few in our WI who are dog lovers and owners and the odd one or two who have trained and looked after dogs so 'pricking up our ears', so to speak, and 'doing our best sit' we enjoyed her tales of life with a Guide Dog.

Almost entirely funded by donations, Guide Dogs began in 1931 in the UK due to two remarkable women pioneers, Muriel Crooke and Rosamund Bond, who organised the training of the first four guide dogs in Merseyside. Since then, 36,000 lives have been transformed through a Guide Dog partnership and helped people live a more independent life with sight loss and vision impairment. The full cost of a Guide Dog from birth to retirement is over £55,000 and the breeds are chosen for their temperament and trainability. Training a Guide Dog starts early on when they go off to puppy raisers. Not all the dogs bred reach the high standard necessary to become a Guide Dog. But the trainers work hard to match a suitable particular dog to its new owner in terms of size, agility and temperament. A breeding Guide Dog can have four litters up to the age of seven. Tanya had to act as midwife when her dog had a litter of eleven puppies in 2021 during Covid. People imagine that a Guide Dog works all the time but when they are at home with their owner they relax and have a lovely time. When they are out and about it is then that they become a working dog and you should not pet them.

We all too often take our good sight for granted. For me, having a mother who was registered blind as I did has always given me a huge respect for the work of Guide Dogs. After hearing about Guide Dogs this month I am sure we all will have a renewed appreciation of the work done by so many people and especially to the volunteers who give their time, energy and love to this amazing cause. **3**

Our grateful thanks go to Tanya for her tales of life with a Guide Dog and who could resist giving dog Lucy a few cuddles on her way around the group that evening.

Fact! The first known example of a special relationship between a dog and a blind person was depicted in a first-century AD mural in the ruins of Roman Herculaneum.



COMING UP IN APRIL 2024

Our next meeting is Monday 8th April 2024
Willersey Village Hall

Speaker: Terry Richardson
Topic: "Photography for Work and Pleasure"

Guests welcome £4 on the door
Contact Mal Jelfs on 858351 with any queries

If you are arranging an event in the village hall and need crockery, cutlery and glasses the WI is able to supply you with what you need for a fee.

Please contact Mal Jelfs to find out more details.

St Peter's Spring Clean

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to do their bit of cleaning on Saturday the 16th March. All parts of the church building were tackled from the highest cobwebs to woodlice in corners of the pews. Mid-morning refreshments enabled us to pause and get to know everyone a little better. Cleaning resumed and by the end of the morning all agreed the church was looking spick and span. Four homemade soups were then on offer for the team to enjoy. **4**

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Willersey's FUN-draising night out!

On Saturday 24 February, Willersey came together for a fantastic night of food, live music, dancing, fun and games in the village hall in aid of Campden Home Nursing and Cheltenham Hospital Oncology unit. With a glass of fizz in hand and in a hall transformed with subtle lighting and décor by Wendy Riley & Heather Lishman, attendees listened to an introductory talk by Helen Makaritis from Campden Home Nursing before tucking into a 2-course, home-cooked, candle-lit meal, delivered to their tables by a team of young people from the village.

After supper, members of the Wainwright & Akerman families took to the stage with their band 'Main Street', joined by guests Julie & Lily Belle Wood, Robert Chadburn, Sheila & Robert Pitt. Their two crowd-pleasing half hour sets included hits by ABBA, Dolly Parton, Chuck Berry & Oasis & they had the audience singing along enthusiastically to Sea Shanties by The Longest Johns and Smokie's Living Next Door to Alice.

During the break between sets, a game of 'reverse bingo' provided further entertainment, as did 'Beer-pong' in the bar and a 3-dimensional treasure map built from scratch by 13-year-old Anika Pitt. The event and supporting on-line auction raised £4,300 which will be shared between the respective charities.

Campden Home Nursing and Cheltenham Oncology are grateful to everyone who bought a ticket and especially to Bev Clough, the inspiration behind the partnership, and all those who gave their time and talents for free to make it such a special and successful night.

Village Garden.



Spring is here which only means one thing - The Village Garden needs tending. Weather permitting please could we do this on Saturday 13th April at 2pm. It would be great to see you all, old and new faces very welcome.

Just an hour of your time makes an incredible difference. My thanks for continued help with the garden, you know who you are, special thanks to Steve who just gets on with it. I have to mention Jennie and Caroline for putting in a whole sack of bulbs and at such a difficult time for them. Thanks to David for all the wonderful donations to the garden, we wish you well in your new venture.



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/>

Batsford Circular via Sezincote and Moreton in Marsh – Tuesday 2nd April – Moderate 3hr 6.5ml

From Batsford we pass Sezincote House with its unusual 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 the way back to Batsford. Please bring drink/snack.

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

W3W: digs.paddock.convertor

False Entrance & Heartbreak – Belas Knap & above Winchcombe –

Wednesday 3rd April – Moderate 3hr 5.5ml

Starting on an old trackway we pass the abandoned Wontley Farm, on our way to the imposing Neolithic Long Barrow of Belas Knap. Continuing northwards the view opens to Winchcombe nestling below and a vista of Cotswolds towards Broadway. We return to Cleeve Hill fringing Breakheart Plantation. The route has a 1-mile continuous return ascent to Cleeve Common, with a steeper section. Three manageable stiles. If wet, expect muddy sections. Refreshment break midway.

Start: 10.00am Warden's Wood car park, Cleeve Common, nearest postcode GL54 4EU.

OS Map ref: SP 010 236. W3W: flinch.awakening.pays

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An Introduction to the NEW River Coln Trail – Thursday 11th April – Moderate 4hr 7.5ml

From Winchcombe we walk through fields to the head of the Sudeley Valley and the headwater of the Beesmoor Brook a tributary of the River Isbourne.

We seek out the source of the River Coln by Charlton Pool before returning to Winchcombe and find out about 'leaky dams' installed along a stretch of the brook. The NEW River Coln Trail is launching in late March. Find out more about this exciting new nine leg trail as we walk the first leg to the source and then back to Winchcombe. Bring snack/drink and lunch.

Start: 10.00am Back Lane car park, Winchcombe (£1 parking all day). Pay by Ringo App if preferred. OS Map ref: SP 023 284.

W3W: rehearsal.could.brownish

Spring Surprises in Stanton – Tuesday 16th April – Moderate 3hr 6ml

This walk will take us up the scarp and through Littleworth Wood where we will look out for spring flowers and listen for singing birds. Please bring refreshments.

Start: 10.00am Village car park, Stanton, WR12 7NE. OS Map ref: SP 067 344.

W3W: showcases.pizza.meatballs

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

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

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It Happened in April! **These Historical Events all happened in April.**

- 1) Who was the designer of the Clifton Suspension Bridge, born in April 1806?
- 2) The world's first multi-sports domed arena, the Astrodome, was opened in April 1965 in which city?
- 3) What did the Whitechapel Bell Foundry create in April 1858?
- 4) On April 1st 1867 which city state in Asia became a British Crown Colony?
- 5) Name the F. Scott Fitzgerald novel first published in April 1925?
- 6) Which historic agreement was signed in Northern Ireland in April 1998?
- 7) Which infamous leader was jailed for 5 years for his part in the "Beer Hall Putsch" on April 1st 1924?
- 8) In April 2019 what did scientists manage to get an image of, at the centre of the M87 galaxy?
- 9) Born in April 1963, which Russian chess grandmaster was the World Chess Champion from 1985 to 2000?
- 10) In the April of which year was the first television picture sent from space? a) 1950, b) 1960, c) 1970.
- 11) William Booth, born in April 1829 went on to found which international charitable organization?
- 12) Which Ugandan dictator was deposed in April 1979?
- 13) On April 1st 1976, Apple Computer Inc was founded by which two people?
- 14) In April 1937 in Rugby, Sir Frank Whittle ground tested the first what?

- 15) In April 1991, Georgia declared its independence from which union?
- 16) Which American R & B singer was shot dead by his father in April 1984?
- 17) April 1866 saw the birth of which famous outlaw and leader of the "Wild Bunch"?
- 18) On April 1st of which year did Google launch its email service Gmail? a) 1984, b) 1994, c) 2004.
- 19) Born on April 1st 1946, which bass guitarist went on to be a founding member of The Small Faces and later The Faces?
- 20) Which film maker, who directed classics such as "Twelve Angry Men", "Dog Day Afternoon" and "Network" died in April 2011

Please see page 15 for the answers

Mike R



Willersey Gardeners' Exchange

Following suggestions from the last Horticultural Show a Gardeners' Exchange has been set up.

Thanks to The Village Hall Committee and the Horticultural Show Committee a "sharing table" will be located behind the Village Hall notice board.

From 1st March to 1st November residents will be able to bring, take or exchange the following:

- Seeds & seedlings
- Fruits & vegetables
- Indoor & outdoor plants
- Cut flowers

Look out for it and you are welcome to join the WhatsApp group for info.



To be added to the WhatsApp group for details scan this QR code or speak to a member.



THE MAY VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the May News must be received by Wednesday 17th April 2024 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 published on the Internet at www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Saint Peter's Church Services April 2024



Sunday 7 April	10:00 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 14 April	9:00 am Holy Communion <i>(Book of Common Prayer)</i>
Sunday 21 April	11.00 am All Age Worship
Sunday 28 April	10.00 am Morning Prayer

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

Your Church is open for you every day.

Rotas for March

Church Cleaning

Week ending
April 6th and 13th Saly and Malcolm McClean
Week ending
April 20th and 27th Ann Embury and Gillian Beale

Brass cleaning

For the month of April Gillian Beale

Refreshments

April 7th Christine and Richard Sutcliffe
April 14th Linda and David Dunbar
April 21st Sandra and Ken Spensley
April 28th Pat & Robert Heming

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The key to the vestry and cleaning materials can be collected from The Bell Inn or Gillian Beale at Florizel, Lower Green Telephone 01386 852958. Thank you for offers of help which are much appreciated and for keeping the Church looking well cared for & welcoming to visitors.

All Age Worship Sunday 17th March 2024

Better late than never was very apt for our Mother's Day Service as we were a week late celebrating our "Marvellous Mums". Carolynne took the Service for us. It was a happy service. We lit candles to remember our mums and the first hymn was sung during this happening. Our readings were concerning, you guessed it, mums. The story of Ruth and Naomi (Ruth chapter 2, verses 6-8 and 16-18.) and the story of Jesus being presented in the temple (Luke chapter 2 verses 22-35). Both consider the love between a mother and her children.

Their prayers were read by Poppy and Jennie. Thank you to Poppy for reading so bravely. Gillian read out some thoughts from the children at our school about their mums and she read a prayer about things ah mothers do for us. If you have a chance go into the Church and look at the board in the children's corner put together by the children from our school. It is worth having a look at "A Big Thank You" for the work they put into it.

A few dates for your diary. The Welcome Café is on every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4:30 PM.

On Easter Saturday come for a cup of tea and cake. Then visit the Easter gift store and see the flower arrangements. There will be Crafty Church for the children to join in. The knitted figures for Palm Sunday will be on display. So come along and see all these good things.



Nature Box

Love is in the Air

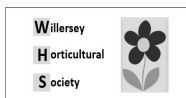
Valentine's Day may have long been and gone but love is still very much in the air if you know where to look.

Once the soft purring sound of the male turtle dove was a common summer sound both here and elsewhere across the country. But this is just one of the summer soundtrack songs we are possibly set to lose with the cuckoo perhaps close behind - and all on our watch. Turtle doves bond for life and when one partner dies the other will often continue to return to the place of their partner's death.

Less than 5,000 pairs now migrate the 2,500 miles to be here to breed and the number continues to plummet. Their loss like other migrating birds is a complex picture to do with habitat and food loss on their migration route and in our countryside too; as well as the dangers during migration with turtle doves shot in great numbers regardless of their imminent total disappearance. However, new initiatives in France, Spain and Portugal over the last three years banning shooting of turtle doves and providing suitable habitat where they can rest and 'refuel' during their migration might just help to turn the tide.

But on a happier note many of our garden birds across the village will right now be incubating and feeding chicks or in some cases like blackbirds already focused

upon the next brood. If you are lucky enough to have an active nest box in your garden (the village garden has two previously used nest boxes) you can witness all of the dramas of providing sufficient suitable food for the nestlings - with all of a chick's essential water only coming from caterpillars and other insects provided by the adult birds - there is no trendy birding water bottle for their hydration. And if the odd chick on fledging is predated, we need to remember that sparrowhawks, kestrels and others will have young beaks to feed too.



"SPRING FLING" 13th April

WHEN : Saturday 13th April 2024 10.00am to 12.00am

WHERE : Willersey Village Hall

FREE ADMISSION !!

PRESERVES
 ART & CRAFTS
 GIFTS
 GLASS ART
 2024 SCARECROW NEWS
 CAKE
 TEAS'S + COFFEE
 PHOTOGRAPHS
 STALL'S & DISPLAYS

2024 HORICULTURAL SHOW SCHEDULE LAUNCH

It Happened in April! Answers

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| 1) Isambard Kingdom Brunel. | 2) Houston, Texas. |
| 3) Big Ben. | 4) Singapore. |
| 5) The Great Gatsby. | 6) Good Friday Agreement. |
| 7) Adolf Hitler. | 8) A Black Hole |
| 9) Garry Kasparov. | 10) b) 1960. |
| 11) The Salvation Army. | 12) Idi Amin. |
| 13) Steve Jobs & Steve Wozniak. | 14) Jet Engine. |
| 15) The Soviet Union. | 16) Marvin Gaye. |
| 17) Butch Cassidy. | 18 c) 2004. |
| 19) Ronnie Lane. | 20) Sidney Lum |

(The Quiz is on page 9/10)

WILLERSEY FARMERS' MARKET THIS MONTH

Please come along to our very own Farmers' market starting this month - on Sunday 21 April 9.30 am - 1pm. On the Greens opposite the Bell.

Please support the traders selling some lovely food for us all to enjoy! Hopefully, they will then come back every 3rd Sunday of the month!!

... Remember the Pie and Cheese Man from Lockdown days??- He will be there too!!!

Please also visit the Village Hall where there will be refreshments. We are looking for local organisations to sell cakes, scones, snacks every month in the Hall - all money taken can be kept by the organisation for their own funds.

If you are a local organisation and want to be involved please email

willerseyfarmersmarket@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there and spread the word around!

Jane Rintoul 07867537745
Rintouljane88@gmail.com

Bluebell Bulbs for Blind Lane



Please can you make a donation of **English** Bluebell bulbs for Blind Lane?
Contact - **Sandra Spensley**
01386 858637.



Recent Village Sightings



Spring is well and truly here with lots of interesting sightings and signs of new life already noted.

The first active newts, hedgehogs and frog spawn were spotted nearly four weeks ago; and over-wintering peacock and the citrus yellow brimstone butterfly have been seen on the wing. Recent village ditch clearing has also revealed more crayfish sightings.

Little owl, barn owl and tawny owl have all been observed close to the village; and paired up ravens too, acrobatically making strong bonds before mating. Everyone loves a wren, robin or a blue tit, but other less common birds have been putting in a welcome appearance: bullfinch, siskins, redpoll, over-wintering blackcaps are still here and even a pair of redstarts recorded.

A few folk have been lucky enough to spot small flocks of starlings flying in mini murmurations around the village before they pair up to seek out spots to raise this year's young.

By the time this Church & Village News edition arrives through your letterbox swallows - and fingers crossed - a few house martins will be arriving and hopefully still finding a warm welcome.

Migrant Chiffchaffs have already been broadcasting their arrival by calling their name.

We'll know that summer really is on the way when we start to spot evening pipistrelle bats coming out of hibernation, a feature often first reported by Pete Bond.

Spring time news from *Gi & Pete, Sandy, Mike & Shirley, David, Mary, Meg & Don, Sue, Tini, Derek & Helen and Robert & Helen.*

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

The Welcome Café

**Every Thursday, 2pm to 4:30pm
in Saint Peter's Church**

offering

real coffee

freshly brewed tea

cake and savouries





At Willersey Wednesday Club in April and May, we have a diverse range of speakers and subjects, catering for all kinds of interests and tastes. For example, on April 3rd, we have Dr Gillian White, presenting on the history of Bess of Hardwick - Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire. We've found these presentations on historic events to be quite popular with members and visitors alike.

Then on April 17th, the very well-known local DJ - DJ Dave, will be presenting a short overview of his time at Land Rover. It will be an interesting journey with lots of anecdotes and experiences working for a world-leading vehicle manufacturer.

As we cross into the month of May, we have entertainment in the form of Jazz and 50s music by local artist and performer, Melissa Hollick. And there's lots more to come, so plenty to look forward to.

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 villages local to Willersey and Broadway is welcome to come along and join us. See you there. *Terry*

The Methodist Church wishes every one a

VERY HAPPY EASTER

Penny Ingles

Hovercraft Noise from Farncombe Estate

Early last year many residents kindly participated in a petition to complain about the Hovercraft noise from Farncombe Estate. Seventy six responses were received and the Parish Council used these in an approach to the Philip-Sorensen family, owners of the Farncombe Estate, and to their Management Board.

Having received only a dismissive and insulting response from Farncombe, the Petition results were used in a submission to Cotswold District Council (CDC) but they have apparently seen an exodus of planning staff and their resources are limited. Several months ago our complaint was passed to Enforcement for attention and we still await the outcome.

Farncombe and the Family owners are very 'Public Image' conscious and it has been suggested that a Press campaign highlighting Farncombe's attitude toward our community, may add additional weight to our argument. We know that one (very fed up) local resident has already mounted an individual protest outside Farncombe's premium Dormy House Hotel drawing the management's attention to the depth of feeling among local residents. It may become necessary to support a press campaign with further such protests.

It has also been mentioned that the noise from these two Hovercraft is now causing distress and impacting on the mental welfare of some residents, if this is so we need to highlight this and bring it to the attention of Environmental Health at CDC.

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We did not request email addresses on the Petition forms as it would have been inappropriate to pass these to CDC. However, it would be useful if the Parish Council could contact those concerned about the Hovercraft noise by email, as we continue to seek a solution. We would also welcome contact from walkers who cross Farncombe Estate and find these Hovercraft intrusive and anyone prepared to support the protest campaign.

Please email your details to Willersey Parish Council at: clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org.uk with the subject 'Hovercraft Forum' to enable us to include you in future updates. We would also be interested in any comments or suggestions you may have.

It would add weight to our efforts if you could email an individual complaint direct to CDC at: planning.enforcement@cotswold.gov.uk whenever you suffer any disturbance and distress from this Hovercraft noise

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL TREASURER WANTED

Our village hall committee is made up of representatives of all village organisations, so this is a wonderful opportunity to meet people and get involved in village life. Our Treasurer Tracey is returning to full time employment, so we are looking for someone to take her place. Tracey will give full training to a new treasurer and remain on hand to ensure a smooth handover over. If you would like to become part of a very friendly Village Hall Committee and take on this important role please email nevillejelfs@gmail.com.

Neville Jelfs Chairman **07980-870309**

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Cotswold Vale Embroidery Group

The March project of "Inches and Twiches" meant members came along armed with tiny pieces of fabric, buttons, beads, lace and snippets of ribbon. Fascinating designs began to emerge on 2 inch squares of material. As always they varied from one person to the next. It is a fascinating project which can become quite addictive.

Next month we meet on Thursday April the 4th at 9:30am in Honeybourne Village Hall. Information from Gillian 852958



YOGA HONEYBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAYS
19:30 - 20:30

CONTACT EARLY TO JOIN
07774 950411

All abilities welcome

The poster features a central photograph of three people practicing yoga in a bright room. The woman in the foreground is in a seated position with her hands in a prayer position. The background shows a man and another woman also in yoga poses. The text is arranged around the photo, with the title 'YOGA' in large green letters and 'HONEYBOURNE VILLAGE HALL' in smaller black letters to the right. Below the photo, the schedule 'TUESDAYS 19:30 - 20:30' is listed, followed by contact information 'CONTACT EARLY TO JOIN 07774 950411' and the note 'All abilities welcome'. The background of the poster is a light beige color with decorative green and pink brushstrokes in the corners.

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Vale of Evesham NCT is a branch of The National Childbirth Trust
Reg Charity No (England and Wales): 801395

A great opportunity for you and your children to meet friends old and new!

NEW

Broadway Baby and Toddler Group

at the new

Broadway Youth and Community Centre

Tuesday 10-11.30am

(term time only) Starting 9th April 2024

Check our Facebook page for updates.

www.facebook.com/NCTValeofEvesham



EASTER SATURDAY



Teas in Church from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Come and enjoy refreshments whilst viewing our Easter floral display

St Peter's knitting group will have on display

The Last Supper and Palm Sunday

An Easter Craft Stall tempting you to buy last minute Easter gifts

Crafty Church for the children

Come along and make Easter themed crafts

PUBLIC NOTICES April 2024

MONDAY KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTIONS.

The dates for the bins are 1st, 15th & 29th April 2024. 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.)

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 clerk@willerseyparishcouncil.org.uk

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL To hire the hall please telephone Annie & Bill Payne 01386 858368, or email

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 and cash machine in Broadway Co-Op.**

BROADWAY SURGERY is in Station Road WR12 7DE
Telephones 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/ and on the Willersey website at 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